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Jeffrey elected SGA president Evans, Thames to serve as vice presidents

By Christi Biddy and Apu Naik
 Staff Writers

Texas Tech students voted Douglas Jeffrey IV the 1999 Student Government President on Wednesday by 56.9 percent to Stefani Williams' 43.1 percent.

"I just want to thank God that I've been blessed with this opportunity to represent the student body of Texas Tech," Jeffrey said. "Stefani (Williams) and Austin (McWilliams) both had great platforms and great campaigns. I'm just glad to be where I am."

Jeffrey's victory was clinched Wednesday night after a total of 1,633 votes of support were counted to Williams' total of 1,238.

A total of 2,871 students registered their votes in presidential elections Wednesday.

In response to the victory, Jeffrey said he looked forward to representing the campus and thanked friends and family for helping his campaign.

"Four years ago, I walked onto the Tech campus with a vision of achieving what we did today," Jeffrey said.

"Everybody really got together to help with the support, and without them, none of this could have happened."

Internal vice president- and external vice president-elect Carrie Evans and Ashlee Thames, respectively, also walked away victorious.

Evans won the office of internal vice president by a margin of 54.9 percent to 45.1 percent.

"I'm excited," Evans said. "I'm ready to take on the responsibility."

Evans said one of the things she wanted to do is go back to organizations and thank them for their support.

"The university really came through," Evans said.

One of the benefits Evans said she gained through the campaigning process was meeting the students she will be representing.

Evans also said working with the other executive officers should be an easy task.

"During the whole campaign I worked with the others," Evans said. "We all work well together."

The closest run-off election of the night proved to be that of the external vice president.

Thames walked away with 50.2 percent of the vote compared to Cassius Johnson's total percentage of 49.8 percent.

"It's really relieving to have it over finally. Cassius ran a great campaign, and it was such a small percentage that I'm as shocked as anyone right now," Thames said.

After the final 50 votes had to be hand counted by the election committee, Thames garnered a total of 1,454 votes compared to Johnson's total of 1,438.

"I'm really glad that the students believed in me throughout this whole thing, and I can't wait to represent them next year," Thames said.

When all votes were tabulated, a total of 2,842 students registered their votes in the run-off election for external vice president.

In some cases, the office was determined by a matter of only a few votes.

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ABOVE: President-elect Douglas Jeffrey IV received a hug from his mother Jane Jeffrey after the announcement of the SGA election results Wednesday night in the University Center. Greg Kreller/The University Daily



RIGHT: Carrie Evans is congratulated after it is announced that she won the SGA internal vice presidential election runoff Wednesday night in the University Center. Chase Parry/The University Daily

SGA ELECTION	
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION	
PRESIDENT	
Jeffrey	56.9%
Williams	43.1%
INTERNAL VP	
Evans	54.9%
Pollard	45.1%
EXTERNAL VP	
Johnson	49.8%
Thames	50.2%
EDUCATION SENATOR	
Rambo	54.7%
Wolf	45.3%

the roster because it was compiled before the final payment of tuition was due.

Of the 2,925 overall votes, only 2,908 were countable toward the election.

Of the 17 votes not counted, eight were duplicate numbers.

"That probably means that some people tried to vote twice," Burns said.

Three of the 17 votes were hand

counted. The three votes were not considered because they could not be accounted for.

The remaining six votes could not be counted because the student numbers were bubbled in incorrectly, Burns said.

The College of Education also had a senatorial run-off election. Rebekah Rambo won the office. She won by a total of 54.7 percent to Lesley Wolf's total of 45.3 percent.

Dole a step closer to presidential campaign

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Elizabeth Dole moved a step closer to a full-fledged campaign for president Wednesday, announcing the formation of an exploratory committee and saying she sees "a great American yearning" that she is ready to fulfill.

Highlighting her qualifications in the race for the 2000 Republican nomination, Dole said she had worked for five presidents — and had held two Cabinet posts — but she also sought to separate

herself from other political candidates.

"What does a woman like me have to offer the country?" she asked. "I'm not a politician and, frankly, today I think that may be a plus."

She pointed to her experience as secretary of labor and secretary of transportation as well as her eight years heading the American Red Cross.

"That's experience and that's what counts," Dole said.

Faculty discusses benefits for partners

By Ginger Pope
 Staff Writer

What began as a trip to the Texas Tech recreational facility has led Tech faculty senators to take a stand for extending fringe benefits to domestic partners.

A resolution recommending fringe benefits be extended to domestic partners of faculty members was passed 22 to nine at the Faculty Senate meeting Wednesday.

This recommendation originated from a complaint that a domestic partner was not able to gain access to Tech's recreational facility, which otherwise is offered to a spouse, said

Sen. John Stinespring, chairman of the Faculty Senate Status and Welfare Committee.

"The intent of the committee is that all benefits should be considered eligible for domestic partners," Stinespring said.

The vote taken at the meeting Wednesday represents the Faculty Senate's position on the issue, and it is up to the administration to decide whether to take action, he said.

"It would seem as though we're talking about a small group of people taking advantage of this. It may be of less interest to provost office and more of an interest to the financial office," Stinespring said.

The Chronicle of Higher Education from Feb. 12 said UCLA, Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, Yale and several others, up to 145, have created benefit programs for domestic partners since 1993. The article went on to say only a small number of employees have signed up.

The motion to grant benefits to domestic partners met opposition before it even left the committee.

Sens. Randy Burkett and William Lau, both committee members, opposed the resolution.

"I do not support this resolution to support a lifestyle that is morally wrong. Life is full of choices that have financial consequences," Burkett

said basing his view on his Biblical beliefs.

Opposition also was voiced by Sen. Gary White, who said the resolution should be more specific in defining how the process would work and how the status of the partners would be determined.

Sen. Karen Meaney said Biblical principles should not be a deciding factor on this issue.

"If we start bringing religion into university decisions, then we're headed down the wrong road," Meaney said.

"Just because we're considering this doesn't mean they'll be asking for the moon."

Commissioners seek to maintain authority to appoint UMC board

By Greg Okuhara
 Staff Writer

County Commissioners approved a resolution Monday opposing legislation that would take the power of appointing University Medical Center board members away from commissioners.

UMC was created by state legislation but was placed under the control of the county. The Commissioners Court voted unanimously to weigh their support behind not

changing the current system of appointments. Texas Tech Health Sciences Center officials wanted representation on the board to facilitate communication between the two bodies.

Kenny Maines, Precinct 1 commissioner, said the county takes fiscal responsibility and should keep the power to appoint who runs the hospital.

"It's an issue of lack of representation," Maines said. "The County Commissioners are solely respon-

sible for the hospital district."

The resolution stems from a dispute between UMC and HSC physicians over allowing private physicians to have privileges at UMC. Only HSC physicians are allowed to have privileges, which includes admitting patients and working with the hospital.

Although UMC officials decided not to allow private physicians privileges, HSC officials want to be included to improve communication between the two sides.

John Walls, spokesman for the HSC, said discussions are still in progress and a friendly conclusion is desired.

"There is still some room for discussions," Walls said. "We want a fruitful conclusion, one that still works well with in the existing framework."

County Commissioners said the issue of financial responsibility is a factor in deciding who should be appointed to the board. UMC is controlled by the county, and taxpayers'

money helps subsidize the cost of running the hospital.

"If people from the medical school are appointed, should there be financial responsibility for the medical school?" Maines said. "If authorization is decreased, the county should be released from full responsibility."

Taxpayers have a "great deal" on the hospital tax, Maines said. Per \$100 spent, tax payers pay 10 cents for the hospital tax. Several years ago, the tax was as high as 75 cents.

UMC officials say they place their faith in the commissioners to select board members.

"We're in a position where we are fully confident in our elected officials," said Kim Davis, a hospital spokeswoman. "We feel the decision should be left to them."

Both Maines and Walls said they hope talks continue to come to an agreement both sides can work with.

"There are good people on all sides of the equation," Walls said. "There is still room for discussions."

Faculty Senate elects officers for 1999-2000 term

By Ginger Pope
Staff Writer

After several attempts, Texas Tech faculty senators elected new officers Wednesday.

Without any opposition, Sen. John Becker, associate librarian, was voted as the new secretary. Sen. Nancy Reed, associate art professor, was chosen as president, after ballots were recast.

Because Reed was a write-in candidate and senators did not fill in all the ballots correctly by placing an "x" next to the name they chose, ballots had to be cast again. In what may seem an even more

confusing vote, Sen. Charlotte Dunham, associate professor of sociology, was chosen as the vice president.

Senate bylaws require a majority vote for any officer to be elected. In the vice-president race, there was not a large enough margin between the candidates to declare a clear winner, and a runoff was mandated. However, this posed a problem because there was a tie for the candidates with the second-highest number of votes.

A run-off election was completed to determine who would break the tie. Next, a runoff election took place to determine the vice

president.

Other business that senators voted on included the passing of a resolution to extend fringe benefits for faculty members to domestic partners. The measure passed 22 to nine.

Senate members also discussed whether they would be able to have input in the campus parking plan.

Sen. Lewis Held, chairman of the Budget Study Committee, said he has repeatedly tried to contact Doug Mann, vice chancellor for facilities, planning and construction, about the parking plan and has not received a response in about two months.

"I don't understand the lack of response," Held said.

The problem senators foresee is they would not have enough time to view the parking plans and vote on a recommendation for them before they go before the Board of Regents in May.

"Ballots take time to print up and process ... we might not have results before the May Board of Regents meeting," Held said.

Faculty Senate President Timothy Floyd said he did speak with Mann before the Wednesday meeting, and Mann said he would be willing to meet with the Faculty Senate at a specially called meet-

ing.

Because of the time crunch, senators agreed to allow the budget committee to have a meeting with Mann, open to everyone and then draw up a resolution for the Faculty Senate meeting in April.

Senators also approved a resolution to urge the creation of a College of Fine Arts and appropriating

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Lewis Held
senator

funds to do so.

A motion was tabled, indefinitely, by senators regarding the elimination of a separate evaluation of faculty for graduate faculty status.

Tech professors receive highest honor

By Tara Nishumara
Staff Writer

Clyde Jones, a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, and Kenneth Ketner, the director of the Institute for Studies in Pragmatism, were named Paul Whitfield Horn Professors at the last Texas Tech Board of Regents meeting in Dallas.

The Horn Professorship is named after Tech's first president and is the highest faculty rank at Tech.

"It's the highest honor that Texas Tech bestows on a professor," Jones said. "I'm just a little bit awed."

The professorship is granted to professors in recognition of their attainment of national or international distinction for outstanding research and scholarly achievement.

"It's, in effect, Tech saying 'you've had a good career, and you've had it here,'" Ketner said.

Jones has been a professor in the Department of Biological Science

since 1982.

"I've devoted the last 16 years to studying mammals in Texas. My emphasis has been studying mammals in state parks in Texas," Jones said.

Jones was director of the Museum of Texas Tech from 1982 to 1985 and is a mammal curator at the Tech's Natural Science Research Laboratory.

"I've published more than 150 scientific papers including six books on the biology of mammals," Jones said.

Jones visits field sites to learn about mammals under natural conditions. He studies geographic distribution of mammals, relations among animals and interactions between mammals and humans.

"My students and I have studied at Caprock Canyon State Park and Big Bend Ranch State Park, and right now we're studying at Davis Mountain State Park," Jones said.

Ketner began as an assistant professor at Tech in 1972. He has been

the Charles Sanders Peirce Professor of Philosophy since 1981. In August, the position changed to the Charles Sanders Peirce Interdisciplinary Professor.

"Peirce is most well-known for founding the Pragmatist School of Thought, a unique American intellectual movement," Ketner said.

Ketner has written or edited 17 books. His most recent book, "His Glassy Essence," is the first of a planned three-volume project on Peirce.

"I'm very proud of this latest book," Ketner said. "It combines aspects of biography, autobiography and novels, along with a history of

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ideas in an attempt to present the first-third of Peirce's life."

Ketner said "His Glassy Essence" is written for a general-educated readership.

"People tell me it's a bit of a new genre," Ketner said.

Tech's Institute for Studies in Pragmatism is the first organized research operation focusing on Peirce.

"Peirce left a lot of unpublished gems," Ketner said. "This stuff has to be studied not only for content but for organization."

Physicians challenge '60 Minutes' report on Woodward

BOSTON (AP) — More than 70 doctors sent a letter to CBS criticizing a "60 Minutes" report suggesting that Matthew Eappen was strangled, not shaken and slammed by his au pair as prosecutors contend.

The CBS news magazine reported Sunday that two doctors believe the 8-month-old baby was strangled up to two days before he was hospitalized on Feb. 4, 1997.

Lawyers for au pair Louise Woodward said they may return to court with what the doctors said. Prosecutors said there is no evidence to warrant reopening the case.

Woodward was convicted in October 1997 of second-degree murder in Matthew's death. The trial judge reduced her sentence to involuntary manslaughter and released her from prison. She returned home to England in June,

after the judge's sentence was upheld on appeal.

In January she settled a civil wrongful death case with the baby's parents, Drs. Sunil and Deborah Eappen.

In a letter sent to CBS on Tuesday, forensic experts, neuropathologists and pediatricians who specialize in child abuse said the network and the two doctors owe the Eappen family an apology.

The group's leader, Dr. Carole Jenny of Brown University's School of Medicine in Providence, R.I., said Wednesday the strangulation theory is not supported by medical literature.

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Carole Jenny
Doctor

conclusion that totally overlooks the skull fracture, the subdural hemorrhages and all of the other things that this child had," Jenny said.

"There's no doubt he had his skull busted open."

The doctors interviewed on "60 Minutes," Dr. Floyd Gilles, a neuropathologist, and Dr. Marvin Nelson, a radiologist, are both affiliated with Children's Hospital in Los Angeles.

A hospital spokesman did not immediately return a telephone call for comment.

"60 Minutes" spokesman Kevin Tedesco said the 70 doctors who wrote the letter haven't seen the evidence that Gilles and Nelson have. The story aired Sunday.

"What would be more interesting is if they could all get together some place and look at the evidence firsthand instead of basing their opinions on newspaper accounts and hearsay," Tedesco said.

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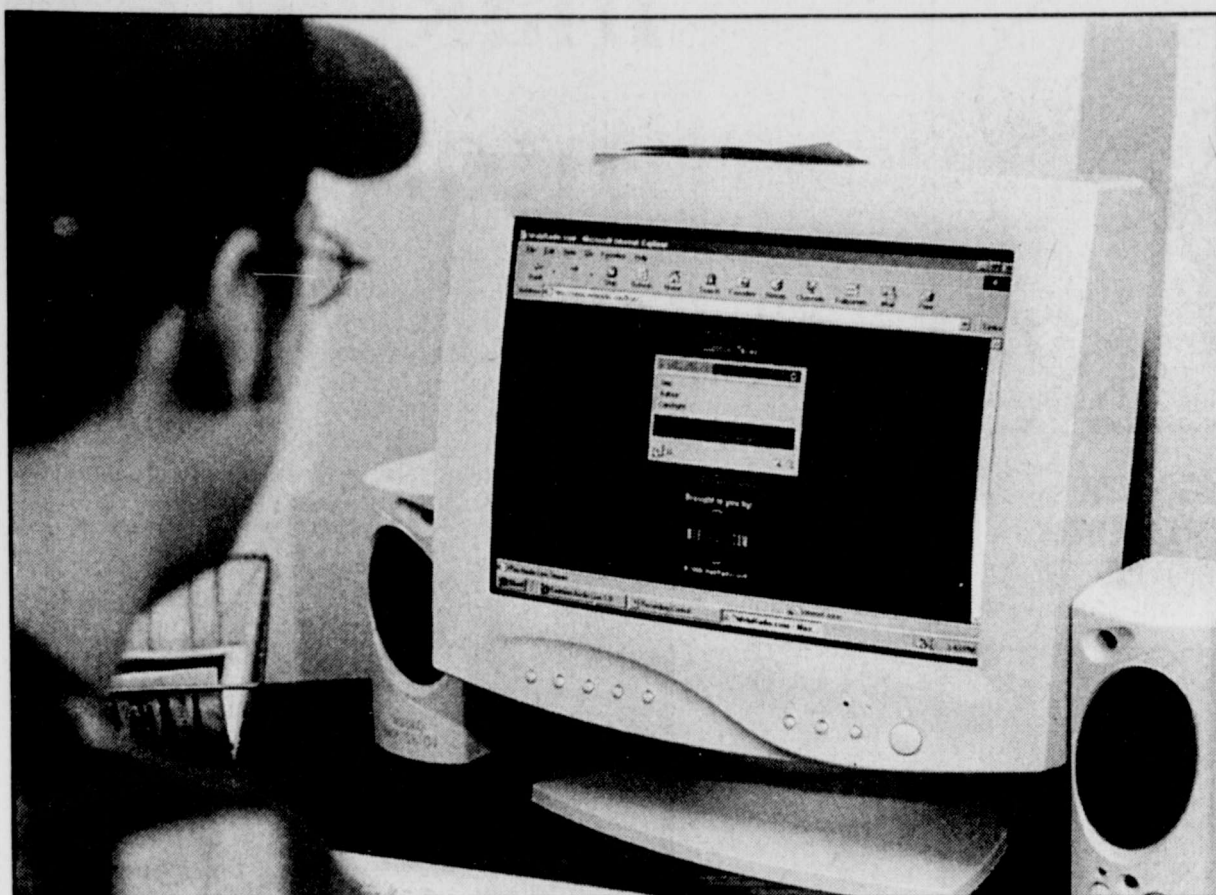
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Weekend events throughout the Hub City
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Lock it to the left-online



Wade Kennedy/Photo Illustration

KTXT stretches its arms to the world via the Internet

By Sebastian Kitchen
Staff Writer

More and more people are logging onto the Internet, and as they do, more radio stations are broadcasting live on the World Wide Web.

No matter where someone is in the world, as long as they have access to the Internet, they now can listen to Texas Tech radio station KTXT-88.1 FM.

Former students and faculty of the university can listen to the station on the World Wide Web.

"There was a demand from ex-KTXT and former Tech students who moved away and wanted to listen to KTXT," said station manager Jim Hall, a senior management information systems major from Jackson, Miss.

"As usual, KTXT is leading Lubbock in the future of radio programming," Hall said.

People can type in www.webradio.com/

KTXT and access the live broadcast.

"What's cool about it is no matter where you are in the world, you can always have it 'locked to the left,'" Hall said.

Friday, the final adjustments were made, and now the exact sounds people hear on the KTXT airwaves on the South Plains can be heard on the computer speakers.

"We feel this is a very special opportunity Web Radio has given us," Hall said.

"We appreciate their help, but most of all we appreciate them recognizing we were the only station in Lubbock worthy of broadcasting online."

People can also e-mail music requests to the station at KTXT@ttu.edu.

Hall said the station already has had a lot of response.

Monday, Hall stopped the live feed for about two minutes to make adjustments, and he said the DJ told him she received several complaint calls during that short time.

"We have had a lot of positive re-

sponse so far," Hall said.

Many stations all over the world, including other college radio stations, are on the Internet through Web Radio and Broadcast.com.

A representative with Web Radio, Lin Celella of Smith Public Relations, said the company works a lot with college stations.

"It gives college radio a broader audience," Celella said.

"They usually cannot do this because of wattage."

College stations never have been able to reach people like this before, she said. "It allows them to reach everywhere over the Internet," Celella said.

Arbitron recently released a study reporting that 6 percent of all Americans are listening to radio on the Internet and that one in five Internet users listen to radio while online.

The report said 13 percent of all Americans and 27 percent of all Internet users in the United States have listened to radio over the Internet.

Foundation receives help from wrestlers

By Laura Hensley
Staff Writer

During the past seven weeks, the rough-and-tumble antics of sumo wrestling at Bleacher's Sports Cafe have not only entertained but also have been raising money for charity.

Tonight, the weeks of sorting through the funny and often absurd sumo matches will come to an end with the naming of a champion team. Tonight also marks the end to the weeks of fund raising for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

During the weekly competitions, donations were gathered at the door for the charity that grants wishes to

sick children.

Kurt McMillan, owner of Bleacher's, said he expects to give more than \$500 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"We've done sumo wrestling in the past, and it was a big hit," McMillan said.

"We wanted to start it back up but didn't want to do it just to do it. We wanted to tie it to a charity."

McMillan said he gathered ideas from his staff and decided to give Make-A-Wish the money.

"This makes everyone feel good," he said.

The championship team will be chosen by the best and funniest performance by a panel of judges.

The winners will receive a trip to Cancun and \$500.

The matches begin at 10 p.m. at Bleacher's Sports Cafe, 1719 Buddy Holly Ave.

There will be a \$3 cover, and donations for Make-A-Wish Foundation will be taken at the door.

"This makes everyone feel good."

Kurt McMillan
owner of Bleacher's Sports Cafe

Trio to release second album

NEW YORK (AP) — Emmylou Harris, Dolly Parton and Linda Ronstadt can't explain why they sound so good singing together.

"We're glad we do," Parton says.

"We do love to sing. Your whole life you wait to find those compatible voices. It's like making love."

Their new CD, *Trio II*, was recently released, debuting in the No. 4 spot on Billboard's country album charts.

The CD was recorded in 1994. They were too busy to promote it, so the album went on a shelf.

Asylum agreed to release *Trio II*. All the tracks were located and the CD was assembled without having to rerecord any of the songs.

The pictures on the CD's cover show the three singers when they were little girls.

The three singers met in the early 1970s.

Several years later, almost by chance, they discovered their voices blended sweetly: Parton visited Harris in Los Angeles, Harris invited Ronstadt over, and they sang a little country harmony.

Trio, which sold 1.8 million cop-

ies, was released in 1987. The album produced four Top 10 hits, including the No. 1 "To Know Him Is to Love Him."

Ronstadt is producing a record for Sony Classical on the history of glass music, including a glass instrument built by Benjamin Franklin.

She and Harris are working on a record to be released in August.

Parton has a gospel special on TNN on April 1, and her East Tennessee theme park Dollywood will open for the 1999 season in April.

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Differences make life interesting

Who is a normal person? Is he 5 feet 10 inches and weighing 170 pounds with brown hair and blue eyes? Is she 5 feet 6 inches, weighing 130 pounds with long black hair and hazel eyes? Truth of the matter is, there are no normal people.

Unlike mass-produced blue jeans or factory-assembled machines, people are different with no two beings alike. Sure identical twins may look exactly alike, but their thoughts and other internal qualities differ from one another.



Andrew Schoppe
Columnist

If everyone was created the same, then the world would be a really bland place to be.

No one would ever have anything to say to one another because everyone would be thinking the same thing and trying to do the same thing as well.

This would most definitely create a whirlwind of hassles.

Throughout the school years, there are often many students who just don't quite fit the "normal" mold.

What can happen to these students is that they are given the failure tag and don't receive the guidance they need to make the most of the gifts they have.

Frankly, this is rather sickening.

Some of the brightest minds and most sincere people are shunned because they are unique or learn differently from the majority of others.

You may have heard that people such as Mozart and Winston Churchill were not your typical students. Neither had the ability to pay attention to most things for an extended period of time, but when they were able to focus, it was amazing what they could accomplish.

It has been said that, at times, Mozart could compose a musical masterpiece in less than a day.

How can people who are different reach their fullest potential?

The answer lies in the actions of others, to some extent.

Neglecting and criticizing those who are different or learn in non-traditional ways is far less productive than seeking to understand their thought processes and causes of their actions.

Simply through observation, patience, discussion and asking questions, it's easy to discover a great deal about people and how to help them get the most out of the gifts they've been given.

People and places are created for reasons, each with its own unique purpose.

As the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle fit together to create a picture, so too must people's gifts be understood and put together to reach their fullest potential.

Andrew Schoppe is a junior broadcast journalism and business management major from Houston.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tech research well-founded, other issues need attention

To the editor: I don't know how many people caught the article in Monday's *UD* or saw the news coverage over the weekend, but I have heard enough from animal rights activists and the Animal Liberation of Texas. Excuse the bad pun, but these people have made a mountain out of an "ant" hill and proved themselves to be media-hungry glory-seekers in the process. Here's why:

It seems the research is public information. So, why not do some fact finding about the research instead of running out here to spread lies and slander Texas Tech? These people are plain stupid.

First of all, why come all the way to Lubbock to protest about a deer that was bit by an ant hundreds of miles away in Corpus Christi. For all I know, those deer are lying on a beach, sipping margaritas and catching an early Spring Break, while I'm back here studying for mid-terms. Talk about your cruel treatment.

Also, what kind of animal-rights idiots are so deaf, dumb and blind that they drove all the way to Lubbock and passed right by the largest slaughter house in West Texas? I don't know how many cows go through that place, but judging from the smell, it's a lot.

I'm sure there is no argument to who wins the battle of cuteness between Bambi and Elsie the Cow, but simple logic would reason that thousands of lives outweigh the few.

If you still don't think they are stupid, then how about hypocrites? Some of the people participating in the protest are students in a program at Texas Christian University that do research for Jane Goodall. Last I checked, Goodall did animal research. Who do these idiots think they are? Get out of Lubbock.

Well, that's the end of my soapbox gripe of the day, but here's some small advice. If you want to hug trees and eat tofu, more power to ya, but don't piss and moan for media and TV time, and then use it to embarrass yourselves, insult the Lubbock community and deface our beloved university.

Jason L. Walters
senior
psychology

Student uses logic to rebut religious group's viewpoint

To the editor: After first reading this ad earlier this week, I realized immediately what Mr. Akins was attempting to do. My first thoughts were mostly of the theological sort, regarding the inconsistency of the ICOC doctrine with "traditional" Christian ideas. After more thought, I realized writing an effective letter rebutting Mr. Akin's claims would really not require a religious debate. Simple logic would suffice.

The aggressor: Mr. Akins would have you believe the Christian leaders of this community are greedy with their followers. They saw the ICOC setting up shop and began to twist their pointy moustaches and plot schemes and methods to eradicate the member-thieving Lubbock Christian Church.

The Victim: He wants us to see his organization as the

prey. It is really almost as though Mr. Akins believes his organization to be the one true beacon of light and truth in a town that has fallen victim to the greed and deceit of religious establishment.

Notice he tries to appeal to our sense of Christian values by asking whether the spirit of those who "have spoken so harshly" is Christ-like or otherwise.

It is a trap we easily and willingly fall into because we all know Jesus, who was a definite minority because of his ideas, was mistreated and finally executed in a horrific manner.

If Jesus was right and society did that to him, isn't it worth considering the possibility that the Lubbock Christian Church also is right because society is treating it the same way?

Mr. Akins, it is equally possible from an objective viewpoint that your organization is the culprit here, and it is being treated the way it is simply because our leaders are trying to protect us.

In addition to this, the fact is (forgive me for delving a little into theology here) Jesus was not always passive and easy-going (a la pseudo Christ-like Spirit). When he saw something wrong, he told people about it in no uncertain terms.

As a matter of fact, the roles Mr. Akins has tried very hard to create in our minds could just as easily be reversed.

That is to say, the spirit of our community churches could be considered very Christ-like, if one would stop to consider the idea that the Lubbock Christian Church might be in the wrong.

Mr. Akins then goes on to quote a lot of scripture. This is because you simply cannot argue scripture.

He picks a few verses we can all agree with to warm us up to the idea that there is really nothing different (in a wrong sort of way) with the ICOC.

Reader beware: The handful of verses cited in the letter might be an accurate summary of ICOC beliefs, but that's all it is — a summary. Hidden in that summary are a multitude of specifics, and it's those specifics that are dangerous. It's those specifics that our church leaders are concerned about.

I would encourage each and every person on this campus to become informed about those specifics. Visit www.icoc.org and find out for yourself what they believe. Also visit www.reveal.org to find out what former members of the ICOC have to say.

Adam Stephens
freshman
chemical engineering

SGA campaigners unaware of life, issues outside Tech

To the editor: Perhaps the gray beard and the bicycle helmet misled student government campaigners to believe I'm a retiree returning for another degree.

Twice Wednesday, I was asked to vote for one of the run-off candidates.

I asked the first solicitor about the candidate's position on Kosovo. "He probably doesn't even know how to spell it," I was told. "And that doesn't really affect student government, does it?"

The second volunteer was somewhat more informed:

"I'm pretty sure he doesn't know where it is. But, I'll bring it up."

Maybe, Balkan politics aren't the business of student government. Maybe, dysenteric children in Iraq don't matter either. Or, Haitians drowning 30 miles off the coast of Florida. It's possible no one in student government has a grandparent who has been robbed by the sweepstakes industry. It seems unlikely, but handgun violence or alcohol abuse may not have affected even one of the campaigners.

Off-campus political and life-shaping events may not be relevant to student government. I think they never were at Texas Tech. Thirty years ago, we barely recognized that some of our classmates suddenly moved very far east of University Avenue. Then, we seemed really more interested in arguing with the Board of Regents about the name of the university.

My concern isn't about student government issues. My concern is about what we do to ourselves. Whether or not we are "First Tier" or "Flagship" probably has nothing to do with student government.

Comparison with other universities certainly has something to do with what we know and how we use that knowledge. As long as we don't know how to spell Kosovo, or where it is or what it stands for, maybe we deserve the ranking we get.

Jay McMillen
Class of '72

Accident victim thanks helpful Tech students

To the editor: I am writing to praise and express appreciation to several Texas Tech students who were very considerate of my welfare when I was involved in a traffic accident on March 3 at the intersection of Boston Avenue and 19th Street.

I was en route to the College of Human Sciences building for a meeting and attempted to turn left on Boston Avenue when another vehicle ran the red light at that intersection, causing the accident. Immediately after the accident, Tech students helped me from my car and assisted me in every way possible. One student used his cellular phone to call the police, an ambulance and my husband. They reassured me in every way possible and showed genuine concern. I had purchased ice to be used at a reception, and a student took the ice to the human sciences building for me. Another student said she would pray for me during the day. Fortunately, I suffered only minor bruises.

This behavior comes as no surprise to me since I have worked with Tech students for many years in the School of Mass Communications and enjoyed my association with them very much. It is gratifying to know that Tech students continue to be first class. My only regret is that I failed to get the names of these individuals so that I could write each a note of appreciation. I hope some, or all, of these students read this letter and know that they have my sincere thanks for their help on that traumatic day.

Faye N. Kennedy
Lubbock resident

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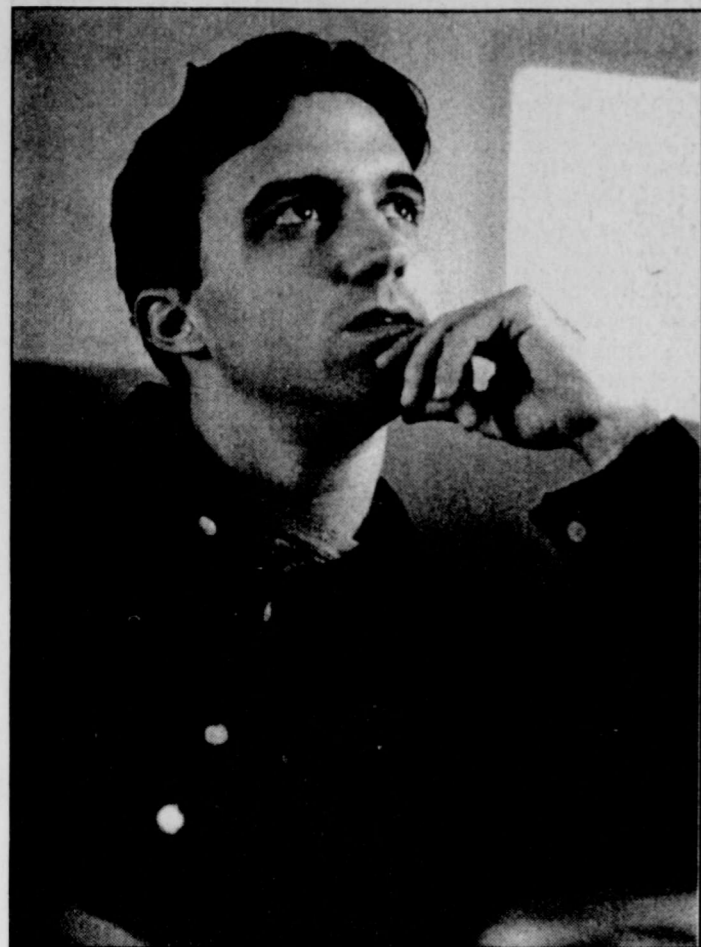
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Pritchett strives to break stereotype



Phil Pritchett/
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By Sebastian Kitchen
Staff Writer

With his first two recordings, Phil Pritchett followed the Texas singer/songwriter stereotype. Now, he has "jumped off the drive around Texas in your truck and get drunk" variety of music.

"A lot of Texas music tells people what they want to hear," Pritchett said. "I want to challenge listeners more than that if I can."

Pritchett will perform tonight at The Texas Cafe, 3604 50th St. Admission cost is \$4, and the show will start at 9 p.m.

Pritchett never was a big fan of country music. He liked the Willie Nelsons and Johnny Cashes of the world, but country was not his music of choice.

He rode the Robert Earl Keen train on the first two albums but stepped away from that on *Suburban Legends*. The album can be purchased in some stores and is available at the website www.philpritchett.com. The site has more information on the band, touring dates and more.

"I abandoned a lot of my old

crowd by doing that," he said.

The crowd at the shows are still college students and young working people, Pritchett said. Some of the people at the shows also like Keen and Pat Green but are not strictly fans of that genre. Pritchett even opened shows for Green in Lubbock.

Elvis Costello, the Beatles and the Talking Heads were more his speed, Pritchett said.

He may have lost a few listeners, but Pritchett does not mind. He is playing the music he wants to.

"It is rewarding to me with the new album," he said.

People will come up to him now and say they bought a Beck album or some other contemporary artist. To him, that is gratifying to open people's mind to different music.

Pritchett does not want to look and sound like other upcoming Texas musicians.

At shows, Pritchett said he would play, and there would be people sitting enjoying the music but a small group of loud drunks.

"I am not going to sit up there and preside over a testosterone-filled brewfest," Pritchett said.

Couple jailed for faking cancer

HASTINGS, Neb. (AP) — A woman who lied about having cancer and duped the community into donating nearly \$10,000 for her treatment was sentenced to six months in jail and told to write letters of apology.

Kerri Lobato, 34, and her husband, Tim Lobato, 30, pleaded guilty in December to theft by deception.

Judge Stephen Illingworth on Tuesday ordered the couple to pay \$9,023 in restitution and write letters of apology within 30 days to each person who gave them money.

The couple was arrested in November 1997.

PHIL PRITCHETT

WHEN: Thursday, March 11 at 9 p.m.

WHERE: Texas Cafe-The Spoon, 3604 50th St.

DETAILS: Tickets cost \$4

Archives share folktales with campus

By Jonathan Biles
Staff Writer

"Study from new books but from old teachers."

The Archive of Turkish Oral Narrative at Texas Tech allows students to practice this Turkish proverb as Warren and Barbara Walker and Metin Ekici collect folktales from Turkey and translate and publish them for public use.

The dream for a Turkish archive began in the early 1960s when the Walkers were teaching in Turkey, Warren Walker said.

Turkish folktales have been a means by which the people of Turkey told the history of their country as well as teach moral lessons.

"The tales help teach a moral lesson without saying the moral," he said. "If you can tell a story with a

moral lesson, you don't have to tell them to do this and to do that."

The collecting of the tales was not easy, Barbara Walker said. One could not simply go into a Turkish town and ask to hear a story, but one would have to coax them into telling a story by telling a story, she said.

They continued their collecting in Turkey until they moved to Lubbock to join Tech in 1965. When they got to Tech, the couple decided that Tech needed an archive.

The archive was not officially opened until January 1971, even though the couple had been here several years earlier.

The archive is the only one in the world, and universities such as Harvard, Pennsylvania University and the University of Texas have tried to purchase the archive from the Walkers.

"We wanted Tech to have this unique collection," Barbara Walker said. "With such a unique collection, people are forced to come to Tech for the materials."

As time takes its toll on the Walkers, they decided it was time to put a new face in the archive and allow the collecting to continue. Their choice to carry on their tradition was Metin Ekici, graduate of the University of Wisconsin and professor at Ege University in Izmir, Turkey.

Metin was one of 12 finalists chosen in the application process for the job. The Walkers said there could not be a more perfect man for the job, because Ekici shares the same ambition as they do.

Even though Ekici has officially become the director of the archive and the Walkers are retired, that does not stop the Walkers from working

more than 40 hours per week at the archive.

The archive houses 2,071 tales and continues to grow and can be found on the third floor of the library. For more information, call 742-1922.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE STUDENTS OF TEXAS TECH

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

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 choice.

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



THE BIG CHEESE

No, not a cheese head. The big cheese, the boss, the one in charge, the decision maker, etc. Seriously though, if you would like to be the creator of the official yearbook of Texas Tech University, report the events that happen on campus, manage a staff of students, give up a lot of your social life and even get paid, then you could be "the big cheese" of a great student staff!!! What is it you ask?????

LA VENTANA EDITOR

Does it sound like the time of your life? How about an experience you will never forget!! If you have had the class requirements, experience and meet the criteria, you could be the next La Ventana Editor. Pick up and return your application in 103 Journalism Building by 4 p.m. Tuesday March 23.

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Stylists get thank you on Oscars night

(AP)- On Oscars day, a star arises. She reads the trades, pencils in an upcoming lunch with that new agent. Dresses faaabulous. Takes limo to red carpet. Feels grateful for waterproof mascara while making teary-eyed acceptance speech. Thanks the Academy.

And thanks the stylist. Who? The celebrity stylist. The latest breed of power player, he shops for and dresses Tinseltown's A-list for awards galas and other outings peppered with paparazzi.

The stylist is also the fashion darling of the moment provided that, among the racks of Armanis, Versaces, Halstons and Diors, he sniffs out the ideal show-stopping

gown for his client. When such perfection is attained, the public is destined to see that actress in that dress, in well-placed photos, endless and everywhere, from People to Vogue and around the globe.

While the public may not be aware of the stylist's influence, fashion designers court them with front-row seats at their shows. TV appearances adorn their resumes. And a book deal, perhaps?

"We can take a designer who doesn't have a name and sort of build them, so we're the perfect product placement," says Phillip Bloch, megastylist and author of "Elements of Style: From the Portfolio of Hollywood's Premier Stylist" (Warner Books 1998, \$22).

Bloch's list of clients includes

Sandra Bullock, Salma Hayek, Jim Carrey, Lara Flynn Boyle, John Travolta, Jada Pinkett Smith, Will Smith, Lauren Holly, Lisa Rinna, Fran Drescher and Faye Dunaway.

"I like to hang out, have fun with my clients," says Bloch.

"I'm not, 'Dahling, it's got to be Gucci.' I don't hang with celebs. And when I do, we hang out in jeans and we lay on the floor. It's not like I hang out with Sandy. Well, I do but..."

If all runs smoothly, there should be no anxiety for a stylist's clients on Oscars day.

"She should have nothing to do but slip into the dress, because by having the stylist, you're all prepared. That's the whole point," says

"We can take a designer who doesn't have a name and sort of build them..."

Phillip Bloch
megastylist and author

Bloch, who is based in Los Angeles. "My client might call me to ask what color nail polish the manicurist should use. And I'll say, 'I'm just rounding the corner, I'll be right there.'"

"Everybody gets there one by one, the makeup artist, the hair stylist, the best friend, the manicurist, and I come with the dress," Bloch says.

"We might joke and gossip about what's in *Variety* and *The Hollywood Reporter*."

If all this sounds like a big production — it is.

Rap star jailed for breaking state law

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rap star ODB was jailed on \$115,000 bail Wednesday on charges that he violated a new state law that bans violent felons from wearing body armor.

The lawyer for Russell Jones, the real name of the 30-year-old singer for the hip hop group Wu Tang Clan, argued that he needed the protection because of his fame. Jones pleaded innocent.

"Due to how famous he is, he's at risk for his life," said Deputy Public Defender Mearl Lottman. "He has been in gunbattles and that's why he was wearing body armor. He was wearing it for his own protection."

Lottman noted that police in New York shot at Jones in January. A grand jury last month dismissed attempted murder charges brought against him in that incident.

Prosecutors suggested that Jones was a danger.

"There is an issue of public safety here," said Deputy District Attorney Mary Ganahl. "The danger is to the community. He can go into the community and not worry about the police."

Ganahl also suggested that Jones is the head of a street gang named Wu-Tang Clan.

"I think that is a musical group," Municipal Court Judge Kevin Brown said with a smile. "I have three children. That's why I know that."

Jones filed a statement with the court saying he could not afford a lawyer. The court accepted the

statement but will examine Jones' resources before appointing him a permanent lawyer.

The law was enacted after a 1997 bank robbery in North Hollywood, when armor-clad gunmen with automatic weapons wounded more than a dozen officers and civilians.

Both gunmen were killed at the scene. The law seeks to protect police from assailants who can shoot without fear of return fire.

Opponents said it could leave the vulnerable unprotected and infringes on the right of citizens to protect themselves.

"The law is well-intentioned but misguided," said Erwin Chemerinsky, a professor of constitutional law at the University of Southern California. "People might feel the need for protection for so many reasons other than wanting to commit a crime."

Ganahl said there was no constitutional issue because anyone can wear a bulletproof vest, as long as they haven't been convicted of a serious felony.

Exceptions can also be made upon petition to the local police or sheriff.

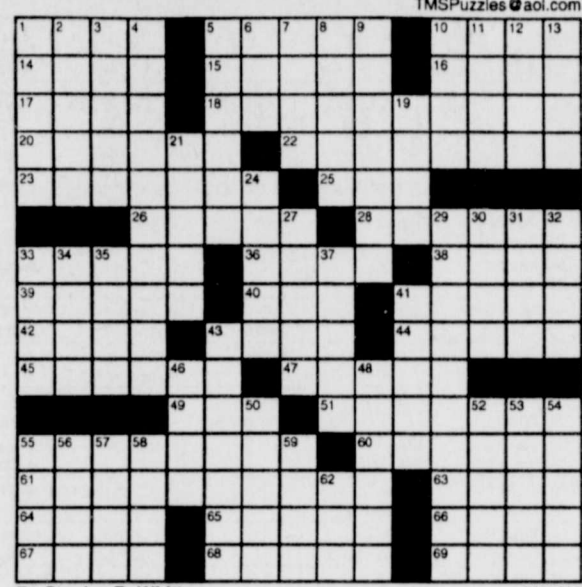
Jones was convicted of second-degree assault in New York in 1993.

He also faces trial on two Los Angeles felony charges — that he threatened to kill the mother of his 1-year-old child and that he made death threats to guards at a nightclub.

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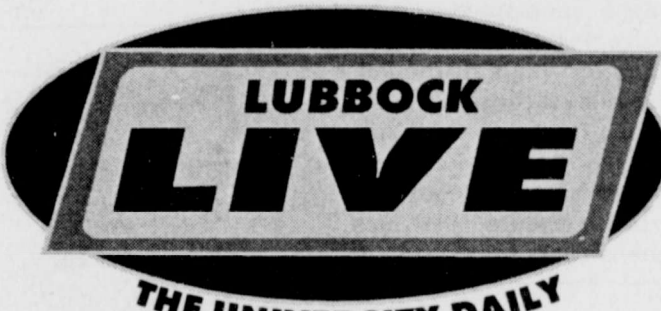
Museum, landmark offer break activities

The Texas Tech Museum and Lubbock Lake Landmark are offering special Spring Break activities for children in first through sixth grades. A variety of hands-on programs at the museum and the landmark range from the arts to archaeology. Programs are designed to fit each age group and will include a simulated dinosaur

dig, creating sculptures, pottery making, rock art and basket weaving.

All events are free, but registration is required. Programs are scheduled twice daily beginning at 10 a.m. to noon and at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. March 16.

For more information or registration, call 742-1116.



THURSDAY

David Trout's Rock & Roll Comedy Karaoke—Chelsea Street Pub, South Plains Mall, 9 p.m., through Saturday, no cover
Swing Night—Clousseaus's, 1802 Buddy Holly Ave., 8

p.m., lessons - \$5
Phil Pritchett—Texas Cafe/The Spoon, 3604 50th St., \$4
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SPORTS

Thursday, March 11, 1999

Tech fastpitch enjoys home cookin'

By Brent Dirks
Staff Writer

Back at home for the first time this season, the Texas Tech fastpitch team swept New Mexico State in a doubleheader Wednesday at the Tech Rec Softball Fields.

"I know being at home really helped out tremendously," said Red Raider coach Renee Luers-Gillispe. "We've been on the road so long. It was nice to be able to get out of class and come out here and play in our own territory."

And, the Red Raiders (15-15 overall) came out swinging.

In the second game, Tech scored two runs in the second inning and used a three-run third to put the game away.

In the first contest, the Red Raiders scored two in the second and three runs in the fifth.

"We really worked with the girls on trying to jump on the first pitch the first inning," Luers-Gillispe said. "We hadn't done that in the past. So, we knew we had to be very aggressive going into these games, and the girls did a really good job with that."

But, the Red Raiders were able to withstand the Aggies (3-17 overall) in the latter innings.

"Later innings we just weren't patient enough," Luers-Gillispe said. "Those are the ups and downs. We got the ups early and kind of held on with the downs."

In the second game, the Red Raiders had to fend off New Mexico State.

After entering the inning up 5-3, New Mexico State strung together three hits off starter Emily Hayes to cut the lead to one run.

But game-one winner, sophomore pitcher Amanda Renfro (9-10)

came in with the game-winning run on base and recorded the final two outs.

"I don't think we were worried," Hayes said. "We knew the defense was there to back us up. Amanda came in, and she really finished off the game well. It all turned out good."

Renfro was a good closer for the Red Raiders, Luers-Gillispe said.

"Emily threw a great game," Luers-Gillispe said. "You could tell she was getting a little tired. Her drop balls were a little lower than she wanted them. Amanda had been warming up and was ready to go. She did a great job of closing for us."

In the first game, the Red Raiders were able to put the game away quicker. After allowing two Aggie runs in the first inning, it was all Tech.

The Red Raiders scored two runs in the second inning. And with two runners on in the fifth, infielder Kim Martinez fired off a three-run home run to put the game out of reach and give Tech a 5-2 victory.

"We did a great job on getting some key hits that we needed to get," Luers-Gillispe said. "That's the one thing early in the season that we haven't been doing."



Slide 'n' Glide: Tech infielder Kim Martinez slides in safely during the Red Raider's doubleheader sweep against New Mexico State on Wednesday at the Tech Rec Softball Fields. The Red Raiders improved to 15-15 on the year and will hit the road for the San Jose State Tournament in San Jose, Calif., from March 12 - March 15.

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Renee Luers-Gillispe
Tech coach

Torre diagnosed with cancer

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — New York Yankees champion Joe Torre left the World Series championships Wednesday for treatment of prostate cancer, another blow to a team shadowed by death and disease.

Torre discovered he had the cancer from a test the Yankees required at spring training in response to Darryl Strawberry's colon-cancer diagnosis in October.

The team believes doctors caught the disease in its early stages, and owner George Steinbrenner said he expects Torre back in 30 days — which would be April 9, the day of the Yankees' home-opener.

"I feel fine, and I am looking forward to taking care of this problem and getting back to work," said the 58-year-old manager, who spent the day at his spring home in Tampa.

Word of Torre's condition came two days after Yankees great Joe DiMaggio died of complications from lung-cancer surgery and on the same day Strawberry returned to the lineup for the first time in five months.

"It's been a very tough week for the Yankees but we'll be able to handle it," said Steinbrenner, who visited Torre and found him in good spirits. "We have a great capacity of being able to deal with adversity. Time after time after time, we've done it throughout this franchise's history. It's built into being a Yankee."

Just last week, former Yankees star Catfish Hunter appeared at the team's camp too weak to shake hands because of Lou Gehrig's Disease. In 1996, when Torre became the Yankees' manager, his brother Rocco

died, and his brother had a heart transplant during the World Series.

Strawberry said the team was "devastated" by the news of Torre. "No one wants to see someone else face this particular battle," Strawberry said. "It is a difficult battle for anybody. We all have to realize that until there is a cure for cancer there are no guarantees."

The Yankees, whose regular season begins April 5 at Oakland, will rotate managers while Torre is out. Hitting coach Chris Chambliss managed the split squad game Wednesday in Fort Myers against the Red Sox and Stump Merrill, who managed the Yankees in 1990-91 and is now a special assistant to general manager Brian Cashman, handled the team's other game in Bradenton against the Pirates.

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Red Raider Softball			At San Jose State Tournament, San Jose, Calif.				
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Pressure Cooker

Lady Raiders prepare for NCAA Tournament

By Jason Bernstein
Sports Editor

When all you are asked to do as a team is win games on a consistent basis, it's ironic to see just how much pressure can accompany those victories come tournament time.

Regardless of the sport, winning games means more pressure in the teams' next outing.

But for the Texas Tech Lady Raiders (28-3 overall, 14-2 Big 12), last season's disappointment in the NCAA Tournament created a chance at redemption often unseen in collegiate athletics.

With an opportunity to advance to the Final Four without leaving Lubbock, the 1998 Lady Raiders were unable to make it past Notre Dame.

"We felt a tremendous amount of pressure last year," said senior Rene Hanebutt who will make her fourth-consecutive NCAA postseason appearance Saturday. "I think that's part of the reason why we didn't end the season exactly where we wanted to."

After winning their first round contest 87-75 over Grambling, the Lady Raiders ended the 1998 campaign with a 74-59 decision at the hands of the Fightin' Irish, leaving many players hungry for a return trip to the tournament.

And as the saying goes, hunger makes the best sauce.

"I think in our minds, even though they've won 28 basketball games, they don't feel like they'll be successful unless they get this done," said Tech coach Marsha Sharp. "It's something that's haunted them for a year, and they really probably feel that it's the low point of their careers. Now, they're going to try to turn it around to make this the high point."

Sharp and the Lady Raiders have, however, prepared for the tournament's enormous pressure by competing in a competitive Big 12 race with many key contests coming on the road this season.

"I think we've seen a lot of different looks this year," said guard Melinda Schmucker. "We've played some big games. We played at Texas, at Nebraska, at Colorado. I think those were key games for us to go out and see what it (the tournament) will be like."

"I think this week we've taken the mentality of taking it one game at a time and never looking ahead because if you do, that's where it's really going to get you."

In regular season contests this season, where the external pressures could have made its way into the Lady Raider locker room, Tech managed to stave-off its effects in almost every situation.

The Lady Raiders are 7-3 against tournament-bound teams, including wins in the Big 12 Tournament last week against the West's No. 11-seeded Nebraska and the Midwest's No. 4 seed Iowa State.

In comparing the conference tournament with that of the NCAA Tournament, Schmucker, Tech's floor general, said the difference is minimal. "Really, it's almost the same," Schmucker said. "Going out there and winning the Big 12 (Tournament) is a great feeling, but at the

same time, if you're on top, the underdog is really gunning for you."

"It's the same thing at the NCAA Tournament. If you have a better seed, you know you'll play that team that has nothing to lose, and they'll be ready to play."

This time around, the Lady Raiders enter the bracket-filled affair as a No. 2 seed, lifting some, but not all of the pressure associated with being a top seed in the tourney.

"I think the No. 2 seeding helped us," Sharp said. "I wasn't disappointed at all that that happened. When you look at the screen and see the No. 1 seed, the first thing that goes through your mind is that these people think we should be in the Final Four. At least that part of it will handle this whole situation better."

But in contrast to the men's tourney, the women do not play their first- and second-round contests at neutral locations, leaving the Lady Raiders at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum for sub-regional play against Stephen F. Austin on Saturday.

With another home contest, however, comes the possibility of additional pressures of performing well in front of the home crowd.

"I think you can relax," Schmucker said of a tournament home game. "No matter what, you'll be nervous

for a game. But I think at the same time, if you go out there and know you're ready to play, you can just relax and go out there and play your game."

Also, contributing to the escalating pressure of postseason are the expectations of the community surrounding the program.

The Lady Raiders have claimed one National Championship and have appeared in eight-consecutive NCAA Tournaments prior to this season.

"I think the expectations for the Lady Raider program are always big," Sharp said. "Our players feel that all the time."

"The good news is that I think they're used to it. They've felt pressure, probably throughout their careers here, to try to do something special this time of year. The precedent was set years before they got here, and it's really the reason they came to Tech."

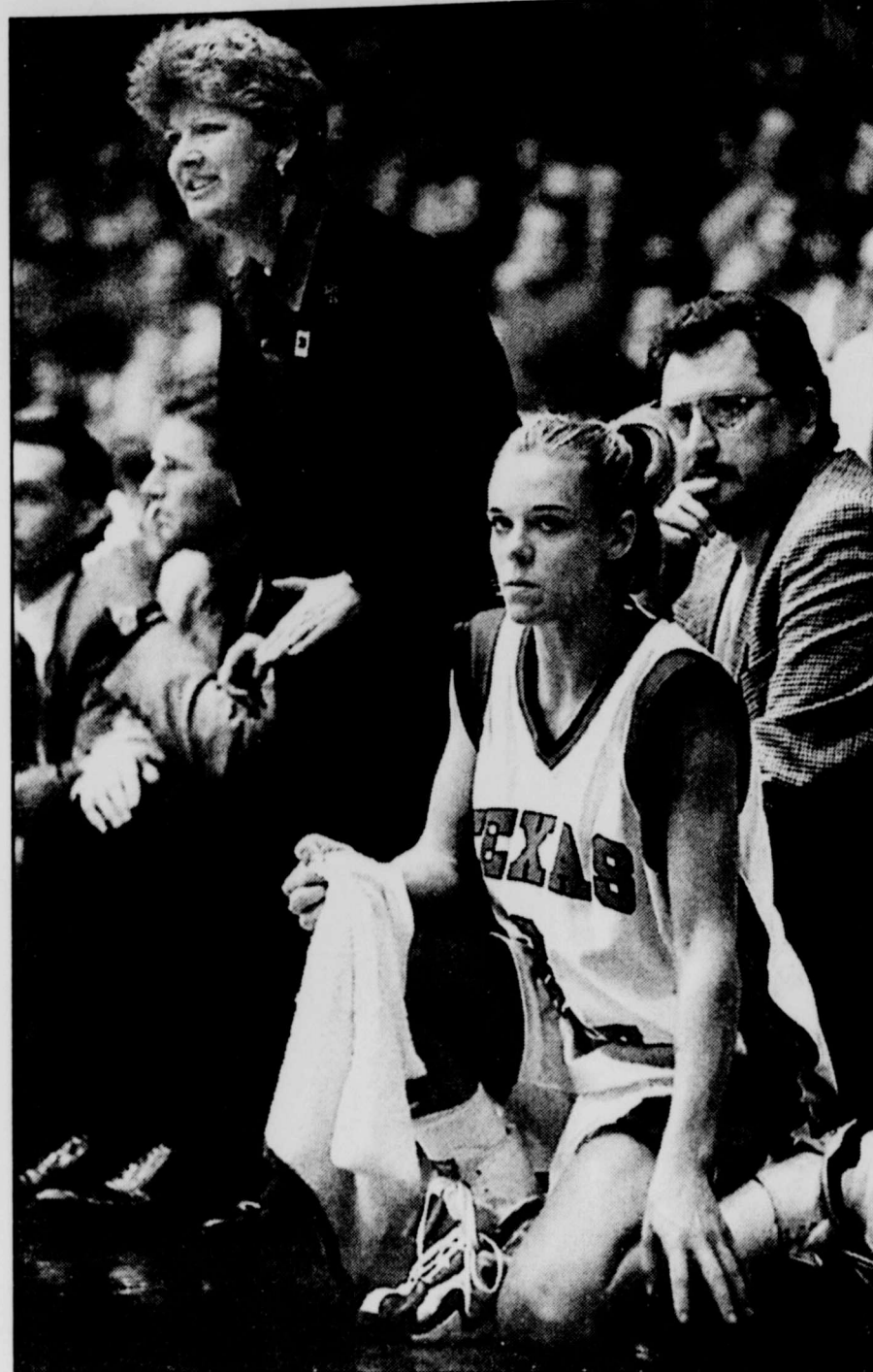
The Lady Raiders are 15-10 overall in the NCAA Tournament under Sharp with five Sweet 16 appearances, two Elite Eight appearances and the one Final Four trip culminating the 1993 National Championship.

Sharp said the current group of Lady Raiders are more experienced than last year's squad heading into postseason play.

"We have the experience," she said. "These guys have been around the block for a long time and really understand what you have to do this time of year to keep playing."

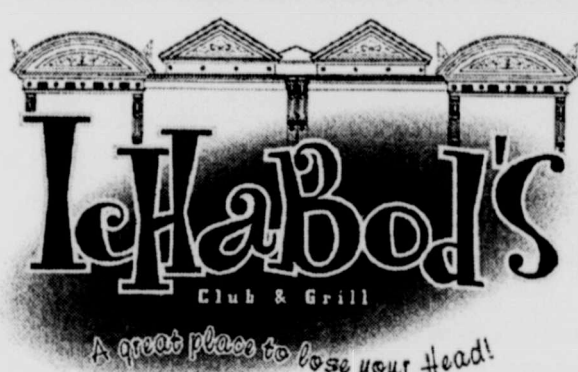
As the cliché goes, however, for the Lady Raiders to continue to keep playing deep into the tournament, they must take it one game at a time.

"We're taking a different approach this year," Hanebutt said. "We're taking it one game at a time and really, the only competition we're looking at right now is Stephen F. Austin. Coach (Sharp) has told us, 'Survive and advance.' We have to do that if we want to make a run at the Final Four."



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Under Pressure: Tech coach Marsha Sharp and the rest of the Lady Raider staff and players have been able to curb the stresses of conference and non-conference play this season. The Lady Raiders are 28-3 overall as they head into the 1999 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament beginning Saturday at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. Tech will take on Stephen F. Austin (17-11 overall) at 8 p.m.



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