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Forensics director examines new role

HE'S ALL TALK: Ric Shafer's goal is to make every student on the team better at public speaking and debate.

By Rachel Richmond/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Forensics Union has a new director this academic year.

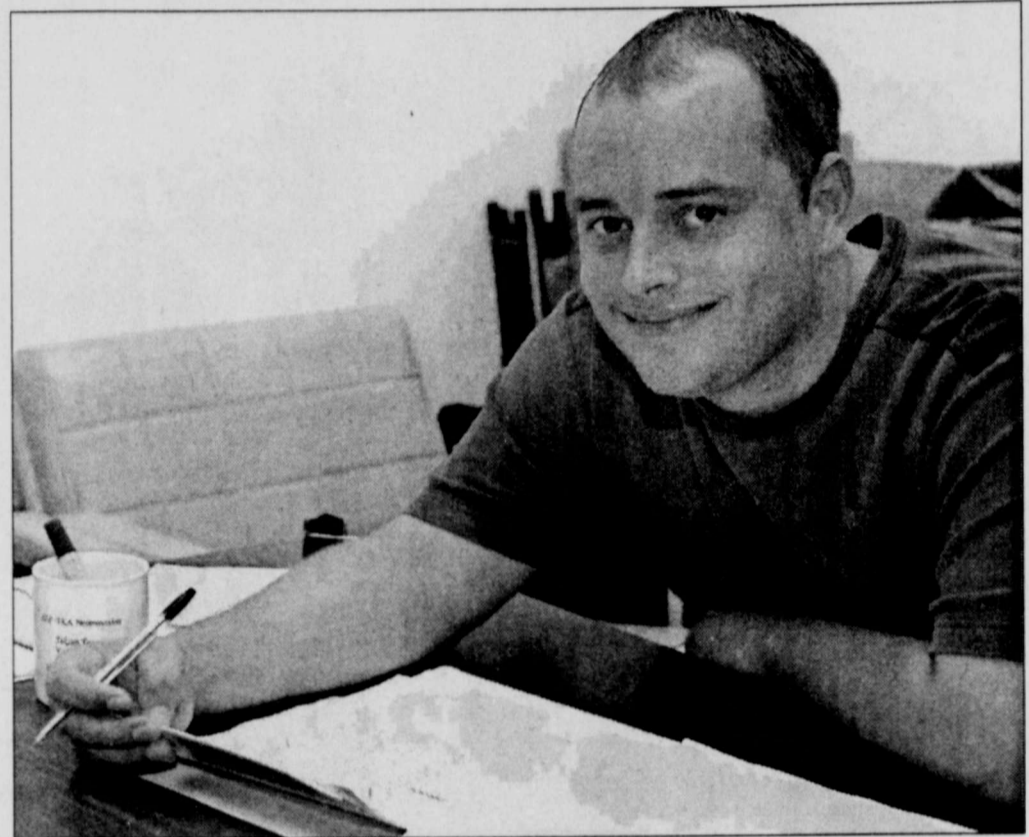
Ric Shafer, director of forensics, joined the team at the beginning of this semester. He received his bachelor's degree in speech communication and his master's degree in rhetoric communication from Kansas State University.

Shafer was working on his doctorate in communication and culture at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln when he decided to accept the position at Tech.

He said he was not reluctant to accept the position after speaking with David Roach, chairman of the Communication Studies Department, and David Williams, associate professor of communication studies.

"The department was very supportive of the program and of me," Shafer said.

Roach said there was a feeling of excitement for the program's new addition adding, "the team was thrilled when he



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was hired."

Shafer said he hopes to improve the program and to impact the students who are involved.

"(My) goal is for everyone on the team to become better at public speaking and to win the AFA National Tournament in April," he said.

The main challenge for the team this year will be budgeting.

"We will travel three out of four weekends (in a month) to tournaments across the nation. The challenge is to do it within the budget," Shafer said.

In addition to being the new director, Shafer teaches three undergraduate courses: intro to communication studies, honors public speaking and intercultural communication.

Williams said he believes the team serves many purposes to the university.

"The team serves as ambassadors for the university. This is an honor we take seriously. We strive to represent ourselves, represent the team and represent

the school well," he said.


The Forensics Union is a speech and debate program that has been part of the Tech campus since the 1930s. It began primarily as a debate program but has evolved into a speech and debate program.

Tech has been a member of the National Parliamentary Debate Association since 1992. The Forensics Union participates in individual as well as team debates.

Some events are informative speaking, competitive speaking, after-dinner speaking and persuasion. For more information about the Forensics Union, contact Shafer at (806) 742-1328.

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The Texas Tech Cycling Club will hold its next meeting at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Double Dave's Pizzaworks, 2102 Broadway St. Tech Cycling is involved in many cycling activities throughout the year, such as group rides, trail maintenance, races and clinics. All skill levels are invited.



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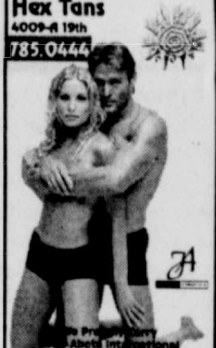
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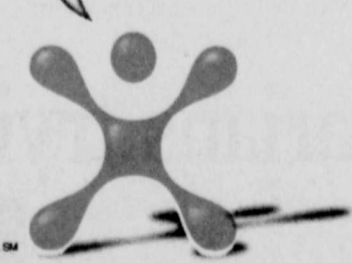
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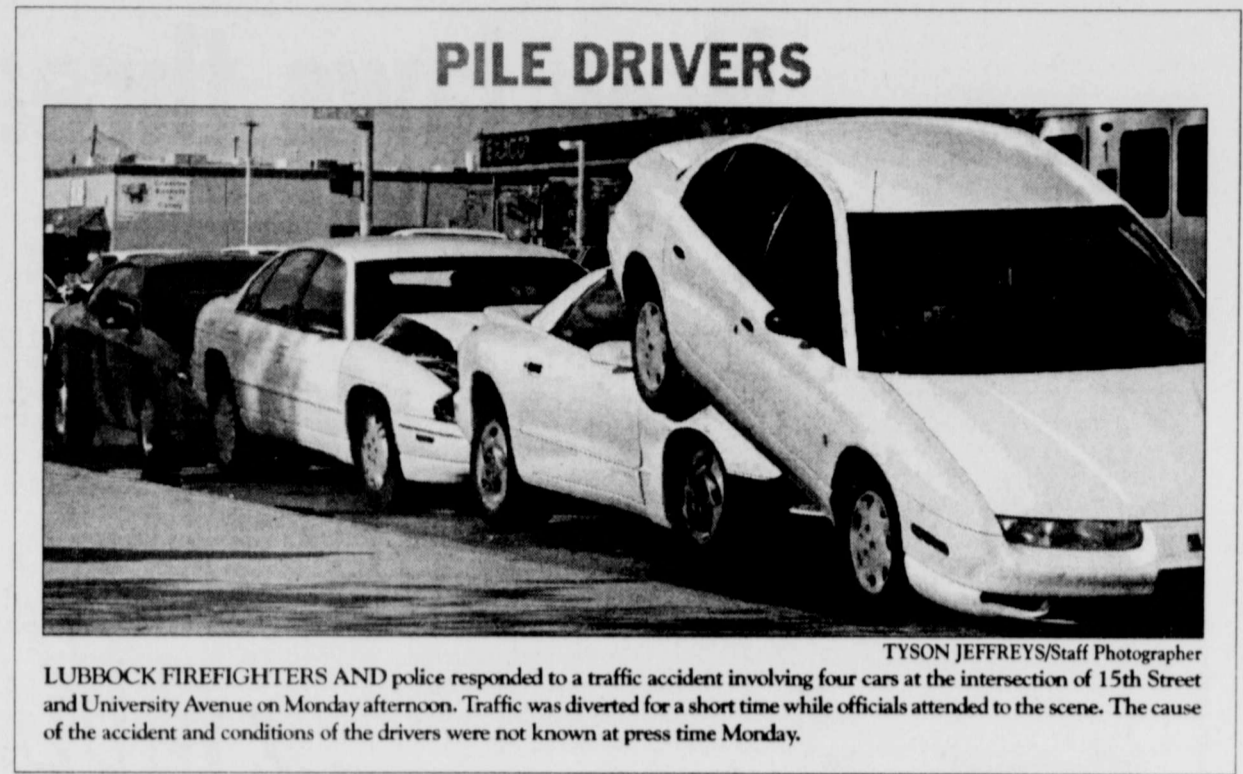
"Jerry's given this as a challenge to everyone else to donate to the school," McInnes said.

McInnes said between \$300,000 and \$500,000 of the contribution from Rawls, which will be freed up in February, will fund both graduate and undergraduate scholarships within the school annually. McInnes has scheduled a gala celebration for February to celebrate the donation.

"I want to be in a position to graduate really top-flight men and women who are really comfortable and well-equipped to become successful members of the business world," he said. "I want to have global students and global graduates who are comfortable no matter where they are."

McInnes said he will spend time this year visiting other business schools as part of the \$325,000 allocated by Tech's Board of Regents planning budget to build a new business facility.

"We have to build this outreach and we have to get people interested and



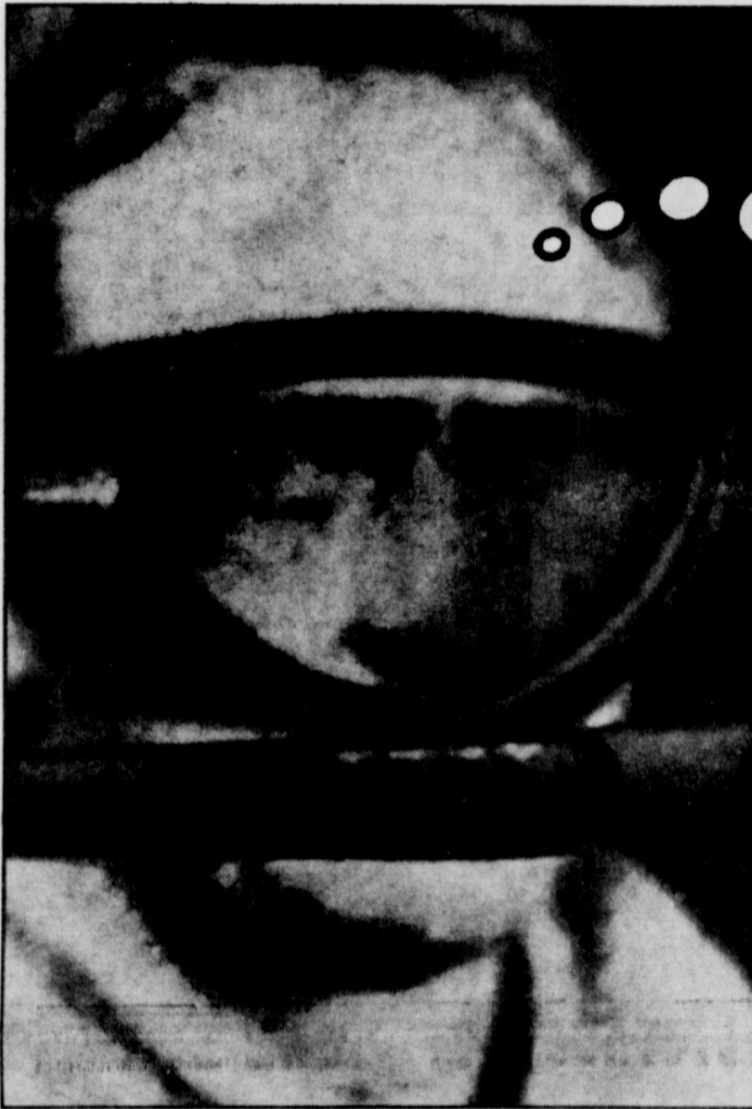
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knowledgeable about Texas Tech," he said. "You open *The Dallas Morning News*

and there's always something from UT and A&M, and I want Tech to be known

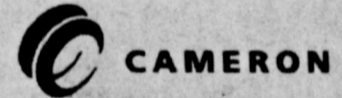
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Perspectives

New laws threaten Lone Star reputation

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DALLAS GRANT

I've always been proud to claim my Texas heritage, especially when out of state.

I was traveling in Europe last summer with a fellow Texan when we ran into a couple of limeys. They were flabbergasted at the events we partake in on a daily basis here in Texas. They listened in awe as we supplied the shocking details.

"Do you own a gun?" one of them asked. "Hell yes, we own guns," my friend said. "I own three. I keep two in the house and one in my car."

Needless to say the limeys were shocked. They couldn't believe the barbarity with which we conduct ourselves here in Texas. They may have been shocked, but I was proud. I couldn't stop grinning as we explained how we used to execute people with "Old Sparky." Then we went on to tell them about road trips, drinking to excess, and how everything is bigger in Texas. I'm not quite sure they got that one. They just smiled nervously.

Well, if I took that trip today, I might find it a little harder to brag about our state. A few select laws went into effect at the beginning of September, making Texas a little less cool and a little less crazy.

Of course, these new laws will make Texas safer, but then again, who really cares? How are we going to maintain our status with silly laws about who can and can't ride in the back of a truck? Gone are the days of riding in the back of your dad's truck, wind in the hair, bugs in the teeth, and the occasional spray of tobacco spit from Dad's window.

Well, there are exceptions. If your family only owns one vehicle, and it's a truck, you can throw as many people in the back as you please. If you're a farm worker, on a hayride, or in a parade, you won't be bothered. What a relief...

Another blow to our manhood, I mean statehood, is the new open container law. That's right, no more beer in the car. This right, in

particular, was one of our very last strong holds in state law. Most sissy states had already succumbed to the pressures of the federal government. Not Texas though, not until now. It's safe to say they've toppled a giant.

The largest impact of the new open container law will be seen on roadtrips. That's right. No more truckin' to the coast, everyone blitzed, trying to beat last year's land speed record.

It's a sad day, my fellow Texans, when you can't drink on the way

to the football game or the flea market. There is one new law that may have some merit though.

New drivers under the age of eighteen will no longer be allowed to drive between the hours of 12 a.m. and 5 a.m. during the first six months after obtaining their license.

It sounds like a good idea. We all know it takes a couple of years to really learn how to drive. I sure don't want some pre-pubescent teenager

babbling on the phone driving at all hours of the night. It's like my mama always said, "Nothing good happens after midnight, so you be home at 12." Well Mama was right, at least for kids under the age of eighteen.

While our new laws will save lives, we have to ask ourselves a question. Are we willing to die or become seriously injured for our state? I say, hell yes. We have a macho image to protect here. We can't just bend every time Washington squeezes us. We're not just some pantywaist state who kisses Washington's collective ass. We're Texas.

We're better than that. So next time someone asks you about our crazy laws down in Texas, LIE! For heaven's sake, make something up! Tell them how guys still challenge each other to duels and women conceal their handguns under their dresses. Tell them how you ride your horse to school. We cannot let our legend fade; we must not let it fade. God bless Texas.

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FRANK VACULIN/Staff Cartoonist

America, Mexico should meet in the middle as immigration issues continue

COLUMN



KATIE HARRIS

Immigration has become a complex issue over the past few decades. Immigration has had an important role in building America. The mass immigration America has experienced is responsible for collecting the ideas and beliefs which have shaped a nation. These ideas created the diverse culture, the technology, the arts and many other things, which have formed America. Above all, these ideas have formed the American dream.

The concept of freedom, whether religious, political or economic, was what brought many immigrants to America over the years. Today, America still promises that freedom, yet domestic problems and social strains have caused America to restrict its borders.

Last week Mexican President Vicente Fox met with President Bush to discuss an amnesty program for illegal aliens working in the United States. Both men seem to have different agendas. Fox wants to strengthen NAFTA by not only trading goods, but workers as well. President Bush, on the other hand, has been criticized for using amnesty talks to court Hispanic voters.

This is not the first time the issue of amnesty for illegal alien workers has been addressed. In 1986, Congress passed the Immigration Reform and Control Act that provided a blanket

amnesty directed at migrant workers in California. The act allowed almost 3 million illegal aliens to gain legal resident status.

The act, however, did not decrease illegal immigration nor did it allow Mexico to become stronger economically. The amnesty program being discussed today by these two leaders could possibly meet the same fate. Fox wants to create a better Mexico, but he wants the support of the United States. Mexico wants to become economically stronger, but does it need America to lean on?

It seems that before America can help another country it needs to be able to care for itself. America is not immune to poverty. The high number of people in need of support strains government programs, as well as private organizations, which give assistance to lower-income citizens. Our taxes pay for these programs and it does not seem fair that assistance goes to non-citizens who, many times, do not pay taxes.

The economic downturn of the past two years has caused the unemployment rate of the United States to be vulnerable to an increase. It seems that we should keep American jobs open to Americans, first and foremost.

On the other hand, we have to look at why America has such a high number of illegal immigrants. Though it experiences ups and downs, the economic stability of America is no comparison to a country like Mexico. A wage like \$5.50 an hour may

seem appalling to United States, but to a worker who is accustomed to only \$5.50 a day, working in the United States is a great opportunity. Often, workers from Mexico take the jobs Americans do not want. Jobs that in our eyes do not offer high enough wages or benefits.

One answer to this complex issue is not to give amnesty to all illegal aliens living and working in the United States today. A program needs to be implemented to make the process of working in the United States a more personal one.

In San Luis Potosi, Mexico, a program screens applicants, chooses able men who want to work, and helps them obtain temporary visas to work in the United States. Though there are millions who want to work in the United States, a program such as this could

prove to be successful even if only a small percentage receives help.

If Mexico can improve its economy, the United States will benefit as well. Illegal immigration will decrease and North America, as a whole, will become stronger. Past amnesty programs have failed to do both. Mexico, however, has a new leader and a new outlook for the future. If Mexico is talking seriously to the United States about solving the issue of illegal immigration, America should be willing to meet them in the middle.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cooperation will help keep great new event

To the editor: Congratulations, student body! RaiderGate tailgating before the game was a great success and fun for all who attended. I would like to take the time to thank all of those involved in making the student tailgate section a reality. I would also like to take the time to thank those few students who helped myself and some friends of mine clean a disgrace of a mess that was left by some of our fellow students.

Our student body did an excellent job of keeping the grounds relatively clean except for one group of people. The group of individuals under the Phi Delta Theta flag left their parking area in shambles. It was disgusting. Not only did they leave broken glass, cans, and boxes in the area, but also left half eaten food and other waste that some of us couldn't even identify. I think RaiderGate is one of the best things our student body has put together in a long time. I do not want to lose it because of the disrespect of a few students. I have friends who are Phi Deltas and I am not trying to lay blame to the whole group of men, but I am saying that what was left on that parking lot is not acceptable. We all want to have fun and support our team. The goal of RaiderGate is to enhance that experience. Let's show our school and football team the respect it deserves by simply cleaning up after ourselves and keeping our campus beautiful. I look forward to seeing everyone out at the next RaiderGate. Go Tech!

Tim Wright graduate student, business administration

Cartoonist blind to Hub City's highlights

To the editor: The best part of my school day is reading *The UD*, especially the opinions page. Today, however, the opinions page totally ruined my day, and I have cartoonist Andrew Nelson to thank for that. His cartoon (*UD*, 09-07-01) blasted Lubbock in the most tactless and rude manner possible.

Normally, I would just attribute such a cartoon to a less-than-intelligent blowhard, but today just isn't your day, Andrew. I'll start out by listing off some of the positive things about Lubbock. This city has an active nightlife, with numerous bars and clubs to patronize. Every year Lubbock attracts great musicians that provide something for everyone. The people of this town have had the opportunity to hear all kinds of musicians, from the Dixie Chicks to Elton John.

Lubbock has the cutting edge in medical technology, thanks to Texas Tech researchers. I should know because it was those researchers and their technology that saved my roommate's life last year. This city also has theater productions, art shows, two great cinemas, a huge mall and much, much more.

For those of you reading, if you think I have forgotten to mention Texas Tech itself, I'll do that now. Tech is a first-rate school with first-rate faculty and staff. The campus and the services provided are excellent. Sure, there are occasional glitches in the system, but I would challenge anyone to provide me with the name of a university where everything runs perfectly all of the time.

I will sum this up with a couple of words for my favorite cartoonist. I was born and raised in West Texas. I am proud of Lubbock and Texas Tech. I doubt anybody begged you to come here. That was your choice. Either put up and shut up or get out.

Zach McCammond senior, political science

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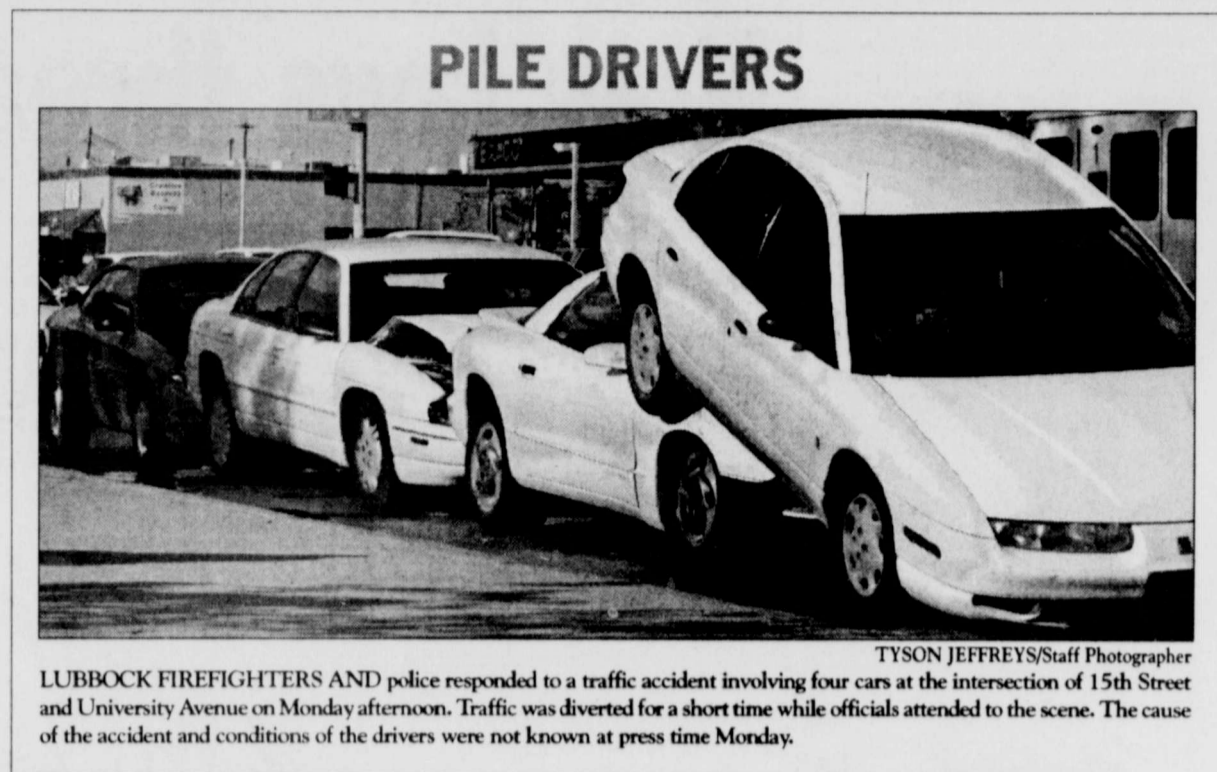
"Jerry's given this as a challenge to everyone else to donate to the school," McInnes said.

McInnes said between \$300,000 and \$500,000 of the contribution from Rawls, which will be freed up in February, will fund both graduate and undergraduate scholarships within the school annually. McInnes has scheduled a gala celebration for February to celebrate the donation.

"I want to be in a position to graduate really top-flight men and women who are really comfortable and well-equipped to become successful members of the business world," he said. "I want to have global students and global graduates who are comfortable no matter where they are."

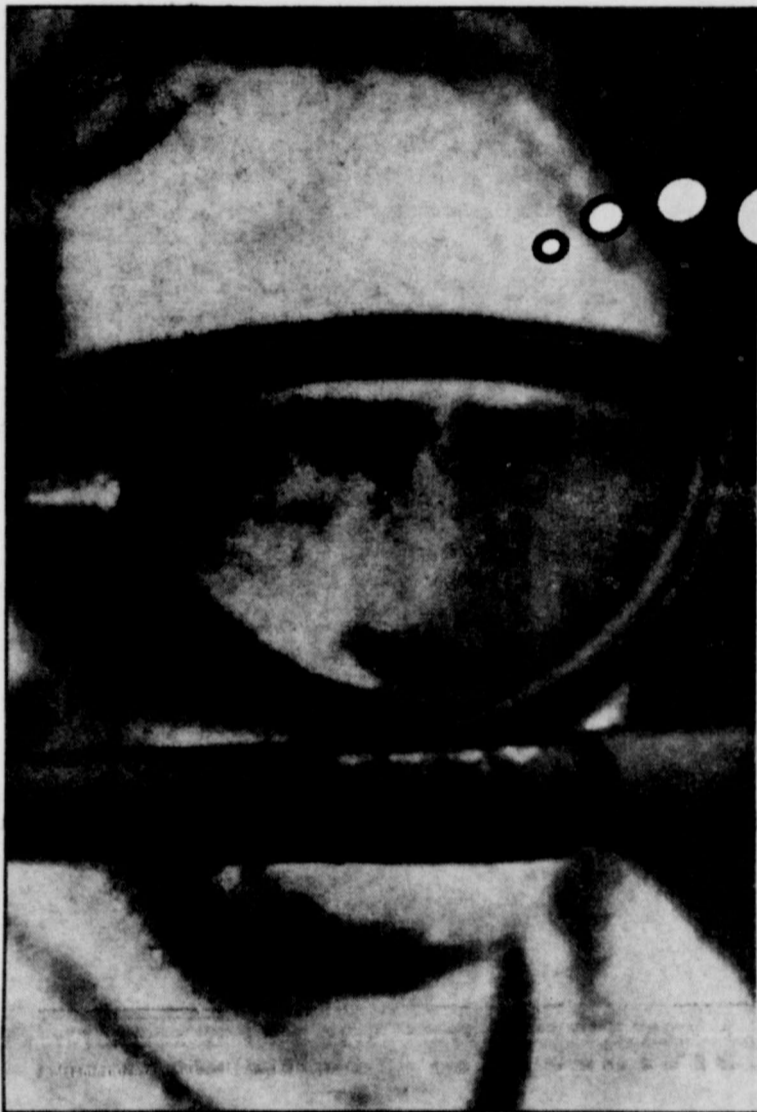
McInnes said he will spend time this year visiting other business schools as part of the \$325,000 allocated by Tech's Board of Regents planning budget to build a new business facility.

"We have to build this outreach and we have to get people interested and



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LUBBOCK FIREFIGHTERS AND police responded to a traffic accident involving four cars at the intersection of 15th Street and University Avenue on Monday afternoon. Traffic was diverted for a short time while officials attended to the scene. The cause of the accident and conditions of the drivers were not known at press time Monday.

knowledgeable about Texas Tech," he said. "You open *The Dallas Morning News* and there's always something from UT and A&M, and I want Tech to be known around the state for the things we are doing around here."



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Coalition

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more," he said.

John Turnbow, chairman of the coalition, said the petition is not about smoking. He said it's about public freedom.

"The recently passed ordinance was an unwarranted action," he said.

Turnbow said the market forces will determine smoking restrictions, and res-

taurant owners will meet the demand of the public and the market.

"Restaurant owners are in the best position to decide what is best for their business and their lives," he said. "The ordinance is just an example of government intrusion on personal lives and businesses."

City Councilman David Nelson said the petition has to have specific language as to what issues the Libertarians want to change.

"The petition must have a certain number of names," he said. "Each

person's name must be accompanied by his or her voter registration number and there must be a witness to every signature."

Nelson said he did not anticipate something like the petition happening and pointed out that it hasn't happened yet, noting that there have been attempts in the past to repeal ordinances, but few make it to referendum.

In the event that the petition does make it to the City Council, Nelson said, council members then will decide whether to take action on what the pe-

tion says.

"In order for us to even consider taking action, they must get the required amount of signatures in the form that is compliant with the law," Nelson said.

If the Council decides not to take action, he said, the issue will be placed on a ballot.

"If the citizens vote for the petition on the smoking ordinance, we will have to comply with what the petition says," Nelson said.

Tech Campus Libertarians will be

taking part in the petition drive.

"We do intend to support the repeal effort," Campus Libertarians spokesperson Greg Fisher said.

The campus group plans to hold a rally on campus to give students the opportunity to sign the petition, he said, and at the same time, register to vote in Lubbock County.

"Students can't take part in a lot of

issues that affect the campus because they are not registered to vote in Lubbock or not registered at all," he said. "I urge all students to register to vote in Lubbock and to vote for freedom."

Petitions will be available at White-wood Bowling Lanes at 3632 50th St., AMF Classic Lanes at 3006 Slide Rd., and Brunswick South Plains Bowl 5150 69th St., beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday.

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By getting students to vote, Benham said, he hopes students will be able not only to voice their opinions and concerns about this issue, but also stake their political as well as economic stance in the Lubbock community.

"We want people to register and to care about why they register," he said. "Eventually, we would like this to have a permanent, lasting effect on the Tech campus."

Benham said his committee is laying the groundwork to establish locations where students can register to vote on campus.

"We are looking into deputizing students to register students," he said. "We

are then hoping to have a traveling voter registration booth that could be set up in the Business Administration building or in the English building."

Harrison said that getting students to vote would help his and his roommates' cause because they want to create a new petition concerning the ordinance. He said that would make it possible for the issue to be decided by Lubbock voters in a referendum.

"We're just four people," he said. "We can't get this changed by ourselves."

In the meantime, Internal Vice President Kelli Stumbo said, the Student Senate is going to remain involved in the issue.

Last Thursday, the Senate passed a resolution in support of the formation of a task force to look into this issue. This week, she said, the Senate plans to send registered letters containing the resolution to every member of the City Council.

"We want to register every copy of the legislation so that each Council

member has to sign that they have received it," she said. "That way, none of them can say they never received the letter."

Benham said the fact the resolution was passed unanimously says a lot about the support this issue has on campus.

"This really shows that Tech is united on this issue," he said. "I also can't remember a time when there was an issue that was this talked about around campus."

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Jury to decide if Yates is competent to stand trial

HOUSTON (AP) — Andrea Yates' ability to assist her attorney in her defense and to rationally and factually understand the case against her could be fragile and change no matter what a jury determines this week, legal experts say.

Jurors were being picked beginning Tuesday to hear evidence if the Houston mother, accused of drowning her five children in the family's bathtub in June, is fit to stand trial.

Yates, 37, is accused of two counts of capital murder for the deaths of three of her five children.

When testimony likely begins Wednesday, the jury won't consider Yates' innocence or guilt but if she can understand the case against her and consult with her attorneys about it, said Daniel Shuman, a law professor at Southern Methodist University.

If Yates is found competent to stand trial, another jury will determine her degree of responsibility and whether she was insane at the time of the killings.

And if jurors seated this week find Yates incompetent, they'll also have to determine the likelihood she will regain competence.

"If the jury finds her incompetent, what that means is that the state is con-

stitutionally barred from proceeding with the criminal prosecution until she becomes competent," Brian Serr, a Baylor University Law School professor, said.

If found incompetent, the state can commit Yates to a mental institution for 18 months to try and get her competent, Serr said.

Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal has said his office will pursue the death penalty against Yates.

Her defense attorneys, contending she is innocent by reason of insanity, have submitted to the court hundreds of pages of medical records detailing Yates' treatment for depression, postpartum depression and showing two suicide attempts after the birth of her fourth child.

The records show Yates wanted to kill herself to keep from hurting someone else. She told doctors she had her first homicidal thought after the birth of her first child, but "blew it off."

Dick DeGeurin, a Houston criminal defense attorney, criticized Rosenthal's office for being "shameless" in its prosecution of Yates since police officers arrived June 20 to find four of the children's lifeless bodies still wet under a sheet on a bed. The oldest was dead in the bathtub.

DeGeurin defended Juana Leija, a Houston woman accused of throwing five of her seven children into Buffalo Bayou in 1986. Two of the children died, two were rescued and the fifth suffered brain damage.

Leija received 10 years deferred adjudication in a plea agreement after DeGeurin was able to show a history of mental illness and abuse by Leija's husband. He said a similar defense ultimately may develop in Yates' case.

DeGeurin's client never had a competency hearing, however, because "everybody agreed that she needed care and psychiatric treatment."

Rosenthal could not respond. Like all parties involved in the case, he is under a gag order imposed by State District Judge Belinda Hill.

A competency evaluation ordered by Hill found Yates competent to stand trial.

Her defense attorneys disagree. In July, they said she remained in "a psychotic state."

A person's competence can resemble a roller coaster ride, SMU's Shuman said.

"A finding that she was competent on Day 1 says nothing about her competence on Day 10," the professor said.

"That's the important question. Can she

assist her attorney at this point in time? It doesn't matter whether she could a month ago."

Family members have said recently that Yates, held at a Harris County Jail psychiatric unit where she is being treated by mental health specialists, is coherent and talking more.

Yates' mother, three brothers and a sister all have been subpoenaed for the competency hearing. So have Yates' husband, Russell, and his mother and brother.

Serr said it is rare but not unprecedented for a defendant to be declared competent to stand trial and then deteriorate.

"You can be competent at the beginning of your trial and you can become incompetent in the middle of your trial," he said. "I don't think it's a perfect science that a certain type of treatment, if taken, is going to work."

University of Texas law professor George Dix says it doesn't take much for a defendant to be declared competent to stand trial.

"If they can understand the functions of the various individuals in the trial process, we determine they can understand the proceedings," he said.

D.C. beginning missing child alert system named after Arlington kidnapping victim

WASHINGTON (AP) — The next time a child is abducted in or around the nation's capital, radio listeners and television viewers might be among the first to know.

DC AMBER Plan, an emergency notification plan credited with helping to recover 16 abducted children nationwide, was inaugurated in the Washington region Monday.

Two television stations and 13 radio stations have committed to airing alert tones, followed by descriptions of the missing children, their suspected abductors and other pertinent details. The Associated Press will send the text of the alert.

"Police need help in the critical one to three hours following an abduction," said Col. J. Thomas Manger, police chief of Fairfax County, Va. Citing Department of Justice figures on child abductions ending in homicide, Manger said 44 percent are killed in the first hour.

That number jumps to 91 percent after 24 hours.

About 750,000 children were reported missing last year, but most were located not long after police were notified.

"In these types of cases, there is no time to waste," said Ernest E. Allen, president of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which hopes to develop AMBER Alert networks nationwide.

The AMBER Plan is named after Amber Hagerman, 9, who was abducted and killed in Arlington, Texas in 1996. AMBER also stands for America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response.

The 35 local, state and federal police agencies that have endorsed the plan's use in the Washington area will only activate it in cases involving children age 14 or under.

"It's the perfect way to do this," Jim Farley, WTOP Radio's Vice President of News and Programming.

Teen in custody after chase kills Fort Worth man

FORT WORTH (AP) — A teenager was in police custody Monday, a day after he allegedly stole a van from a Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation facility and led police on a high-speed chase that ended in a fatal crash.

The 15-year-old, whose name was not made public, was released from the hospital Monday.

He was being held in a Tarrant County juvenile detention center and faced charges of delinquent conduct of murder, said Lt. Alvin Alcon of the Fort Worth Police Department.

Enrique Cordova, 35, died Sunday when his car collided with the van, which ran through a red light after eluding police on a 15-minute chase, authorities said.

Cordova was en route to his teenage daughter's soccer game.

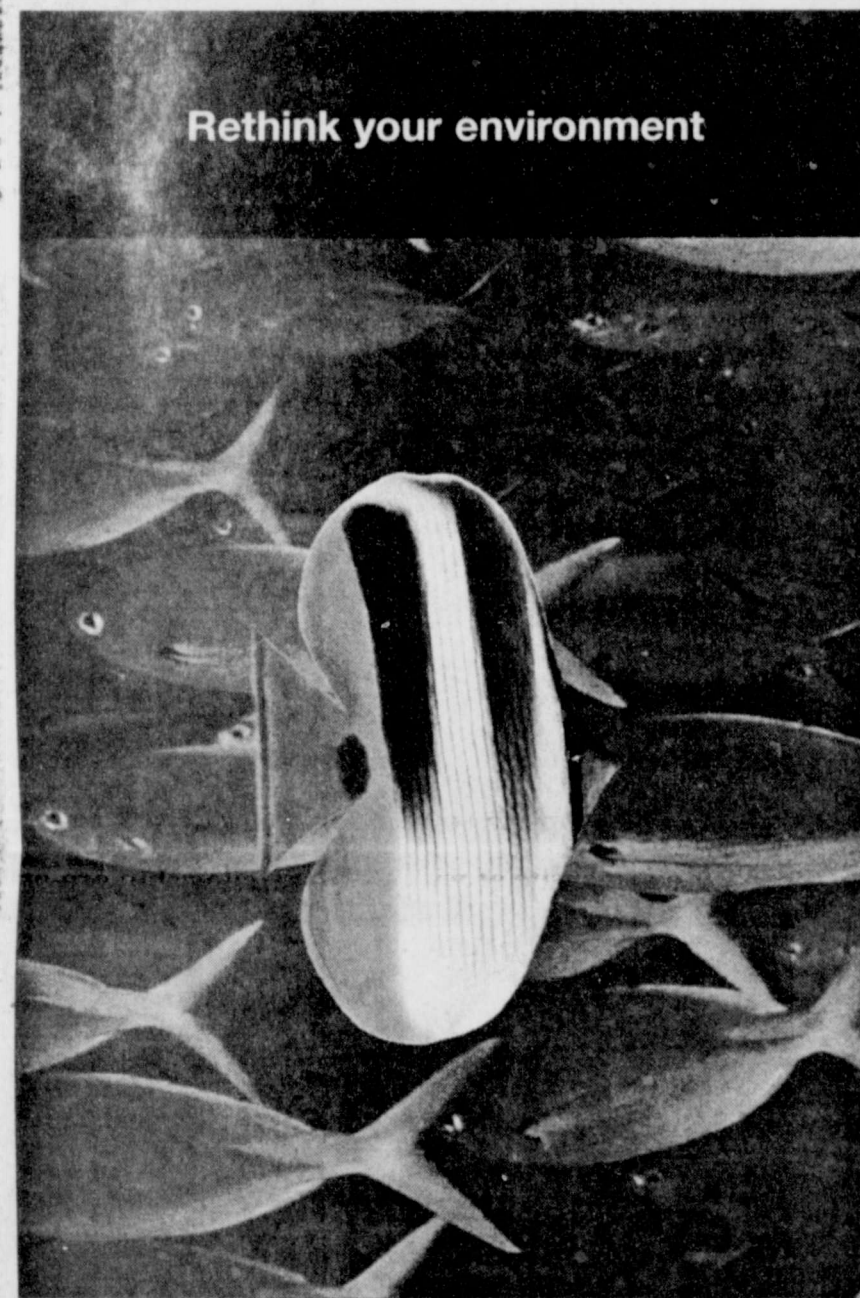
A motorist who saw part of the chase estimated the van was traveling faster than 100 mph.

An initial probe showed that officers were going about 70 mph and followed all police procedures regarding chases, Alcon said.

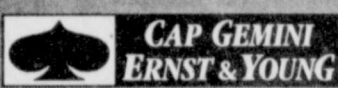
Alcon said he did not know how long the boy had been a patient at the MHMR facility but that the teen may have been there due to drug problems.

Shelley Buttgen, a spokeswoman for MHMR of Tarrant County, said Sunday that the agency has started an internal investigation.

On the advice of legal counsel, Buttgen declined to discuss accident details, the teen's case history or how he might have obtained the van's keys.



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Theater accepting scripts

By Trent Johnson/Staff Reporter

Students interested in bringing their written scripts to the stage may submit their scripts for "Raider Red's One-Act Play Spectacular," presented by the Texas Tech University Theatre.

Any student, full-time employee or spouse of a full-time employee is eligible for script submissions.

"This gives students an opportunity to show their work," Texas Tech Theatre Audience Relations Specialist Richard Privitt said. "We have playwright classes so this gives those students a chance to show what they've learned."

Scripts must be completely original and produced by the playwright. Musicals and children's plays will not be allowed for submission and scripts should be written to be produced on stage, he said.

Children's plays are not allowed for submission because they are difficult to cast, and musicals are not allowed because they hard to produce and very costly for the department, Privitt said.

The production process is scheduled for February through April 2002, and playwrights must be able to actively participate in the process at those times.

Scripts must be typed in standard play script format, and scripts with playing times between five and 15 minutes are recommended for submission. The length of the script must not go over 30 pages. The scripts can include any number of cast members, as the producer and director will be casting the shows, not the writer, Privitt said.

"There are producers and directors for the plays," Privitt said. "The directors cast the plays and work with the writers in the short time period that they have."

Now in its fifth year of production, the event allows designers, directors, actors, playwrights and other theatre professionals the opportunity to bring a brand new script to the stage. There is a chance that writers who get their script selected could be asked to work with the theatre department in the future, Privitt said.

Changes for this year's event includes a selection panel of both community and university members, and a blind selection process for scripts.

The department does not have a certain number of scripts that it will decide to produce, Privitt said. Final play selection will be announced at the end of October and the deadline for script submissions is Sept. 21.

Entry forms and complete submission requirements are available from the Department of Theatre and Dance in the Maedgen Theatre Building.

The Saddle Tramps give their first guns up

A recent donation returns the original guns and holsters to Tech's Southwest Collection

By Whitney Wyatt/Staff Reporter

The Saddle Tramps donated Raider Red's original holster and guns to Texas Tech's Southwest Collection at 1 p.m. Monday.

Rick Dennis, the president of Saddle Tramps, said the organization bought the original holster and guns in mid-August from a woman who had purchased them at a firearms auction in Houston.

"When this opportunity was presented to us we thought it would be in the best interest of the Saddle Tramps and Texas Tech to obtain the original holster and guns," he said. "It's Tech's history. It's Tech's tradition. We thought it would be more appropriate to keep them at Tech."

The Saddle Tramps, who paid \$450 for the original holster and guns, decided to donate them to the Southwest Collection so they would not be lost or misplaced again, Dennis said.

"We gave (the original holster and guns) to the Southwest Collection so Tech would have them forever," he said. "I encourage all students to come look at the original holster and guns so they can better understand the tradition of Raider Red."

Lynn Whitfield, university archivist, said the donation of Raider Red's original holster and guns is a wonderful addition to the Southwest Collection.

Students wanting to view the original holster and guns may go to the reading room in the Southwest Collection and ask for Whitfield.

"A future exhibit will possibly take place in the UC to celebrate the Saddle Tramp tradition of Texas Tech," Whitfield said.

The plans would move them to a case in the University Center during Homecoming, which is the first week of October, she said. This would provide the chance for more Tech students to view the exhibit.

The brown leather holster and black guns, which have a Double-T painted on each red handle, are taped up and worn, Dennis said. They were first used in 1971, when the tradition of Raider Red was born.

Raider Red, who is a member of the Saddle Tramps, is a Tech tradition that keeps his identity a secret to Tech and the public, Dennis said.

"(The Saddle Tramps) is a spirit service organization at Tech," Dennis said. "Established in 1936, we are the oldest on-campus organization at Tech. Our purpose is to uphold the traditions and

further the spirit of Tech."

Before each home football game, the Saddle Tramps wrap the Will Rogers statue, he said, which is one of the oldest traditions of Tech. Each year more than 150 miles of streamers are used to decorate the statue, as well as the light poles and band towers.

Dennis said the role of the Saddle Tramps at football games is to form the bell circle, which welcomes the football team onto the field. Other duties of the Saddle Tramps include providing a field safety team for the Masked Rider and shooting the T-shirt cannon, as well as helping with the recruitment of future Raider Red.

For the past three years, the Saddle Tramps have sold "Wreck 'Em Tech" T-shirts for Tech students to wear to the football games. Dennis said with the help of the President's Office, the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and Advanced Graphics Printing Company, the Saddle Tramps will pass out 1,500 free "Wreck 'Em Tech" T-shirts at the home football games this year.

"Our goal is to get all students to wear red to the games," he said.



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer
SADDLE TRAMP PRESIDENT Rick Dennis, a senior marketing major from Roundrock, signed the paperwork that officially donated the first guns used by Raider Red to Lynn Whitfield, the university's archivist. Students may view the recent additions in the reading room of the Southwest Collection and ask for Whitfield.

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From ASP to WML, new Webster's Dictionary adds high-tech entries

NEW YORK (AP) — To the crossword puzzle aficionado, "asp" is the snake that did in Cleopatra. Now, in the 2001 edition of Random House Webster's College Dictionary, comes ASP, meaning "Application Service Provider."

At the other end of the list of more than 100 new entries in Webster's is WML, or "Wireless Markup Language." Whatever happened to sparkling, creative, imaginative language?

Well, the answer may lie in such new gems as "bazillion" meaning a very large, indeterminate number; "big-box," a large store; and "hottie," for a sexually attractive person.

"Fractious food" is good for your health. A "push-poll" is not a toy but a

telephone survey that actually spreads negative political advertising. "Speech" is now "any public form of expression," including "visual depictions." Whether it's "free speech," of course, is for the courts to decide.

Wendalyn Nichols, editorial director of Random House's reference unit, said about half of the new words in the recently published 2001 edition of the dictionary have something to do with the techno-revolution, cyberspace and computer science.

"Dot-commer," one who works for a dot-com, made the list just as that species appears to be heading for extinction. "Identity theft" now defines the shock you experience upon learning someone else is using your credit cards.

How is a word chosen at Random, so to speak?

"We have a large collection of words that we are tracking," Nichols said. "Whenever we come across a new term or meaning, we put it into the database. All year long we look at this pool of words and evaluate them for inclusion. By searching our files, on-line databases and the Internet, we can determine how often words are used, their range of uses and even variant spellings."

To decide whether it goes into the next edition, she said, "We ask ourselves, 'How long has a word been used? Is it widespread enough to make it common in the general language?'"

Some words are kept on hold until they're ready for prime time, Nichols

said. A current example of a word in limbo is "himbo," meaning "male bimbo."

"We all really like the word," she said. "In a sense, we're rooting for its use to become more widespread so we can include it. But it just isn't making any headway."

This may be because it "smacks of a coinage," rather than of a natural origin, she said.

A college dictionary is an evolving publication, which means some words disappear as quickly as they appear. One example cited by Nichols is "macarena," the name of a 1997 dance craze that endured only a little longer than the fad itself.

By contrast, "tango" will be in the

dictionary as long as there are two Argentines to rub together.

While "yada-yada-yada" has faded from conversation, it's still in the dictionary — the reason being that it didn't start with Jerry Seinfeld but has been part of the language since 1940.

The Random House Webster's College Dictionary has increased by about 20,000 definitions over the past decade. Part of that was due to a large, one-time addition of words from the Random House database in 1996. But Nichols also cites "definition creep," a slow-growth process that sees 100 to 300 words added and only two to three taken out each year.

Acronyms, especially those drawn from "IT," or information technology, pop up with amazing speed, Nichols said.

"They come out of nowhere and suddenly they're everywhere."

Among the latest arrivals in this abbreviated new world: DSL, for "digital subscriber line," HDTP, for "handheld device transfer/transport protocol," WAP, for "wireless application protocol," and B2B, for "business-to-business."

Other new entries from the computer field include "cybersquatting," the registering of Internet domain names to be sold for profit; "streaming," a technology for transferring data; and "vortal," a Web portal relating to a certain business or industry.

Such creations should bring almost any reader to the last word. In this dictionary, it's still "ZZZ," the "sound of a person snoring."

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'Hardball' has a soft heart but heavy hand

(AP) "Hardball" is a two-hankie sports soap opera, but don't hold that against it. With surprising melodrama, the film packs some powerful emotional swings that will hearten the toughest of jeering crowds.

The title sounds severe for a film about a coach-and-out gambler goaded into downing a youth baseball team. After all, isn't this going to be one of those touchy-feely, cutely comic family flicks about a loser who finds direction in his life as mentor to a misfit bunch of inner-city kids?

The thing is, Keanu Reeves and director Brian Robbins are playing hardball here. This is not "The Bad News Bears" in the ghetto or "The Mighty Ducks" on the diamond.

"Hardball" has lighter moments and loads of sentiment, but that's all neatly stitched into a package of somber grittiness, bitter life lessons and teary tragedy.

The combination shouldn't work, but it does. "Hardball" blends its seemingly disparate elements into a coherent film that's entertaining, funny, sad and even a bit uplifting and inspirational.

The movie was inspired by Daniel Coyle's book about his time coaching a baseball team in Chicago's housing projects. Reeves plays Conor O'Neill, a chump who scalps tickets to finance his real occupation: Losing heaps of money on sports bets.

Early on, "Hardball" establishes a dark, hopeless tone as Conor spirals further into debt.

"You looking for faith? Forgiveness?" asks a priest who encounters Conor in deep prayer at a church.

"I'm looking for the Bulls to cover the spread," Conor replies in quiet desperation.

In deep to bookies threatening to rearrange his anatomy, Conor turns for cash to his old pal Jimmy, an investment banker. Jimmy (Mike McGlone) helps out with a weekly check as long as Conor takes over his coaching chores for a boy's baseball team in the projects.

"Jimmy, I ain't no good with kids," Conor pleads.

But the kids — and the audience — know better.

Conor reluctantly sets out to mold his little band of Sammy Sosa wannabes into something resembling a team. The boys, hungry for a father figure, see decency and determination in Conor that he himself doesn't know he possesses.

Slowly, Conor evolves from a bench-warmer in the game of human relations to a man who's at least awaiting his turn in the on-deck circle.

Along the way, "Hardball" trots out cliché after cliché, yet Robbins manages to weave them into a credible whole.

Coach Conor bonds with the boys over pizza. He finds a love interest in the youths' teacher (D.B. Sweeney) whose players are clad in swanky uniforms to Conor's boys' skimpy T-shirts.

And there's nothing terribly original about the mean-street milieu the boys move through.

What is original is how well Robbins combines engaging comic interaction among Conor and his players with stark urban drama. The film holds together nicely even as it twists from despondency to giddy humor to startling calamity and, finally, to uncertain hope.

Generally a better brooder than actor, Reeves delivers one of his best performances, infusing Conor with an effective mix of seedy street hustle and awkward paternalism.

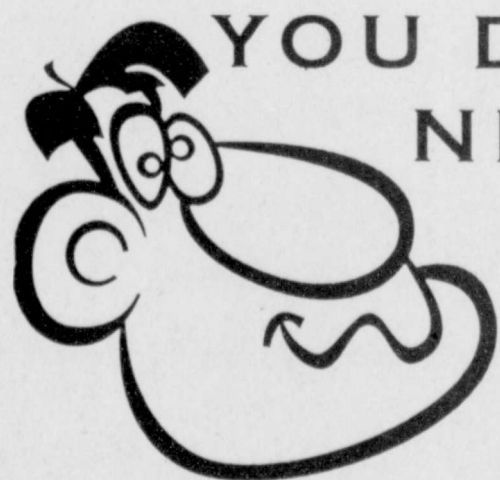
The boys, many of them Chicago natives making their film debuts, are a delightful gaggle whose camaraderie captures the rambunctious team spirit of youths united in a common cause for the first time.

"Hardball," a Paramount release, is rated PG-13 for thematic elements, language and some violence. Running time: 106 minutes.

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McCann sparks team with 108-yard runback

By Phil Riddle/Staff Reporter

It was supposed to be a coronation of returnees to an exciting offensive system and defensive domination. And to a point, it was. But one of the most memorable plays of Texas Tech's 42-30 football win over New Mexico Saturday was made by a true freshman.

Speedster Ivory McCann took a third-quarter kickoff from the Lobos' Wes Zunker eight yards deep in his own end zone, made a quick cut and sliced his way 108 yards for an electrifying touchdown.

Tech head coach Mike Leach said the return was a spark in a game that saw UNM stay closer than most had expected.

McCann, a 170-pound running back from Houston's Forest Brook High School has registered a 46.7 seconds time in the 400 meters. Saturday's touchdown scamper was a goal coming into the season.

"It was my dream to run one back in the first game," he said. "Just to be able to do it, I think I got a lot of respect from everybody. I think they see my talent. Everybody knows about my speed. A lot of people talk about my size. But after I saw (Tampa Bay RB) Warrick Dunn, size doesn't mean anything. And Ricky (Williams), I'm smaller than him, but he's taught me a lot of things."

McCann admitted he was unaware of his position on the field when he fielded the kick in Tech's season opener Saturday.

"What was going through my mind when they kicked me the ball was, 'Oh, yeah, touchdown.' When I caught the ball I didn't much think about how deep I was. I caught the ball, (saw) a big, old hole and hit it hard as I could. I only had one man to beat by the time I got around the 40-yard line. I said, 'Oh, yeah, I got this.' So I crossed the whole way across the field, juke a little bit, got past him and knew I had the touchdown and started getting tired. I got to the end zone after I scored and tried to kneel down to tell the Lord thank you and everybody jumped on me."

Raider quarterback Kliff Kingsbury said the players were ignited by McCann, the return, and the timing of the play.

"All you heard was 'no, no, no,'" Kingsbury said. "Then it was just jubilation from there. We were real excited. He's a great kid and he's a great talent. New Mexico was hanging tough so that was a big turning point for us."

The score moved Tech from a 21-17 advantage to an 11-point lead at 28-17.

What did the coaches think of McCann's choice to return the kick from eight yards deep in the end zone?

"I don't know if I was as much a fan

of the decision as I was the return," Leach said. "I was a fan of the return and the end result. That was impressive, there's no question about it. We give them some leeway on it, but eight yards deep, I don't know."

McCann recalls asking special teams coach Manny Matsakis what his limitations were on deep kicks.

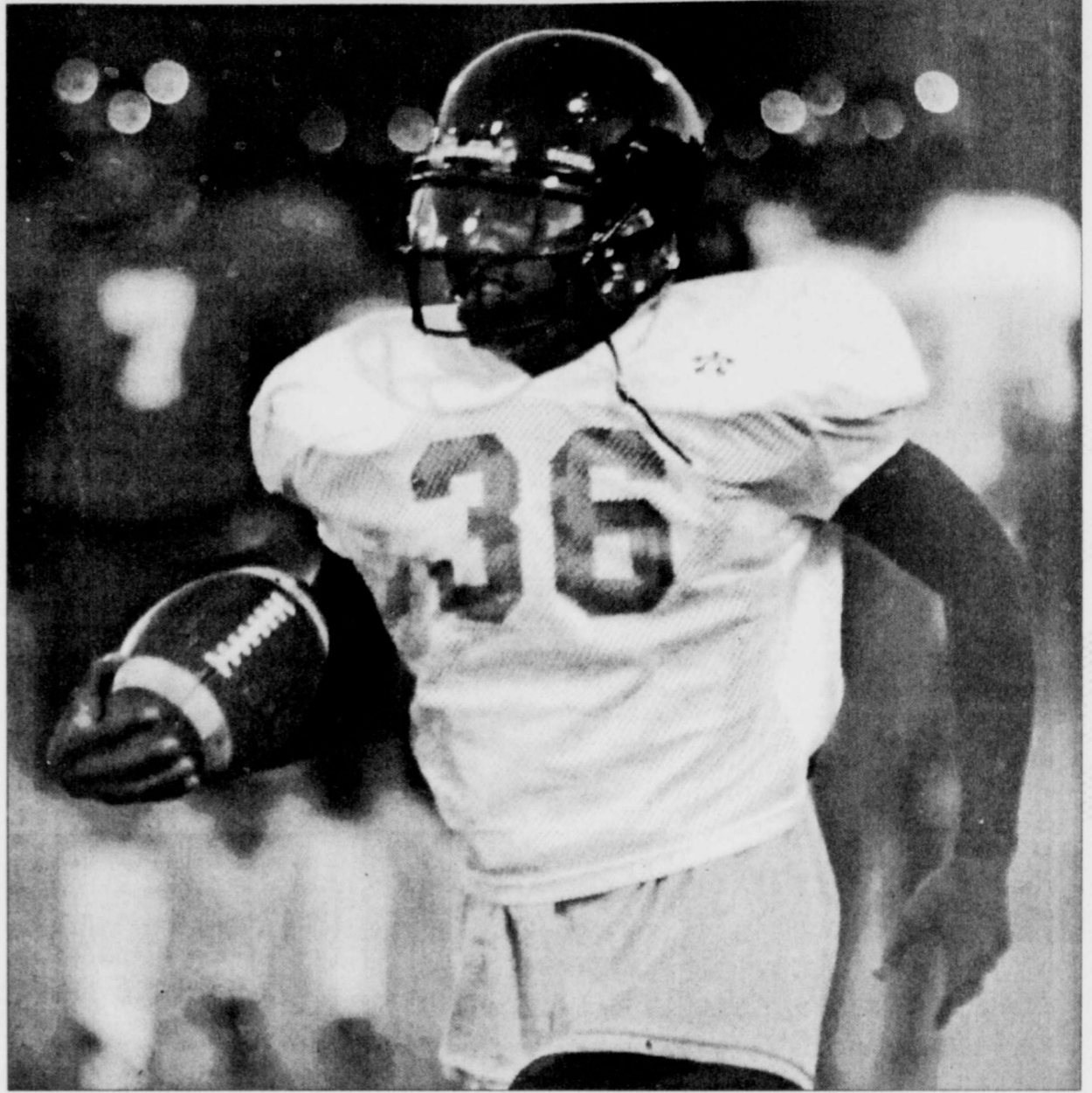
"I remember I asked Coach Matsakis what should I do if it's more than four yards deep," he said.

"He told me to kneel it. I ran the first return and got tackled by one man. So I told him I'd make up for that and make a touchdown on the next one if I got one more chance. I knew I could take it to the house."

"They told me on the sideline that when I caught the ball in the end zone he was saying, 'no, no, no', then when I got out to the 30-yard line he was saying, 'go, go, go.' I didn't see anybody. The hole was big. All that was going through my mind was 'go, take it.' So I took my chance."

Junior linebacker Lawrence Flugence said he had a premonition of McCann's exploits.

"I knew he was going to return it," Flugence said. "I knew for a fact that he was going to return it for a touchdown. I've got the utmost confidence in Ivory McCann. He's a great guy, a great player." And he stole the show.



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

TRUE FRESHMAN IVORY McCann works out at the practice fields Monday night as the squad prepares for Texas-El Paso. The contest is scheduled for Thursday at 9 p.m. in El Paso. The game will be nationally televised on ESPN2.

Lady Raiders ranked in top five in first preseason poll

The Texas Tech women's basketball team received its first preseason ranking of the 2001-02 season by being ranked No. 5 by the Women's Basketball News Service Monday.

The Lady Raiders are one of three Big 12 Conference teams ranked in the top 10 and one of six conference teams in the Top 25.

No. 4 Oklahoma, No. 8 Iowa State,

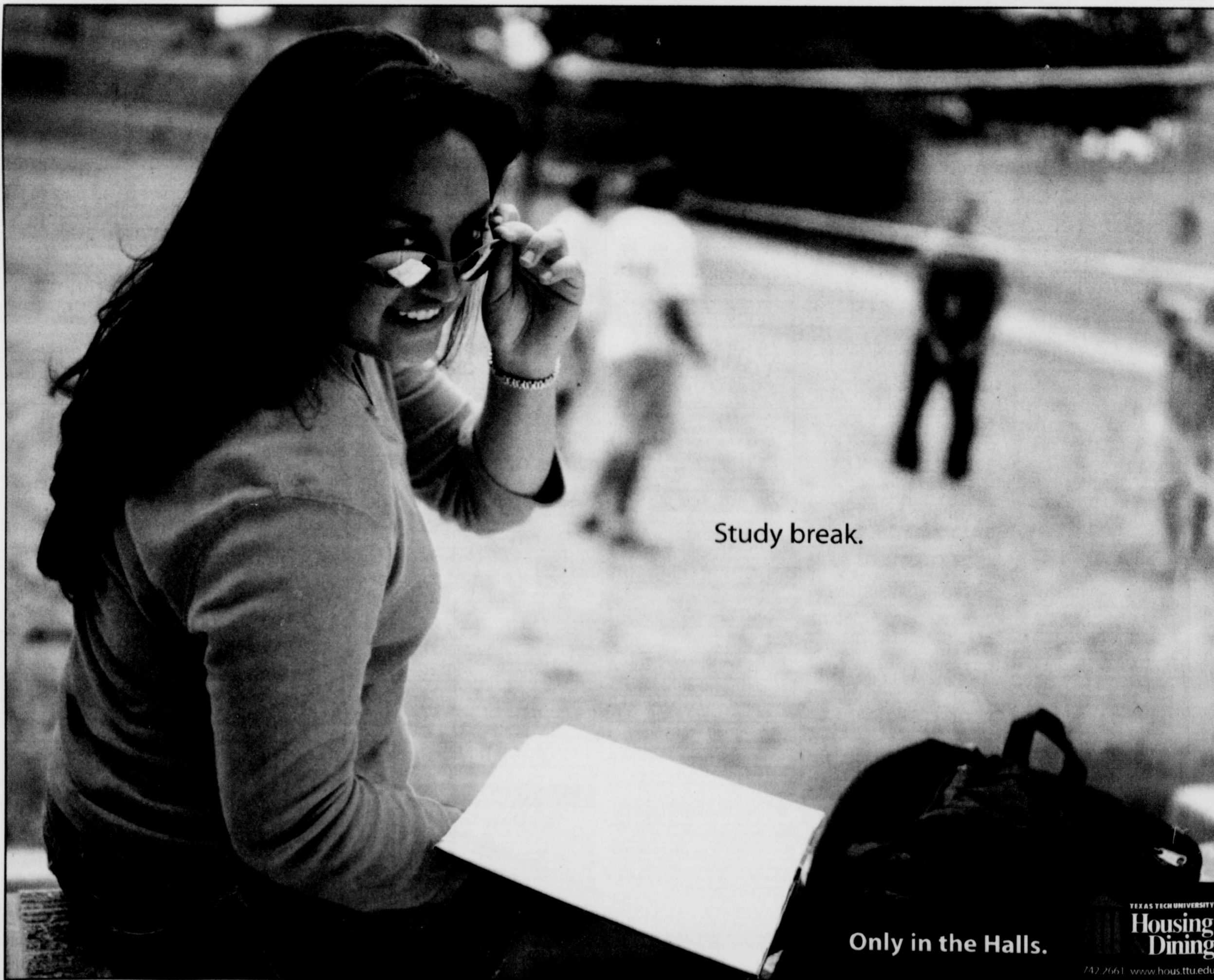
No. 12 Colorado, No. 23 Baylor and No. 24 Texas were among the Big 12 schools in the poll.

Ahead of the Lady Raiders is Connecticut, Vanderbilt, Tennessee and Oklahoma. Eight of Tech's opponents this season are ranked in the top 25, and four schools in the top 10 including season opening opponent Duke, who sits at the No. 9 position.

Also receiving preseason honors was sophomore Jia Perkins and junior Penette Pierson. Perkins was named to the preseason All-America second team, while Pierson was an honorable mention selection.

Tech officially begins the season during its combined midnight practice with the men's squad on Oct. 13 at the United Spirit Arena.

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