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Masked Rider assistant resigns from his post

Mike Reynolds' license was suspended at the time of the accident.

By Pam Smith/Staff Reporter

The assistant to the Masked Rider, Mike Reynolds, has relinquished his duties following the revelation that his license was suspended at the time of an accident last month that led to the death of Black Phantom Raider, the Masked Rider's horse.

"He decided that after the trauma of this incident, it would be the best thing to do," said Cheryl Shubert, assistant director of activities. "He was pretty shaken after the ac-

pleted by Mason County Department of he is a student and works for the university. with Carruth, while towing a trailer hold-Reynolds, 32, was ticketed for "driving while license suspended ALR". The report also stated that Herrington released the car to Masked Rider Katie Carruth to drive home.

Reynolds said his license was suspended due to an incident that happened this summer that he thought he had been resolved. He said that while he had received a letter instructing him to surrender his license, he thought the incident had been resolved when the charges from the event had been dropped.

"It was my mistake, it was my stupidity and I should of checked up on it," Reynolds said. "I thought everything was OK and then the wreck happened."

Since the accident, Reynolds said, he has According to the accident report com- obtained an occupational license that states

Public Safety Officer Lewis Herrington, He said the license allows him to drive legally in the state of Texas.

> "I really enjoyed this job thoroughly," he said. "We'll have to see what happens as to whether I will be able to do it in the future."

Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Shonrock said he was unaware of Reynolds' license being suspended at the time of the accident. He said it is university policy for the assistant of the Masked Rider to be checked for insurability before assuming the position.

"The process is pretty involved," Shonrock said. "The assistant must provide a driver's license and insurance information to the risk management office so they can determine if the person can be insured."

Reynolds was driving the Texas Techowned 2000 Chevrolet Silverado pickup ing Black Phantom Raider. The trio was returning to Lubbock from a parade in Fredericksburg on Aug. 24.

About 13 miles outside of the city of Mason, a 1996 GMC Sonoma crossed into their lane prompting Reynolds to swerve out of the way. The Sonoma crashed into the horse trailer, breaking the trailer axle and causing the trailer to overturn, trapping the horse. The horse was humanely euthanized Aug. 27 because of his inju-

In previous articles in The University Daily, Carruth credited Reynolds with saving the lives of everyone involved when he swerved off of the road avoiding the other vehicles.

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1999-00 Travis Thorne, Masked Rider 2001-02 Katie Carruth, Student Government Association President John Steinmetz. Masked Rider 2000-01 Leslie Gilbreath and SGA Internal Vice President Kelli Stumbo gather around a wreath donated from Florida State University to Texas Tech in memory of Black Phantom Raider. DARREL THOMAS

Police chief suspension addressed

EXPLAINING WHY:

City Manager Bob Cass says it was among the few options in wake of the SWAT standoff.

By Jenny Klein/Staff Reporter

Lubbock City Manager Bob Cass spoke out for the first time at a press conference Tuesday afternoon about his decision to suspend Police Chief Ken Walker after the July 13 SWAT operation that left one of-

"I felt I took the middle course of action from the options available to me," Cass told reporters at City Hall's executive conference room.

Cass said his other options were to do nothing and let the investigation take its course, or place Walker on leave.

"Looking the other way was not an option for me," he said. "I could not, in good conscience, leave him in charge of the department. On the other hand, having assessed the situation, immediate termination was not warranted."

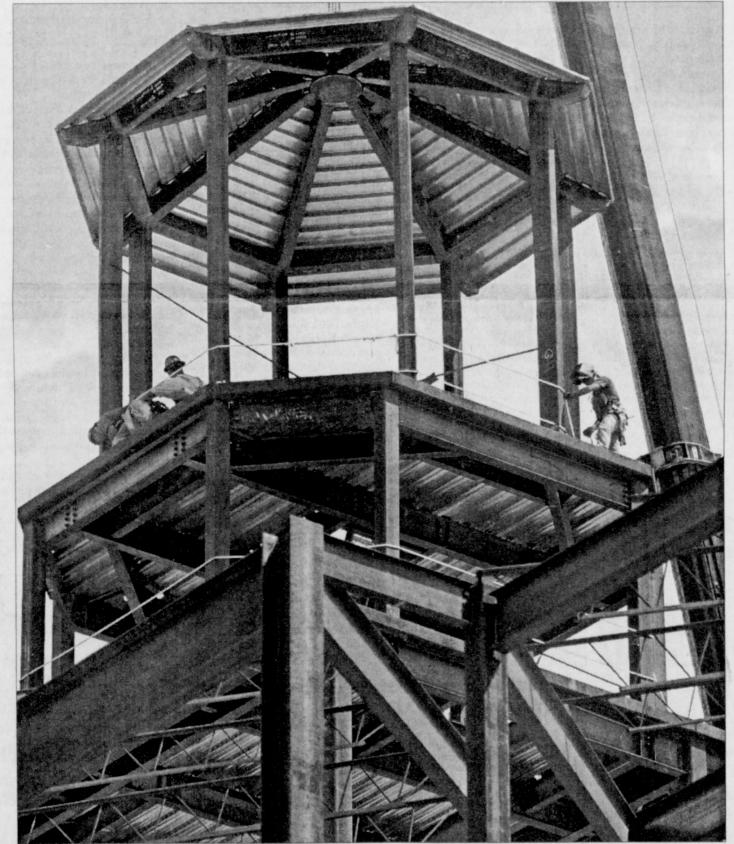
Cass said before the SWAT team incident, he had listed three areas of concern on Walker's evaluation, one being SWAT team tactics. He said Walker also lacked positive interaction with the city attorney and the human relations department.

"We must have a lot of strong consultation taking place between the administration, the attorney's office, the human resources department, the managerial staff and my office. I wasn't seeing that take place," Cass said.

He said these were contributing factors in his decision to place Walker on paid administrative leave July 23, stemming from the July 13 SWAT operation at a

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EDUCATIONAL ADJUSTMENT



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Staff Photog

WELDERS AT THE English/Philosophy/Education Complex fasten the top of the tower above the English/Philosophy building Tuesday afternoon as they continue to work on the project which has lasted more than two years. Texas Tech officials will hold a topping off ceremony at 3:30 p.m. Thursday to honor the project's progress.

Smith takes command as Tech leader

NEW OFFICE: The interim chancellor says he plans to rely on good people.

By Melissa Guest/Staff Reporter

The walls are bare, the bookshelf is empty and the desk has on it little more than a new computer, but interim Chancellor Dr. David Smith said the office of the chancellor isn't really about one man or one office anyway.

"You rely on good people, this is not about one person," he said. "It's too big to get your arms around if that's what you decide to do. You

can't be a lone ranger in this position.



Smith

"I've always found over the last few years, there are a lot of smart people out there, smarter than you are, smarter than me, and those people need to try to help you avoid some wet cow pies that sit out in the field some times, you

don't want to step in them."

Smith officially took office as interim chancellor Tuesday and began the day with a meetand-greet session for the media.

Smith told local reporters he would carry out his duties during the interim period and use that time to keep the momentum former Chancellor John Montford has attained.

"John's (Montford) left an incredible void in many ways because of what he's been able to do here, in particular in fundraising and building the momentum as well as the reputation of this university," Smith said. "My commitment is to continue that during the interim and to build on the great platform he's established and again, endowments and in the area of just spreading the word about Texas Tech. I want to continue to build on the fact that this is not just a great university for Texas but a great re-

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Senator Phil Gramm decides against pursuing re-election in 2002

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sen. Phil Gramm announced Tuesday he will not seek re-election next year. The Texas Republican said his decision followed "a long and difficult period of soul searching."

Gramm's retirement will conclude a career that spanned two political parties and a quartercentury of unflinching conservatism.

"Remarkably, the things I came to Washington to do are done," Gramm, 59, told a news conference, his voice breaking with emotion.

He mentioned tax cuts passed under President Reagan and the current President Bush and a federal budget now in surplus.

He predicted a Republican would be elected to replace him in increasingly Republican Texas. The former Democrat was first elected to the House in 1978 and to the Senate in 1984.

Gramm is the third senior Senate Republican to announce he will not seek re-election. Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina announced last month he would retire and 98-year-old Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina said when he was re-elected in 1996 that this term would be his last.

"I feel comfortable with this decision," said Gramm, who lost his chairmanship of the Senate Banking Committee earlier this year when Democrats gained controlled of the Senate.

He sidestepped a question about his future plans. Gramm has long been mentioned as a successor to the departing president at Texas A&M University, where Gramm once taught econom-

"When this career is over, I'll start thinking about a new one," he said.

"I love Texas A&M... Maybe it would be best would have been to seek another term. if I weren't on their payroll. ... I've been in academics. Academic politics are a lot tougher than the politics I've been in," he said.

Gramm said he had talked to Bush about his

decision. "The president obviously was not happy that I was leaving." Later, he added that Bush was supportive of his decision. Gramm told the news conference, held in the

Russell Senate Office Building, that loss of the chairmanship had nothing to do with his decision to step down, nor had the Democratic take-

"Quite frankly, I think we have an excellent chance of taking the Senate back," he said. "It's a luxury to not run," he added.

But he said that had Vice President Al Gore won the presidential election, his decision likely

As to his future, Gramm said he could envision a third career in either the private or public

"If Coca-Cola called me up today and offered me \$50 million to put the fizz back in Coke's stock, I might be tempted. But I've got no reason to think that they're going to do that."

Asked about a presidential appointment, Gramm said, "I'm not ever going to say never." But, he added, "I've had as close to a picture-perfect career in public service as you could have."

Gramm made up his mind over the weekend to retire but didn't begin telling associates until Tuesday morning, GOP officials said.

He also told longtime friend and campaign everyman Dicky Flatt, a Mexia, Texas, printer. "All good things got to come to an end," Flatt said. "I hate to see him go."

Republican political consultant Charles Black in Washington also heard from Gramm. "It's really the end of an era with Thurmond and Helms and Gramm leaving. They all played a key role in the Reagan revolution and what Reagan was able to accomplish," said Black.

Gramm's term expires in January 2003.

Gramm's retirement is unlikely to cost Republicans a seat in a state that has become strongly Republican in recent years. Overall, Democrats hold a 50-49 majority, with one independent, and Republicans must defend 21 Senate seats next year. Democrats are defending 14, none of them

Gramm was elected to Congress as a Democrat in 1978 but helped Republicans pass President Reagan's budget and tax cuts in 1981.

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Suspend

a fellow officer's bullet killed Cox.

The man inside the home, Dick Robinson, also was shot during the standoff and was later accused by police of capital murder in the killing of Cox. The charge against him was dropped after it was determined that he did not fire any

Cass said he could not comment on any aspect of the investigation, which is still ongoing, because of his responsibilsaid all of the information about the shooting would be made public after the investigation is complete.

longer involved in negotiations with Walker and that no agreement in terms of a settlement was met.

Mayor Windy Sitton said it was difficult for the city to come to an agreement

involved, we decided we could not accept the terms that were proposed by Walker," she said.

Walker filed a petition Tuesday seektorney Anita Burgess. The petition alleges that Cass placed Walker on leave,

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violator's expense. During the weekend,

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237th District Court, could set the stage

for a possible defamation lawsuit against

me that I have made a wrong decision,"

Cass said. "This decision was not made

in haste. While it may appear that it was

an extreme action to some, I felt I took

the middle road. It was a soul-searching

decision whose origins started before July

Sitton said the City Council has sup-

ported Cass' decision to place Walker on

"I have found no facts that convince

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DNA Bank lawsuit rages forward

Families of deceased donors claiming negligence on HSC's part

By Jeff Stoughton/Staff Reporter

An ongoing conflict involving the Alzheimer's DNA Bank at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and families of tissue donors continues to rage.

The bank was started to provide research opportunities in the field of Alzheimer's treatment and consisted of brain tissue samples from individuals who died because of the disease, as well as blood samples from their family members. Researchers were attempting to find a genetic cause and eventually a cure for

On Jan. 28, 2000, Tech officials released the director of the bank, Dr. Shirley Poduslo, and Dr. Randolph Schiffer, chairman of the neuropsychiatry department at the Health Sciences Center, assumed leadership of the lab.

Members of more than 200 families filed a lawsuit against Schiffer and Dr. Joel Kupersmith, dean of the medical school, demanding that the laboratory be reopened and research continued.

Schiffer said he is unable to comment on pending litigation.

Oleta Toliver, whose mother donated

also is a donor of tissue samples. She claims that many tissue samples have been destroyed because of negligent handling, which could hinder Poduslo's research.

Toliver has been active in the lawsuit, championing the families' causes.

"We have a lot of personal feelings involved in this," Toliver said. "These samples are our only hope of finding an-

Toliver claims that despite letters sent by HSC officials, research has been suspended at the lab.

"The lab technicians were reading books and watching TV," Toliver said.

Since the lab was closed, she said, the samples have not been stored at conditions necessary for their survival. The containers that hold the samples must be periodically filled with liquid nitrogen to keep them at the necessary temperature. Other individuals who had stored materials in the containers found that the nitrogen had evaporated from some of them, and others were dry.

Tech officials claim that the samples

brain tissue to the bank after her death, must be destroyed because of a lack of consent forms, which Toliver said were misplaced by inefficient clerical han-

"We were present when hundreds of these were signed," Toliver said. "It's fairly certain that there was a clerical

Poduslo is planning to resume her research at the Georgia School of Medicine under the direction of Dr. Robert Yu, director of the Institute of Molecular Medicine and Genetics and president of the American Society of Neurochem-

Toliver said hundreds of family members have sent requests to the HSC to have their tissue and blood samples transferred to Poduslo's new lab.

Despite appeals by Tech officials, a hearing will take place in the 72nd District Court in Lubbock on Sept. 21.

Toliver said this lawsuit is very important to the future of Alzheimer's research and to the future of relatives of

"I care about my grandchildren's future," she said, "and the futures of all the young people out there."

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South Lubbock home that resulted in the death of Sgt. Kevin Cox. It is likely that

ity to competently represent the city. He

looking for a scapegoat. It said that even more shocking was the publication of the letter placing Walker on leave. This petition, which was filed in the

the city.

However, Cass said, the city was no

"After we considered all the issues

ing depositions from Cass and City At-

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Chancellor

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source for the Southwest region of the United States."

Although he is looking forward to working as interim chancellor, Smith said he would not apply for the permanent position.

"I certainly enjoy my job as president of the Health Sciences Center. I'm really not there right now as far as making a decision or deciding to pursue the role of chancellor," he said. "I've accepted that responsibility, I'm excited and I'm focused on doing the job very well as interim, whatever that period of time may be, but I do know I have another job waiting for me and I'll have to do both of those during this time."

One of the advantages of his new position is the ability to collaborate with

"To work collectively, as colleagues with both universities is a great opportunity for me, and I'll do the best job I can," Smith said.

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period, he said, are the opportunities for funding from the state. "We need to think about the impact

Also important during the interim

we need to have in Austin and Washington, particularly for our needs in excellence funding and research funding," Smith said. "To continue the momentum we had in this last legislative session that's certainly a tone I want to continue and that means fund-raising and that means building support in Washington and Austin. We can't forget where the basic resources come from to support this great university. In some ways that's the greatest endowment we have."

In addition to state funding, Smith said, he would spend the interim focusing on increasing student scholarships, fellowships and faculty support.

"I want to see an expansion, to continue to support faculty salaries, make sure graduate students have the stipends and resources they need and of course undergraduates - many need the benefits of scholarships just to accomplish their goals of achieving a degree in higher edu-

Smith said he would work hard to continue the fundraising efforts started by Montford

"For us to be competitive and help disadvantaged students and others," he said, "we are going to have to build this

Currently, Smith said he is working with the Board of Regents to set a new goal for the Horizon Campaign, which passed the \$500-million mark last week.

"The Board really wants to continue the effort of the Horizon campaign. I think it will be a grand and glorious goal," he said. "I don't think we're going to be bashful. I think we learned that from John Montford. I don't know if we'll achieve the goals as rapidly as in the past, but you don't want to underestimate

Smith said he is also looking into forming partnerships with community colleges throughout the state to feed into Tech.

"Particularly when so many graduates in the next ten years will be looking to community colleges for their first opportunity at higher education, and appropriately so, but let's then give them the opportunity to look further, if that's what they want, at Texas Tech," Smith said.

The initiative would not only offer increased enrollment for Tech, but also provide students the chance at a more useful degree, Smith said.

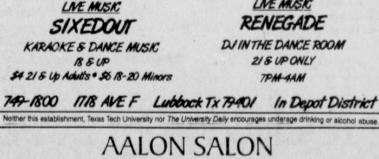
"I'm looking at developing an initiative with community colleges to really show what kind of a resource Texas Tech is and what kind of partner they can be, and also if we can develop some scholarship opportunities."







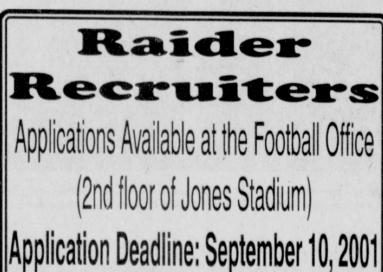




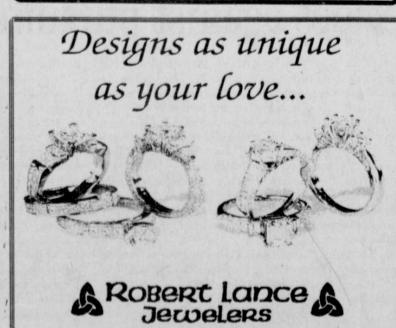


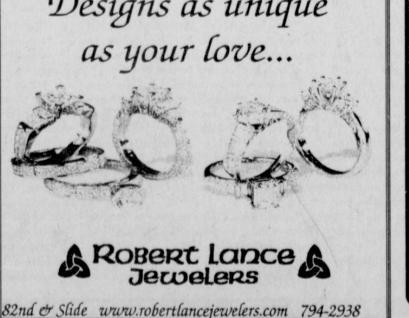
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Dining officials to bring veggies to the plate

TASTING GREEN: An increase in vegetarians at Tech is prompting a change in menus.

By Kristina Thomas/Staff Reporter

Veggie burgers might not be prominent on the Texas Tech campus, but dining hall officials are working on making vegetarian meals more available.

According to the Vegetarian Journal's September/October 1999 edition, about 1 percent of the American population is vegetarian and almost five times that amount claim that when they go out to eat they always order a dish without meat, fish or foul.

Driver

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According to the accident report, the driver of the Sonoma, Luisa Quintero McInnis of Kerrville, does possess liability insurance that is "under binder." However, another person who resides in San Antonio owns the vehicle she was

Priscilla Perez, who works at State Farm Insurance Company in Lubbock, said "under binder" usually means that the person has a new insurance policy.

"It is probably a new insurance policy that has been taken out with an independent company," she said. "However, she should know who her agent was and they can tell her what company the policy was through."

Evaluation Consultant Kaki and retain more teachers once the first Campbell from Allstate Insurance in Lubbock said the fact that Reynolds was issued a citation for a suspended license would not necessarily affect Tech's in-

"The only way that would have any bearing was if Tech had an exclusionary rule in their policy that stated the driver must have a valid license," she said. "Otherwise, as long as he had permission to drive the vehicle, it wouldn't affect it."

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To accommodate the large number of students at Tech who exclude meat in their diet, the campus' dining halls offer vegetarian options.

Terry Pierce, Tech's manager for purchasing and menu development, said he and his staff are working toward catering to different types of diets, including

"Vegetarians are finally starting to hit the campus, and as they do, we are adding more entrees to accommodate that," he said. "We are trying to develop new

Pierce said every meal has a vegetarian entree, a full salad bar and baked potato and pasta options. Cash operations, such as Stangel/Murdough and Sam's Place, he said, offer meatless options.

Suggestion Connection, a phone hotline about dining hall menus, is available to those students who think the din-

ing halls are not catering to their needs said being a vegetarian does not always or for students who wish to make menu suggestions. Pierce said the dining hall staff is open to anyone who has ideas.

"I tell the managers when a vegetarian comes to me with a complaint about the menu," he said. "If they are willing to provide me with a recipe or general information about what is in an entree they would like to see, we are willing to do what we can to help get that here."

For the most part, Pierce said, the dining halls try to keep options that both meat-eaters and vegetarians will eat.

"Things like five-cheese lasagna are popular both ways," he said. "Things like that are good because they don't just sit there and wait for a vegetarian to come

Kelly Loughlin, a registered dietician for Covenant Health Care System in Lubbock and a practicing vegetarian,

have to be a headache. She suggested looking for salad bars and entrees that are meatless no matter where you are.

Loughlin said while there are no strictly vegetarian restaurants in Lubbock, many of the other establishments will help to cater to those needs.

A common myth about vegetarianism is that people who do not eat meat are automatically healthier than those who do, but that is not always the case, said Mallory Boylan, a Tech professor of food and nutrition.

"It's a planning issue," she said. "Most things support that vegetarianism is a healthy lifestyle, but there are healthy vegetarian lifestyles and not healthy ones. Like anything else, there is a lot of variety in the diets that fall under the umbrella of vegetarianism."

Loughlin said variety is the key to a

healthy vegetarian lifestyle. People choosing to exclude meat from their diets need to find ways to make up for the loss of protein, she said. Fruits, vegetables and other sufficient sources of protein may be used to create a healthier lifestyle.

Looks can be deceiving when it comes to food, Boylan said, adding that there are times when an entree such refried beans is cooked in oil and can be considered a vegetarian meal. There are other times, she said, when those entrees are cooked in animal lard and are not considered vegetarian.

Boylan said the best way to warn against this is to ask what ingredients were included in the food.

"If you are going to be a vegetarian it is very important that you be a knowledgeable vegetarian," she said. "If you are

not, it could be a very unhealthy

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Sowell Center for Research and Education in Visual Impairment will be holding their third annual Virginia Murray Sowell Distinguished Lecturer Series from Sept. 26-29.

The center was created in 1998 in honor of Dr. Virginia Murray Sowell, who started a personnel preparation program in visual impairment at Tech in 1977. The mission of the center is to enhance the quality of education for students with visual impairments through personnel

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statewide health insurance plan for

school employees takes effect next year,

The legislation "sends a clear message

Gov. Rick Perry said Tuesday.

grams in visual impairments, orientation and mobility, and deafblindness.

The lecturer series is an opportunity to continue the work that was started by Sowell. The topics of the series, which follows a three-year cycle, including visual impairment, orientation and mobility, and deafblindness, which will be this year's topic. The series was designed to inform and train visual impairment professionals and students and also to in-

work they do each day in Texas class-

Perry's comments came during a cer-

emonial bill signing at Sunset High

School in southern Dallas. A second

rooms is important," Perry said.

which work with children who are visually impaired or deafblind are invited to attend the lecture series in order to better understand and serve people who are deafblind.

The distinguished lecturer this year will be Dr. Jan van Dijk of the Netherlands. Van Dijk is one of the world's leading experts in the education and devel-

opment of children who are deafblind. "We're bringing in an internationally

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benefit is needed to help the state's

Supporters of the legislation say the

known speaker, so we are very honored he would come and work with us, to benefit our students and people of the region as well as those around the state and the country," said Roseanna Davidson, a member of the center. "All four days we will have children with deafblindness and their families participating with Dr. van Dijk."

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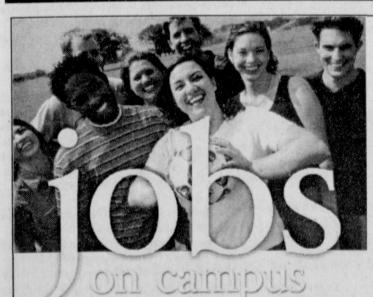
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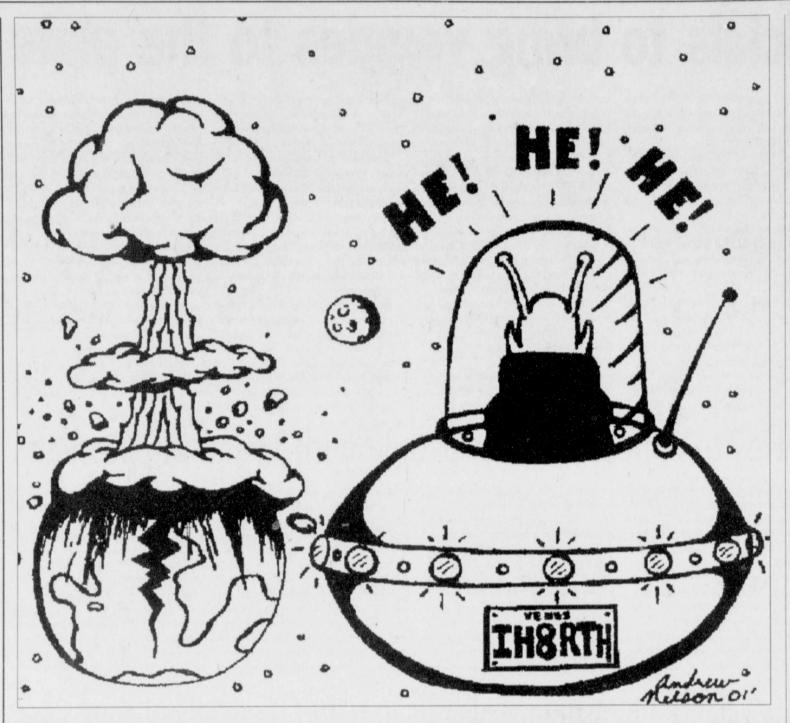


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BRENDAN HEADD

I don't have cable, and if you live in Lubbock without cable that means not only fewer channels, but also really bad reception.

Even with expensive antennas and duct tape the situation is often hopeless, but one channel routinely has unusually good

reception — Channel 16.
Perhaps this is because the
Almighty runs it (or at least
His devoted followers);

nevertheless the "religious channel," as I like to call it, has great reception and at times is quite enlightening.

If you have ever been watching around 12:30 p.m., chances are you know exactly what I am talking about.

Sandwiched in between some incredibly happy lady's song of the day and the daily recipe from Jesus, there is almost always a commercial for Oral Roberts University. One day this summer, as I sat gazing at the television, a particular advertisement for ORU caught my attention.

The president of the university Richard

The president of the university, Richard Roberts, appeared before me on my television in the form of a great shining light to announce that God wants to build the students of ORU a student center. It seems the Holy Spirit spoke to President Roberts and decided it was time to go forth with this momentous project.

As a result, God will be calling upon individuals to donate various denominations of money from \$100,000 down to just a few dollars. I'm not

making this up, God (according to Richard Roberts) is going to build the students of ORU a student center. Could somebody please tell me why our administration didn't think of this first? For the past year or so every news network in this town has been doing a series on people who pray to obtain frivolous items such as lost wallets, houses or new toys for the kiddies.

Clearly there is an untapped market for fundraising here that the administration appears to have overlooked.

Granted, the original decision to expand our University Center wasn't brought on by divine inspiration, but by a survey of 454 students. A resounding 3.7% of who thought that the UC was in need of some form of remodeling.

This culminated in the October 1999 vote to raise the UC fee \$58 to fund the expansion of our student center. The problem is, there doesn't appear to have ever been a concerted effort to get anyone but the students to pay for this project.

According to Richard Roberts, the ORU student center will be built with donations only, no student fees! Now that's what I call fundraising, but I guess when your administration is in good with the Almighty miracles really can happen.

I sure hope our new chancellor has good

metaphysical connections because the Master Plan isn't even close to being completed. Just because construction of the UC has begun does not mean that fundraising efforts should end.

According to Tom Shubert, director of the

UC, if a sizable donation were to be made to fund UC expansion the UC fee could be adjusted to reflect that donation.

Why isn't this already standard procedure? This isn't just about the UC; it's about all of the recent representations and construction projects that the

students are having to fund. Relying on the students, who in turn rely on student loans to fund this university's expansion doesn't strike me as a very sound policy. Sure we have to shoulder some of the burden for this university's recent development, but it is starting to get out of hand.

Every year there is a new project to fund on this campus and every year the administration comes up a few million dollars short and turns to the students for help. ORU is advertising on their Web site for potential donors to fund their student center, so why not launch a similar eampaign for donations right on the Texas Tech Web site? There is no need to hide

We could even give the fundraising effort a snappy name like "The Non-Athletic Improvements Fund" or "The Horizon Campaign." For every \$58 raised, a drawing will be held to exempt one Tech student (chosen at random when they register for classes) from paying the fees associated with this project for the next semester.

We don't ne cessarily have to go after the big corporate donors or millionaires. Allow any prospective donor to give a couple of dollars, but make it convenient and at least make it known.

We won't be able to cover the entire costs of this project, but the idea that something is being done to alleviate some of the financial burden being placed on the student body would go a long way.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help Wanted

To the editor: I am desperately seeking one unmotivated, lethargic, easily amused, broke, Texas Tech student in need of fast cash. There are no special skills for this position. This candidate must, however, be willing to show up, sit for extremely long periods of time, and absolutely ask no questions.

This position requires the person to secure a suitable spot in the "Non-Refundable, Sorry We Over-Booked Your Student Section Tickets by About 10,000 Seats" line at the United Spirit Arena. The candidate will be required to arrive at the before mentioned spot in line three days prior to game time of all men's home basketball games. Your duties will be over once my cronies and I arrive to take our spot in line.

Don't worry, a seat to view the game will be reserved for you at a house in Tech Terrace along with three other unrelated individuals. This viewing location will most likely change from game to game as to avoid alerting the local officials and stifling the local "Neighborhood Watch" authorities.

Due to an unexpected rise in accounts payable ("Texas Tech Parking Region Pass" and \$200 per

class hour) and an unforeseen decrease in accounts receivable, the salary will be discussed at the end of the basketball season. Any of those who feel that they are qualified should call 555-5555 or should submit an application of employment to either the athletic ticket office or traffic and parking as they are in need of highly qualified individuals as well.

Dustin Dean graduate student

Show of spirit

To the editor: Welcome back, students to another rowdy year at Texas Tech. It is an incredible time to be at our university as many summer changes have allowed for the development of tremendous opportunities for spirit. You asked for it and now you got it-RaiderGate is the first of many spirited improvements.

We will have premier, student-only tailgating through the implementation of RaiderGate. Live music, pristine parking and party places for cookouts and great times, in addition to the already exciting Red Raider football program, will truly pump up the pride in our university. I want

to encourage everyone to come out and show your Tech spirit on home game days. Come by the SGA office, Room 230 in the University Center, for more information. In addition to RaiderGate we will be hosting the Rowdy Raider Rallies, which will be held in front of the University Center. Coaches, players, Spirit Squads, the Goin' Band and most importantly, the students will get together and get fired up for the upcoming games. This is not the only place where you can meet and talk to coach Leach, however.

Over the course of the semester, he will be hosting town hall meetings that should show how he is leading the team toward victory. I am proud of the accomplishments that have been made so far and hope that the students will participate in them.

These are the greatest times to be a Red Raider. Everyone needs to come out and support our school and its teams, and to have a great time! I want to encourage everyone to unfurl your banners far and wide and really get out and support Texas Tech.

John Steinmetz president, Student Government Association

Tech students deserve respect from the city



ROBERT BLANKINSHIP

t seems the decision makers in Lubbock consistently mistreat Tech students. If not for Texas Tech and its student body, Lubbock would be another Levelland, Plainview, or Lamesa. The creation of Texas Tech University created a necessity for a massive highway infrastructure running through West

Texas, making Lubbock the center of a \$9 billion cotton industry. University students supply the workforce, drive local businesses and occupy many rental units, just to name a few amenities Lubbock receives from Tech students. In general, Texas Tech boosts the overall economy of Lubbock. Lubbock needs Texas Tech. Citizens of Lubbock County pay one of the lowest levels of taxes in the state of Texas. Why? Because Lubbock dramatically favors a Republican vote, which traditionally means weaker governing bodies and minimal taxes. Low taxes are great for permanent residents of Lubbock because they get to keep a higher percentage of their earned income. And rightfully so.

But a low tax rate also carries negative consequences — such as having little public money to fund projects. But more importantly, a lack in public funds means bad news for Tech students. It seems Lubbock attempts to maintain a low tax rate for its citizens by burdening the students of Texas Tech with excessive fines and laws directly targeted toward college students.

To Lubbockites, Tech students are seen as tax subsidies. Lubbock tries to siphon as many dollars from Tech students as possible, mainly by issuing parking tickets and other fines. Parking tickets are a hassle that every Tech student must face.

I'm going to step out on a limb and say just about every Tech student who has a car has probably received a parking ticket during their stay in Lubbock. Every year at least one student, usually a freshman, decides to start a petition or contact Lubbock officials in an attempt to curb the writing of parking tickets.

Well, parking tickets are here to stay and I'll give you two reasons why. Mainly, because Lubbock raises a very sizable amount of revenue from parking tickets that goes to support public programs that local taxes cannot support. And secondly, because the vast majority of parking tickets are given near campus, they are targeted towards Tech students. And Tech students seldom vote in local elections, giving no incentive for local officials to change current practices.

Due to a low tax rate, Lubbock has had to find other ways to generate cash to support its seemingly excessively large police force. Obviously, the more tickets officers distribute, the more money is added to the police budget.

If the City of Lubbock was truly concerned about underage drinking instead of their back pocket, they would stop the flow of alcohol at the source.

Let's use a minor in possession (MIP) ticket to illustrate my point. If you receive an MIP, you can be forced to pay the City of Lubbock up to \$500 dollars. And officers hand these citations out like candy, with minimal use of judgment. Basically, if you are anywhere around alcohol, regardless of whether you are consuming, you are receiving an MIP, and most likely going to jail.

Now everyone knows the closest place to buy alcohol near Lubbock is on the Strip. So my question is, why don't Lubbock police or TABC officers simply slap the stores on the strip with a \$5,000 fine every time they sell to underage people? I guarantee you stores on the strip would stop taking fake I.D.s real quick.

If the City of Lubbock were truly concerned about underage drinking instead of their back pocket, they would stop the flow of alcohol at the source. Instead Lubbock officers would rather give individual tickets to Tech students. Why? Because there's more money to be made that way. If the strip stopped selling to minors, our Lubbock police department would have to do without revenues generated by MIPs, and business on the strip would greatly suffer.

Current methods of alcohol enforcement seem to conveniently benefit both Lubbock's police force and Lubbock's commerce, at the expense of Tech students. Fellow Tech students, I make a plea. Please make a conscious effort not to park illegally, not to get an MIP, not to get any type of ticket. Try not to give Lubbock any reason to make you pay for their lack of public funding.

Every dollar you fork over to the City of Lubbock gives officials one more incentive to hire another police officer or parking enforcer. If you want beer have someone who's really 21 go to the Strip. If you have trouble finding a legal parking spot, invest in a bike. But please, don't be a tax subsidy.

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Mentoring gives students a chance to help community

By Whitney Wyatt/Staff Reporter

Tech students who want the chance to work with kids in the Lubbock community might want to learn more details about the Tech Tutor and Mentor

The program, a joint project with the Guadalupe and Parkway Neighborhood Centers and the South Plains Children's Center, is holding information sessions at 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. today in the Masked Rider Room in the University Center for those interested in participating.

Daniel Brown, the coordinator of the Office of Student Activities, said this program places Tech students with kindergarten through 12th grade students from disadvantaged backgrounds who are in need of academic assistance, friendships and role models.

"This is a good way to get involved with the community as well as being able to work with kids," he said.

Students can pick up applications at these 30-minute information sessions, which will inform students about the centers and the time commitment of being a member of this program, Brown

The program is a semester commitment, he said, in which each Tech volunteer will work two hours a week - one hour two times a week.

The volunteer hours are done during the afternoon from 2 p.m. until 7

Brown said Tech students would have the choice of working one-on-one with a child or work with a group of three or four children as a homework

Tech volunteers must also attend three training sessions throughout the semester, he said.

These sessions will allow the program to touch base with the volunteers and allow the volunteers to reflect on what they have learned.



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The program is a great opportunity for Tech students to work with kids and apply what they have learned in the past, Brown said.

This program also provides a chance for Tech students to leave an imprint on children.

"It allows (the kids) to work with Tech students, someone who is in college, that they might not have at home," he said. "This also provides them with a role model.'

Virginia Brackett, the executive administrator for the South Plains Children's Center, said the program has a positive effect on the kids who live in this emergency center for 10 year-old to 17 year-old children.

The children have been removed from their homes.

The Tech volunteers work directly with the children and let them know that they can accomplish their goals, she

It is important that these kids see that normal, common people go to college, and that they can go to college also.

"It inspires (the kids) to continue public school and see themselves as candidates for college," Brackett said.

The kids like to see someone who is not paid to work with them, Brackett

She added it means a lot to the chil-

Brown said Tech students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend the information sessions.

The Tech Tutor and Mentor Program will hold future information sessions at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Sept. 10, at 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 11

The deadline for applications is Sept. 14. Interviews will be held from Sept. 13 until Sept. 19.

For more information call Brown at (806) 742-3621.

'Peggy Sue' leads record bid

Tech students plan to break world record for largest sing-a-long on Saturday

By Trent Johnson/Staff Reporter

Students will be a history-making part of a special halftime at the Texas Tech vs. the University of New Mexico football game Saturday at 7

The crowd at Jones SBC Stadium will be part of the world's largest simultaneous sing-a-long of a pop song when they will be encouraged to sing Buddy Holly's "Peggy Sue."

The song will be played by the Goin' Band from Raiderland, which will be led by John Mueller, a Buddy Holly impersonator from Los Ange-

"We will have words and a bouncing ball on the screen," said Margaret Lutherer, director of communications from the Tech president's office. "The words to the song will also be inside the program."

The expected crowd of more than 30,000 people will possibly double the old Guinness World Record for a simultaneous sing-along of 15,352 that was set in Scotland on Sept. 9,

The event was a benefit for the Hansel Foundation, a Scottish charity for adults with special needs.

The idea for the sing-along began in March by Texas Monthly editor Evan Smith, who thought it would be great to get thousands of kids together in Buddy Holly glasses and sing a song, Lutherer said.

"On the plane home I realized we had a football game the weekend of Buddy Holly's birthday," Lutherer said. "I figured that would be a perfect place to do it."

She discussed the idea with Guinness, located in England, and they were interested in the event.

However, no Guinness representative will be in attendance on Sat-



FILE PHOTO/University Daily

A CROWD CHEERS at Jones SBC stadium during one of last year's Red Raider home football games

urday to verify the record, she said.

"We send evidence to them after the fact," Lutherer said. "We will send them audio tapes and visual tapes along with a record of the attendance at the game."

Before the sing-a-long, about 10,000 Holly horn-rimmed glasses will be distributed to students sitting in the east

Other halftime festivities include a parachute display by the U.S. Army Golden Knight parachute team.

Despite the number of events, halftime will not be extended to accommodate all the events, Lutherer said.

"Peggy Sue" was the choice for the

to play and follow. Other songs such as state's governor's office. "Everyday," were considered but "Peggy Sue" was the final selection, Lutherer

The sing-a-long is part of "Not Fade Away: The Life and Times of Buddy Holly," a community meeting and academic symposium examining the influence and music of Holly.

The event, hosted by Tech, takes place Wednesday through Saturday in various locations on campus and around Lubbock.

Co-sponsoring the event is the Buddy Holly Center, Texas Monthly magazine

sing-a-long because it is the easiest song and the Texas Music Office, a part of the

Included in the meetings, concerts, panels and related events is a concert by the Flatlanders Friday at 8 p.m. in the University Center Allen Theatre. The concert is expected to sell out soon, Lutherer said.

The festivities are expected to draw Holly fans from all over the world. Right now there are five people from England registered to attend, Lutherer said.

"He is a very big rock legend in England today," Lutherer said. "I spoke to one man and he said he will be attending his first football game on Saturday."

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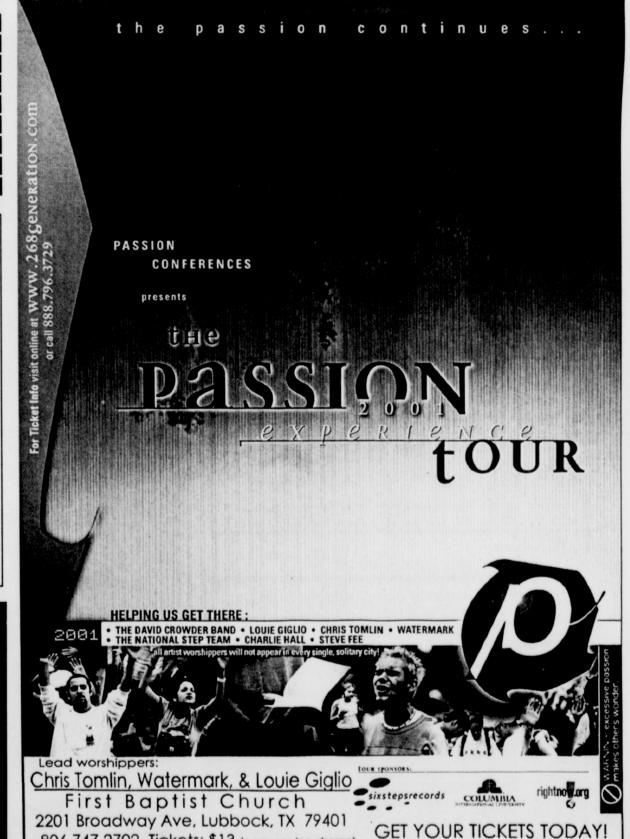


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Blatant commercialism cheats 'Two Can Play that Game' out of a plot

(AP) "Two Can Play That Game" isn't so much a movie as it is a series of commercials with a few plot points and bits of dialogue wedged in.

It takes product placement to a whole new level that's hard to swallow. The romantic comedy is about a sexy woman who schemes to tame her man after he messes around.

So it's incredibly jarring when one character says casually to another in the middle of a dance party, "It's so nice you could make it to my Coca-Cola production." And then you notice the Coke machines in the background, and the giant signs with the soda's red-and-white logo posted on the walls.

Later, the big showdown between two women vying for the same guy happens at a mansion that's the site of the "Miller Genuine Draft Extravaganza." Giant banners with the "MGD" logo hang from the home's brick facade; inside, all the beautifully dressed guests dance and mingle with chilled beer bottles in their hands. They're smiling, they're happy. What a

Granted, the characters are advertising executives. But these promotions make Nike's presence in Mel Gibson's "What Women Want" look subliminal by comparison. But enough whining about that. Now it's time to complain about the

Writer-director Mark Brown wastes a talented, attractive ensemble cast with awkward dialogue and contrived situations. Funny moments are few in a story that's mostly repetitive and annoying.

Vivica A. Fox stars as Shante Smith, a sassy, self-assured Los Angeles ad exec who spouts dating advice to her friends and brags that she has her lawyer boyfriend, Keith (Morris Chestnut), under

But when she learns Keith has been fooling around with the gorgeous Conny (Gabrielle Union), who works for a rival advertising firm, Shante institutes a 10day plan to get him back. We know it's a 10-day plan because:

a) Shante talks to the camera incessantly, a technique that grows tiresome quickly, and outlines the strategy behind

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the 10-day plan; and, b) At the start of each new day there's a title card - Day One, Day

Couldn't it have been a five-day plan instead? Or even less?

Shante's girlfriends (Wendy Raquel Robinson, Tamala Jones and Mo'Nique) offer her encouragement and swap graphic dating stories over a series of lunches; it's sort of a black version of "Sex and the City" in Los Angeles, only not as funny.

Meanwhile, Keith's rotund buddy from the law firm, Tony (Anthony Anderson, one of Jim Carrey's genius sons in "Me, Myself & Irene"), has his own advice to help Keith outscheme Shante. Funny thing is: Tony never has a girlfriend of his own.

Shante finds that it's not as easy to get Keith back as she expected. And until she realizes that game-playing isn't the best way to find true love, it's hard to understand why anyone would want to date Shante at all.

"The Rules," the book that taught women to snag a man by playing hardto-get, was a best seller back in the mid-'90s.

"Two Can Play That Game," a Screen Gems release, is rated R for language including sexual dialogue. Running time: 90 minutes.

'Rock Star' falls short of the hype

(AP) Back in the day, Mark Wahlberg was just a troubled kid from South Boston who went by the name Marky Mark, chilled with his posse, the Funky Bunch, and peddled Calvin Klein undies.

He wasn't exactly a rock star. He was just a white guy with great abs and even greater attitude, posing as a rapper -Vanilla Ice with a Body by Jake.

As the wannabe '80s rock star of "Rock Star," Wahlberg still looks the part - all feathered hair and tight leather pants, flicking his tongue defiantly at the audience.

His performance is fun to watch, but "Rock Star" itself is no fun.

It doesn't capture the ridiculousness of heavy metal, or rock music in gen-

But if it did, it would be "This Is Spinal Tap."

Directed by Stephen Herek, who turned a couple of goofs into rock stars in 1989's "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure," "Rock Star" glamorizes and glosses over a business that isn't always glamorous and glossy.

In Herek's rock 'n' roll fantasy, even trashed hotel rooms look good the morning after a night of boozy, bisexual bedhopping.

It's the life Wahlberg's character, Chris Cole, has dreamed of for years.

A copy machine repairman from Pittsburgh who still lives at home with his parents, Chris worships the British heavy metal band Steel Dragon.

He knows everything about them and performs at night as the frontman for a Steel Dragon cover band - sorry, tribute band, as he prefers to call it.

When Steel Dragon's temperamental lead singer quits, the band asks Chris to take his place.

They change his name to Izzy and force him to adopt a British accent which he practices obsessively then drops inexplicably during his first big concert, and nobody asks him why.

His girlfriend and manager, Emily (Jennifer Aniston), is thrilled for him at first, until the demands of his new life - and the ever-present beer, blow and buxom babes - drive him from her.

It's obvious, though, that he'll realize fame isn't all he dreamed it would be, and that love is more important.

John Stockwell's script sounds more than a little like the true story of Tim "Ripper" Owens, an Akron, Ohio, man who performed in British Steel, a Judas Priest cover band, and was plucked from obscurity to replace Judas Priest lead singer Rob Halford after Halford left in the mid-'90s

But Steel Dragon isn't nearly as hard-core as Judas Priest — they're more innocuous like Bon Jovi.

It's impossible to watch "Rock Star" without thinking of 1984's "This is Spinal Tap," which perfectly satirized the big-haired self-importance of '80s metal bands and might just be one of the funniest movies ever made.

"Rock Star" would be so much more

watchable if the guys in Steel Dragon complained about the tiny sandwiches backstage and bragged that their amps

It's also hard to watch "Rock Star" without thinking of Wahlberg in "Boogie Nights," in which his charac-

ter followed a similar path. Chris comes from nothing to become lead singer Izzy, just as Eddie Adams came from nothing to become

porn star Dirk Diggler. But Paul Thomas Anderson's 1997 movie was so much more compelling because, after the coke high wore off,

something lonely and dark remained. Other movies about rock 'n' roll -"Almost Famous" springs immediately to mind - probe the relationship between the famous and the fans with

more honesty. The closest "Rock Star" comes is when Steel Dragon's road manager (Timothy Spall) explains to Chris that guys want to be rock stars because girls think rock stars are sexy, and guys are the ones who buy the albums, so they're the ones to target.

The best part of "Rock Star" comes at the very end.

Stay through the closing credits and kick it old school with Marky Mark, one

"Rock Star," a Warner Bros. release, is rated R for language, sexuality and some drug content. Running time: 102

Mandy Moore releases new album and attitude

NEW YORK (AP) Teen pop star Mandy Moore launched her career by singing the national anthem at local sporting events in her native Orlando, Fla., which led to a recording deal.

The 17-year-old estimates she's performed the song 115 times - and yes,

She's also sick of being dismissed as a Britney Spears or Christina Aguilera wannabe.

The obvious differences between Moore and her better-known counterparts - she doesn't wear revealing clothing or appear in suggestive photo shoots — have helped her carve out a niche as one of pop's more wholesome teens.

"I think at this point we've differentiated from each other," she says, adding that she's about three years younger than Spears and Aguilera. "In the world of a teen-age girl, that's pretty big."

She plays a cheerleader in the recent film "The Princess Diaries," stars in the upcoming movie "A Walk to Remember," and has her own show on MTV, titled "Mandy."

Her third album, "Mandy Moore" Epic), has a pop-music flair, but the Middle Eastern inspiration and acoustic sounds show some artistic maturation.

1. What's the best little luxury that comes with being young and famous?

Moore: Mom and Dad made the mistake of getting me a credit card, so combine that with being a teen-age girl. It's not really good.

I can do it standing up now.

2. Is there anything you wouldn't do because you're too busy? Moore: I would never, ever, ever be a

fashion model, that's one thing I would never do. I've seen and heard so many horror stories. It seems like a way too grueling business. Having to give up fast food, I couldn't do it. ... I don't feel like I'm pretty enough or skinny enough, but I wouldn't want to do it anyway.

I'd rather be onstage and express myself creatively.

3. Does your relationship with your boyfriend, Wilmer Valderrama, suffer because he's one of the stars of television's "That '70s Show"?

Moore: I always thought I'd never But the biggest luxury for me is sleep. date someone in the industry because it line you get onstage.

seems so stereotypical. But a lot of people you meet are usually people in the industry. He's wonderful. He's my first real boyfriend so I'm always really timid to talk about it.

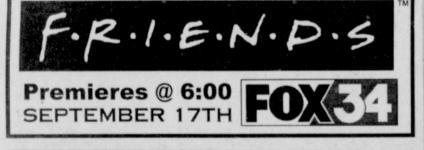
4. How do you take care of Oliver, your Yorkshire terrier, when you're trav-

Moore: He has his little doggy carrying case. He's so spoiled and pampered. I have three cats at home, so to get a puppy was a big thing, and I'd been begging my parents for probably two years.

5. Do you like acting more than sing-

Moore: Music is definitely first.

Even if you tried as hard as you could, you can't duplicate that rush of adrena-



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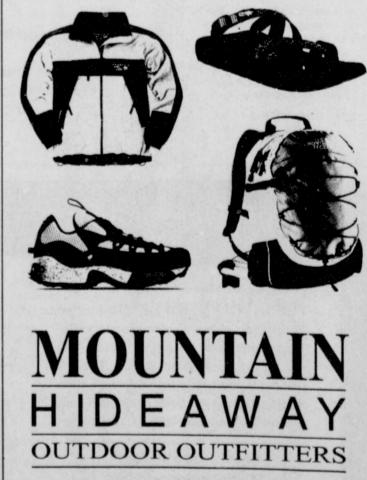




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Amount of pro football player's salaries are misjudged



PHIL RIDDLE

thing you think about when someone begins discussing professional football players?

Probably overpaid, adulationserved brats spoiled from an early age by their

own athletic success. And there are statistics and examples aplenty to support that theory.

However, have you ever thought about the practical side of pro football?

Not painting your face blue and silver and spending the rent money on a pair of stratospheric tickets, cold hot dogs and warm beer. Not planning a weekend outing to your favorite stadium for entertainment purposes. Not calling in to a radio talk show to share your convoluted views on the pluses and minuses of the current quarterback, coach or

No, I mean, have you ever given any thought to the "doing it for a living" side of the game, the side seen every day by the players?

Yes, it's true that they are well compensated for their skills. Yes, probably to

ployment span in the National Football League at just six years, a player should do all he can to make as much as he can if that is his chosen profession.

Obviously, it is the violence that chases players from the game. It's the same violence that we as fans pay good money to witness. Yes, tell me all about the grace and men-

tal acuity necessary Yes, it is the players' to compete with the best athletes in choice to compete. It is the world, and I'll agree. But the hits also the fans' choice to we see are the points in the game cheer. As long as there is that true-blue fans live for - that make a boat load of money to us yell and break into Tim Allenbe made and football to

As a player, though, it's the same hits that make him a star and then make his body unfit for earning his living.

Anyone watching will forever remember the Monday night battle between the Giants and the Redskins when Lawrence Taylor hammered Joe Theismann causing his leg to break at such a sickening angle.

San Francisco fans will each have a memory of Steve Young splayed out on

excess. But, with the current average em- the turf trying to remember his middle initial after another concussion-inducing slam to the head. Ditto for Troy Aikman...and Roger Staubach.

A famous football picture at the NFL Hall of Fame shows Eagle linebacker Chuck Bednarik standing over an unconscious Frank Gifford following the hit that ended Giff's career.

It's hard to fathom why we get such a perverted pleasure watching men barrel into each other at full tilt for our amusement, then become so selfrighteous when they demand to make a good living at it. enjoy, those two factions

Think of some of the alltime greats who are suffering for their time filling

our Sunday afternoons with pleasure. Johnny Unitas, for instance, is no longer even able to button his own shirt.

Unitas, at 68, suffers the pain of two replaced knees and the inability to use his right hand as a constant reminder of his 17-year grid career with the Colts and

Remember Earl Campbell who, as a

youngster, appeared unstoppable? Well, he hasn't stopped, but he's slowed down considerably. The former all-pro running back for the Houston Oilers has arthritis in both hands and back and is unable to walk long distances. Then Tyler Rose said, "Sometimes when I hunt, I just can't stand the pain."

Don't forget former Red Raider E.J. Holub, who was a star for the AFL's Dallas Texans and Kansas City Chiefs. Holub went through 13 knee surgeries as a player.

Yes, it is the players' choice to compete. It is also the fans' choice to cheer. As long as there is a boatload of money to be made and football to enjoy, those two factions will always be there.

But the next time you hear of some 23-year-old stud signing a multi-milliondollar contract to play football, ask yourself, would I be willing to do what he does for a half-dozen years for that same money. Would I be willing to strap on armor of Kevlar, foam, steel, rubber and plastics, then wait in a controlled rage for the snap of the ball when I would fling myself at an equally obsessed behemoth intent on separating me from my thinking parts? And would I be willing to do this just so the fans would have something to do on Sunday?

Me neither.

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SRRC member cards now ready

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Student Red Raider Club members can now pick up their SRCC card, bumper sticker and T-shirt at the Double T Shoppe in the United Spirit Arena from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today through Thursday.

The Double T Shoppe is located at the north entrance of the arena. Students who have not paid for

their tuition cannot pick up their card, sticker or shirt until the bill is

The club has grown into the largest student organization on campus after being established last spring.

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After adding about 100 members on the first day of school, the SRRC is now close to becoming the largest spirit club in the nation with almost 4,600 members.

Clemson University currently ranks the highest with the most members in a spirit organization with

SRRC officials said they hope to surpass the Tigers this week

Students who are still interested in joining can become a member by adding a \$25 fee to their tuition online at texastech.fansonly.com.

Almonte's father charged with falsifying son's birth certificate

will always be there.

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Danny Almonte's father was charged Tuesday with falsifying a birth certificate to make his son appear to be 12 when he actually was 14 - and thus too old for Little League.

Felipe de Jesus Almonte "will be arrested as soon as he sets foot in this country," said Victor Romero, a public-records official in the Dominican Republic who determined the young pitcher's real age.

De Jesus, who is still in New York, faces three to five years in jail if con-

Also on Tuesday, school officials said Almonte was finishing seventh grade in the Dominican Republic up to June another reason he should not have qualified for Little League championships.

Almonte finished seventh grade June. 15 at the Andres Bello Primary School, said Bolivar de Luna Gomez, vice principal of the school in Moca, a small farming town 90 miles north of Santo

That would have prevented the boy from playing the required six Little League games to qualify for the champi-

onships. "We can't lie," Gomez told The Associated Press. "He was here and the records show this. It is the truth, and if authorities ask us to turn the documents

in, we are ready to do so." The New York Times first reported Almonte's status at the Dominican Republic school on Tuesday.

Joann Dalmau, spokeswoman for Almonte's Bronx, N.Y.-based Rolando Paulino All-Stars team, denied the boy had lived in the Dominican Republic

"I saw him in May here, playing in a regular-season game," she said. "So there was no way he was in the Dominican Republic in June."

But Romero confirmed Almonte had been in a Dominican school until June.

The New York team was stripped of its third-place finish in the World Series after Almonte's real age was revealed Friday. Little League also voided all of Almonte's records, including a perfect

Depending on the weather, Little League seasons start as early as February and as late as June 1, with the all-star tournament that leads to the Little League World Series beginning July 1. To be on a league's all-star team and participate in the tournament, a player must have played in at least half of his team's games by June 15.

Little League spokesman Lance Van Auken said that would have been im-

'If he wasn't in the country until after June 15, then it seems impossible that he would have been eligible under those conditions as well," Van Auken said. "It adds to the weight of evidence against Rolando Paulino and anyone else who

might have known Danny was ineligible."

Three of the boys on the team were born in the Dominican Republic, one was born in Puerto Rico, and the rest are of Dominican descent.

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Cowboys may ink Leaf IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys were considering signing the suddenly

nomadic Ryan Leaf on Tuesday to be their third-string quarterback. Leaf was released Monday by Tampa Bay, which had claimed him off waivers from San Diego in March. Dallas was interested then in making him the replacement to Troy Aikman, but couldn't

The Cowboys instead went with Tony Banks, who cost about half as much. They ended up cutting Banks midway through training camp and making rookie Quincy Carter the starter.

afford to pick up his existing contract.

"It's no secret that he was the one we wanted to get over Tony Banks," team owner Jerry Jones said Tuesday. "I think everybody recognized he was our initial choice.'

Leaf has never come close to living up to the expectations that came with being the No. 2 pick in the 1998 draft. After washing out in San Diego, he failed to beat out Joe Hamilton for the No. 3 spot in Tampa Bay. Dallas could offer him as little as \$418,000, the minimum for a fourth-year veteran and about all it can afford. That's a far cry from the threeyear, \$10 million deal he had with Tampa

Bay. Even at a bargain price, the move wouldn't seem to make sense considering Leaf is not very mobile and Dallas has revamped its offense around the mobility of Carter and backup Anthony Wright. Also, Leaf's attitude was a problem in San Diego and a personality clash is probably the last thing Carter needs. He has enough pressure trying to replace Aikman and live up to Jones' 10-6 prediction for this season.



FITNESS/ WELLNESS CENTER INFORMATION

Registration for the specialty fitness classes, clinics and workshops is in the Fitness/Wellness Center. All classes begin the week of Sept. 9. The clinics and workshops are at various times and dates throughout the semester. The following classes, clinics and workshops still have a few spots left available so register soon before they are full.

CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATES
Belly Dance	T/Th	8 - 9 pm	9/11-10/11
BOXING TECHNIQUES	Su/W T/Th	4 - 6 pm 2 - 4 pm	9/9–10/10 9/11–10/11
FITNESS INSTRUCTOR	T	3 - 5 pm	9/18 - 10/30
KNOCKOUT JAM	M/W T/Th	4:10-5:10 pm 6:45-7:45 pm	9/10–10/10 9/11–10/11
Mat Pilates	T/Th	6:45-7:45 pm	9/11 – 10/11
Men's Weight Training	T/Th	8-9 pm	9/11-10/4
Racquetball	M/W	7 - 8 pm	9/10-10/3
SPIN CITY	M/W T/Th	6:45-7:45 pm 5:30-6:30 pm	9/10–10/10 9/11–10/11
Tai Chi	T/Th	5:30-6:30 pm	9/11-10/11
Tri Sport	Th	5:30-6:30 pm	9/13 - 10/11
USA Tennis 1,2,3	M/W	5:15-6:15 pm	9/10 - 10/3
Weight Management	M	5:30-6:30 pm	9/10 - 10/8
Women & Weights	M/W	8 - 9 pm	9/10-10/3

CLINIC/ WORKSHOP **DATES & TIMES**

CIRCUIT EQUIPMENT: Saturday: 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sept. 8. RACQUETBALL Intermediate - Tuesday or Thursday: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Sept. 20, Oct. 9 and Nov. 15 Advanced - Tueday or Thursday: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Oct. 11 and Nov. 13 STABILITY BALL Wednesday: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Sept. 26

Cholesterol and **Glucose Screening:**

Screening will occur on Thursday, Sept. 13 at 6:45 a.m. in the Fitness/Wellness Center in the SRC. This will provide an opportunity for you to have your cholesterol and/or glucose screening for \$10 and \$3 respectively. Fasting for 12 hours is recommended for accuracy. Register by Wednesday, Sept. 12 by calling 742-

Rec Triathlon Registration:

The Rec Triathlon is Sept. 16 at 7:30 a.m. It is a 400 meter swim, 11 mile bike and a 2.3 mile run. Registration is in the Fitness/Wellness Center and Room 202 of the SRC. For Tech individuals registering by Sept. 12, it is \$20 and for Tech teams it is \$35. A Tech I.D is required to qualify for these prices. For questions please call 742-3828 or 742-3351.

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Flag football sign-ups continue:

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Football free agent meeting tonight:

•If you are interested in playing intramural football but don't have a team yet, come to tonight's "free agents" meeting to be placed on a team. This meeting is an avenue where Recreational Sports helps individuals form a team who otherwise might miss playing football this year. The meeting is at 5:30 p.m. tonight in Room 205 of the Student Recreation Center. For further information please call intramurals at 742-2945

Outdoor Pursuits Inagural Gear Swap:

•Come join the OPC and s wap, trade or sell your gear on Sept. 15 at 8:00 a.m. There will be plenty of gear to choose from but come early for the best selection. There will be canoes, kayaks, tents, backpacks, snowboards, x-c skis, sailboards, sleeping bags and stoves for sale. To get more information stop by our office located outside the nor th entrance of the SRC or call 742-23949 / 742-3351.

The Climbing Wall is Here:

The Outdoor Pursuits Climbing Center is no w open! Come enjoy the thrills and challenges of rock climbing. The Climbing Center features a 52-foot summit and more than 4000 square feet of climbing area. The actual use of the climbing wall is free; only the rental of shoes and/or chalk and climbing w orkshops have fees. A 2hour Climbing Fundamental Workshop is necessary for all beginner climbers who want to climb on their own and learn the basic saf ety techniques of climbing. The workshop introduces the equipment, proper knots and the rope management skills necessary to climb at the new facility. The cost for the Workshop and Skills Verification is \$25. Successful completion of the Climbing Fundamentals Workshop & Skills Verification will certify an individual for 12 months of unlimited climbing during open hours of the Climbing Center. Experienced climbers who already have a command of the basic safety techniques must take the same Skills Verification for \$25. The Climbing Fundamental class is taught Monda y thru Thursday at 5:30 p.m. These classes will fill fast so please come by early to assure a spot on your climbing wall. You must sign up one day in advance of the class.

The Skills Verification can be done anytime that the Climbing Center is open. Fall semester hours for the Climbing Center are: Sunday thru Thursday 3 to 10 p.m., Friday 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturday 2 to 6 p.m. To register for a workshop stop by the Outdoor Pursuits office located at the north entrance of the Student Recreation Center or swing by the Climbing Center. The OPC office hours are Monday and Friday, 10 to 6 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday from 12 to 5 p.m.

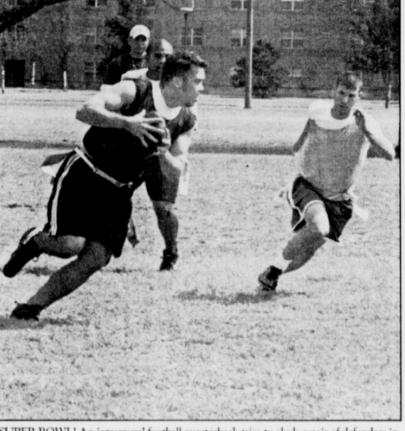
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 Any questions should be directed to the intramural staff by calling 742-2945, by coming by the SRC's Room 203, or by visiting the Website at: www.ttu.edu/Rec-



SUPER BOWL! An intramural football quarterback tries to elude a pair of defenders in a league match from last year. Entries are being taken today and tomorrow in Room 203 of the SRC for men's, women's and co-rec leagues. Games begin Sept. 13.

OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTER

•WE HAVE MOVED and expanded our hours! This summer we have moved into our new Outdoor Pursuits Center (OPC) located outside the nor th entrance of the Student Recr eation Center (SRC). This new facility emphasizes the importance of the program and our goal to engage the university community in both learning and recreational experiences in the natural environment. The OPC provides the University community adventure trips, equipment rentals, an indoor climbing wall, outdoor skill workshops and resources so you can plan your own trips. Stop by our new facility or call 742-2949 / 742-3351 for more information. We are open Monday & Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 12:00 to 5:00 P.M. and Sunday 2 to 6 P.M. •OPC Fall Trip Schedule

Trip sign-up have begun for the fall trip schedule. This years trips promise to be full of adventure and learning experiences. Trip cost includes transportation, food while at the activity site and camping equipment. Stop by the Outdoor Pursuits Center located outside the nor th entrance of the SRC or call 742-2949 / 742-3351 for more information on

Fall Trips	Dates	Deadline	Cost
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Colorado Backpacking	Oct. 4-7	Sept. 27	\$125
Weekend Canoeing	Oct. 12-14	Oct. 4	\$70
Wichita Mountains Rock Climbing	Oct. 19-21	Oct. 11	\$70
Kayaking Class Trip*	Oct. 26-28	Sept. 20	\$170*
Fall Colors and Canyon Backpackin	Nov. 2-4	Oct. 25	\$70
Intermediate Rock Climbing	Nov. 2-4	Oct. 25	\$70
Thanksgiving Break			
Grand Canyon Backpacking	Nov. 19-25	Oct. 25	\$220
Winter Break			
Baja Sea Kayaking	Dec. 27-Jan 6	Nov. 15	\$790**

*Kayaking Class meets 5 Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. starting September 27 ** Does not include airfare to San Diego



Fast, fresh legs key to cross country season

YOUNG GUNS: Both the women's and men's squads boast teams full of freshmen and sophomores.

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

When the Texas Tech cross country teams open their seasons at Mae Simmons Park Sept. 8, both teams will be running the youngest squads they have had in Tech coach Dave Smith's ten-

But that doesn't mean they aren't focused, Smith said.

"It's a young team, but they're all more adjusted than what they were last season," he said.

The women's team lost only one senior, Leigh Daniels, from last season and has one junior on the roster in Shannon Spalding.

Smith said the six returning sophomores are more prepared than last season knowing the adjustments they will have to make from being away

"Our team is more mature than they were last season now that they have a year of experience under their belts," Smith said.

He also said he would like for the women's



IEREMY MOORE/Staff Photographer

THREE MEMBERS OF the Texas Tech women's cross country team practice stamina and speed last week. Tech coach Dave Smith said he has high hopes for both the women and men's teams.

team to stay healthy this year since injuries slowed that hurt our chances," he said. them down last year.

"We had a few girls with injuries last year, and Wyo., said the same thing for herself after being

Katie Lyman, a sophomore from Cheyenne,

hurt part of last season.

"I want to stay injury-free and run the best that I can," she said.

With the six sophomores and seven freshmen on the squad, Smith said the team hopes to perform well soon or in the near future.

Some of the runners can see the potential for the team as well.

"We will be successful either now or in the

future," Lyman said. Tech can finish in the top seven, Smith said, but added he hopes to just finish better than last

"Realistically, top seven in our conference is obtainable, but I'd love to see them finish top four," Smith said. "Our goal right now is to at least improve on last season."

Bridget Tidwell, a sophomore from Crawford, said performing her best in every aspect of life helps her stay on track.

"I try to do good in everything I do so I can focus on cross country," Tidwell said. Smith said that health remains the key to the

women's success for the season. "All the girls came in fit, and if we can stay

healthy, we could do well," Smith said. The men's team comes into the year with one

junior and senior.

"The men's team is extremely deep," Smith said. "We have one junior and one senior. The rest are all freshmen and sophomores."

With returning strong sophomores and a freshman in Steve Maddox, a two-time qualifier for the National High School Meet, Smith said the men's squad could do well now and in

Sophomore Joseph McCellon said he recognizes the strength of the team and believes it has a good chance to improve on last year.

"We've got the best squad we've ever had," he said, "so we should do some big things this

The men's team had fewer injuries than the women last year, which gives Smith higher hopes

"The men stayed healthier than the women,

that's why I pick them to finish higher," Smith said. "I think the men could be top three to six in the conference." Smith said he is excited about the upcoming

season and the outlook for the future because of the young legs his team boasts.

He said this year could be the beginning of a run to the national meet.

"Two years from now I think we could be top 10 at the national meet," he said of both teams. McCellon said he is ready for the season to start and lose the anticipation.

"I am definitely excited," McCellon said. "I've been training all summer for this."

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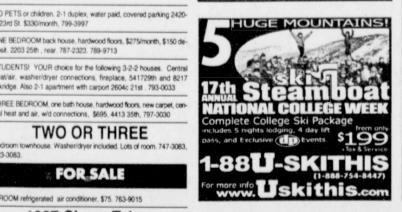
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Red Raider volleyball team horns frogs, 3-0

CLEAN SWEEP: TCU falls victim to Tech's offensive explosion at Raider's home opener.

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

Fort Worth prodigy Kelly Johnson said she had a fire lit underneath her during the Texas Tech volleyball team's Tuesday night match with Texas Chris-,

Johnson was facing her hometown college and she wanted to show the Horned Frogs that the Raiders are a bet-

Johnson achieved her goal as Tech swept TCU in its home opener for the 2001 campaign at the United Spirit

"I was either supposed to go to Tech or TCU," Johnson said. "So they tried to get to me a little bit. It was exciting (to win)."

The match began as a back and forth battle with neither team getting a lead of more than two until Tech scored seven consecutive points to go up 25-17 in

Tech would not let up as it scored five of the next six points to close game one

In game two, Tech used many TCU errors to its advantage.

Game two opened with a service error by TCU's Dominika Szabo - and the Horned Frogs miscues continued.

TCU had a total of six service errors in the game, including one that sailed under the net.

Tech broke out to a 10-5 lead and led by at least two throughout the rest of

Angela Mooney led the squad in game two with five kills in game two's

during game three when the Horned Frogs went up 4-3.

Tech immediately reclaimed the lead with two points to go up 5-4.

The Red Raiders later won six consecutive points to go up 13-7 and clinch the match minutes later with the 30-25 game three victory.

Johnson and Heather Hughes-Justice led all scores with 13 kills for the match. ter," Johnson said. Tech outside hitters Melissa

I'm glad to be home and play in front of our fans. I am really glad to be at home and get a 'w' and see everybody smile.

> JEFF NELSON Tech Volleyball Coach

McGehee and Yolanda Cumbess followed with 12 and 11 kills respectively.

The win for the Red Raiders moves them to .500 for the season with a 2-2 Lamar and Ohio University.

McGehee said the TCU sweep is a big confidence starter going into this weekend's Red Raider Classic.

"This was a real confidence booster game," said McGehee. "Everybody played pretty well."

The squad extends its record in the United Spirit Arena to 17-2 over the

course of two seasons. Tech coach Jeff Nelson said it was a four more."

relief to come home following the squad's TCU had its first lead of the match 1-2 road trip last weekend at the Utah

> "I'm glad to be home and play in front of our fans," Nelson said. "I am really glad to be at home and get a 'w' and to see

> everybody smile again.' Johnson said the team had to play through the tension on the court because

TCU was trash talking. "We had to show them we were bet-

McGehee said it was important to jump on TCU early to kill is sights of a

"When we know we are better than someone," McGehee said. "We need to jump on them quick."

Nelson said the team took control of the match by mixing in good passing with well-placed serves.

"We controlled the tempo of the game well with our passing and serving,"

Nelson said. The loss drops TCU to 0-4 on the

The contest marked the third time this season the Horned Frogs have been

By sweeping TCU Nelson said he hopes to ride the victory into the weekend at the Red Raider Classic.

Tech will face Stephen F. Austin and UTEP on Friday.

They will close the tournament on Saturday with two more contests against

Nelson said the three-game sweep Tuesday is a big momentum builder for this weekend.

"Getting a 3-0 was a good confidence builder," Nelson said.

Johnson said the win was a nice way to start the week and additionally said there are four more matches to win.

"It's our first win for the week," Johnson said. "And now we need to get



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

FROM LEFT TO right, Texas Tech volleyball players, Heather Hughes-Justice, Ann Romjue and Kelly Johnson celebrate a Red Raider point during Tuesday night's win over TCU in the United Spirit Arena. Tech won, 30-19, 30-25 and 30-22 to up its record to 2-2 on the campaign. TCU drops to 0-4 to begin the season.

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