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**STATE**

**Convicted embezzler wins \$60 million lotto**

AUSTIN (AP) — A former Texas insurance commissioner who went to prison in the 1970s for a pension fund scam that rocked state government stepped forward Monday to claim a \$60 million lottery jackpot.

John Osorio, who is in his late 70s, and the woman he is sharing the jackpot with presented the ticket at the Texas Lottery Commission before being whisked away. The ticket must be validated before the two are declared the winners.

In 1972, Osorio was convicted of embezzling \$641,000 from an insurance company's pension fund. Osorio was a businessman at the time. He served 14 months in prison.

Osorio, now a lawyer in the Dallas area, was Texas insurance commissioner from 1955 to 1957.

Because of the 1971 scandal, nearly all high-ranking Democratic state officials were voted out of office in 1972.

A former Texas attorney general was also charged in the scandal but was not convicted. The case led to reforms in laws governing campaign finance reporting, open records and open meetings.

**NATIONAL**

**Ski-lift operator faces trial**

DENVER (AP) — Even as ski resorts crack down on reckless skiing and snowboarding by introducing slow zones and speed patrols, prosecutors are putting a ski racer on trial for manslaughter.

Nathan Hall, then 18, is charged with felony manslaughter in the death of a skier he hit while bouncing down a bumpy run at Vail Mountain after finishing his shift as a lift operator in April 1997.

Buck Allen, a Vail municipal judge and expert skier, saw Hall flash by, "sitting way back on his skis" and unable to stop. Hall smashed into Alan Cobb, killing the 33-year-old Denver skier almost instantly.

The trial, which had been scheduled to start Monday, has been postponed until Nov. 8. The clerk of the state district court covering Eagle County said the presiding judge did not schedule a new date for the trial when he announced his decision during the weekend.

The reason for the postponement was not immediately clear.

**WORLD**

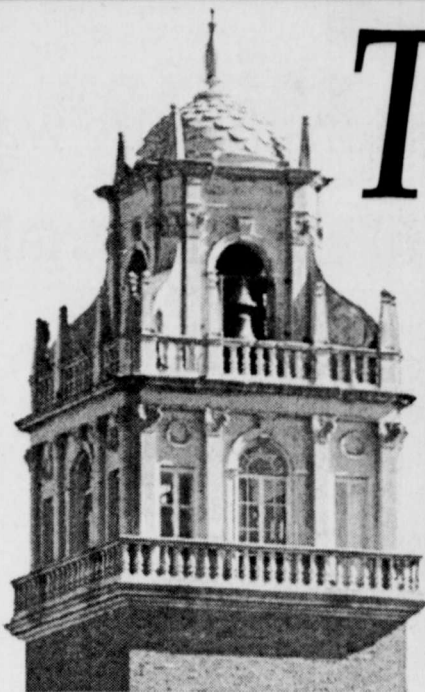
**Investigation rumors denied by official**

MOSCOW (AP) — A top Russian official on Monday denied reports that the nation's security service was investigating last month's sinking of a nuclear submarine and had presented its findings to President Vladimir Putin.

First Deputy Prime Minister Ilya Klebanov, the head of a government commission investigating the Aug. 12 disaster, reiterated Russia's denials that the Kursk was sunk by a missile fired by a Russian ship.

The Federal Security Service, the Russian navy and Klebanov's commission had already rejected a German newspaper report Friday that the Kursk was hit by a new anti-submarine missile fired by a nuclear-powered cruiser, the Peter the Great. The ship's commander also denied it.

Klebanov also denied reports the Federal Security Service and the FSB had given Putin secret documents relating to the disaster, and that the secret service had begun its own inquiry.



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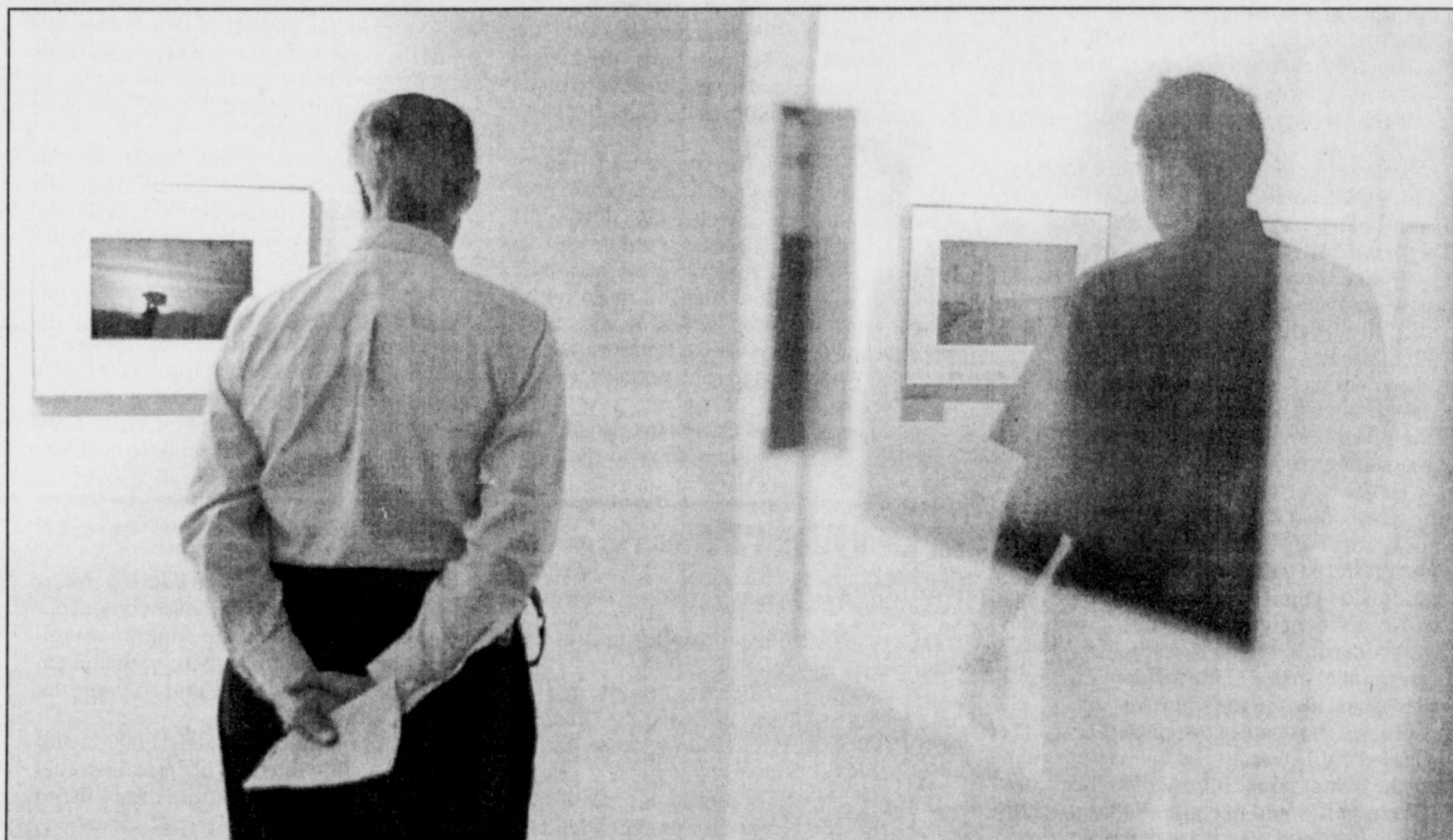
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Lubbock, Texas

## West Texas reflections



Tom Lakley and Allen Anderson view photographs Monday at 'The Spirit of Llano Estacado: A Photographic Interpretation' at the International Cultural Center.

## Llano Estacado essence caught in photo exhibit

By Cory Chandler  
Staff Writer

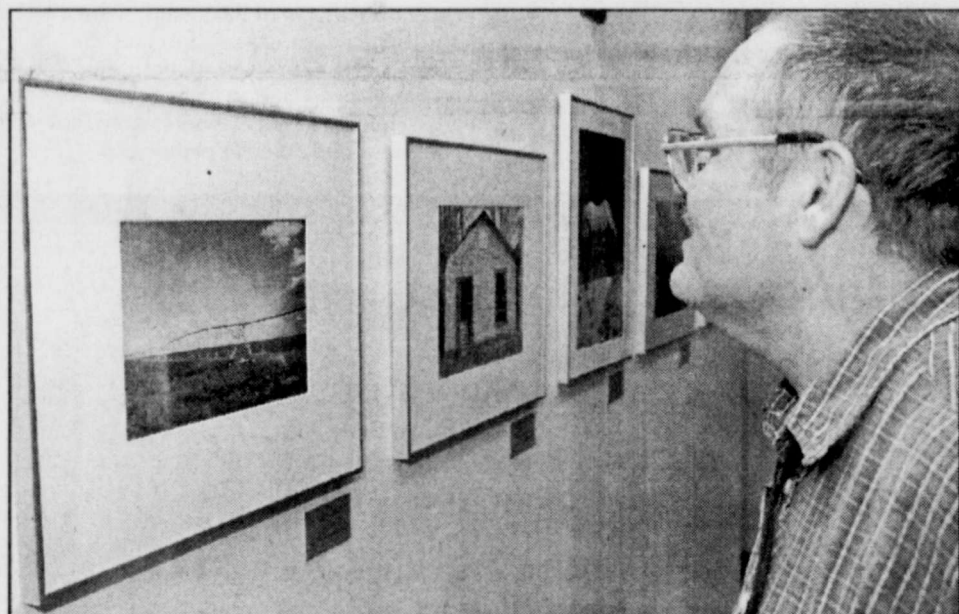
Tumbleweeds drift past a jackrabbit as it nibbles on grass growing at the base of a windmill. Nearby, an old pickup truck rusts in the dirt as blowing dust scours the paint off of its faded hood.

West Texas has traditionally been known to have a unique feel, comprised of its rich culture and history.

Tales of cattle rustlers and oil barons have intrigued the imagination, and artists, writers and photographers have tried to capture and portray the unique blend of Native American, Latin American and immigrant cultures that have become a part of the mythology of Texas.

"The Spirit of Llano Estacado: A Photographic Interpretation" is Texas Tech's most recent attempt to celebrate this land and its culture.

The month-long exhibition was inspired by the book "Der Geist des Llano," which was written by



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the German author Karl May.

The works of 23 artists are featured in the show. Their pieces range from photos of the Cadillac ranch, near Amarillo, to vivid sunsets and abandoned farmhouses of the Llano Estacado, or the Staked Plains.

Jane Bell, director of special projects for the Texas Tech International Cultural Center, helped coordinate the show and said most of the photographers featured are local to this area.

West Texas native and photographer Wyman Meinzer, whose pieces have appeared in magazines across America

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## 'Scam' explored

■ Lubbock police are investigating a scam directed toward Tech football fans.

By Jeff Lehr  
Staff Writer

A Lubbock man accused of identifying himself as a Texas Tech football coach was arrested Sept. 3 after selling magazines at a local grocery store.

The man was released from police custody that same day, pending filing of charges, and was subsequently arrested and taken to jail for an outstanding Lubbock Police Department traffic warrant.

He is no longer in police custody.

According to police reports, an officer was called to United Supermarkets, 112 N. University Ave., where a man was in custody for theft and for fighting with the store manager. The store manager and other employees "physically detained" the man for "attempted theft by deception" and handcuffed him.

The store manager, according to the report, told police the man has been "pulling scams" at other United stores. The manager said the man was selling magazines and that if someone bought a magazine, the man told them they would receive a free press pass to all Texas Tech football games.

Rudy Cuevas, the store manager involved in last Sunday's incident, refused to comment on what took place, but did say United management is preparing to file charges against the

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## Voting policies changed

■ Student Senate passes amendments to Web voting system to also allow paper ballots.

By Pam Smith  
Staff Writer

Beginning with Freshmen Council elections Sept. 19 and 20, Student Senate elections at Texas Tech will incorporate a mixture of the old and the new. This coming spring, students will have the option to vote via the World Wide Web or by paper ballot.

Web voting was introduced last spring for the first time in Tech election history, but because of numerous debates and tensions surrounding the exclusive online voting, students now will have the option to either vote by Web or the old-fashioned way.

"Students can vote from their personal computer or at manned polls at the designated buildings," said Student Senate President Brenda Schumann.

One of the reasons Schumann believes it is important to re-implement paper balloting is because many stu-

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## Students capitalize on cultural diversity

By Mara McCoy  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech's Dean of Students Office, in conjunction with the Office of Cultural Diversity, hosted their annual multicultural student reception on Monday evening in the University Center Ballroom.

Sofia Rodriguez, assistant dean of students, said the reception was an excellent opportunity for minority students, faculty, staff and various members of the administration to meet.

"It provides everyone with the opportunity to unite and also to enhance the issues related to cultural diversity on campus," she said.

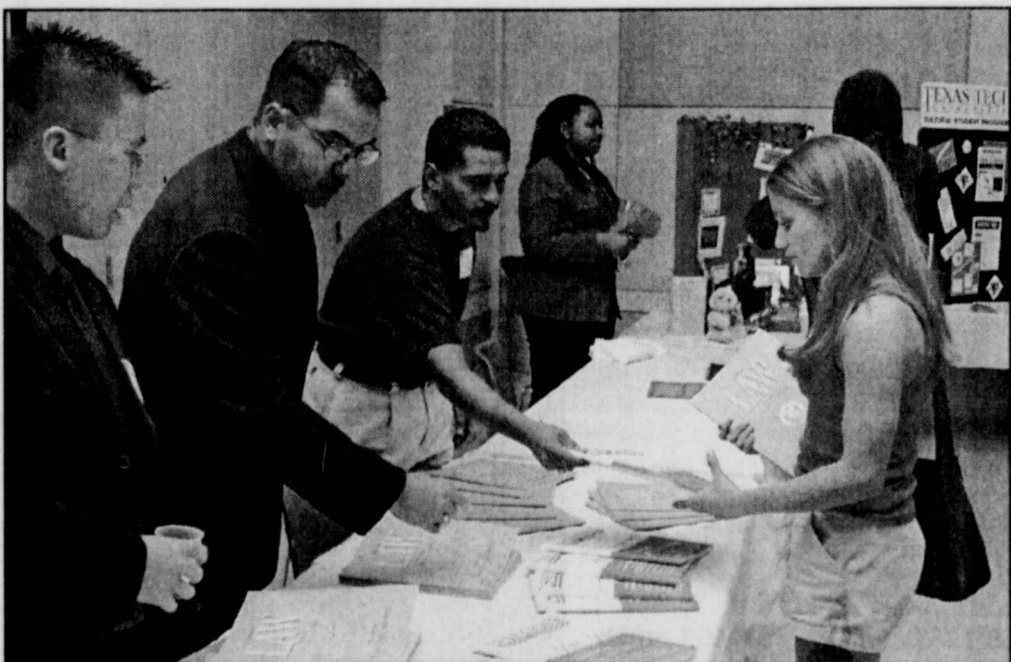
Claudia Carroll, a psychologist at Tech's Counseling Center, said she thought there seemed to be a high level of attendance.

"The reception was great. This was my first year as a part of the reception, and I think it went well," Carroll said. "It was a great opportunity for students to see what the different organizations have to offer."

Greg Elkins, associate dean of students, said he was happy that so many students and faculty were in attendance. He said the reception is positive for both the university and the students.

"The reception gives both the new students and returning students a chance to meet," Elkins said. "It also introduces the students to the programs and organiza-

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Andria Bennett, a sophomore psychology major from Denver, receives information Monday evening on the Hispanic Law Student Association from third-year law students Steven Wong, of Houston, Omar Maldonado, of Edinburg, and Steven Lafuente, of Amarillo. The multicultural student reception offered Tech students an opportunity to capitalize on organizations benefiting minority students on campus.



# Questions, worries plague Rio Grande cities as water planning continues

MCALLEN (AP) — When the retired engineer at the back of the room fished off his question, the room fell quiet for a moment.

"What good is a water right if there's no water?" Ralph Niehaus asked. "You can't irrigate with a piece of paper."

Heads bobbed in agreement throughout the city chambers, where farmers and families gathered last week to discuss a drafted plan that would dictate Rio Grande Valley water use for the next half century. "Amen," muttered a gray-haired man.

"Well, irrigators do have shortages," agreed Mike Personett, a water consultant with the regional water planning group. "Those shortages can get better over time, but they're not going to go away."

That realization is sinking in as these border communities hash out a water usage plan for the next 50 years. Eight counties between Eagle Pass and Brownsville must present a proposal to the state by late September. All 16 Texas water regions are drawing up similar plans.

Until then, a draft of the South Texas plan is up for public comment at meetings along the northern bank

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**Ralph Niehaus**  
RETIRED ENGINEER

of the Rio Grande. Hearings are scheduled Wednesday in Brownsville and Thursday in Harlingen.

At the hearings, one thing was clear: these are sobering times for South Texas farmers. Rio Grande irrigation will have to be revamped — and even drastic changes might not be enough to keep farms afloat.

"The situation is getting worse and worse for the producer," said Rod Santa Ana, spokesman for the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Service in Weslaco. "And this is still a huge agricultural area — agriculture is what settled the Valley."

When water runs low, irrigators are the first to feel a pinch. Farms occupy a relatively lowly seat in the complicated realm of water rights.

Water goes to the fields only after cities, industry and steam electric plants are satisfied.

"Irrigators are the residual users," said Personett. "They get what's left over. Industry and municipal get an ironclad right."

By 2050, population and water projections show the Rio Grande Valley will have just half the water it will need.

The planning group is urging farmers to line dirt canals with cement, and bury open piping underground to reduce spills and seepage. Water districts may end up metering flows more thoroughly, or raising the price of water to encourage conservation.

Changes in irrigation can help stretch water's worth — but cannot

guarantee enough water for all Valley farmers. The water shortage is fueled by two uncontrollable forces: severe drought and foreign politics.

Since 1992, Mexico has fallen deep into water debt. The nation now owes U.S. farmers and cities about 1.4 million acres of dammed water.

In a 1944 agreement with the United States, Mexico agreed to release at least 350,000 acre-feet of water into the Rio Grande every five years from six dammed tributaries south of Fort Quitman.

In 1992, as drought wracked the borderlands and industrial hubs blossomed under the North American Free Trade Agreement, Mexican water flow to the Rio Grande stopped.

The water debt is a burr in United States-Mexico relations. South Texas representatives say they are no longer invited to Mexico's meetings and no change is in sight.

In the meantime, a 5-year drought continues to bake Texas pastures and wither agriculture profits.

Droughts since 1996 have cost the state more than \$5 billion, the Texas Department of Agriculture estimates. Of 254 Texas counties, 154 have been declared drought disaster areas.

## Trial unlikely in school bomb case

AUSTIN (AP) — Despite vows to pursue charges against student suspects in a Central Texas school bombing, most prosecutions have been dropped.

Only one of the five students arrested in connection with a series of pipe bombing threats at Blanco High School eight months

ago faces a possible trial.

Justin Byars is accused of making the pipe bomb police removed from the school and safely detonated.

Cases against four other students were dropped with no charges ever filed, according to the *Austin American-Statesman*.

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- ✦ **Thursday, 9/14** 9 AM Llano Estacado Room, UC

\*Donald R. Haragan, President Emeritus of Texas Tech University will be present.

## EXHIBIT

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and Europe, judged the exhibition. Bell said Meinzer was an easy choice for a judge.

"He has such a huge reputation," Bell said. "He's a regional artist with an international reputation, and he's a lot of fun."

Meinzer, who lives in an old renovated jailhouse in Benjamin, about 130 miles east of Lubbock, said he has been a photographer since 1978 but only recently began judging shows.

He said 12 pieces from the show will be exhibited in various parts of Germany, starting at the Karl May house once the Tech exhibition concludes.

*"I want to try and put on shows that honor this region."*

**Jane Bell**  
EXHIBIT COORDINATOR

Ashton Thornhill, photographer and associate professor in the School of Mass Communications, said the exhibit will help German people a clear picture of what this region of the United States looks like.

"Karl May wrote about this part of the country," Thornhill said. "But most Germans only have a mental picture

of what it looks like. Jane Bell had the idea to have an exhibition with pictures of this area and its culture."

Brandon Stacker, a junior mass communications major from Lubbock, said he felt the show did a good job of representing this area.

"This definitely captures the spirit of this region," Stacker said.

Bell said she hopes this will be the first of many shows at the multicultural center that celebrates the Llano Estacado area.

"I want to try to put on shows that honor this region," she said. "Most of the shows we have here have an international cast, but once a year I would like to focus on this area."

"The Spirit of Llano Estacado" will run through Oct. 11 at the International Cultural Center.

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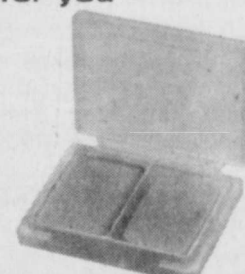


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## Column

# Neither candidate deserves to win

For all of my fans out there, (both of you) you'll be happy to know that this week I've decided to officially kick off my coverage of campaign 2000.

Now, some of you may remember last spring when I first shared with you my preliminary thoughts on this year's election. To jog your memory, or to give an indication as to its content for those who didn't read it, it was entitled "Don't blame me, I'm not voting."

It was allegedly a satirical look at why neither one of the two front-runners was worth voting for. The really funny thing is that I genuinely believe that was the most sincere column I've ever written.

I did, however, figure that over the summer I'd move to one party or the other. I was under the assumption that between the two of them, Bush and Gore, someone would be able to steal my vote. I thought wrong.

Gore's policies seem to work great in a world with an infinite amount of monetary revenue, and Bush apparently has no policies at all, so either way I figure we'd all be better off just staying at home that first Tuesday in November.

With that in mind, I've chosen a title for my campaign coverage this year - Choose and Lose in 2000.

Over the next couple of months leading up to the election, you're going to hear a lot of rhetoric on one side of this campaign. That's right, one side. During the last presidential election the congressional district in which Lubbock sits sported the highest percentage of Republican votes (for a district) in the entire nation. This rhetoric has already been seen in the first few weeks of this semester in this very publication - the Grand Old Party has quite the stronghold here in West Texas. If you're anything like me, you'll get a kick out of my colleagues here at the paper who, and I quote, "have the guts to stand up for the Republican party."

Gee, it must be tough pushing right-wing legislation in a town so conservative that if three non-related women live together in a house it's considered a bordello.

Don't get me wrong, I'm no Democrat. Personally, I hate politics. I look at the research I do in this subject much like a cancer researcher looks at theirs. But I think that the 2000 campaign has really brought all of the parties together. Together in the aspect that you'd have to be pretty insane to endorse any of them. Whether you're a Republican, Democrat, or Independent, take solace in the fact

that you'll all be in the same boat when it sinks this November, no matter who wins. If you're a Libertarian, then sorry, your boat sank along time ago.

My Choose and Lose coverage this year isn't meant to discourage an appreciation for democracy. I love the United States. I love it to the point that I truly believe that requiring students to take a foreign language should be grounds for treason. But when you look at the two leading candidates this year, it has to make you think that our forefathers are up in Heaven slapping themselves in their foreheads. Supporting Bush this year is like going to a dog track and betting on a three-legged greyhound, and supporting Gore makes you personally responsible for when the budget surplus runs out because we allowed this country's elderly to blow it all at casinos.

I've dug as deep as I possibly could in this campaign to find any reason, any at all, to support one side or the other, and so far I've come up empty-handed. The only thing relatively close to being a reason that I was able to find was the fact that Gore's daughters are a little better looking than Bush's. That's it, that's all I have.

In the next few days, I hope to see quite a reaction from this article. I hope to see a true hard-core Republican write a letter to the

editor telling us that I'm wrong and that the millions of babies that are aborted each year are reason enough to vote Republican. And then I'd like to see (if there are any here) a true

hard-core Democrat respond by saying that it's pointless to save millions of babies just so they can be gunned down before they reach the third grade because of Republican anti-gun control legislation. And, I hope above all, that one of you is able to convince me one way or the other, because as of right now my voter registration card is sitting right beside my extra set of bed sheets and my campus parking sticker, all of which will serve me no good this year.

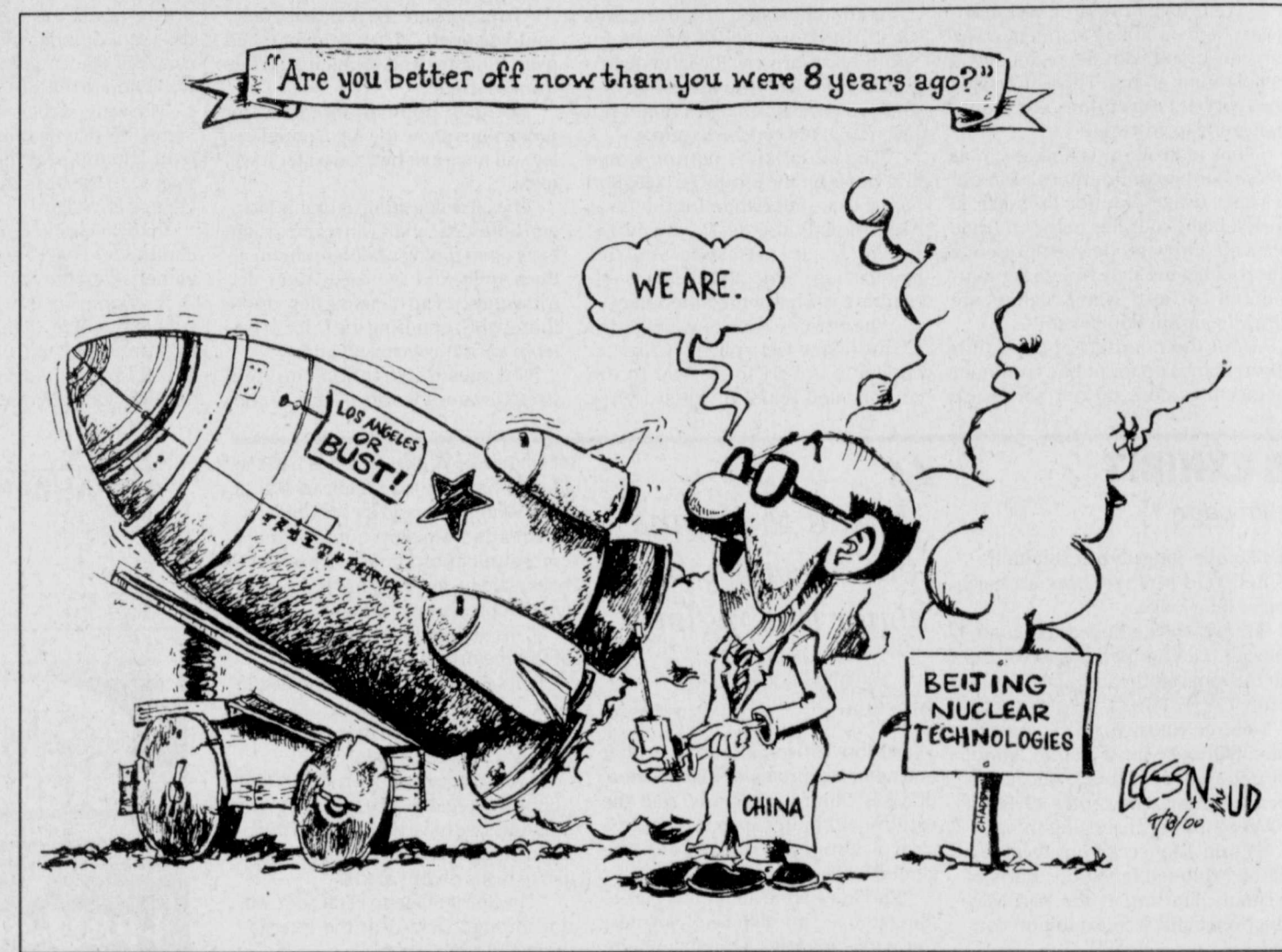
This concludes my Choose and Lose in 2000 coverage for this week. So as I leave you today, I'd like to give you one final thought to ponder in the remaining months leading up until November. You see, I worked as a GOP campaign intern in 1998, so to offer you somewhat of an insider's perspective, I'd like to submit to you this comparison. Voting in this day and age is like a visit to the proctologist. When the rubber glove has been thrown away and all is said and done, whether it was good news or bad, you've still been violated.

Kenneth Strickland is a sophomore political science major from Mesquite. If there's anyone in the media that G.W. Bush should be calling a "major league a--hole", it's him.



Kenneth Strickland

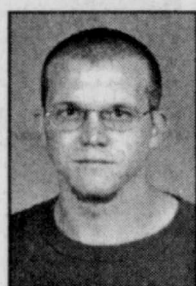
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## Column

# What are you going to do with that?

I was sitting outside the library last week reading a book, eating some peanuts and watching all the beautiful women walk by when a salesman approached me and tried to sell me coupons. I politely refused and to torture me, he sat down and told me his life story.



Joseph Colley

I told him that I am an English and philosophy major, and he threw me the question that I often receive: "What are you going to do with that?"

I shrugged my shoulders and ate another handful of the peanuts I had been munching on.

The salesman was not satisfied, so he tried again with, "What do you want to do?" Unable to get a straight answer from me, he went back to his glamorous career of selling coupons.

The truth is that I couldn't answer him, because I've never thought about what I want

**I know that most people came to college to prepare for future careers ... I came to college to kill time because I have nothing better to do.**

to do. I realized right then that I had a serious problem on my hands. I'm a senior in college, and I don't know what I want to be when I grow up.

It occurred to me that I'm 23 years old, and I have to decide my future soon. Sitting outside the library, I asked myself what it is I really enjoy doing.

It hit me like a ton of bricks. What I enjoy most in life is sitting outside the library, eating peanuts, reading a book, while I watch the lovely ladies saunter along the sidewalk. Not only do I receive great satisfaction from this habit, I realized that it's all I want to do.

I don't want to work nine to five. I don't want to have to answer to a boss. I don't want to sit in an office all day trying to beat dead lines, but I do want to sit on benches while I relax and admire the scenery.

If this is what makes me happy, why shouldn't I dedicate the rest of my life to this

activity? There is one occupation that fits this description - vagrancy.

I know that most people come to college to prepare for their future careers, but I'm an exception. I came to college to kill time because I have nothing better to do.

There is nothing wrong with aspiring to be a doctor, lawyer, and businessman. It's just not for me. I prefer time to myself to do with as I please, so I decided right then that the rest of my life will consist of serenity and pleasure.

Contrary to popular belief, money is not a requisite for pleasure. I'll travel by hitchhiking rather than flying. I'll read a book rather than buy a big screen television. I'll listen to the radio rather than go to the game. Most importantly, I'll have peace rather than stress.

If everything works out as planned, you may see me thumbing a ride on some interstate highway somewhere in the middle of America. I would appreciate it if you would pull your SUV over and give me a ride. Maybe you'll even let me borrow your cell phone so that I can call and say hello to my mom.

On the other hand, there exists the possibility that things will not end up like I want them to in which case I'll end up on the corner in front of the Strip holding a sign that reads, "Will work for money to pay off student loans."

Joseph Colley is an English and philosophy major from Mount Pleasant.

## Letters to the Editor

### Fake football coach

To the editor: As athletic director at Texas Tech, I would like to take this opportunity to alert Lubbock residents of an individual who has been soliciting area businesses and homes.

This person is identifying himself as a Texas Tech football coaching staff member and has been described to me as a black male, early 30s, with a large build. He says he is selling various items (e.g. magazines, subscriptions, parking passes) as a fund raiser. His presentation is very convincing. He will ask for cash for these items and in some cases will take a check promising that there items will be sent directly to you. Please be advised of the man's actions.

If you have any information that would help us resolve this activity, please contact the Texas Tech Athletic Department at 742-3355. We have solicited the help of the Texas Tech Police Department and the Lubbock Police Department to help investigate this matter.

I appreciate all the support Lubbock residents give to the athletics programs at Texas Tech and do not want to see them taken advantage of by this individual.

Gerald Myers  
Texas Tech Athletics Director

### COBA story 'a mess'

To the editor: The COBA accreditation "mess" has drained all of the joy out of this transfer student's first semester at Texas Tech. And do you want to know what is the worst part of the COBA "mess"? It is the total lack of communication between the COBA and the students. No one knows, for sure, exactly what is going to happen as the COBA faces the well known accreditation crisis, and, as will happen with human beings, the "rumor mill" has filled the void created by the lack of solid information. And if The University Daily has printed incorrect information, the COBA brass should respond, point by point.

Is it too much to ask that the strategies and objectives required to keep accreditation be communicated to the students? We are all on

the same team, we want our COBA to thrive, and we want our degrees to mean something. Just let us know what is going on, how we can help, and let's start to work together.

As long as the students are kept in the dark, the rumor mill and the articles in The UD will be the only conduits to information available.

There may be two sides to this story, but as of right now, only one side is being communicated to the COBA students, and given the desperate situation, the COBA students need to be filled in, pronto.

William Mattiford  
senior  
management

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## Out of the Past

### Stories from past issues of The Toreador

From the Jan. 23, 1926, issue of *The Toreador*:

- Each school represented at Tech was responsible for putting together an issue of *The Toreador* during the months of February and March.

- The La Ventana staff sets up a temporary office at the local YMCA.

From the Jan. 30, 1926, issue of *The Toreador*:

- The books in the library get divided into three sections. The sections are reference, reserve, and left overnight.

- World-renowned pianist Percy Grainger comes to play a concert at Tech.

From the Feb. 19, 1926, issue of *The Toreador*:

- Tech's Board of Directors meet and decide to have six weeks of summer school.

From the March 13, 1926, issue of *The Toreador*:

From the Jan. 23, 1926, issue of *The Toreador*:

- The average monthly rent for an apartment in Lubbock was \$35 per month.

From the March 27, 1926, issue of *The Toreador*:

- A spring dress for a woman cost \$14.75.

- Tech's first baseball team gets ready for their season.

From the April 24, 1926, issue of *The Toreador*:

- Tech's trophy room is to be constructed over the summer.

- Tech's men's track team wins nine medals and sweepstakes cup at the Great Plains Track Meet in Canyon.

From the May 8, 1926, issue of *The Toreador*:

- Spring football practice begins. Coaches say that the 1926 season looks bright as they have 20 lettermen returning.

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The University Daily

Despite talent, Paltrow fails to sing her way to top • 6



## Students now able to surf, save

**Tech students utilize the Internet and create a way for students to save cash on textbooks.**

By Cory Chandler  
Staff Writer

After spending several hundred dollars on textbooks at the beginning of the semester, many Texas Tech students haul them back to the bookstore after the last day of classes in hopes of getting a little cash back.

But to their dismay, the university is no longer using half of the books they are brought back, and the clerk could only offer to buy them back at a fraction of the cost originally paid.

Four Texas Tech students, tired of being dependent upon campus bookstores, decided to create another option for students when the end of the semester comes around.

Running under the motto "For the Students, By the Students," sellitback.com is a new Web site dedicated to textbook trading.

Joel Ebu, a sophomore biochemistry major from Agbro, Nigeria, who helped start the site, described sellitback.com as an e-bay for Tech students.

Sellitback.com already features online trading with categories ranging anywhere from textbooks to cars and music to electronics.

Ebu said a future version also will have chat rooms and a reminder service that sends e-mails to students the day before tests and other important dates.

Ebu said his brother, Vincent, came up with the idea after they tried to sell their books back to local bookstores following their first semester at Tech.

"I doubted it from the start," Ebu said. "I didn't think it would work for one day, but Vincent talked to some



Jennifer Galvan/The University Daily

A group of Texas Tech students have created a Web site that enables students to buy and sell textbooks online. The site, sellitback.com, was set up to help students save money.

people who thought it was feasible though."

The Ebuh's approached another Tech student, Daniel Richards, with their idea.

"I already knew Vincent and Joel," said Richards, a sophomore computer science major from Tomball who also helped design the Web site. "They came to see me one day, and I told them I thought it could be done."

Richards said they discussed options and finally settled on one they thought would work.

Bosah Chukwuogo, a sophomore computer science and electrical engineering major from Corharcourc, Nigeria, also partnered with the group. He said they began work on sellitback.com last November.

Because of some technical problems Richards and Chukwuogo encountered, a full working version of the site was not available until the beginning of August.

Chukwuogo said their Web site will

benefit people on both sides of textbook transactions.

"Instead of a bookstore giving me \$10 for a book that I paid \$60 or \$80 for, I can go to this site and sell it for maybe \$50," Chukwuogo said. "This way, I'm getting more money selling it off, and the person buying it pays me less money than they would a bookstore."

Ebu said the idea for the Web site came naturally to him.

"Being from Nigeria, we are raised to look for the cheapest way out of stuff," he said.

Bob Davenport, a manager at Varsity Bookstore, said the textbook prices at their store are already as competitive as possible.

"We set our prices based on many factors," he said. "Of course, we could always mark the prices down to where we lose money or break even, but we wouldn't be in business very long."

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### Legal dispute fails to slow Napster users

NEW YORK (AP) — Despite the uncertain legality of the Napster online music-sharing service, the number of people using it more than quadrupled in just five months, Media Metrix said.

That made Napster the fastest-growing software application ever recorded by the Internet research company.

Napster use rocketed to 4.9 mil-

lion home users in the United States in July, from 1.1 million in February.

That represents 6 percent of U.S. home PC users who have modems.

Media Metrix pays people to install monitoring software on their computers and estimates total usage from a sample of about 50,000 people in the United States.

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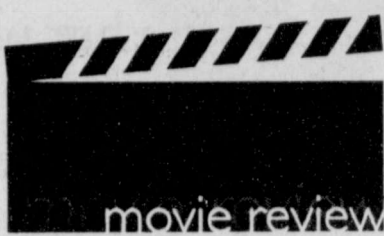
# Paltrow, Lewis' 'duet' flops on silver screen

(AP) — Let's get this out of the way, right off the top, to avoid speculation: Gwyneth Paltrow actually can sing.

She and Huey Lewis (without The News) have some nice harmonies when they perform Smokey Robinson's "Cruisin'" during a karaoke contest in "Duets."

Unfortunately, that scene is one of the few bright spots in this flat, unfocused film, and it doesn't come until nearly the end.

"Duets" follows several lost souls across the country who find empowerment, redemption, freedom, you name it, when they sing onstage at karaoke bars. It's actually an intriguing subculture of society. A documentary about real people who perform on the karaoke circuit — who live for the



thrill of being a star for a few minutes — would have been more interesting. Instead, we have a bunch of actors singing with varying degrees of success, playing two-dimensional characters headed toward the Grand Prize Karaoke Contest in Omaha, Neb.

Paltrow plays Liv, a Las Vegas showgirl. When her mother dies, the father she never knew shows up to pay his respects and guess what, it's Lewis

as a guy named Ricky Dean, who hustles his singing skills like a pool shark at karaoke bars.

OK, maybe Lewis is old enough to play her father, but he looks nothing like Paltrow. And when each of them realizes they are related, their reunion is neither tearful nor angry. Both actors just look confused, like two students in a drama-class improvisation session who can't figure out what to do next.

Then we have Todd (Paul Giamatti), a downtrodden traveling salesman who has grown tired of his middle-class, tract-house existence.

One day, he gets in his car and drives aimlessly.

And at a hotel bar, he discovers the magic of karaoke and is reborn.

Later, he picks up a hitchhiker named Reggie (Andre Braugher), an escaped convict with "the voice of an angel," the film's production notes say. They also perform a duet (hence the title) of "Try a Little Tenderness."

Our final pair is Billy (Scott Speedman from the WB television series "Felicity"), a cab driver who catches his wife cheating on him with his business partner, and Suzi (Maria Bello of "Coyote Ugly"), a West Virginia waitress who dreams of stardom.

He agrees to drive her to the karaoke contest in his cab because he has nowhere else to go. (These two don't perform a duet. Speedman says he can't sing, although that didn't stop anyone else in this movie.)

There's no plot, really. We meander

from one karaoke bar to the next in great anticipation of The Big Contest (sort of like The Big Game in sports movies).

Pretty much every scene feels contrived, including a bar fight where people break beer bottles over each other's heads and Paltrow gets to throw a chair at someone.

Todd and Reggie get into a gunfight with a convenience store clerk in Kansas, which adds nothing to the story. But it's fun to shoot at glass refrigerator doors and bags full of carbohydrate-laden snacks.

Paltrow's performance may be the most confusing part of all.

She's supposed to be a dingy blonde, but she walks and talks so awkwardly, she could be a teen-ager

going through puberty.

This is troubling because:

a) Gwyneth Paltrow has tremendous talent and presence.

b) Her father Bruce Paltrow directed and co-produced "Duets." Was he watching the same movie as the rest of us?

There are too many characters, subplots and themes going on at the same time, so it's hard to connect with any of them. Is the movie an indictment of our homogenous, middle-class society? Is it a buddy-road flick? Or is it just straight-up musical entertainment? It tries to be all these things and succeeds at none of them.

"Duets," a Hollywood Pictures release, is rated R for language and some sexuality. Running time: 112 minutes.

## BOOKS

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Davenport said the price paid to students to buy back their textbooks is determined by the condition of the book, how many of the particular book the store has in stock and whether professors are planning to continue using the book.

Kelly Efur, a junior advertising major from Tyler, recently transferred

to Tech from a junior college and was pleasantly surprised about the amount of money she got for her textbooks here, although she felt the price of textbooks was a little steep.

Efur thought being able to buy and sell textbooks online through sellitback.com seemed like a good idea.

"It would allow you to see what you would pay at the bookstores and set the prices a little lower," she said. "That would probably be more pleasing for everybody."

## 'Survivor' transitions from TV to paperback

Author of CBS adventure-game show to turn network success into thrilling novel

NEW YORK (AP) — The next chapter in the "Survivor" saga is, fittingly, a book. THE book. The official "Survivor" book.

Just out, it's a good read. Good enough, in fact, to remind anyone who needs reminding that — doggone it! — a book can be as good as a TV show.

"Survivor" The Book is co-written by Mark Burnett, the brilliant auteur of the CBS adventure-game show that gripped the nation this summer.

It may be a bit fatuous for him to liken "Survivor" to a "clever 'nature-based' way of providing men and women with an opportunity to discover who they really were."

Even so, the value of Burnett's book is that he alone has the big picture. Not only was he onsite and privy to the 1,300 hours of tape pared down for the series' 13 episodes; he was the guy who hatched the whole scheme.

Published by TV Books, "Survivor" is nicely timed to the marathon re-broadcast of "Survivor" The Series, beginning Friday on an almost nightly basis.

CBS has dubbed this encore "the Olympic Alternative," which it surely will be. For "Survivor," the game is over and the million-dollar winner, Richard Hatch, identified. This time around, the 39 days on Pulau Tiga will unfold not as a contest but as a drama building step by step to the outcome you already know.

For an enhanced viewing experience, you might want to have the "Official Companion Book" within easy reach, a bit like an opera-goer bringing the libretto to the performance.

Or maybe you're among those who too proudly declare, "You know, I haven't seen a minute of 'Survivor.'" Fine. Consider this book a useful crash course in cultural awareness.

So there you have it: a TV series; a book. If only that were all.

It's only the beginning. There is no need (or space) to recap the product tie-ins, merchandising strategies and cross-promotions represented by "Survivor" The Brand.

Nor is there any point in recounting all of the promotional appearances by the 16 castaways, dispatched by CBS to its fellow Viacom-owned outlets and beyond like members of a speaker's bureau from hell.

Everyone remembers how, all summer, each ousted castaway not only popped up on "Late Show With David Letterman," but also rotated through CBS News' "Early Show."

Local CBS newscasts jumped on the bandwagon: "From the nation's large markets to the small," reports Broadcasting & Cable magazine, "CBS affiliates rallied behind 'Survivor' to swell the audience bases for its news-

casts."

Dandy: Whip up entertainment you can cover as news. Then cover it by being part of the entertainment package. Perfect circularity.

It's even dandier if you can lay claim, as CBS can, to your own in-house "independent" analyst. Last month, CBS' top publicist Gil Schwartz did an interview on National Public Radio — but as his alter ego Stanley Bing, a wry observer of corporate life whose credits include books and a Fortune magazine column.

Bing was invited to discuss what "Survivor" revealed about office politics, and he happily complied. But the NPR reporter didn't know she was really talking to Schwartz, the "Survivor" network's ranking mouthpiece. And "Bing" didn't tell her.

A wisened-up (and irked) NPR issued a clarification on the next day's "Morning Edition."

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# Brenner legging it out for Tech special teams

## Tech kickoff specialist making the most of his freshman season as a Red Raider

By Jeff Keller  
Sports Editor

Texas Tech kickoff specialist Wich Brenner has gotten more than just a unique first name from his family, he also has inherited a powerful right kicking leg.

He goes by a shortened version of his middle name, Wichman, which is his great-grandmother's maiden name. His kicking ability also is a trait shared by many in his family as he, his four brothers and one sister share the gift to kick a football great distances.

In fact, Brenner attributes his interest in kicking to playing soccer when he was younger and to his older brother and sister kicking at High Point High School in High Point, N.C.

"My oldest brother kicked in high school, college and in the pros," Brenner said. "Then my sister kicked in high school. So I was the next one in line, and I played soccer. We've all had pretty good legs, so they wanted me to kick. So I did it for four years in high school.

"Now my little brother that's younger than me is doing it for the next four years there, and the next one after him is going to do it, too."

Brenner, a walk-on freshman, has kicked seven touchbacks in 15 kickoff attempts in the Red Raider's three games this season.

In Tech's contest against Utah State, Brenner blasted a kickoff out of the back of the endzone that hit the bottom of the uprights of the goal post — a kick of more than 75 yards.

Brenner said his goal when he approaches each one of his kickoffs is to get the ball beyond five yards deep in the endzone.

"Mainly, if you kick it five yards deep, they're not going to return it and it is going to be a touchback," Brenner said. "But my whole thing when I am running up to the ball is just to flatten it. Just hit it as far as I can with as much hangtime. But my main goal is to put it through the uprights as many times as I can."

Out of high school, Brenner was interested in playing at Tennessee and Clemson as well as other schools, but the Air Force Academy and smaller schools in the North Carolina area



Tech kickoff specialist Wich Brenner has booted seven touchbacks this season in 15 attempts.

were the only schools to offer him a scholarship. Brenner said he did not want to go

to the Air Force Academy because he wanted to play at a bigger program. Tech special teams coach Manny

Matsakis consulted NFL scouts in search of a deep kicking specialist. He saw a tape of Brenner kicking and asked him to play for the Red Raiders.

"We really had a need for a guy who could kick the ball deep because it is such a valuable position," Matsakis said. "I saw his tape, I liked him, he had a great referral, and I brought him in."

With field position being of great importance in each game for the Red Raiders, Matsakis said having a kicker who can consistently kick touchbacks is a bonus that can make the difference in some ball games.

"If you've got six kickoffs a game and let's say he can kick them out of the end zone five times, as opposed to the other team starting on say the 35-yard line, they're starting on the 20," Matsakis said. "So that's about 75 yards-per-game he's worth. Then if you multiply

that over 12 games, then that is about 900 yards of field position. So that's like having a running back contributing 900 yards a season, which is pretty good."

Brenner said he hopes he can do well this season and be offered a scholarship from Tech. He has a larger frame than traditional kickers as he tips the scales at 225 pounds and is measured at 6-foot-2.

Matsakis said Brenner's size is a great benefit to his kicking ability and said he has potential to be like another large kicker, the Oakland Raiders' kicker Sebastian Janikowski.

"He has great power right now," Matsakis said. "He has great leg speed. If he keeps getting bigger and stronger and more powerful, he could be like the guy from Florida State last year, Janikowski."

Tech kicker Chris Birkholz has shored up the place kicking duties for the Red Raiders this season, but Brenner said he still has dreams of kicking a long game-winning field goal someday.

"I have always hit long field goals in practice and I know I have the leg," Brenner said. "So I am pretty confident that I could do it if they ever needed me to. I don't know if they would ever want me to. But if for some reason they would want me to kick a long one, I would be out there in a heart beat."

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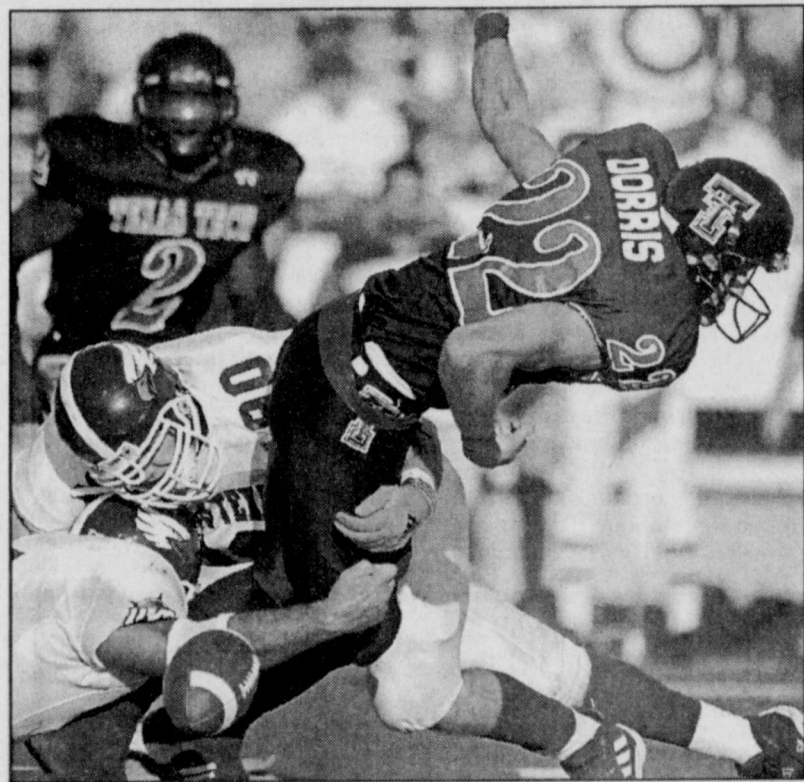
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## Raider offense searching for consistency



Tech receiver Derek Dorris is stripped of the ball in Tech's 13-7 win against North Texas. Tech managed only 238 passing yards in the game.

*Kingsbury and company yet to find constant high gear in new offense*

By Patrick Gonzales  
Staff Writer

It is one of the first concepts taught to a beginning football player - blocking.

But according to Texas Tech coach Mike Leach, it was the lack of blocking Saturday that caused the most problems for the Red Raider offense in a 13-7 victory over North Texas.

"Our biggest flaw on offense is blocking," said Leach, whose squad faces Louisiana-Lafayette at 6 p.m. Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium. "It's the most basic thing, and that's what you start off with in junior high school football. What we may have to do is walk some folks or maybe all of us coaches and players down to Lubbock Junior High School and work on blocking."

The Red Raider offense finished with 318 total yards and 19 first downs against the Eagles, but its 13 points was the lowest total at Jones SBC Stadium since losing 13-2 against Kansas State in 1997.

What Leach said disappoints him

the most is that Saturday's performance came one week after the offense looked unstoppable in a victory against Utah State.

Leach preaches to his team the importance of improving every week, but said the squad regressed against North Texas.

"We blocked real well against Utah State - blocked as good as any team I've been around," Leach said. "Against North Texas, we didn't block. Now we're in that little push and pull thing, where you slide back one step, go forward two. We need to stop sliding back one and just go forward two all the time."

The answer to the offense's prob-

*"It's really frustrating because I know what the offense is capable of doing, but we just haven't been able to get it done."*

Shaun Williams  
TECH RUNNING BACK

lems may be just simple relaxation, Tech running back Shaun Williams said. Williams, who grabbed four passes for 24 yards against North Texas, said the offense executed well but didn't finish when it had the chance.

"We need to put more points on the board, and we didn't do that Saturday," he said. "We are just pressing entirely too hard. We're just putting too much pressure on ourselves trying to make it all happen in one play, and it doesn't always happen like that."

Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury was 42-of-55 passing, setting both the school's attempts and completion records. However against North Texas,

his aerial assault only amassed 238 yards - an average of 5.6 yards a toss. Leach said North Texas' defense forced the Red Raiders into a short passing game by playing their safeties and cornerbacks deep.

"Part of it was throwing what they gave us, but the other part is that it's always worth going down field a couple of times," Leach said. "I think it was there a little more than we thought. But we'd put ourselves in great position and squandered a play for one reason or another and they varied."

So as the Red Raiders prepare this week for the Ragin' Cajuns, Williams said it will be important for the offense to work on putting an end to its inconsistency.

"It's really frustrating because I know what the offense is capable of doing, but we just haven't been able to get it done," Williams said. "After (Saturday's) game, if you would have looked around at the offense you would have thought we had lost because everybody was so upset with the way we played."

## Strawberry arrested and jailed on count of wreckless driving

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Darryl Strawberry, the suspended outfielder for the New York Yankees who has battled cancer and substance abuse, was arrested Monday and jailed on charges of reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident. No one was injured.

An off-duty officer pointed his pistol at Strawberry's car window in finally getting him to stop. Police said

Strawberry told them he was on his way to his probation officer.

Strawberry, driving a sports utility vehicle, is accused hitting a road sign weaving through traffic outside downtown Tampa and rear-ending an SUV at a red light. Police said he wasn't speeding when he struck the sign at about 9 a.m. It is not clear if alcohol was a factor in the accident, and the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office

would not comment on whether drugs were in Strawberry's car.

"We are testing him, though," department spokesman Rod Rader said. "We are in mid-work on that."

The 39-year-old player was held at the scene in the back of a deputy's cruiser, then taken to jail, deputies said. He did not resist arrest.

When Strawberry rear-ended the SUV and tried to drive on, Sgt. An-

thony Kolka pulled him over and, pistol drawn, removed him from the car. The officer said he banged on the window to get Strawberry's attention.

"He just wanted to know: 'What did I do? What did I do?' like he didn't know what happened," Kolka said. "He said he didn't know he hit the car or the sign."

The officer, in an unmarked car, said he was unaware the driver was

Strawberry until a passer-by told him.

"I wasn't thinking about who the person was. My idea was to get him out of the car, get him secured," Kolka said. "All I knew was the vehicle needed to be stopped to see what the problem was."

The officer said he drew his gun "for my own safety and everybody else's safety." When Strawberry opened his door, the officer said he

reached inside, made sure the car was in park and pulled Strawberry out.

"He was quiet and calm," Kolka said

The officer radioed for marked cars to assist and continued following Strawberry. Tanya Whitaker, 32, the driver of the car Strawberry is accused of hitting, said the player tried to drive around her car after hitting her when she saw the deputy stop him.

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