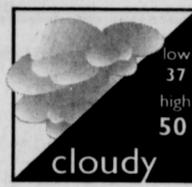


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Registration on hiatus in May

■ New computer system will ease plans

BY GINGER POPE
The University Daily

Texas Tech students will not be able to register during the month of May and only have about two weeks to register early for any summer or fall classes.

All systems used for registration will be closed during the month of May while a new student information system is installed.

Gillian Bailey, project manager for administrative information system, said it will take the month of May to convert all old and current data to the new system known as TechSIS.

The new system, purchased from System Computer Tech in 1996,

should be ready by June, but students will not notice a difference in service immediately.

"The new system won't affect the average student, but over the next year we will phase in phone and internet registration," Bailey said.

Phone and internet access should be available in fall 1999 along with features to access an automated degree audit and an unofficial transcript.

An automated degree audit will



allow students to access the number of classes they have taken and also find out what classes they still need to complete their degree, Bailey said.

"If any students need to register, they need to do it now," she said.

A sample test will be performed on each of the different aspects of the system before it actually is launched, Bailey said.

Don Wickard, acting director of admissions and records, said most students are finished registering by May, making the month more convenient to work in.

"It's usually the leftovers that didn't get registration done before," Wickard said. "This month is easier

for the Financial Aid Office and the Bursar's Office."

Summer sessions retain a lighter load of students, making it easier to test the new system out, he said.

Registration during the fall will be similar to this spring, and students still have to go to their advisers, but this could change, Wickard said.

Some adviser duties could be alleviated if the internet and phone system work properly, but details have not been discussed.

"I can't tell you much more for down the road because we haven't done our testing for computers or phone registration yet," he said.

"But I can say that everyday we make a little progress."

Tech names new vice chancellor

BY DANIEL KERR
The University Daily

The director of the Texas Tech Horizon Campaign now has even more developmental responsibilities at the university.

Ronda Johnson has been appointed Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement which entails managing the central development staff, college development officers and all fund-raising programs at the university and its health-sciences system.



In addition to her new position, she will continue to organize and direct the Horizon Campaign's efforts to raise \$300 million in endowments for Tech.

Chancellor John Montford said Johnson's added duties will not be easy, but she can handle it.

"She has had extensive training in development and fund raising. I'm pleased to have her on the team," Montford said.

"I think Ronda has done an outstanding job in organizing the Horizon Campaign, and I think she is eminently qualified."

Johnson holds a master's degree in business administration from Houston Baptist University and is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE), as well as a graduate of the Executive Management Institute at Case Western University.

Before coming to Tech in 1997, she had served as a consultant for Cargill Associates, a company that oversees university capital campaigns.

Because Johnson will be managing the entire scope of fund-raising operations at Tech, she said her new position is a step up for her career.

"One of the most important levels of expertise for a person in this vice-chancellor position is to have had capital campaign experience," Johnson said. "I've been a professional fundraiser for 22 years."

Johnson has a clear vision for Tech's fund raising operations in the post Horizon Campaign era after 2001.

"The Campaign will come and go, but the fund raising will not — not if we do the proper planning, which I am doing now," she said.

"My goal right now is to put in a five-year strategic plan with an operational plan every year to support that strategic plan.

"The purpose of that is to ensure that the fund raising momentum is not lost once the campaign is over. We don't want everything to all of a sudden fall off."

The added responsibilities of the vice-chancellor position, Johnson said, will make having a strong support staff that much more important.

"(The Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement position) does mean that I have more responsibilities, but I do have a staff in place who are working with me on the (Horizon) campaign," Johnson said. "Plus I have another staff to maintain the other programs. I think the main message is: The Horizon Campaign was the catalyst in getting the fund raising started, but in order for Tech to attain the level of excellence the Chancellor wants it to, fund raising must continue to grow and mature."



Change of Command: Air Force ROTC Lt. Col. Vance Zider presents command to Matt Lillis, a junior design communications major from Garland.

Wes Underwood/The University Daily

Tornadoes kill 4 in Tennessee and Arkansas

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tornadoes tore through Tennessee and Arkansas Thursday, blowing out windows and ripping off roofs in downtown Nashville and splintering mobile homes in rural areas earlier in the day.

Four people, including a little brother and sister, were killed in rural parts of Arkansas and Tennessee.

"People heard it but couldn't see it," Manila, Ark., firefighter Michael White said of the early-morning twister that was cloaked by darkness and sheets of rain. "It passed probably 400 yards from my house. There was so much lightning and rain I didn't see anything."

The earlier storm hit Manila, in northeastern Arkansas about 230 miles west of Nashville, about 3 a.m., killing

Casey Lomax, 3, and Brittany Lomax, 5. Their parents were injured.

An hour later, a tornado spawned by the same storm killed Paul and Peggy Kolwyck in Roellen, Tenn., about 50 miles east of Manila.

Their bodies were found 200 to 250 feet from their trailer home, which was torn apart.

Thursday afternoon another tornado struck Nashville. About 100 people were injured.

Cecil Whaley of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency said most of the injuries were from flying glass and none was believed life-threatening.

Whaley said it appeared a single tornado touched down

east of downtown at about 3:45 p.m. and then skipped across the city for 3 or 4 miles.

Gov. Don Sundquist declared Nashville a disaster area. Several state buildings were damaged, including the Capitol and the James K. Polk office building.

The Tennessee Oilers' football stadium, which is about one-third complete, also was damaged.

"Parts of the stadium were being tossed around like Popsicle sticks. I've never seen anything like it," said Rodney Stanford, who was at a nearby restaurant.

The twisters were part of a series of storms that hit Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee late Wednesday and Thursday.

Prosecutors summon McDougal once more

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Prosecutors have again summoned Susan McDougal before the Whitewater grand jury, possibly setting up another showdown over her refusal to testify, her lawyer said Thursday.

Prosecutors want McDougal — President Clinton's Whitewater business partner — to testify next week, 1 1/2 years after she refused to answer questions about him before the panel, said her lawyer, Mark Geragos of Los Angeles. McDougal recently completed 18 months behind bars on a civil contempt citation stemming from her refusal to testify. She has begun serving a two-year federal prison sentence for her 1996 bank fraud conviction.

James McDougal, her late husband, had cooperated with Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr. Former Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, who recently pleaded guilty to unrelated charges, is cooperating with Starr to avoid prison.

Geragos claimed summoning Susan McDougal was Starr's response to a complaint Geragos lodged Tuesday.

Geragos asked a judge to bar the prosecutor from investigating whether conservatives with whom Starr has ties funneled money to David Hale, who testified against Susan McDougal.

Local politicians push for tax reform

■ Officials support change in system

BY JAMES WALKER
The University Daily

For most Americans, worries about taxes are over for the year. In Washington, D.C., the controversy over taxes still is raging.

Next week in the U.S. House of Representatives, legislators will vote on a proposal to require a two-thirds majority of both houses to raise taxes.

Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Amarillo, is a co-sponsor of the bill, called the Tax Limitation Amendment.

Thornberry said 14 states have similar amendments in their state constitutions, and the idea is to make it more difficult for legislators to raise taxes.

Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, also is pushing for tax reform. He signed on to a bill that would expire the current tax code in 2001, designed

to shorten the process of replacing it with a new system.

Combest has not yet decided what kind of a new system he would support, said Keith Williams, his press secretary.

Two options being considered by Congress are a flat tax and a national sales tax.

The flat tax would create a new income tax with one rate for all income levels. The current tax system provides a higher tax rate for higher-income taxpayers.

A national sales tax would be

added on top of state and local sales taxes on all retail purchases.

Proponents say it would make taxes more visible and eliminate many of the loopholes in the current tax system.

Whatever system Congress decides on, the Internal Revenue Service will be happy to implement it, said Phil Beasley, IRS spokesman for the North Texas district of the IRS.

Although many

people blame the IRS for their tax-time blues, legislators can place the blame for the complicated tax code

on themselves. "Congress writes the tax code, we simply carry it out," Beasley said.

Recent reports that the IRS is targeting low-income taxpayers are false, he said.

Audits are triggered by figures on tax returns that are considered "out of the norm."

Congress recently put pressure on the IRS to stop fraudulent use of the Earned Income Tax Credit, a program that returns more money to some low-income taxpayers than they paid in, Beasley said.

Officials have been looking more closely at those returns, and the result might be more audits of low-income taxpayers.

"There is a lot of fraud," he said. "We're providing an unpopular, but necessary, government service by collecting the revenues."

Strikers settle beef with McDonald's

MACEDONIA, Ohio (AP) — Hold the pickets. Twenty McDonald's workers who went on strike reached a settlement Thursday.

"I'm glad it's over. I can go back to school," said Bryan Drapp, 19, a University of Akron freshman who organized the five-day walkout by mostly teen-age workers.

The agreement ended what was believed to be the first strike against the restaurant in the United States.

Workers said the deal includes human-relations training for managers and the promise to address their complaints that new hires get paid

more than experienced employees.

Drapp decided to walk off the job after a supervisor yelled at an elderly crew member for setting down a trash bag in the wrong place and made her cry. He said it was one of many times that bosses were too harsh with workers.

Sunday, he convinced co-workers

"I'm glad it's over. I can go back to school."

McDonald's worker Bryan Drapp

to walk out with him from the McDonald's 20 miles southeast of Cleveland. As word of the strike spread, local Teamsters lent their support and made the workers associate members.

"It was beautiful," said Dominic Tocco, president of the 1,400-member Teamsters Local 416. "These kids stood up for their

rights. I think we kind of leveled the playing field for them."

McDonald's consultant Dwight Bungo said the company was satisfied with the deal.

"This was an isolated incident," Bungo said.

"The agreement is to our satisfaction and to theirs. It was not one-sided."

The young workers hoped they sent a message to low-paid, fast-food workers everywhere.

"It just shows that if you believe in something you should stand up for it," said Heidi Shaffer, 18.

Fired House historian considers challenging Gingrich

ATLANTA (AP) — The college professor Speaker Newt Gingrich hired and then fired as House historian is planning a lawsuit that could clear the way for her to challenge Gingrich for re-election.

A lawyer for Christina Jeffrey, a Kennesaw State University history professor, notified the state Board of Regents this week that she intends to file suit in federal court challenging the board rule that prohibits university system employees from seeking or holding public office.

If her lawyer can obtain an injunction against the rule, Jeffrey said Thursday, she plans to register by the May 1 deadline as a candidate for Gingrich's 6th District seat.

"I want the way cleared for me to be able to do it and I'm serious about wanting to run," she said.

Jeffrey, a lifelong Republican, said she hasn't decided whether she would



register as a Democrat or Republican. Gingrich has no announced opposition from either party in the July 21 primary.

Gingrich had no comment on Jeffrey's plans.

Gingrich hired Jeffrey for the \$85,000-a-year historian job shortly after he was elected speaker in 1995. He fired her a few days later in the

wake of complaints that her 1986 review of a Holocaust course for the Education Department had criticized it for not presenting Nazi and Ku Klux Klan views.

Jeffrey has maintained that her comments in the review were taken out of context and mischaracterized.

Jeffrey is part of a small group of 6th District Republicans who have become disenchanted with Gingrich since he became speaker in 1995 and have been searching for a candidate to oppose him.

Child Protective Service handling boys' assault case causes questions

DALLAS (AP) — Six times over six years, a West Dallas home was visited by Child Protective Services caseworkers who found bare cupboards and two young brothers living without beds or a stove.

Neighbors say the 7- and 8-year-old boys sometimes got so thirsty they drank urine from soda bottles. Much of the food they got came at school and at an after-school church program

that provides free hot dogs.

Yet all that wasn't enough for CPS to remove the two boys from the custody of their 25-year-old mother.

Then, last week, all the apparent neglect bubbled over into an unthinkable crime. Police say the two boys and an 11-year-old friend took a neighborhood toddler down to a creek, where they beat and sexually assaulted her.

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Women's conference honors Tech artist

BY ANJELA ANAYA
The University Daily

"Celebrating Women's Empowerment" is the theme of Texas Tech's 14th annual All-University Conference on the Advancement of Women in Higher Education.

The two-day conference began Thursday with an Artist's Reception honoring Melody Weiler, art department chairperson and art professor since 1991.

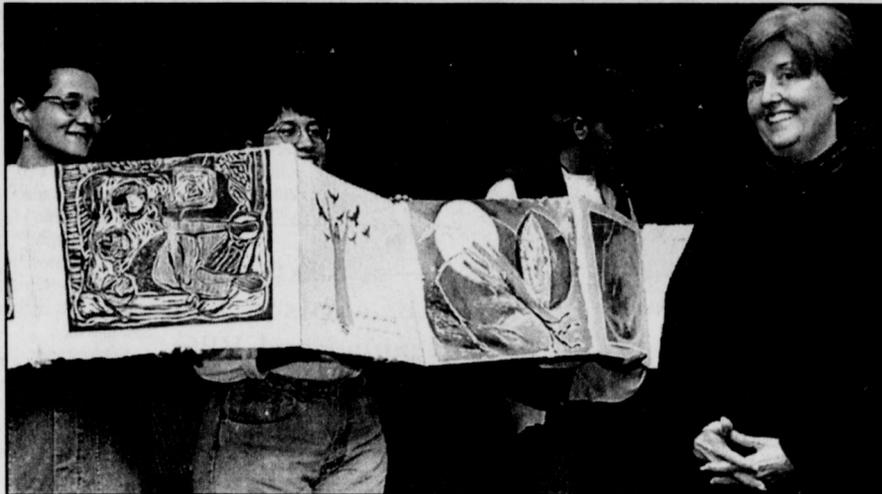
Weiler said the conference is not just for women.

"For me it's not just women, but it's making sure that more are empowered," Weiler said. "It's a way to enable people to find their own voice, reach their own potential and contribute to the greater good."

Weiler said that increasing awareness should include everyone.

"Women and different groups have been excluded in certain circles for so long," Weiler said. "If our whole purpose is to raise awareness then we don't want to be elite."

Karen Keifer-Boyd, Tech art assistant professor, said empow-



Honorable Art: Texas Tech professor Melody Weiler, art department chairperson, receives a symphony of drawings from different artists to honor her during "Celebrating Women's Empowerment" conference Thursday.

erment is taking a new meaning.

"Empowerment is not about empowering oneself," Keifer-Boyd said.

"Empowering others and providing an opportunity for them to grow doesn't diminish your own-self worth."

Gwen Sorell, Tech women's stud-

ies program coordinator, said the conference demonstrates commitment to women's issues.

"It indicates a female interest in women and women's accomplishments, offers support for women's studies programs and indicates the university has an investment in gen-

der equality," Sorell said.

Sorell said gender is an important issue.

"There's nothing in the world has more impact than whether you're male or female," she said.

Marjean Purinton, 1998 conference chairperson, said the conference

celebrates female professors.

"I think it can highlight the strength and diversity of accomplishment that women faculty bring to universities," Purinton said.

"It shows what they share with students and what they share with the community."

Erica Lucci, a senior art education major from Arlington, said the conference can offer students a new view.

"Any Tech student can gain a different perspective," Lucci said.

"This conference is showing what women can do and what levels they can reach. Sometimes men don't realize the oppression that women are under."

The highlight of today's events is a Keynote Address by Patricia Ireland, President of the National Organization for Women at 11:30 a.m. in the University Center Allen Theatre.

Sorell said NOW is the most prominent women's organization in the country and perhaps in the whole world.

All events are in the University Center starting at 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Vietnam conference begins in Lubbock

Scholars and educators from various universities in the United States and Vietnam National University are in Lubbock for an international conference Thursday through Saturday to establish a more balanced educational perspective and dialogue about the Vietnam War.

"Vietnam in Asia" is hosted by the International Cultural Center and sponsored by Texas Tech's Center for the Study of the Vietnam Conflict. For more information contact CSVC director James Reckner at 742-3742.

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12,000-gallon napalm-carrying train turns back to California

WASHINGTON (AP) — A railcar carrying 12,000 gallons of napalm headed back to California Thursday after political protests prompted an Indiana company to back out of a Navy deal to recycle the jellied gasoline.

Despite the hubbub, the military was getting calls from companies that want to take over the job of destroying 3.3 million gallons of the firebomb and flamethrower fuel stored at a naval weapons station near San Diego since its use was banned in the Vietnam War.

"Many companies around the country are willing, prepared and able to do this," Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon told reporters.

Bacon said it could take weeks,

however, to approve a company for the job that was rejected Monday by Pollution Control Industries of East Chicago, Ind., which held a \$2.5 million subcontract in the \$24 million napalm recycling program. The plan is to ship the napalm to a recycling plant batch by batch over a two-year period.

The first 12,000-gallon shipment left California Saturday, traveling the rails through parts of Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Kan-

“The stuff is like Sterno, very stable.”

Assistant Navy Secretary Robert Pirie

120 miles northeast of Los Angeles, for storage until a company is found to "treat it or process it," said Navy spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Jon Smith.

Members of Congress from Indiana and Illinois had protested the original shipment, saying the Navy

was trying to force the project on an unwilling public that associates napalm with brutal images of Vietnamese villages and burning victims.

The Navy, through a series of public hearings in the Chicago region, tried to calm fears, explaining the viscous mixture of polystyrene, gasoline and benzene is far less volatile than gasoline and not explosive by itself.

"We've gone out of our way to make certain that there's absolutely no danger to the public," Assistant Navy Secretary Robert Pirie said, adding, "The stuff is like Sterno, very stable."

Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., whose

district includes China Lake, said he supports the Navy plan to return the shipment to California and to recycle the napalm.

The Navy and Battelle Memorial Institute, an Ohio company that holds the main napalm recycling contract, said a long-term solution isn't far away.

"I'm confident we can get it done," said Robin Yocum, a Battelle spokesman who wouldn't disclose the names of any companies seeking the job.

"I've got calls from South Carolina all the way to Utah," said Smith, the Navy spokesman.

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Pop. Forget your precious "ER." "Friends" schmends. "Beverly Hills 90210" pales by comparison. And, unlike "Seinfeld," it will live to see another season. It's the best thing on cable TV right now — a mixture of the Discovery Channel and HBO all put to music. It is quite possibly the most perfect show ever to grace the over-priced cable airwaves of America. It's "Pop Up Video," and I love it. I love everything about it.

I love the fact that it comes on sporadically throughout the day. I love the gooey clear liquid that they show bubbling up at the beginning of each episode. I love the useless hodgepodge of information that fills every episode. And most of all, I love the POP — the actual noise itself.

Pop. Chris Isaac broke his nose seven times during his career as a boxer. Pop. Two out of three dentists recommend singing while gargling. Pop. Every 30 seconds, a teen gets pregnant. See, in just one entertaining episode, you get a taste of entertainment news, hygiene tips and a broader understanding of societal problems.

And the more I "pop into 'Pop Up Video,'" the more I wish I had a little

"Pop Up Video" man in my head that would throw out a Pop Up bubble every now and then. For instance, you're skimming through this boring column, about to lose interest and —

Pop. The newest member of the Pee Wee Herman club, George Michael, sang the hit song "I Want Your Sex." In the late '80s, the song was deemed unsuitable and wasn't allowed to be played on radio stations before 9 p.m. "Pop Up Video" is "Nightline" for

the masses. Where else could the passive television viewer learn that polyphagous is a synonym for eating too much.

Or that Lake Titicaca is on the Peru-Bolivia border.

Pop. Hollye fell and knocked out her two front teeth when hanging upside down on the monkey bars in first grade.

Pop. Scientists allege that the Lubbock area was home to the first humans in this part of Texas more than 12,000 years ago.

Pop. And the best thing about "Pop Up Video" — the information being thrown at you only lasts a very short time, and there is never a test.

Kinda like my column. Pop. Hollye Hodges is a junior broadcast journalism major from Amarillo.

Moments with relatives should be cherished



CHARLES MELTON/
COLUMNIST

A barbecue tonight, a prayer walk, a famous scientist speaking on creation and maybe a party Saturday night or a weekend in Austin visiting grandparents.

Hard choice, right? Wrong. Nineteen months almost to the day was the last time this Kansas country boy spent any time at all with his grandparents, who he barely knows, because he's never had the opportunity to spend much time with them.

Plus, they're the only grandparents he has left, and Tuesday morning he rediscovered just how short life can be.

A good friend left for Dallas Wednesday afternoon to attend his grandmother's funeral, which once again sent shockwaves of reality tumbling through this graduating senior's life.

No one ever said I wish I had spent more time at work, at a party or on the road. Almost everyone has said I wish I had spent more time with my family or I never got the chance to say.

Unfortunately, by that point it's about like wishing you had planted wheat instead of cotton after the price of cotton drops through the floor as you're getting ready to sell.

In a deal like that and when someone you love passes away, it's just too late, and any small regrets you had when they were living, breathing people become as big as a Clydesdale through the eyes of a little child.

Because life is the quirky, topsy-turvy way it is, no one skates through it without finding one or two spots of thin ice, but many regrets can be avoided with a little more thought than it takes to clean your hands before you eat.

This little hick's priorities have gone through an overhaul akin to taking an old clunker out in a pasture and making it the shiniest, smoothest running piece of machinery out on the great American road, which makes the decision to head to Austin today that much easier.

In the past, this bullheaded fool might have tried to have his cake and eat it too, but now he's content just to have the aroma of the cake tease his nostrils.

Even though this semester is approaching its end as fast as jackrabbit runs from a coyote, it's not too late to find or make the time to let those you care about know it.

Besides, if you don't tell them, who will? If you wait, it just might be too late.

Charles Melton is a senior journalism major from Salina, Kan.

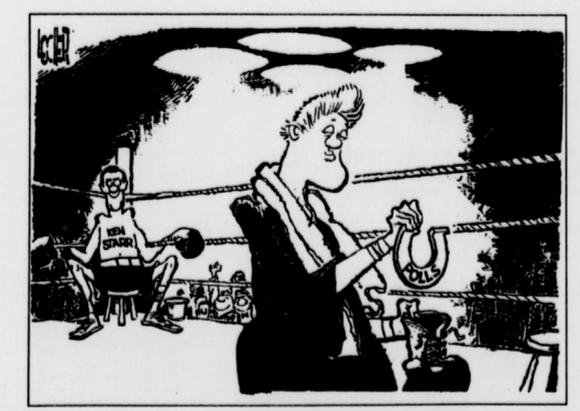
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School days, school days,
Packin' heat is cool days...
We'd read and we'd write
and we'd hit th' ground
At the telltale whine
of a magnum round...
You packed a Raven .25,
A 9-millimeter was more my style...
Who'd ever have thought
we would both survive
Being a couple of kids?

BEN SARGENT
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Write a letter to the editor.
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the mass communications building.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Registration needs to be overhauled

To the Editor: I am fed up with the entire registration process. The first time I tried to register today, I was told that I had a hold and could not register. I called the Bursar's Office and found out that they had just neglected to take off my hold after they received the payment. So after a couple of more hours, I went back to register only to find that half of my classes were already filled. Well, OK I can just look through the book and find some more. Wrong. I now half to make a trip over to my adviser and fill out another card. All

the time I am missing important classes while I run around the entire campus going back and forth between buildings.

What a waste of my time. This university needs a much more efficient system for registration, perhaps eliminating the need for an adviser to sign your registration card.

Jared Lee
freshman
telecommunications

Mamo — be proud to earn own degree

To the Editor: I was scanning through *The University Daily's* back

issues and found some interesting reading.

Mr. Mamo's column (April 8 — College students important to society) was definitely something I felt a need to respond to.

As a graduate of Texas Tech, I am very proud to say I earned my degree. That's right.

I earned it. No one gave it to me. I agree college is expensive (I have the student loans to prove it), but it was worth every penny.

When I knew my financial aid wasn't going to be enough to pay for everything, I took it upon myself to get a part-time job to pay for the things my loans could not cover.

Sure, I would have liked to have spent my days at Tech just going to

class and concentrating on my studies, but I wasn't afforded that luxury. Instead of sitting around whining about my money problems I did something about it.

I managed to hold down a job, go to class, study, get involved with student organizations, and yes, get some sleep.

I found being able to juggle all of these things in college has given me valuable experience not found in any textbooks.

It is up to you to decide how important your college education is worth not the world around you. I found it is the most priceless thing I have.

Amy Bowling
Tech alumna

Musician wins students' hearts

BY LAURA HENSLEY
The University Daily

Robert Earl Keen has drifted through musical genres for years. He has been slipping through the cracks of country, blues, rock and folk and has landed in the hearts of many college students.

"Robert Earl has a big college following," said Aaron Baker, a sophomore mass communications major from Austin. "People love him because of the rebel factor. He can relate to students because he's not white washed. He's up there doing his own thing. People see that, and they really appreciate it."

Baker hosts "The Odyssey" on KTXT 88.1-FM and receives many requests for Keen's songs that often involve outlaws, drifters, drunks and bad boys.

"His songs are just very honest," Baker said. "He writes great lyrics. I think Texas produces some of the greatest song writers, and Robert Earl is definitely at the top of that group."

When describing his music, Keen simply said that he seems to write good songs that people seem to like.

"I generally say my music is country," he said. "It's country, but it's very loose. It has a little blues and rock and folk sounds in it. One day I was trying to figure out how to describe it. I was sitting in a hotel, and all of a sudden it hit me. It's 'best western.'"

Keen has brought his best western music to fans for about 18 years. Keen graduated from Texas A&M in 1980 with a degree in English.

College is where he began playing guitar and writing songs. His neighbor, Lyle Lovett, and other

friends loved to play guitar and sing at his old house in College Station, where Keen's popular "The Porch Song" is inspired.

"I've always liked music, but in college, I happened to around people who loved to play," he said. "As far as my degree in English, I'm actually someone who did something with it. I learned a lot about style and format. I think this has helped me to write."

Keen said the most common thing said about his songs is that they are miniature movies.

"I generally say my music is country ... It's 'best western.'"

Robert Earl Keen, musician

"There is this entire story in this four-minute piece," he said. "I could write a 120-page screen play, but the laziness is what gets to me."

Keen currently is on tour in support of last year's release, *Picnic*, which

has sold more than 75,000 copies. He will be playing at 10:30 p.m. Sunday at Midnight Rodeo, 7301 University Avenue.

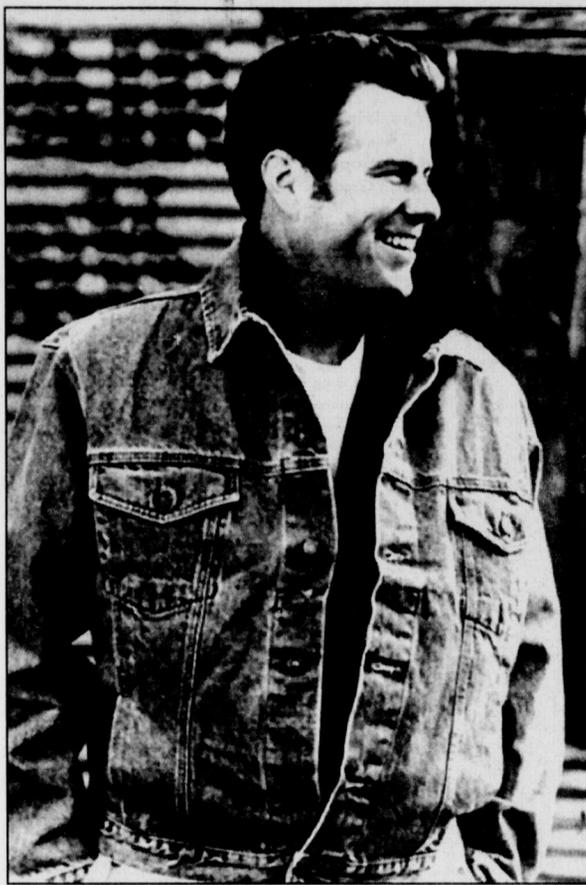
Keen said he will, of course, play many of his old favorites, but he also will throw in a couple of new tunes.

Keen will head back into the studio in June to begin recording a new album which is due out in January 1999. He said the album is yet to be given a name and that the title is something that comes last in the recording process.

"I usually get into the recording process before I pick a title," he said. "I like to see how all of the songs will turn out in the end. I'm not a big planner. I just sit down and write the songs I like to play, get them in one big pile and then I figure out a title."

His unplanned success has given Keen a "grass roots" following he adores.

"I don't get played much on the



ROBERT EARL KEEN courtesy photo

radio, but that doesn't seem to hurt," he said. "In a way it helps. It's like this is the best stuff that's not on the radio, and that appeals to people."

Keen said his inspirations for his songs can come from just about anywhere. The sound of someone laughing, an old, rusted pickup truck or just sitting in someone's house has given him the images that spark his popular songs.

"I get inspiration from things that happen to me in my life," he said.

"The most tried and true way of writing is that I get an image that really strikes me, then I start describing that picture, and a song kind of develops."

Keen said he is looking forward to his Lubbock show and singing a few songs for the always enthusiastic crowd.

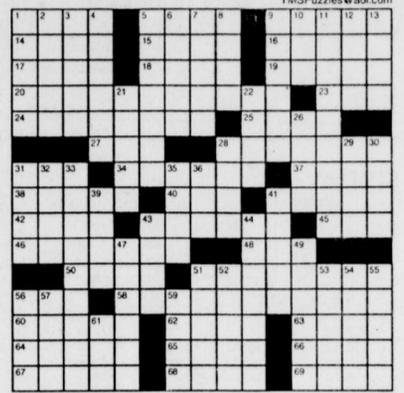
"Crowds have always been good in Lubbock," he said.

"People really seem to enjoy my music there. People shout along and know all of the words."

Registration for this weekend's Texas Tech Race for Kids begins at 7 a.m. Saturday at Memorial Circle. Money raised during the races will be given to the Child Development Research Center and the Children's Advocacy Center.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Alan P. Olschawg
Huntington Beach, CA

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

SCAM AMONG DRIP
EASE RIPER ROSA
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5 One who gives in to pressure
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10 Cigar dropping
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13 Spirited vigor
21 Modular parts
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26 Granite block
28 Let it stand
29 Cow barn
30 Impudent talk
31 Vigoda and Lincoln
32 Lounge about
33 Colorful shoe material
35 Computer hacker

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36 Bask
39 Toward shelter
41 "Ladder of Years" novelist
43 Lift-off pressure
44 Vacation spots
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COUNTDOWN

1. Rev. Horton Heat; "Space Heater"
2. Tuscadero; "My Way Or The Highway"
3. Specials; "Guilty Til Proved Innocent"
4. Anni DiFranco; "Little Plastic Castle"
5. China Drum; "Self-Made Maniac"
6. Jesus Lizard; "Jesus Lizard EP"

7. Pulp; "This is Hardcore"
8. Propellerheads; "Deeksanddrumsandrockandroll"
9. Muler; "The State of Play"
10. Suicide Machines; "Battle Hymns"
11. Superdrag; "Head Trip In Every Key"
12. Far; "Water and Solutions"
13. Frank and Walters; "Grand Parade"

14. Spacehog; "The Chinese Album"
15. Buffalo Daughter; "New Rock Remixes"
16. Junkie XL; "Saturday Teenage Kick"
17. Samiam; "You're Freaking Me Out"
18. Braid; "Frame and Canvas"
19. Fue!; "Sunburn"
20. Gaunt; "Bricks and

- Blackouts"
21. Polara; "Formless/Functional"
22. Tommy Knee; "Isolation Party"
23. Sarge; "The Glass Intact"
24. Wank; "Get a Grip on Yourself"
25. Various Artists; "Emo Diaries 2: A Million Miles Away"
26. Hagfish; "Higfish"

27. Ben Harper; "Ben Harper Live EP"
28. Various Artists; "Meet the Deedles Soundtrack"
29. Diesel Boy; "Venus Envy"
30. Tilt; "Collect 'Em All"

The Top 30 Countdown is compiled by Adam Yeargin, music director for KTXT-88.1 FM. The Countdown is aired at 7 p.m. every Friday.

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7:00	Bloomberg Body Elec.	Today Show	This Morning	Tes Avery X-Men	Good Morning	Bobby/World Life/Louie	7:00	Saturday Today	Ghostwriter W/Fortune	Zorro Dragonball	101 Disney's	Ned Neft P.R. Space	7:00	Sunday Today	Ag Issues Cuba: Hope	Ghostbusters Capt. Sineon	Good Morning	Better Home Family Mag.		
8:00	Sesame Street			Super Heroes Bananas	America	101 Dalmians Ducktales	8:00	Teletubbies Pappyland	Sports Ills. Weird AI	Dragonball Pop. Mech.	Sat. Morning	Goosebumps Eerie, IN	8:00	Teletubbies Tots TV	TX Reporter 1st United	CBS Sunday Morning	Mask Dinosaurs	Children Prophecy	Kenneth Copeland	
9:00	C. Horse Barney	M. Stewart Gayle King	Sally Jessy Raphael	K. Copeland Life Today	Regis & Kathie Lee	Matlock	9:00	Arthur Magic Bus	M. Stewart City Guys	CBS News Saturday	New House Bob Vila	Bugs Bunny	Goosebumps Toonsylvania	9:00	Arthur Magic Bus	Meth. Meet the	News Face Nation	Jumanji Incred. Hulk	In Touch Saturn	FOX News Sunday
10:00	Wimzie Mr. Rogers	Sunset Beach	Price is Right	Pictionary Paid Program	View	Heat of the Night	10:00	Wishbone Storytime	Saved/Bell Hang Time	Morning	Better Homes B. Smith	'Y3 Jungle Cubs	Silver Sam & Max	10:00	Kratts' Book/Virtue	Press Saved/Bell	Robert Schuller	Breaker High Sweet Valley	Si Se Puede Pollard Ford	Honey, I Shrunk the
11:00	Arthur Magic Bus	Leesa	Young & Restless	Beverly Hills 90210	All My Children	People Court	11:00	Puzzle Place V. Garden	Hang Time Inside	Home Show Nick News	WCW Wrestling	Winnie Pooh Sci. Court	PGA Tour Red Raider	11:00	Healthweek Nova	PGA Seniors'	Beakman TX Today	Student Body W/WorldWeb	This Week Sam & Cole	Walker, Texas
12:00	Nancy Sews Sew Connect	News Days of Our	News Beautiful	Jenny Jones	News Port Charles	Judge Judy Judge Judy	12:00	Cucina Old House	PGA Senior's	TV. Com Paid Program	Movie: 'Odd Jobs'	Kid Matinee: 'Movie: Explorers'	12:00	Wall St. Wk.	Championship	Hercules	Movie: 'Dance With The White Dog'	25th Anniv. of the	Mine'	
1:00	Many Quills Barney	Lives Another	As the World Turns	Jerry Springer	One Life to Live	Dr. Quinn	1:00	Workshop Hometime	Championship	PBA Bowling		'Bugs Paid Program	1:00	Beyond Technopol.		NCAA Cheerlead'g				
2:00	Marsh Magic Bus	World In Edition	Guiding Light	Dating Game Newlywed Gm.	General Hospital	Blossom Beetleborgs	2:00	Newton's R. Rainbow		MCI Classic		Soccer: Wash. @ Detroit @	2:00	Firing Line McLaughlin	Showtime Basketball	MCI Classic	PGA Seniors' Paid Program	Superstars	Movie: 'Deceived'	
3:00	Arthur Wishbone	Roads O'Donnell	Maury Povich	Breaker High Sweet Valley	Spider-Man N. Turtles		3:00	Carmen Motorweek	Int'l Team Gymnastics		Thoughts'	New England	Colorado	3:00	Small Bus. Comp. Chron.		Teams TBA		Viper	Figure Skating
4:00	Kratts' Bill Nye	Oprah Winfrey	Seinfeld Jeopardy	LV's Single Martin	Montel Williams	P. R. Space Boy/World	4:00	Painting Chef Paul	Championship	PGA Seniors' Paid Program	Figure Skat'g			4:00	Austin City Limits			Baywatch	Challenge	Movie: 'Only The
5:00	R. Rainbow Nightly Bus.	News NBC News	News CBS News	Real TV Hwy. Patrol	News ABC News	Mr. Cooper Simpsons	5:00	Landscape Your House	Health NBC News	Full House CBS News	Highway Patrol	Fresh Prince ABC News	Pensacola	5:00	Wishbone Donna Day	Pollard Ford Show	R. Garden CBS News	Honey, I Shrunk The	Fresh Prince ABC News	Lonely
6:00	News Hour	News Extra	News W/Fortune	Next Generation	ABC News	Grace/Fire Home Impr.	6:00	Viewpoint Texas Parks	News TX Reporter	News W/Fortune	Love Boat	News Mad'You	X-Files	6:00	Lawrence Weik	Dateline	60 Minutes	Pensacola	WWOD Movie: 'My Date'	World's Funniest
7:00	Wash. Week Wall St. Wk.	Players 'PG	Kids Say Candid Cam.	Movie: 'Gone With The West'	Sabrina 'G Boy/World 'G	Beyond Belief 'PG	7:00	Antiques Roadshow	NBA Pregame Basketball	Dr. Quinn	Voyager	ABC Movie: 'Since You've Been Gone'	Cops Cops	7:00	Nature	Dateline NBC	Touched by an Angel 'G	Soldier of Fortune	With the President's	Simpsons 'PG King/Kill
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11:00		O'Brien Friday Night	Paid Program	Vibe	Incorrect Access	Star Trek	11:00	PSI Factor	Tarzan		Fame L.A.	Tales From/Crypt	FX	11:00	Beverly Hills 90210	Team Knight Rider	Shorecase Siskel/Ebert	Access Hollywood	Baywatch	

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PADDY MURPHY AT LARGE WANTED BY FBI:

<p>Todd Grzych AKA MOUTH The loudest of the gang. You'll never catch this guy without a mirror in his hand. Last seen with his Latin lover, wandering the unemployment lines of Ft. Worth.</p>	<p>Nelson Eckols AKA STINKY The least hygienic of the gang. Nelson's whereabouts are sketchy though he has been spotted selling shots on 6th Street.</p>	<p>Erik Young AKA BAD HUMOR The grumpiest member of the gang. Erik's charm has won the hearts of LPD's finest. Last seen in a Matt Dillon look-a-like contest in Fresno.</p>	<p>Bradley Beinhoff AKA COCKTAIL Bad investments and nasty habits ruined what looked like the most promising member of the gang. Missing since Fall '95, some swear they've seen him on boxes on Lucky Charms.</p>	<p>Jack Ehrig AKA TRICKY The sneakiest of the gang. Young girls and cheap beer are Jack's forte. Known to frequent high-school drags wearing nothing but stained tighty whities.</p>	<p>Jeff Oman AKA MUMBLER The least understood of the gang. Authorities have linked him to Jerry Garcia's death but Jeff swears he was at a Hooked On Phonics class the day the singer died.</p>
<p>Cody Wilson AKA SNIFFLE Little is known about Cody other than his jealousy over his sister's lovers. Once offered the Gov. of Tennessee his handkerchief, he later died of pneumonia.</p>	<p>Matt Penner AKA SCREECH Most offensive of the Gang. Last seen stealing cigarettes and a five spot from an old lady in a wheel chair; motto: have fore skin, will travel. Stand Clear.</p>	<p>Rhea Pledger AKA Razor the Hazer Very aggressive hit man for the gang. Currently spending time on a funny farm in Waco. Last surviving member of the Branch Dividians.</p>	<p>Mike Boone AKA STRING Former member of notorious El Paso Gang. The Rockstar lifestyle of Lubbock Texas (Women, Pizza, and Recreational Activity) caused this one to crack and sent him over the edge long ago. Last seen slicing the powder packed slopes of El Paso searching for his marbles.</p>	<p>BJ Vestal AKA CLOSET CASE-OJ Former Tennis pro, turned Rock Star. Mexican women fear him--Tech women date him. Savvy Sniper.</p>	<p>Richard Greth AKA SLIMER, BUMBLER, HOG LEG Shadiest of the gang. Known to carry concealed weapons at chili and other social events. Not afraid to pull gun in intense situations. Last seen holding hogleg bumbling incoherently working up a nice slimy lather. Woodpile member.</p>
<p>Slade Stargel AKA SLAYED BACK The gang's spiritual advisor. Has the ability to channel Morrison and Elvis on command. This recreational gynecologist is currently working on his doctorate in Air Conditioner maintenance. Slade is the lizard king. He can do anything.</p>	<p>John Smelko AKA THE SLEEPER Most health conscious of the gang. Armed with a box of orange juice and a straw, he was last seen hijacking a Ramen Noodle truck headed for Littlefield.</p>	<p>Holt Johnson AKA CUERVO The gang's NAFTA rep. His conservative views and recent release from AA make him the only qualified leader of the gang. Woodpile member.</p>	<p>Ben Luedtke AKA THE BOOKIE Runs the gang's extensive underground gambling operation in the Hub City. Known to win shows for members only.</p>	<p>Chris Curry AKA B-RIDGE Backwoods political corruption and break dancing are the name of his game. Self proclaimed 'coolest member of the gang.' Grooms shrubs to deal with the stress.</p>	<p>Rick Seiders AKA CHOPPER Most persuasive and the Gang's international business man. Special agent John Utah. He has reconnected Fast Harbor on many foreign beaches; last seen in Spain. His ability to close the deal has increased the gang's portfolio significantly. Extremely dangerous Woodpile member.</p>
<p>Patrick Sullivan AKA SULLY BRE A powerful political connection for the gang. The heart of all of the solutions. This recreational gynecologist was recently voted most likely to kill his psychiatrist. Emotionally unstable--approach with extreme caution.</p>	<p>Ryan Hall AKA HONDO/SHY BOY This member plays his cards close to his vest. A man with a hidden agenda. The wittiest member, don't let his laugh fool you, he is very dangerous.</p>	<p>Justin Minter AKA FLOWER BOY His short temper and quick draw make this shotgun-toting member very dangerous. Don't mess with his truck or his sister. Last seen riding his four-wheel drive cooler and playing Frisbee.</p>	<p>Oliver Lozano AKA FREEBIRD Occupation: Herding cattle while playing bongos on his mountain bike. Cornerstone of El Paso Gang. Loves recreational hiking--currently under investigation for embezzlement charges at Walgreen's. Tumped over long ago.</p>	<p>Brian Miles AKA THE BAKER This disgruntled Tumpster is the brains of the El Paso Gang. Currently pursuing his lifelong culinary dream to become a professional baker. Fumbled long ago.</p>	<p>Thomas Wheat AKA DR. SOLID Recently broke contact with 90210 to be a college student and full time partner. Recently broke the gang's code of silence, in an intimate interview with Study Breaks. The meat and the cheese of the gang. Very dangerous!</p>
<p>Austin Hall AKA POOTER Former all-star athlete turned recreational chemist, has been known to formulate experiments that only he would participate in. Carries shotgun in boot, don't take his threat lightly. Last seen coming to a screeching halt at a green light.</p>	<p>RUMOR HAS IT THERE WILL BE A SHOOT-OUT AT HIGH-NOON FRIDAY ... APRIL 17, 1998</p> <p>The Boss Seeks to Avenge His Honor by Meeting Paddy at His Secret Hideout THE JEALOUS RAGE BETWEEN THESE TWO GANGS WILL END IN A SHOOT-OUT OF UNMATCHED CALIBER.</p>				<p>Fred Grates AKA SWAMI/BOOM-BOOM Chief greens keeper at Augusta National. Don't let his doolie demeanor and snappy haircut fool you. He is an expert in nocturnal destruction. Woodpile member.</p>

BCrossing Borders

STORY AND PHOTOS BY SEBASTIAN KITCHEN

Our Lady Peace draws fans from Canada to United States into arenas, night clubs

Our Lady Peace toured the United States and Canada in a little yellow bus.

"You know those buses the special kids ride in, well, we were those special kids, and we were dumb enough to put 200,000 miles on it," said lead guitarist Mike Turner.

Now, the Canadian band has graduated to a tour bus since releasing multiplatinum albums in Canada and gold albums in the United States.

After playing to thousands of

venues, including Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto where they watched great bands growing up and as adults, including Queen, U2 and Smashing Pumpkins.

The arena tour was great for about a week, Maida said. Turner agreed.

"It took me about a month to get tired of it," he said.

So after the large scale production in Canada, Our Lady Peace crossed the border again to its second home.

The band directed some short films and incorporated those films into their stage show.

In Canada, the band noticed the fans were singing songs deeper on the album, songs that were not being played on the radio.

"That was really bizarre to us," Maida said. "That became a barometer for how we judged our shows to see how deep the kids were going on the record and everything on it, and we do that in the U.S. as well."

"This whole tour that we've done, that has been for us that's the most gratifying thing is that we made a record and that people like the whole thing."

The band has a growing fan base in both countries.

"The crowds in the U.S. are smaller than we've developed in Canada, but the passion our fans have is pretty impressive throughout, and that's how we judge everything," Maida said.

Having been together for just five years, Our Lady Peace received a record deal quickly after forming. The band members do not know where they would be if they weren't musicians — very depressed or sharpening a razor, they suggested. They do not want to do anything else.

"Once you get to where you realize you are supposed to be a musician, you can't turn it off," Maida said. "It strikes at the oddest times, and over the years you realize you can't do anything else."

Now, it seems Our Lady Peace does nothing else but tour.

After its current American tour, the band will cross the ocean to Europe.

"After we go to Europe, we hope to go home for the first time in four years," Maida said.

The band has opened tours

for Alanis Morissette, Bush, Elastica and The Ramones.

Our Lady Peace opened for Everclear during its last tour in the United States and returned the favor in Canada.

"It's just about music," Maida said. "They asked us to be on that tour so we returned the favor. They were really cool about that."

The two bands spent a lot of time together.

"It is good we got along so well because we spent like two and a half months together," Turner said.

The two bands will play together again May 17 at Edgefest in Arlington. They will be joined by many other bands including the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Fuel, Brother Kane, Crystal Method, Econoline Crush and God Lives Underwater.

Another band the Our Lady Peace toured with is Page and Plant.

"I think a really defining moment was when Robert Plant heard our song on the radio in New York and asked us to do a few shows with Page and Plant," Maida said.

Although the band does not look to outside sources for criticism, Plant was a different case.

"We don't really pursue validation from outside, but if you are going to have somebody validate you, that's not really a bad source," Turner said.

Although the band would like to put another album on the shelves, people still are coming to shows. Our Lady Peace sees a priority in playing live and connecting with fans on a more personal basis.

"We would like to get in the studio and make another album at some point, but ultimately, if people want to see our band live, we want to play," Turner said.



Sing us a song: Members of Our Lady Peace perform a song from their newest album, *Clumsy*. The band can be seen next May 17 at Edgefest in Arlington.



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Raine Maida, vocalist

fans each night during an arena tour in Canada, Our Lady Peace returned to the United States to play smaller crowds.

Songs like "Starseed," "Superman's Dead" and "Clumsy" have propelled the band's popularity in both countries.

Vocalist Raine Maida and Turner like the opportunity to play arena and club tours.

"We're pretty lucky 'cause we get to do both," Maida said. "We get to choose an arena tour, after awhile you're playing for 15,000 to 16,000 people every night, and you can really see about 400 people and make eye contact with them. It's nice to come back and do some club shows."

Our Lady Peace played large

"It was on a huge scale and we downscaled a bit for this tour but still it works in clubs but not as grandiose," said Maida.

Turner and Maida enjoy being able to see the crowd, to watch their fans watch them.

"Now, most nights you can see to the back of the crowd, it's incredible, that connection," Turner said. "At that point for fans, at least for me, whenever you make that connection, you are a part of that band, and you understand why they've done what they do. It involves something tangible, you are at a show, and you can make that connection."

Our Lady Peace's latest album *Clumsy* was released in Canada five months before being released in the United States.

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Houston prep star Lewis declares for NBA draft

HOUSTON (AP) — Rashard Lewis, a 6-foot-10 high school standout, declared his eligibility for the NBA draft Thursday, becoming the latest prep school star to bypass college for the lure of the pros.

"This has been a very hard decision for me to make — the hardest decision of my life," the 18-year-old Elsiek High School center said at a news conference. "I had a dream to go the NBA ever since I was a little kid, and it was very hard for me to step away from that."

Brushing off criticism that he may not be ready for the NBA, Lewis pointed to the successful transitions of former prep stars Kobe Bryant and Kevin Garnett into the league.

"I'm sure people told Kobe that and people told Garnett that, so it doesn't bother me," he said.

"If the whole world says that about me, then I'll shock the world."

Elsiek coach Jerrel Hartfiel also discounted the critics.

"He's very advanced at this age," Hartfiel said. "He has great focus on team instead of individual stats. He's a complete player."

"You surround him with a bunch of good players, and he's going to just fit right in."

This past season, Lewis hit 73 percent of his field goals and 40 percent of his 3-point shots, averaging 28.2 points, 12.4 rebounds, five blocks and 4.3 steals per game.

Raiders begin marathon stretch

BY HEATH ROBINSON
The University Daily

Texas Tech begins its longest conference road trip of the season today at Iowa State.

The No. 19 Red Raiders (30-13 overall) begin a three-game set with the Cyclones at 3 p.m. today. Game times for Saturday and Sunday are 1 p.m.

Following the three-game set with Iowa State, Tech gets one day off before taking on Nebraska in a double-header Tuesday and in a single game Wednesday.

The Red Raiders then will get only one day off before hosting the second-place Oklahoma Sooners beginning a week from today.

That's nine conference games in 10 days.

"We've been looking at this all year," Tech coach Larry Hays said. "And last year we thought that was one of our keys that we handled it so well. We had a lot of pitching last year, and we don't have that luxury now."

"It's a big obstacle that's ahead of us."

Tech will rely on starting pitchers Monty Ward, Shane Wright and Jesse Cornejo to deliver in the Iowa State series in order for the bullpen to be rested up against Nebraska.

The Red Raiders likely will have to use pitchers Cade Allison and Eric Cooper in their first substantial efforts in conference against the Cornhuskers.

One scenario is for Tech to use Wright today, pitch him again in either the second or third game of the Nebraska series and then again in the finale of the Oklahoma series.

Tech would like to get Wright three starts during the stretch because he

has been their most reliable starter.

"Shane has been throwing really well," Hays said. "Hopefully, he'll be able to give us some more complete games, because we are going to need them. Getting him off to a good start in each of these series is going to be really a key."

All indications are that the Iowa State series will be a slugfest. The Cyclones (13-17 overall, 5-8 Big 12) rank last in the conference in pitching with a team ERA of 7.95. They also are the second-worst fielding team in the conference with a .947 fielding percentage.

But Iowa State can hit. Their team batting average rose to .304 last weekend when they won two of three games at Texas.

In the three game set, the Cyclones scored 31 runs.

"They're coming off a pretty big series win" Hays said. "They're back in the race for the sixth place spot to get into the tournament, so they have plenty to play for."

"It's going to be like every other conference series. It'll be wild, and it's going to be tough to walk away with wins."

Tech first baseman Mark Austry is part of a recent hitting surge that has Tech on pace to lead the nation in doubles for the second consecutive season.

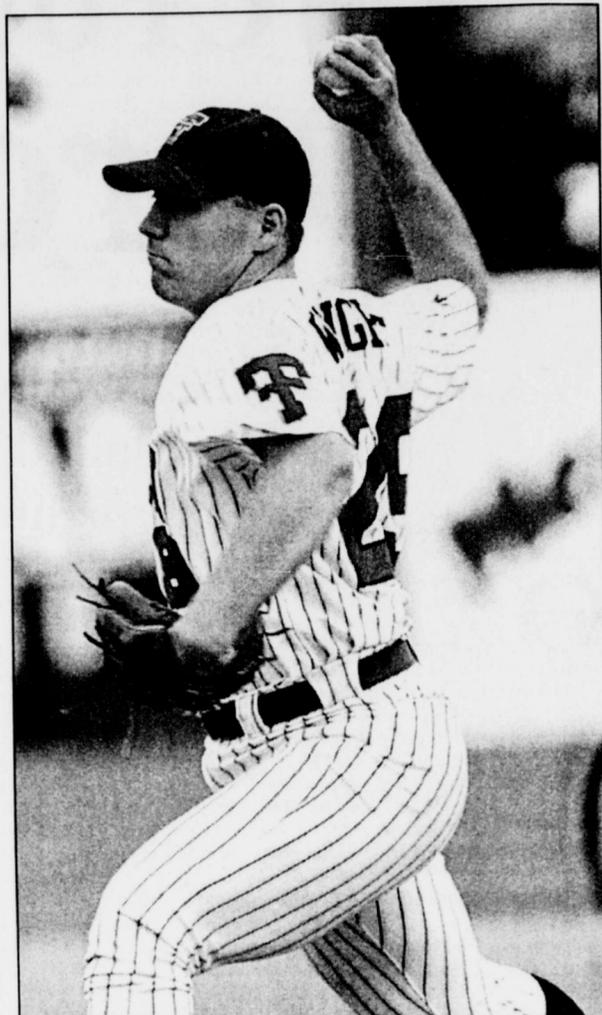
He said the stretch will be tough for the team, but that pitching will be the key.

"We've been doing a good job of getting runs for Shane but not for Monty," Austry said. "We've been doing well by winning the first game of each series. The problem is we either fall down hitting or fielding in the other two."

"We know Shane, Monty and Jesse are going to give us strong efforts. It's up to us to bring the bats."

The Red Raiders currently trail Texas A&M by two games for the third-place spot in conference, and hold a half-game lead over Missouri for fourth.

Freshman right fielder Miles



Wes Underwood/The University Daily

Toughman: Tech pitcher Shane Wright winds up for the pitch earlier this season. Wright and the Red Raiders begin a series with Iowa State today.

Durham said the nine-game stretch will go a long way in determining Tech's path for the rest of the year.

"We know how difficult it is going to be," Durham said. "No conference games are easy, much less nine games in a week. The key for us is to

go out and win the first game of each series. Then, we can concentrate on winning the series.

"How we do over this span will kind of predict the rest of this year. If we're really successful, then we can start preparing for the postseason."

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Tech players await draft choices

BY HEATH ROBINSON
The University Daily



Departing seniors from the Texas Tech football team this weekend will get a feel for what direction their lives will be headed when the National Football League holds its annual two-day draft in New York.

More than 200 players will be chosen in the seven-round draft, and while no Tech players figure into the first three rounds Saturday, several players stand a chance of being selected in the final four rounds Sunday.

Offensive linemen Chris Whitney and Jay Pugh, cornerback Tony Darden, quarterback Zebbie Lethridge, linebacker Eric Butler and safety Dane Johnson all stand chances of being selected.

Raider back Duane Price and defensive lineman Cody McGuire also worked out for NFL scouts in March. Pugh said he thought the workouts went well.

"I thought we all did a good job," Pugh said. "One of the days we worked out there were really strong

winds, and that kind of slowed us a little. But the scouts take that into consideration when they are looking at you."

Pugh said he and the other players have not made plans to get together and watch the draft, instead opting to watch either by themselves or with their families.

"No, we haven't made plans to watch it together," Pugh said. "In fact, I think some guys are going home. I think everybody just wants to go off and be by themselves for it."

Pugh, who hails from Abilene and played two years as Tech's starting center, said he does not expect to get drafted this weekend. He may decide to pursue a free agency contract after the draft.

"If you don't get drafted, you kind of sit around and wait for a team to contact you," Pugh said. "It's just kind of wherever a team needs the most players at your position."

Pugh and Whitney both talked with Ben Kaufman about the free

agency market. In 1997, Kaufman went undrafted and signed a free agency contract with the Arizona Cardinals as an offensive lineman. Kaufman did not make the cut, but had some advice for Whitney and Pugh.

"I've talked to Ben," Pugh said. "He said you just have to wait and see what happens. He said you don't get the recognition of being a drafted player, but you can still show them what you can do."

Lethridge and Darden appear to be the two players most likely to be drafted. Darden returned to his hometown of San Antonio to watch the draft and could not be reached for comment.

It is likely Darden and Lethridge could both be asked to make position changes in the NFL.

For Darden, that would be nothing new.

He and Lethridge each came to Tech in 1993 with hopes of becoming the starting quarterback. While Lethridge won the job and went on to break several school passing records, Darden switched from quarterback to

wide receiver and finally to defensive back.

Darden found a home at cornerback, where he started his junior and senior seasons.

Lethridge, who hails from Lubbock Estacado, may be forced to switch to either a slot receiver or a special teams player. He is quick for a quarterback, and could handle the switch.

Lethridge's former high school football coach, Louis Kelley, said Lethridge could make an NFL roster because of his athleticism.

He compared him to former high school teammate and best friend, Taje Allen, who played for Texas and last season made the St. Louis Rams roster as a cornerback/special teams player.

"Both of those guys had some great ability," Kelley said. "I think Zebbie has shown some great leadership skills his entire career. That's something I think those scouts will be looking at."

"I don't know if his future would be at quarterback. But there is a spot for him to play somewhere."

Grand jury interviews witnesses in Webber, Howard case

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — "Parental discretion advised" was the best way to describe the evidence given by witnesses Thursday as the investigation of a sexual assault complaint naming Juwan Howard and Chris Webber went before a grand jury.

One witness, an exotic dancer from Atlanta, told prosecutors the alleged victim spoke of receiving \$1,000 after having sex with Webber during a party at Howard's house.

"She came in the kitchen, I saw her in the kitchen" Natasha Shallow told WUSA-TV. "She told me she had just slept with Chris Webber. She said she got paid for it, a thousand dollars. I don't know if that was true or not. She was intoxicated and kept on talk-

ing."

Webber and Howard have been under investigation since a Trumbull, Conn., woman filed a complaint after a party April 6 at Howard's house in suburban Maryland. Neither player has been charged, and both have denied the allegations.

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Red Raider fastpitch softball finishes out home season with Baylor

BY JASON BERNSTEIN
The University Daily

The Texas Tech fastpitch softball team will look to improve its conference record as it hosts Baylor at noon Saturday in the Berl Huffman Complex for a doubleheader.

The contest will mark the final home game of the season for the No. 19-ranked Red Raiders.

The game also marks the final home contest for six seniors as they will be honored during pre-game festivities.

Tech (40-16 overall, 6-6 Big 12) has failed to beat Baylor in seven previous meetings, including two losses during the regular season last year and one in the 1997 Big 12 Conference Tournament.

"They are a tough team," said Tech coach Renee Luers-Gillispie. "We haven't beat them in the three years since I've been here. It's payback time."

Baylor (18-29 overall, 2-10 Big 12) comes to town on the heels of a doubleheader split with Texas-San

Antonio Tuesday.

The Bears are led by freshman outfielder Naomi Fitzgerald, who has started in every game for the Bears. Her .320 batting average, 49 hits and six stolen bases lead the team.

"They have some solid hitters," said Tech infielder/outfielder Stephanie Walls.

"They are a tough team in a tough conference."

Walls and company will be looking to improve on their .205 team batting average in conference play. They recently have found hits hard to come by as they faced tough opponents in Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Nebraska.

Tech currently has a .289 team batting average in all games, as they have outscored their opponents 259-121 in 56 games this season.

Despite the early-season run support, Tech now finds itself in the midst of a late-season slump as the Red Raiders recorded only seven runs in four games last weekend.

"We had a bit of a lull in the middle of the season," said sophomore in-

fielder Tamara Harrington.

"We were thinking too much at the plate and that really affected our hitting."

Despite the hitting woes, the Red Raiders sport four starters with batting averages above the coveted .300 mark.

Sandy Butler, Stephanie Walls, Jenny Kohler and Paula Workman all have above-.300 averages to help combat the hitting problems.

"We have been working on hitting riseballs and fastballs this week," Luers-Gillispie said. "I think our batters have been a bit anxious in selecting their pitches."

In the first game, Tech will start freshman pitcher Amanda Renfro.

Renfro (19-10) has allowed a stingy 155 hits in 209.1 innings this season.

Her 1.30 ERA leads the team as she has teamed with junior Emily Hayes and senior Danielle Brady to produce a formidable pitching staff.

"The goal is consistency," Luers-Gillispie. "We need to stay focused from here on out."



Out of Gas: Red Raider Paula Workman waits to make the out against Oklahoma earlier this season. Greg Kreller/The University Daily

Cowboys, Jones tight-lipped on whether they will take Moss or play it safe in the draft

IRVING (AP) — Will the image-tarnished Dallas Cowboys play with fire in the NFL draft and take wide receiver Randy Moss, who has had his share of off-the-field incidents?

Or will they play it safe with the eighth overall pick and get a much-needed pass rushing defensive end or an offensive lineman or a linebacker? The Cowboys aren't saying.

Once again, team owner Jerry Jones has gagged his coaches and himself from discussing Saturday's draft with the media, limiting the discussion on whether the Cowboys would take

Moss should he still be available. "I really won't know where I am until we're right in there at that particular time on draft day," Jones said of the situation. "With his talent, he's

somebody that we have to give a lot of consideration."

Moss and 14 other first-round draft picks have been interviewed at Valley Ranch by Jones, his coaches and

Calvin Hill, the behavior consultant. "It's the first time in a long time we've been able to bring the top 15 picks or so to our place for close-up interviews," Jones said.

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