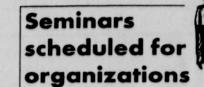
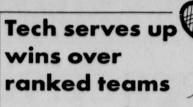
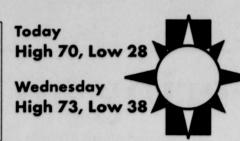
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"If you said to God, 'Create someone who was what a baseball player should be,' God would have created Joe DiMaggio. ... And he did."

- Tommy Lasorda, former Dodgers manager

Baseball's DiMaggio dead at 84

(AP) — In mid-century, when baseball stood above all American sports, Joe DiMaggio symbolized what fans loved about the game. Fifty years later, he had lost little of his star quality.

"He was to people all over the world what a baseball player was supposed to be like," former Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda said of DiMaggio, who died Monday at age

"If you said to God, 'Create someone who was what a baseball player should be,' God would have created Joe DiMaggio. ... And he did.'

Added Tim McCarver, who spent two decades as a catcher and is now one of baseball's preeminent broadcasters: "The very mention of his name personifies class, dignity, elegance and professionalism, both

on and off the field."

To those who knew him and to those who only admired him from afar, DiMaggio was the quintessential American hero.

'This son of Italian immigrants gave every American something to believe in," President Clinton said.

"He became the very symbol of American grace, power and skill. ... I have no doubt that when future generations look back at the best of America in the 20th century, they will think of the Yankee Clipper and all that he achieved."

DiMaggio also was a precursor of the modern athlete. In 1948, he signed the first \$100,000 contract, and the paper and pen from that deal went on display Monday at the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

And like Michael Jordan a half-century

later, he was the most credible commercial spokesman in sports.

Long after he retired, he was instantly recognizable in ads for "Mr. Coffee." Even today, when those who saw him play are in their late 1950s or beyond, a bank that retained its services has a sign with a "5" in pinstripes at Grand Central Terminal in New York.

Few have to ask what that means.

He was the reason many Italian-Americans in New York rooted for the Yankees, just as blacks rooted for the Brooklyn Dodgers because they made Jackie Robinson the first black in the major leagues.

"In this century, there have been three baseball players who transcended their sport to become part of American legend," Vice President Al Gore said. "Where Babe Ruth was known for his power and Jackie Robinson was known for his courage, Joe DiMaggio was known for dignity and grace."

That was evident to DiMaggio's fellow

"In 1951, while I was still in high school, I went to New York to play in the Hearst All-Star game," recalled Al Kaline, who went on to join DiMaggio in the Hall of Fame.

'They took us through the locker room and Joe was sitting in front of his locker. I stopped and shook his hand. It was like meeting a god."

To his contemporaries, he was, of course, a great player. But he was more than that.

"I idolized him for what he represented, which was class, dignity and character. He was a winner, a champion and a true icon," said Lasorda, who was a teen-ager when DiMaggio was in his prime.

That was true even to some current players. "I got the opportunity to talk with him and

just sit there and see what he was all about it's something I will never forget," said Toronto's David Wells, who grew up a Yankee fan and met DiMaggio during his two seasons with the Yankees.

"Anybody who has grown up a fan of baseball, especially a Yankee fan, and you get to sit there and talk with one of their legends just gives you goose bumps. A lot of people had a difficult time getting autographs from him, but when I walked in there he said 'Sure, Dave what do you want signed?' Like, wow, that's awesome."

Then Wells was asked how he would have pitched to DiMaggio if he had faced him in his prime?

"High and tight," Wells replied.

Lectures address ethics

By J.D. Boswell

Legal ethics and witness preparation will be discussed at a symposium sponsored by the Texas Tech Law Review from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday in Room 109 of the law

'We will have two nationally-recognized scholars and three well-respected litigators," said Jenny Hodgkins, a third year law student from Austin.

Law School Dean Frank Newton will welcome guests.

The keynote speakers are William Hodes, professor at Indiana University School of Law and Charles Silver, a Cecil D. Redford professor at the University of Texas Law School.

"They came highly recommended from professors here at the university and lawyers in the state bar association," Hodgkins said. "This is a very hot topic due to recent Texas cases involving witness preparation and national exposure with the Monica Lewinsky situation."

Last August, Dallas law firm Baron & Bud was accused of designing a script to produce false testimony in a case concerning plaintiffs claiming injury from asbestos products. The script never told of the plaintiffs obligation to tell the truth.

National attention arose with the allegations that Lewinsky was urged to lie about her relationship with President Clinton and the "talking points" document given to Linda Tripp in an attempt to change her testimony.

Hodes, who will speak from 1:10 p.m. to 2:10 p.m., is the co-author of "The Law of Lawyering," a nationally-

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Lady Raider Power

Tech seniors play large role in team's success

By Jason Bernstein

hen a team wins 28 games in 31 outings, it is hard to pinpoint the most important factor or player contributing to the teams' success.

But for the 1998-99 Lady Raiders, one cannot overlook the performances, both on and off the court, of their four seniors.

Julie Lake, Rene Hanebutt, Cara Gibbs and Angie Braziel all have made their mark at Tech and on the Lady Raider program as they head into their final NCAA Tournament as collegiate athletes.

Lake, a 5-foot-8 guard from Duncanville, may not be the tallest or strongest player to ever don a Lady Raider uniform, but she is the team's co-captain and one of the emotional leaders on the floor. Lake also led the Lady Raiders with 20 points in the Big 12 Tournament Championship game against Iowa State on Saturday.

Her contribution to the squad was felt immediately when she first joined the program in 1995. She averaged 11.3 points and 4.7 rebounds in her freshman year and quickly became a mainstay in the Lady Raider starting lineup. Until she was sidelined with a broken elbow

earlier this season, Lake had started in every game but one in her first three years at Tech. In helping Tech win its second consecu-

tive Big 12 Tournament title, Lake said the opportunity to finish her conference career with another title was too good to pass up. "I think it's just real exciting for us," she

said. "We've been looking forward to it. We didn't want to lose this last championship game, and it was our last chance to go out there and win a championship."

Lake and fellow guard Hanebutt have provided many a moment to remember for Tech fans, be it a 15-footer late in the game to secure a win or a barrage of three-point shots to bury an opponent.

Hanebutt, who has taken games over with her long-range shooting abilities, said the opportunity for the Lady Raiders to succeed this season can, in large part, be accredited to the experience and determination of the seniors to finish on a winning note.

"This is the first time in a long time that we've been a senior-dominated basketball team," she said. "Most everybody has at least one year under their belts. We (the seniors) thought that it was important to go out on top and make our mark on Tech and the Big 12."

Hanebutt has made her mark, especially late in the season, as she recorded a careerhigh 33-point effort Feb. 21 against Nebraska in Lincoln, Neb.

While co-captains Hanebutt and Lake have produced in starting roles this season, it is fellow senior and co-captain Cara Gibbs who has filled a number of voids off the bench.

Gibbs, a 6-foot-2 post from League City, is a 1999 Academic All-Big 12 selection (along with Hanebutt) who has played in every conference contest this season, providing leadership and experience on the floor for the Lady Raiders.

In the Big 12 final against Iowa State, Gibbs contributed on both ends of the floor as she scored two points in the first half to keep the Lady Raiders within reach of the Cyclones.

"It's been a great two years," she said of the back-to-back Big 12 regular season and conference tournament titles. "I've been surrounded by great players. I'll always remember the great memories we've made and the big games we've won."

Gibbs has been a four-year letterwinner at Tech and recorded a career-high 11 rebounds against Oklahoma on Jan. 6.

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Wade Kennedy/The University Daily

Over the Head: Lady Raider Angie Braziel goes for a jumper over an Iowa State defender Saturday at the Big 12 Conference Tournament Championship in Kansas City, Mo. The Tech women will compete as a No. 2 seed in the NCAA Tournament this weekend at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Couple donates \$1 million to fund

Texas Tech President Donald Haragan accepted a \$1 million planned gift Monday from Tech graduates Gary and Karen Hughes to be put toward the Horizon Campaign's goal of \$300 million.

Gary Hughes graduated from Tech in 1969, and Karen Hughes graduated

in 1977 from Tech. The Hughes are members of the Chancellor's Council, the Red Raider Club and the Ex-Students Associa-

Now that they have made this contribution, Haragan said their legacy will continue as they join the Silver Spur Society.

The donation received was unlike

other donations, Haragan said. He said this contribution was special because of who made it.

"We are thankful for all gifts we receive, but it is gifts from people like these that are special," Haragan said.

The million-dollar gift is another way to give back to Tech, Gary Hughes said. He said he hopes this donation is not the last.

"We are proud to be able to make a small contribution and hope we can do more," he said.

Gary Hughes works with Aetna Investment Services in Lubbock and is involved with community programs such as the Downtown Rotary Club.

The donation is a life-insurance investment and will be added to the private donations of the Horizon Campaign.



Wes Underwood/The University Daily Proud Techsans: Tech President Donald Haragan introduces Gary and Karen Hughes at a press conference Monday. The Hughes donated \$1 million to the Horizon Campaign

Tech police to test campus severe warning sirens

At 10 a.m. Wednesday, the Texas Tech University Police Department will conduct a test of the mechanical audio portion of the campus tornado warning system.

Sgt. Dan Hale, public information officer for the TTUPD, said the tornado siren will be heard for exactly one minute, during which time Tech police officers will run an emergency drill.

"All available units will be strategically placed around the campus running their sirens," Hale said.

Campus police vehicles will be running a special siren during this drill, which is only used in emergency situations.

The drill will be conducted by the Tech police from the basement of the Tech Health Sciences Center, while electricians from the physical plant monitor the siren itself. Both parties will be in constant radio contact to address and correct any problems which may

Tech conducts this test annually to ensure that all emergency equipment is functioning properly.

The test may be postponed in case of severe weather conditions.

"We won't conduct this test during bad weather because we do not want to mislead people into thinking a tornado is coming," Hale said.

Volunteering an alternative break

By Melody Ragland

In less than a week, Spring Break will officially be underway. Some students will travel home, some will head to the beach and a few will stay here in Lubbock.

For those students who are staying behind and haven't already planned their week, community service can be a great way to spend free time.

Andrew Schoppe, a junior broadcast journalism and business management major from Houston, came up with the idea of Collegiate Youth Service Week last spring. He said the idea was to give students . who stay in Lubbock a chance to be involved with the community.

What better use of your time than volunteering?" Schoppe said. CYSW is five days of different

service projects. Each day has a different theme. Schoppe said by having a different project everyday, students may find one they are interested in.

The themes for each day are Monday: helping the elderly; Tuesday: kids; Wednesday: parks and recreation; Thursday: Animals and Friday: building homes.

Students can volunteer for the full week of projects or choose to only volunteer for one or two days.

Volunteers will receive a T-shirt, lunch each day, money-saving coupons and discounts to local entertainment establishments.

Schoppe said a resolution will be passed in the Texas State Legislature, authored by Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, and Rep. Carl Isset, R-Lubbock, declaring the month of March as the Texas Collegiate Service Month.

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> **Andrew Shoppe** Tech student

Peltier said. Peltier is among four volunteers that have helped Schoppe put the week together. The others are David Curr, Nick Davaul and Drionne

"Their help has really made the effort successful," Schoppe said. Local businesses also have been

helpful to CYSW. Local sponsors include United Supermarkets.

Norwest Bank, State National Bank, Lubbock Power and Light, Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse, Scholtsky's, Subway, Pinnochio's, Whataburger, Arby's, Papa John's Pizza and Popeye's Fried Chicken.

Thirty volunteers have signed up as of now, Schoppe said. He is hoping to have 40 to 45.

For more information on volunteering, call Schoppe at 724-6593.

School of Law to sponsor speakers

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recognized treatise on the Modern Rules of Professional Conduct.

"I'm considered to be an expert in this area," Hodes said. Hodes was an expert witness in the Baron & Bud case.

"You can't have a hard-andfast rule that lawyers can't help their clients remember stuff," Hodes said.

Hodes also said assisting a client into making up a perjured story is improper.

At 2:10 p.m. Silver will speak. Attorney Patricia Kerrigan, who works at Werner & Kerrigan will speak at 3 p.m. about civil perspective.

Roger McRoberts Jr., deputy criminal chief at the United State Attorney Office will speak about criminal perspective from 3:50 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The final speaker, also discussing criminal perspective, is Attorney Bill Allison from Allison, Yeager & Basset.

Allison also is the adjunct professor and director of the University of Texas School of Law Criminal Defense Clinic.

Allison's discussion will conclude at 5 p.m.

An hour-long reception in the Law School Forum will provide students an opportunity to talk with the guest speakers.

"All students and faculty are invited to attend," Hodgkins said.

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Elderly taking classes on how to drive, stay on road

DOTHAN, Ala. (AP) - Alma strictly Middleton has been driving the city's streets for decades. Some of them are even named after her family.

Yet, she's wary these days and avoids busy intersections.

She has also enrolled in a driving

"I'm 82 years old," Middleton said. "I figured it's time for a refresher course.'

Although driving classes have been around for years, the need for them seems greater than ever as America's aging population holds to the wheel of ever more powerful vehicles on increasingly crowded roads.

In the United States, one in six people is 60 or older, according to U.N. population figures.

The nation's oldest drivers, along with the youngest, have the highest fatality rates. A 1997 study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found that the fatality rate among the oldest drivers is nine times higher than that of the 25-to-69 age group.

The Dothan driving class for people 50 and over is called "55 Alive," an American Association of Retired Persons clinic that consists

classroom instruction. It is designed to help drivers compensate for the usual

physical changes of

aging. 'We all know how to drive, but we

want to update it," said Bob Boettger, 75, who teaches the course at Southeast Medical Center in

"As we get older, our reaction time is slower.'

Boettger teaches tips on compensating for vision and hearing loss and slower reflexes (allow more distance between cars to give yourself more braking time, for example); shows his students calisthenics to increase their flexibility and help them look over their shoulders more easily; and helps them decide whether they should even continue

'Someday we've got to make a decision to stop driving, as bad as

Someday we've got to make a decision to stop driving, as bad as we don't want to do it."

Bob Boettger

driving instructor

we don't want to do it," he said.

Ann Roughton, 67 has taken the course twice. Roughton said she hopes she will stop driving when it becomes dangerous for her to be behind the wheel.

"There are many people too old to be driving, who need to be tested every year," she said. "I know how hard it must be to give that up, but my brother-in-law is 83 and he just pokes. I'm afraid he'll cause an accident."

spokesman Brian Greenberg in Washington said that interest in the course has been growing by about 5 percent a year over the past several years and that 670,000 people took it in 1998.

Irish dance performance scheduled for tonight The show combines energetic Select-A-Seat at 770-2000.

The show begins at 8 p.m.

at the Lubbock Municipal Au-

ditorium. Tickets cost \$40,

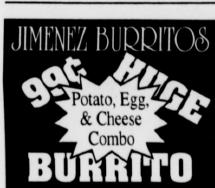
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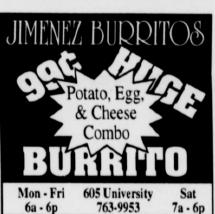
The popular Irish dance production, "Spirit of the Dance" will Irish dancing with a story line make a special on-night stop in and love songs. Lubbock tonight.

The production is returning to the United States after its third sold-out tour in Europe.

Radio station first to be online

Texas Tech radio station KTXT-88.1 FM is now broadcast live on the Internet. The station can be heard all over the world through the World Wide Web. Station manager Jim Hall, a senior management information systems major from Jackson, Miss., said KTXT was the first station on the South Plains to go live on the Internet.







Organizations' seminars to be in April

Student organization registration seminars for 1999-2000 will start April 1 and end April 22.

One officer from each organization should attend one of six available registration seminars to receive a registration application, instructions on how to register and an explanation of the benefits and expectations of a registered student organization.

The dates and times for each session are: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. April 1; 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. April 6; 4 p.m.

to 6 p.m. April 12; 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. April 14; 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. April 19; 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. April

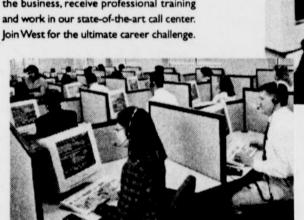
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These past few days we have been the target of a sad and shameless smear campaign conducted by some of the religious leaders of this community. Through it all we refuse to be embittered; on the contrary, we, like those of long ago, rejoice in that we have "been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name." (Acts 5:41). In reality, the real victims of this conspiracy is not us, but you, the students of Texas Tech.

Of all the statements that have been made about us, one thing is definitely true: We, the International Churches of Christ, are the fastest growing religious movement both in America and in the world. We give God all the credit and praise for this. An important question for you to consider is this: Why? Why are we the fastest growing church? Are people joining us in record numbers because they are told lies and false teaching or because we teach them the truth? Which makes more sense to you? Decide, also, whether those who have spoken so harshly about us are displaying a Christ-like spirit or a spirit that is more like the religious leaders who criticized and, ultimately, crucified our Lord?

Throughout the history of Christianity, there have been many times when leaders of the established traditional religion have used intimidation and "scare" tactics in an effort to suppress the truth and to keep their members in the dark, uninformed. Read the book of Acts, especially chapters 4 - 9 and 13 - 28, and you will discover that what happened in Lubbock this past week bears an eerie resemblance to how the first Christians were treated by the leaders of the traditional religion of their day. Here is another question we ask you to consider: What is it that the religious leaders of Lubbock do not want you to hear? The truth is out there. You have freedom of chioce.

Who is the Lubbock Christian Church? Simply this: We are Christians, disciples of Jesus Christ. (John 8:31-32). As part of the restoration movement, we seek to restore God's plan in our world today. (Ephesians 4:1-6). We believe the Bible is the word of God and is the only standard for our lives. (II Timothy 3:16-17). We believe love is the identifying mark of true Christians. (John 13:34-35). We consider it our purpose to preach the gospel of Christ to every creature in this generation. (Matthew 28:18-20). We will not fight or argue with anybody; rather, we will be "the aroma of Christ" as we spread "everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him." (II Corinthians 2:14).

We lovingly invite you to come and worship with us and see for yourself who we are and what we believe. Our Sunday worship is at 10:00 AM and our Wednesday Bible study is at 7:30 PM at the Lubbock Civic Center. We invite you to visit our web page at www.icoc.org.

> Brian Akins, minister **Lubbock Christian Church** 745-3240

VIEWPOINTS

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Switching places

SGA president, UD editor live in other's shoes for day

ate night phone calls for quotes, my name in unpleasant editorials, student government affairs and black ink on my fingers have been the extent of my experiences with The University Daily, until last week. Last Wednesday, Student Government Association election day to be precise, I followed Laura Hipp, editor of The UD around to better understand "A Day in the Life of Laura." As SGA president, I hoped to better understand the role of campus

one another until we caught a sticky-fingered cul-

prit. At about 7 a.m. we gave up and went to

newspapers, and as a journalism major, I hoped to get a few pointers. Although my writing for class doesn't

reflect it, I think I accomplished both. Our day began at 4 a.m. No that is not a typo. Before dawn, I actually participated in a stakeout. Last year, newspapers were stolen the day of SGA elections. This year, The UD wanted to guard the newspaper bins and prevent papers from being stolen. I arrived at 5:15 a.m. to ride with Laura and the people who deliver the newspapers to the building. Like "thieves in the night," we jumped out of the van Blythe and scrambled into the business administration building, where we sat and attempted to entertain

Clayton SGA President

stuff our faces at the Pancake House, where we lubricated our arteries with omelets and hashbrowns with a side of good conversation. Laura mentioned her days usually start at 9 a.m., but I think she

enjoyed torturing me. After breakfast, both of us reluctantly attended class at 9 a.m. I then followed Laura to interview local news producers for her class project. We went from station to station until 2:30 p.m. We returned to the newsroom and worked on the paper until 4:30 p.m., when Laura led a budget meeting. During budget meetings, the editorial board decides where to place the stories in the paper for the next day.

At 5 p.m., we attended a banquet to honor students participating in a leadership program. After this banquet, we returned to the newsroom to witness history: the Monica Lewinsky interview. While typing away and diligently working on stories, reporters were rushing to meet deadlines and listening to the interview along with the rest of the country. Hitler, I mean Hipp (just kidding), was laying out the

opinions page. She then helped the reporters to make sure they would meet deadlines. At about 9:30 p.m., Hipp, other editors, reporters, photographers and I made a mad dash to the University Center, where SGA election results were announced. The results were announced at 10:30 p.m. I must admit, I enjoyed casually listening to the results

and hanging out with The UD staff and not running from them as they chase me for quotes. They always

catch up with me. We scrambled back to the newsroom and they began to "put the paper to bed." While reporters quickly typed stories about the election results, the editors began to lay out the page.

While attempting to periodically look over notes for a health test, Hipp supervised the layout of the paper. After the pages of the paper are printed, they are taken to a production assistant who "pastes up" the paper, or to us mere readers: preparing the pages of the paper for the printer. A courier from Chaparral Graphics picks up the paper to print

And the next day, whether you are infuriated by letters to the editor or just use the crossword puzzle to tune out your professor, the paper is ready - for you.

I truly enjoyed my experience and developed a new appreciation for what goes on in the hidden journalism building on the north side of campus.

Blythe Clayton is a senior public relations and journalism major from Amarillo.

or four years, I've dealt with Student Govrnment Association presidents. I've seen good and bad ones come and go, always wondering what do they do?

This year, SGA President Blythe

Laura Hipp

Editor

Clayton and I decided to take a peek into each other's lives and see what a day in the other's shoes is like. And I have to say, it was similar to mine. Her day was filled with class, meetings and students who were unhappy with her job performance.

We began the day at 8 a.m. We visited Hoot Ellis at Hoot Ellis Electric and Lubbock Label. This year, the SGA decided to

try and protect students from the badgering of candidates and their entourage of supporters. Ellis was to print a few stickers saying "I voted today!"

Then, after a failed attempt to get in touch with the Lubbock Arts Alliance for a homework assignment, we went to class. It was a journalism class, so my interest was piqued.

I was with her all morning, as she rushed through her lab work to make it to her next appointment - a Campus Caregivers meeting.

Throughout my days, I get called into various meetings, but they fail to compare to the excitement level of this one. We watched as the wives of Texas Tech's top administrators planned Arbor Day festivities. We split up in the afternoon as I went to class and she went to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal for her internship.

At 5 p.m., we joined forces once more to attend a University Center Advisory Board meeting. There we listened to one candidate for president of UC Programs but had to leave for another controversial meeting - the Class of '99.

Members of the group were not pleased with Clayton's reaction to the limit on graduation tickets and were preparing arguments to present to the administration.

Clayton, External Vice President Bryan Adams and Internal Vice President Ryan Lunsford inhaled a few pieces of pizza before rushing to the meeting in the business administration building. In my job, I hear from students and professors

who tell me what a horrible job I do everyday. After this meeting with Clayton, I was happy to know I was not always the most hated person on campus. This day it was her turn. The group discussed good and bad solutions to the graduation crisis, and through it, Clayton was calm.

I watched as students rolled their eyes at every word she said, all the while thinking "finally, not me."

After this meeting, Clayton returned to her office to study and I went back to work. I've tried to think about what I learned about my day with an SGA president.

As a student affairs reporter, I began my time at The University Daily working with the SGA. Clayton was one of the first senators I met who acknowledge my existence as a person not as a reporter from the anti-Greek UD. I've reviewed past SGA presidents and wondered what they do besides sit in the office they call "the fishbowl" (because of the huge windows in the presidents' office overlooking the UC courtyard).

Now I know, their day was always very similar to the one position that seemed so opposite from them - editor of The

Laura Hipp is a senior journalism major from Mesquite.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Minister's words do not reflect Christian beliefs

To the editor: In light of the recent controversy regarding the Lubbock Christian Church and the International Church of Christ, I thought I would throw in my two cents worth. Mr. Brian Akins, in his paid advertisement, had a penchant for quoting scripture in order to justify his group's actions.

He compared the LCC and its opposition to that of the early church in Rome.

I have a question: where in the Bible does it say new members must have a mentor and mold their life and attitude to match their leader?

That's funny. I thought Christians (which means "like Christ") were supposed to live their lives according to Christ's standards, not other men's. Another interesting aspect of the ICOC is its view that mem-

bers are the only ones who will obtain salvation. Interesting, does that mean that Peter and Paul are in hell?

That Martin Luther is in hell? That I'm going to hell? Romans 10:9 states," That if you confess with your mouth

'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

That's all I'm going to say on the matter because that's all that needs to be said.

> Jeff Taylor freshman elementary education

Candidates acknowledge Tech students when votes needed

To the editor: This past Wednesday was one of the friendliest days at Texas Tech because we came together as Red Raiders. However, it was a desperate attempt for our votes.

On any other day, we would not have been approached by the same people with whom we attend class. Yet, on voting day the candidates took the time to acknowledge the every day minority student.

We commend those that made the effort to run for SGA of-

However, to gain our vote, we needed more than fliers. We were offended that the candidates were trying to gain the minority vote but did not have the minority views on their platform.

Why couldn't the candidates meet us on our field of play to learn what our needs are as minority students?

The reason we pose this question is because minority organizations could have swayed the vote had candidates taken the time to learn our views.

We found it difficult to vote for anyone other than Cassius Johnson and Stefani Williams.

So, before you ask for our votes, diversify yourselves by meeting the leaders of minority organizations, because they have been elected to represent us.

When you take office, take the time to meet our leaders so all voices are represented, because we are all Red Raiders.

> Rachel Fonseca **Gurol Green** Tech students

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End of year scare frightens foolish people



Dwayne Mamo Columnist

That is it with people's fascina- of different languages. tion of numbers? With a new religion springing up every two to four hours, I'm surprised a church of numbers has not been in-

Numerology is an interesting and totally useless hobby or career.

There are books upon books, which dissect the Bible into numerical codes so a better meaning can be achieved.

Plenty of science fiction movies and stories tell us mathematics is the only universal language.

know numerology has such a widespread significance?

And second, there is one important factor these proponents neglect: information can be translated into a myriad

First of all, how intelligent are we to

Given enough creativity, we could do calculus problems represented by color, balance a chemical equation using dolphin bleeps and rewrite the ingredients of squeezable pudding using the relative distances of stars from each other. Given this pointless discovery of

numbers being the end all to our problems, we get a huge phenomenon what I like to call the KY2000. Many of you have heard of Y2K, and

this is exactly what I am talking about. People stockpiling their garages with sun-dried watermelon chips and toilets of the future (as if a hole in the ground could not work).

Apart from people's techno-dependency, we see a lot of stock put into the fact that next year will have three zeros at the end of it. What's the big deal?

Airplane tickets have skyrocketed, if you're lucky enough to get a reservation, and hotels are the same.

It will be virtually impossible to travel anywhere near the year's end.

Now, if people are so scared of Y2K, why are they traveling during this apparent Armageddon wherein the world will end, and God will end up being an infinite string of binary code?

Ladies and gentlemen, this is KY2000. This is called people's stupidity in thinking it is the end of the millennium, when they cannot figure out why 2001 is a much more important

This is called a fascination with repetition of numbers that probably exemplifies their respective IQ, such as a big

fat goose egg. KY2000 is the phenomenon where people use the year 2000 as a big excuse for repentance, folly, selfgratification and in general, a cop-out of the masses.

Let's face it. We are society based upon excuses.

Oh, I had to kill my children because of a chemical imbalance, and my husband never washed the dishes. Oh, I had to cheat on my significant

other because I need variety. I couldn't finish my papers because my professors all think that's the only class I'm taking, and I have to work.

I don't have to do absolutely anything for the next 10 months because the world is going to end anyway.

These are all excuses for the real problem, people are never ready to accept blame for their actions and are always ready to blame them on someone or something else.

Like the Republicans who blamed President Clinton's under-the-table techniques for the downfall of America when in fact, it was their mockery of the American judicial system that turned us into an international cartoon. The downfall of America is the fact

we cannot get over our KY2000 mentality. Think about this for a while before you go around acting like a fool and maybe you should use a little KY2000 to get your head out of your respective area that thinks rather than your brain.

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UPSETTING WINS

Men's tennis knocks off two ranked teams

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Lady Raiders prep for tourney

With the start of the NCAA Tournament only five days away for the Texas Tech Lady Raiders, redemption from the 1998 tourney is close at

Despite being a No. 2 seed, Tech coach Marsha Sharp said the Lady Raiders (28-3 overall, 14-2 Big 12) are playing at a higher level this year.

"They have a much different mentality than I think the team did last year," Sharp said. "They were a little overwhelmed last year, I think, with the No. 1 seed. I didn't do a very good job of helping them with that. I've tried to figure out some things all year long to try to help them feel better about being the hunted ones in the tournament.'

Seeded No. 1 in 1998, the Lady Raiders were placed in the Midwest Region and given the chance to play every game before the Final Four at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. But, the Lady Raiders couldn't

capitalize on the chance. After having to fight past 16th-

seeded Grambling State in the first round, Tech found a brick wall in the name of Notre Dame.

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used 21 second-half points from center Ruth Riley to pull the 74-59 upset

to knock Tech out of the tournament. But with a new season and new tournament, the Lady Raiders are concentrating on the first task at hand — a first-round game with 15th-seeded Stephen F. Austin on Saturday in Lubbock.

"The thing that we talked about (Saturday) night in the dressing room was that we needed to believe that we were a good basketball team and that we could do some special things,"

And past Sharp, the Lady Raiders know the long road to the Final Four begins with the Ladviacks.

"We had a bad taste in our mouths right now," Lady Raider post Keitha Dickerson said. "We ended on a bad note and early. We just want to go out, play hard, compete and play basketball for a while.'

Tech guard Rene Hanebutt said the Lady Raiders are more focused on what is at hand.

'We're more confident in each other and ourselves." Hanebutt said. "We know what needs to be done to be successful this time of the year. And for us, that's taking it one game at a time and really only concentrating on only the game at hand."

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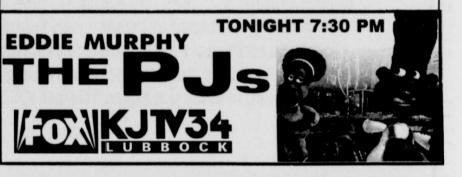
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The Red Raiders downed TCU, 8-3, in the teams' first meeting of the season Feb. 9, also at Dan Law Field.

The contest marks the first game of a nine-game home stand concluding March 23 against West Texas A&M.

The Red Raiders are 49-63 in 163 all-time meetings against the Horned Frogs. Tech will take on TCU two more times this season after today's contest. The Red Raiders will invade TCU Diamond on April 6 and May 4 to conclude the season series.

Tech will resume Big 12 play with a three-game series against Big 12 South rival Texas A&M starting at 7 p.m. Friday. Tech will clash with the Aggies at 2 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday to conclude the Big 12 Conference series.

Men's tennis nets big wins

By Jeff Keller Staff Writer

The Texas Tech men's tennis team defeated two nationally-ranked squads this past weekend en route to a 2-1 performance in the Corpus Christi Invitational.

The Red Raiders defeated No. 23 Minnesota, 4-2, and No. 29 Clemson, 4-2, on Friday.

Tech dropped its match with No. 19 Baylor Saturday, but the 2-1 performance improved the Red Raiders' overall record to 8-3, 1-1 Big 12.

Junior Ryan Shupe said the competition in the tournament was the toughest he has faced in his career.

"The first two matches were great," Shupe said. "We really came together as a team. The strength of the teams in the tournament is the toughest I've seen in the two years I've been here. But, the wins this weekend set us, as a team, in the right direction."

Shupe had key wins in doubles and singles action in both of Tech's victories this weekend, and Director of Tennis Tim Siegel said Shupe was the most valuable player for Tech in the tournament.

"Shupe clinched the win for us against Minnesota," Siegel said. "Then, he put us in position to win against Clemson. So, he was definitely the MVP for us this weekend."

Going into the tournament, Tech was not as highly ranked as the other teams so they were not picked to win,

said assistant coach Matt Jackson.

"Going down there, we were the lowest-seeded team there. So, any win would have been good," Jackson said. "But, the two wins over the high-ranked teams made this a great trip for us."

Tech faced Minnesota and Clemson in 1997 and lost 6-1 to the Gophers and 5-2 to the Tigers.

Siegel said the wins this season over Minnesota and Clemson were important for the sake of redemption.

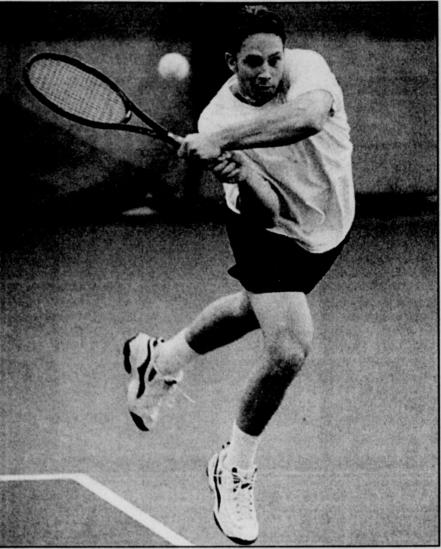
"Both of those teams beat us two years ago pretty easily," Siegel said. "So, these were two big wins for us. We have eight wins this season, and six of them are against ranked opponents. Now, we're 8-3, and I'm proud of the way our guys played this weekend."

Jackson said everyone on the Tech team came together over the weekend and played as a team.

"We've had a few matches this year where some of the players came to play and some didn't," Jackson said. "But this weekend, everyone came to play, and that was the difference for us."

Tech's 8-3 start is its best start since beginning the season 9-2 in Siegel's first year with the program in

The Red Raiders will try to improve their mark when they face Oklahoma at 2 p.m. Saturday in Lubbock in their first home-conference match of the year.



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Return Shot: Tech's Thomas Wheat returns a serve in one of the Red Raider's two wins this weekend. Tech is 8-3 overall this season and is coming off a weekend where they defeated two ranked teams in Minnesota and Clemson.

Seniors pave way for Tech

Seniors from page one

"We're all good friends, and I think we respect each other on and off the court," she said. "I think being good friends really helps the whole team."

Gibbs often has been inserted into the lineup for tourney MVP and Player of the Year Braziel.

Since transferring to Tech from South Plains College, the 6-foot-3 post was second in scoring a year ago and has led the team in scoring this season with a 21-points-pergame average.

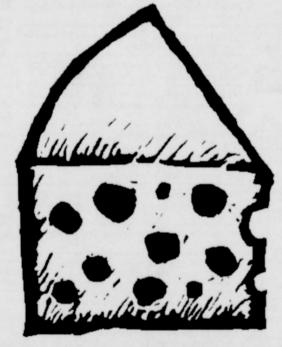
But, her presence on the court, along with Lake, Hanebutt and Gibbs, is what has helped Tech maintain a constant winning attitude and overall success, game-in and game-out.

"That's the reason I chose to come here (Tech)," Braziel said when askedto comment on the back-to-back titles. "All the players are reallydedicated, and they work hard every day in practice and games. We create a lot of things on and off the court to help make us champions."

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