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**STATE**

**'Don't mess with Texas' launches new ad**

AUSTIN (AP) — The famous "Don't Mess with Texas" anti-litter campaign is launching a new effort to get Texans to use a litter bag in their cars and trucks.

The "Rock the Bag" tour makes a stop at the Texas Relays track meet this week in Austin, where those attending will be given litter bags as they leave. In all there will be 28 stops in 16 cities to promote the program.

Rapper Chamillionaire and designer Todd Oldham are volunteers in the campaign.

Fashion and home decor designer Oldham, host of Bravo's "Top Design," has donated a design for one of the litter bags.

**NATION**

**Obama, Clinton woo labor vote**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sen. Barack Obama received endorsements Wednesday from a labor union and two Democratic superdelegates, as a poll showed he has cut Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's lead in Pennsylvania almost in half since mid-February as he strives to deny her a resounding victory in the state's presidential primary.

**WORLD**

**Presidential runoff expected in Zimbabwe**

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — President Robert Mugabe's long-ruling party lost its parliamentary majority Wednesday, bolstering opposition claims that impoverished Zimbabweans voted for change in this struggling southern African nation.

The opposition also claimed victory for leader Morgan Tsvangirai in Saturday's presidential vote, but the state-controlled newspaper predicted a runoff — the first official admission that Mugabe, the nation's autocratic leader of 28 years, had not won re-election.

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## Senate agrees on bill to ease housing crisis

By **ANDREW TAYLOR**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Momentum built Wednesday for a bipartisan Senate bill designed to ease the slumping housing market and help millions of families threatened by foreclosure, though economists are skeptical that it will help much.

The scaled-back proposal released by Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and GOP leader

Mitch McConnell of Kentucky contains an amalgam of ideas aimed at boosting demand for housing and helping homeowners saddled with subprime mortgages avoid foreclosure.

The plan contains \$4 billion in grants to local governments to buy and refurbish foreclosed homes, new authority for states to issue bonds to be used to refinance subprime mortgages and a \$7,000 tax credit for people buying new homes or properties in foreclosure.

"It is a robust package," Reid said.

"This is good news for the American people."

But economists across the political spectrum were skeptical that the measure would have much practical effect to ease the wrenching crisis in the housing market and the wave of foreclosures spreading across the country.

"They're good steps, but they're small steps and certainly not big enough steps to solve the problem," said Mark Zandi, chief economist for Moody's Economy.com. "I don't

think it's going to be enough to solve the housing problem, at least not in 2008."

While supporters said the measure would boost demand for housing, help people refinance adjustable-rate mortgages and help communities beset with abandoned homes, many economists cautioned that the measure's benefits would be modest — and would help banks and homebuilders while doing hardly anything for people facing foreclosure.

Reid did not release details, but

staff aides described a bill containing elements Democrats have touted for weeks.

The measure also contains a provision dropped from February's stimulus measure that would permit homebuilders and other money-losing businesses to reclaim previously paid-taxes, new disclosure requirements aimed at preventing unsophisticated borrowers from being duped by mortgage brokers, and additional money to provide counseling to people threatened with foreclosure and help them in negotiating with their lenders.

## OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

Part 4 of a 5-part series looking at the struggles, inspirations of international students at Tech

By **MATT MCGOWAN**  
STAFF WRITER

International students, after enough time in Lubbock, may begin to consider the Hub City as their home away from home. Before they realize it, however, an entirely new set of decisions and obstacles confronts these students as they prepare to graduate.

Though the city of Lubbock may not seem quite as multicultural or as globally savvy as some of Texas' other bustling metropolises like Houston or Dallas, the Hub City does boast a broad array of accommodations for international graduates to compete with the world.

For those international students who practice Islam — the religion of approximately 1 billion people around the globe — for instance, Lubbock is home to one of the region's only Islamic cultural centers, which offers local Muslims a place to practice their faith, discuss the Quran and even relax and eat a slice of pizza with friends.

Considering Tech's Muslim population of approximately 200, both from the United States and from abroad, the center's relationship with Tech should not be understated, said Mohamed Amor, a Muslim professor of interior and environmental design at Tech. Amor, himself, immigrated to the United States from Algeria approximately 15 years ago.

Once Muslim international students arrive in Lubbock, he said, they immediately begin searching for a mosque. For these students, having a mosque nearby significantly



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THE WORLD GLOBE outside the International Culture Center Monday afternoon.

reduces the stressful aspects of adapting to American culture for several reasons.

Once a Muslim international traveler finds a mosque, he said, he or she finds a resource for much more than religious practice, but also other people with whom they can identify.

"From a behavioral perspective," Amor said, "you would have many things to share with in terms of communication, in terms of ritual, in terms of many, many things."

The first U.S. mosque opened during the 1920s, he said. Now, more than 80 years later,

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## Perry visits Tech to announce \$9 million research package

By **ADAM YOUNG**  
NEWS EDITOR

Texas Gov. Rick Perry was among those on hand to announce an approximately \$9 million nanophotonics research package allocated to the Texas Tech College of Engineering Wednesday in the Student Union Building Escondido Theater.

The college will receive the approximately \$9 million package in the form of a \$5.35 million investment from AT&T, a \$2 million Research Superiority Award from the Texas Emerging Technology Fund and \$2 million from the university to attract a team of faculty researchers in the field of nanophotonics, according to a university news release.

Tech Chancellor Kent Hance said the package would provide the College of Engineering's current Nano Tech Center the resources to expand.

"We're on the cutting edge of nanophotonics — no question about that," Hance said.

Tech is receiving the state funds, Perry said, to elevate the university's current nano-tech department into a world-class research center.

"Texas Tech has always had a nano-tech department here that had the potential to be world class," Perry said. "As we saw that potential and as the development of the Emerging Technology Fund became a reality, we realized these were the types of places where you can focus the private and the public sector along with the academic side and create these centers for excellence."

The Texas Emerging Technology Fund was created in 2005, Perry said, and has allocated almost \$109 million to Texas companies and universities.

However, the governor said he wants to emphasize that the fund is focused on investing rather than being a donation or handout, and he hopes, through the state funding, to advertise globally that Texas is creating an environment for innovation.

"(Nanophotonics research) is what is happening," he said. "This is the next big thing, and Texas Tech and Lubbock, Texas is right at the epicenter of it," he said.

Nanophotonics will be a growing field in the near future, Perry said, as the National Institute of Standards and Technology estimates the global economic impact of nano-technology will reach \$1 trillion by 2015.



PHOTO BY JESSICA RIVERA/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS GOV. RICK Perry exchanges words with Texas Tech Chancellor Kent Hance Wednesday afternoon in the Escondido Theater. Perry was on campus to speak about the \$9 million check that is being presented to Tech's College of Engineering for research in nanophotonics.

"That's a lot of money, for you Aggies out there," Perry, a Texas A&M University alumnus, joked.

Nanophotonics involves the creation and manipulation of advanced materials at the nanoscale that can produce and sense light and could have residential, commercial and defense applications, according to the news release.

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# Student Government Association officers look back on term

By **MAGGIE KIELY**  
STAFF WRITER

After serving their one-year terms as executive officers in the Texas Tech Student Government Association, four students reminisce about their experiences and look toward the future.

Mason Moses, SGA president, said he is excited to see Lee Bobbitt take over as president.

"She and I have been talking and going over a lot of the initiatives of the university," Moses said. "The fact that she was in the office working this past year really gives her good perspective. I have all the confidence in the world in Lee. I think she really is

going to be a strong voice for students and will represent their needs."

Helping create the Austin internship program is something Moses said he is proud of accomplishing. The internship program, which will give students internship positions at the State Capitol, will begin in spring 2009.

"I think it's so important to encourage students to be involved in the political process," he said. "It's very rewarding; it gives students opportunities they wouldn't otherwise have."

In addition to the internship program, Moses said he and Bobbitt worked to create the Red Raider Relief fund, a program offering

assistance to students in need of emergency money to pay bills, buy books and purchase gasoline and other necessities.

"I think that's going to go a long way, because I think we've all heard students who want to stay in college but can't pay their bills for one month so they have to drop out," he said. "It's going to help long term."

Moses said it is difficult for him to believe his four-year college experience is almost finished, but he always will look back on his experience with SGA with fond memories.

"I think the position as president you learn a lot on how to manage people, interact and run a day-to-day operation," he said. "It's been an honor and a privilege to serve the students of Texas Tech University."

After graduating in May, Moses said he either will attend graduate school or work as a state employee.

Suzette Mathews, SGA internal vice president, said she remains certain James Baumgartner is the right person to be the next internal vice president.

"He's been on Senate for the last two years," Mathews said. "He has lots of experience, and he has the necessary tools to do a great job."

Establishing funds for the leisure pool is one action Mathews said she is proud of.

"I've learned so much over the past year and grown up so much and learned how to actually work with more than just students," she said. "I can't explain how much I've learned and gotten back from being in SGA."

Mathews said after graduating in May, she will begin teaching seventh graders through seniors in the Mississippi Delta for Teach for America.

Taylor Hutcherson, SGA external vice president, said he has been preparing Austin Pennington, who will replace him for the job, and is confident the transition will be a



COURTESY PHOTO  
FROM LEFT: SCOTT Gorenc, graduate vice president; Suzette Mathews, internal vice president; Michael Shonrock, vice president of Student Affairs; Taylor Hutcherson, external vice president; and Mason Moses, Student Government Association president.

smooth one.

"I've been taking him to meet all of the appropriate administrators to get to know everyone," Hutcherson said. "Taking him to meet people so, as he works with them, he knows everyone and has a good balance. He'll do good; I'm not worried."

Hutcherson said bringing attention to the debt-service program was his biggest accomplishment. The debt-service program, which was not approved by the SGA Senate after it received media attention, potentially would have increased student tuition by \$8 million to fund construction for part of the Jones AT&T Football Stadium, he said.

"I'm really proud of the bus system," Hutcherson said. "It's hard for most people to see, but with the decrease of the (transportation) budget, ridership has gone up significantly."

Overall, Hutcherson said he be-

lieves the SGA officers were successful in leading the student body.

"I think we have a lot of issues that we went after and that we approached that hadn't been taken care of before, a lot of things that kind of had been ignored," he said. "We are only here for a year, but there are a lot of things to take care of."

If he could improve one thing in the SGA, Hutcherson said he would improve the communication between SGA and the student body.

"I think the SGA, in general, needs to be a little more reactive to student needs and student thoughts," he said. "There is no sure fire way to hear from students; to hear from the student body at large is kind of difficult."

As a junior, Hutcherson will not graduate until May 2009.

Scott Gorenc, SGA vice president of graduate and professional affairs

who will be replaced by international student Arindam Mazumdar, said he is not worried about leaving the position in the wrong hands.

"I'm very excited about Arindam coming in — he'll bring a unique perspective to this office because he is an international student," Gorenc said. "There are a lot of issues particular to international students; he's going to represent them very well."

Gorenc said he tried to set up a social network for graduate students, something he is proud of.

"I think that we've set up a kind of a coffee structure with the grad school where we do things to build a graduate network," he said, "a social base where they can talk about common concerns of graduate students."

Gorenc said he will intern at an architecture firm in Dallas after graduating.

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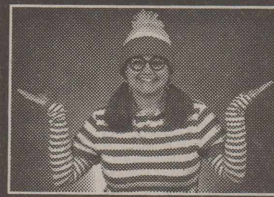
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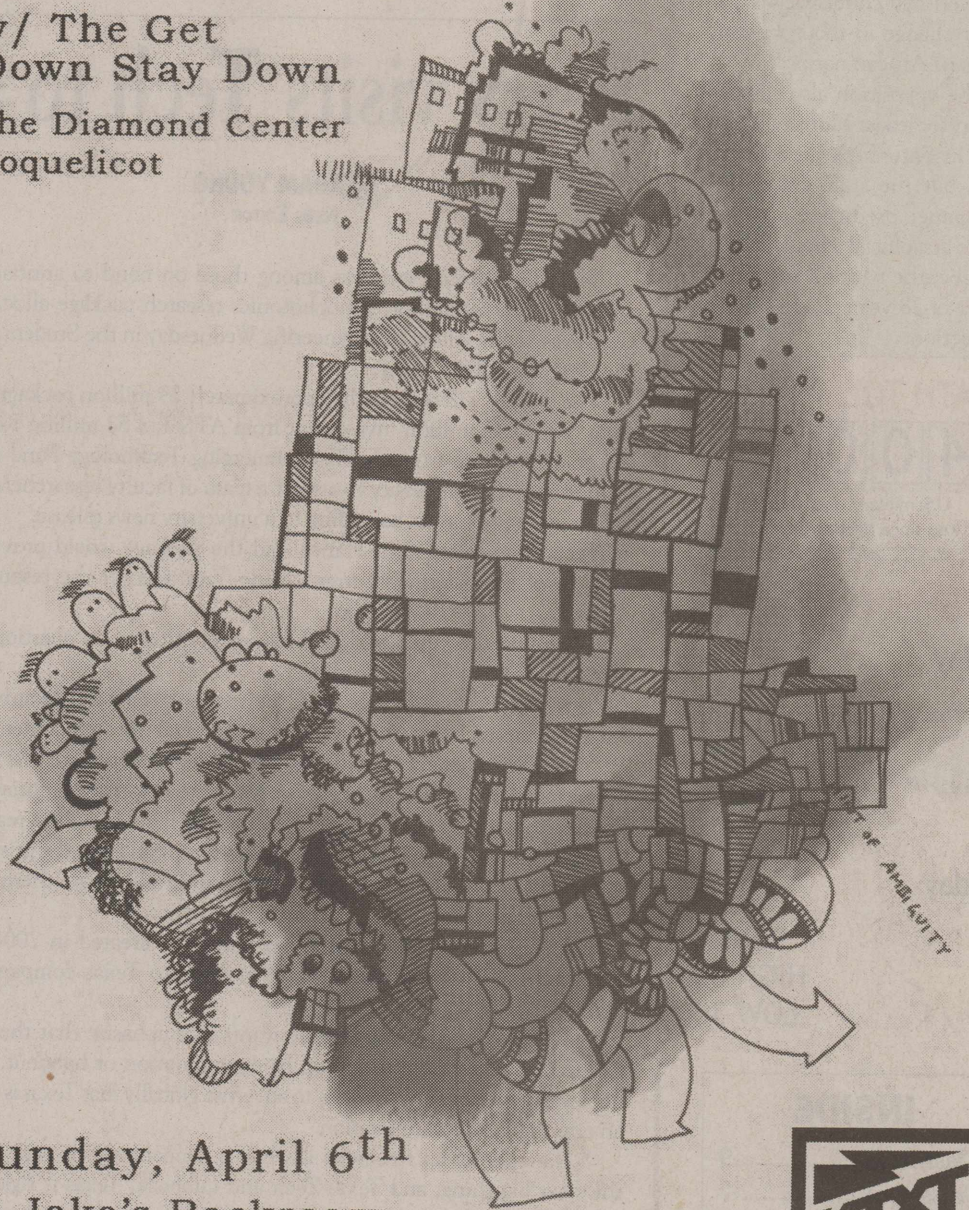
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## TECH POLICE BLOTTER

### Bicyclist hit by Citibus, smoke bomb sets off fire alarm

March 26

Two officers investigated an accident on the 2500 block of Main Street. There were no injuries as a result of the accident.

An unsecured cell phone was reported stolen from the south side of the Human Sciences building.

Two officers investigated an accident with no injuries in the C-11 parking lot.

An officer investigated an accident at the intersection of 10th Street and Texas Tech Parkway. There were no injuries as a result of the accident.

Unsecured money was reported stolen in the law school, and an officer responded and investigated.

An officer investigated the theft of a law student's textbooks from an unsecured study room in the Law School.

A student reported that his vehicle, which was parked in the Z-4P parking lot, was burglarized sometime between Feb. 26 and Feb. 27. The student said a radar detector was taken from the vehicle. The officer reported that there were no signs of forced entry, and the vehicle has been driven off-campus and out of town since that time.

An officer investigated a hit-and-run accident in which a vehicle struck an unattended vehicle in the Z-4R parking lot.

An officer investigated a report of criminal mischief in which an unknown person on the seventh floor of the Weymouth Residence Hall threw a smoke bomb in the hallway, setting off a fire alarm and burning the carpet.

The theft of a secured bicycle reportedly stolen from the Horn Residence Hall southeast bicycle rack was investigated by an officer.

A non-student was arrested for driving while intoxicated following a traffic stop on the 2400 block of Broadway.

March 27

An officer investigated a traffic accident without injuries in the C-1 north parking lot.

An officer investigated a traffic accident without injuries in the Health Sciences Center C-2 parking lot.

A silver money clip containing money was reported stolen from an individual while that person was riding on a Citibus bus.

An officer investigated the theft of a Coach key chain in Murray Residence Hall.

A non-student was issued a Lubbock County citation for possession of drug paraphernalia, including marijuana and Vicodin.

A non-student was issued a Lubbock County citation following a traffic stop on the 600 block of Flint Avenue for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor.

March 28

An officer investigated criminal mischief to a traffic enforcement parking immobilization boot in the 2-B parking lot.

The back tire on the driver-side of a 1997 Chevrolet pick-up was punctured in the R-13 parking lot.

An officer documented information on a reported fight between a male and a female in the Murray Residence Hall. After investigation, the officer concluded that a fight occurred. An observed alcohol violation also was documented, but was handled by housing.

March 29

A GPS system and Horizon phone charger were reported stolen from a vehicle in the Z1-B parking lot. The suspect was able to gain entrance to the vehicle through the driver-side window, which was broken by an unknown person.

An officer investigated the burglary of a room in the Murdough Residence Hall in which a cell phone, iPod, digital camera and money were taken. The room was unsecured at the time of the burglary.

An officer documented information about a verbal altercation between two Texas Tech students at an off-campus location.

An officer investigated the tampering of a faculty/staff parking permit in the traffic and parking lot.

The driver-side window of a vehicle in the R-1 parking lot was broken and a Kenwood stereo, amplifier and subwoofers were taken.

An officer investigated criminal mischief in which a fire alarm pull station cover was damaged on the third floor of the Coleman Residence Hall.

March 30

Two officers investigated the theft of an iPod in the Murdough Residence Hall. The room was unsecured at the time of theft.

An officer investigated criminal mischief in the C-2 parking lot in which the driver-side window of a vehicle was shattered.

A car stereo and speakers were reported stolen from a vehicle in the C-2 parking lot, and another vehicle was burglarized as well.

March 31

An officer investigated criminal mischief on the 10th floor of Coleman Residence Hall in which several ceiling tiles were damaged.

An officer documented information concerning two female students who are worried about their roommate's mental state.

A bicycle was reported stolen from the bicycle racks outside of the Gates Residence Hall. The student told Tech police officers that the bicycle was secured with a cable lock.

An officer documented information concerning a graduate student who found a backpack at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. The owner said the backpack was stolen from her vehicle during an off-campus burglary.

A student reported the theft of a wallet in Holden Hall. The student got up to get a drink of water, and the wallet fell out of her purse. When the student went back to get it, the wallet was missing.

An officer investigated a threat that occurred at the Tech Athletic Training Facility. A student threatened to shoot another student, causing the victim of the threat to fear for his safety.

Two officers documented information on a student being harassed by text messages from his former girlfriend. The student did not wish to file charges.

A student was arrested for public intoxication following a call from the third floor of the Murdough Residence Hall.

An officer arrested a non-student for driving while intoxicated following an observed traffic violation at the intersection of Broadway and University Avenue.

April 1

A student was issued a Lubbock County citation for possession of drug paraphernalia and released pending the filing of charges for possession of marijuana after a report of the odor of marijuana on the fourth floor of the Murray Residence Hall.

A Citibus bus hit a bicyclist on the 1300 block of Flint Avenue. There were no injuries as a result of the accident.

An officer investigated a theft in the Weymouth Residence Hall laundry room. A student left laundry in the machine and a polo shirt was taken.

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## Tech officials to test emergency notification system today

Texas Tech's emergency notification system will be tested at 11 a.m. today.

The system automatically sends a written notice to anyone with an e-Raider e-mail address and voice and/or text messages to those faculty members, staff and students who have provided current, correct phone and/or text information, according to a university news release.

"We test it twice a year, simply to make sure it works," said Sally Post, associate director of communications and marketing at the university.

Students who are not signed up to be notified in case of emergency can do so on the university's Web site, [www.ttu.edu/emergency](http://www.ttu.edu/emergency).

"Any time they change a phone number or cell phone, we love for them to update their information," Post said. "The system is only as good as information they put in."

After the shooting that occurred at Virginia Tech April 16, 2007, Post said, it was apparent to Texas Tech officials that a notification system was needed in case of an emergency.

According to the release, this is Texas Tech's only emergency system, and all information provided is confidential and used only in case of an emergency.

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## NATO official does not expect Ukraine, Georgia to win path to membership at summit

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP)

— President Bush suffered a painful diplomatic setback Wednesday when NATO allies rebuffed his passionate pleas to put former Soviet republics Ukraine and Georgia on the path toward membership in the Western military alliance.

The decision, to be made final on Thursday, was sure to be cheered

by Moscow, which heatedly opposes NATO's eastward expansion.

In another sign of discord, Greece blocked Macedonia's request to join the 26-nation alliance because of a dispute over its name. Only Croatia and Albania will be invited as new members.

It was a sour outcome for Bush at his final NATO summit as he sought

to polish his foreign policy legacy. Instead, he wound up sidetracked by opposition and splits among European allies. It was a result that was foreshadowed by public statements from France and Germany but Bush nevertheless put his prestige on the line and even made a stop in Ukraine on Monday to argue his case.

## Perry

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"Nanophotonics, while it sounds quite mysterious — and it is, it's a cutting edge technology — basically it's looking at new and efficient ways of converting electricity to light using semiconductor materials that manipulate at the nano-scale," said Pamela Eibeck, dean of the College of Engineering.

John Montford, a former Chancellor of the Tech system and current AT&T senior vice president, said the communications company is supporting nanophotonic re-

search at Tech because the technology has the potential to revolutionize the communications industry by providing low-power, high-speed, interference free, ultra-small components and could improve the capacity of computer storage by a factor of more than 1 million.

"This public/private partnership will transform this great university and our state," Montford said, and it "positions Texas Tech among the elite in the ability to attract and retain the best research talent in the world."

As part of AT&T's support of the college, Montford said, the company is creating and funding the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. Chair in Electrical and

Computer Engineering and the Linda F. Whitacre Chair in Electrical and Computer Engineering, which will be filled by Hongxing Jiang and Jingyu Lin, respectively.

Jiang and Lin currently are professors researching nanophotonics at Kansas State University and will move to Lubbock in May, according to the news release.

Perry said Jiang and Lin, who also will move their business, III-N Technology Inc., to Lubbock, will bring new jobs to the state and "strengthen the fiber of Texas."

"They left Kansas behind," he said. "I told them earlier, 'they ain't in Kansas no more.'"

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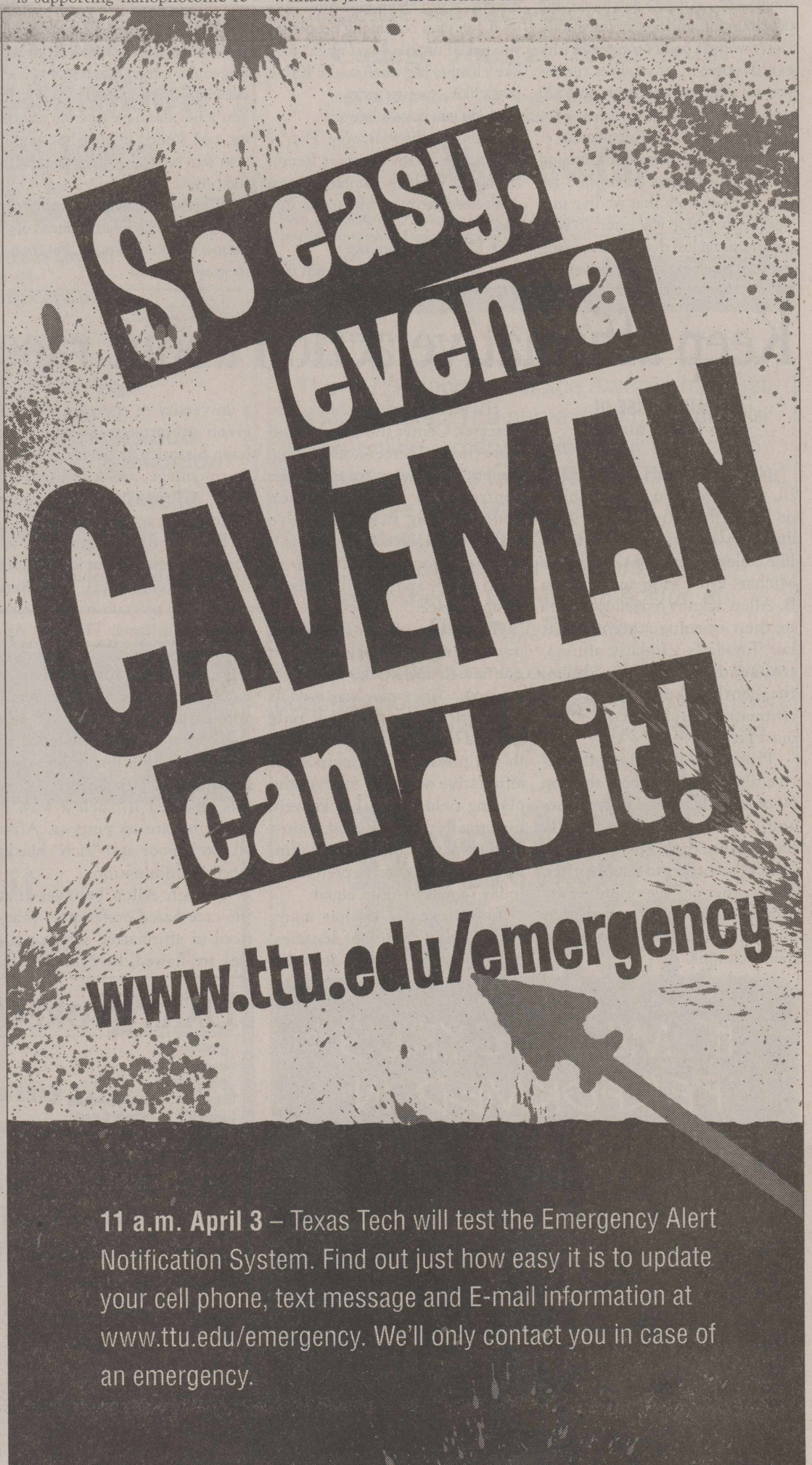


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## Democracy: a quest of unrelenting resolve

I read recently in a news article about a group of British researchers who listed 235 countries in accordance with relative social safety: No. 1 being the safest and No. 235 being utterly lost in ubiquitous failure.

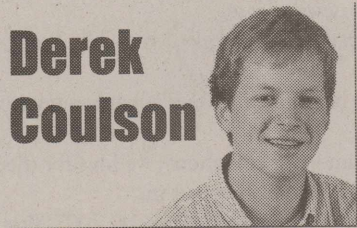
The Top 10 contained perennial world powers such as Liechtenstein, Monaco and Sweden. Our own country did not find placement until being slotted in at No. 22, getting overlooked mostly because "of the proliferation of small arms owned by Americans."

I found it paradoxical that our amendment rights supposedly make us more susceptible to danger rather than preserve the integrity of free will. I also failed to see how Luxembourg, Ireland and even Denmark — No. 3, 10 and 12, respectively — have more stable societies than ours.

Perhaps since the Danish government's only foreign antagonism stems from political cartoons, there is no cause for serious concern.

This study seems to hit on an

**Derek Coulson**



increasing stigma about America that declares, because of our "inward turmoil," we cannot handle disagreements or conflict with other nations. Or rather, we are so belligerently unilateral and independent that we remain ignorant of criticism.

In any case, allow me to consider the nations that challenge us and how they are able to do so. With our ongoing economic downturn heading steeply toward recession, causing our dollar to inflate exponentially over the Euro, much of Europe's upper echelon have had a chance to shrink the economic gap. And as far as militaries go, North Korea, Pakistan, Iran and Venezuela all have taken steps to

increase their weapons arsenals — in most cases nuclear.

Each is capable of severe damage to its neighboring countries. However, the plane is not even yet: the gap between the United States and Europe is still enough to demand respect. Our own arsenal and historical military abilities are reason enough to keep even prominent Russia and China at bay.

Some would propose, that to deal with even our most radical enemies, we should maintain a purely diplomatic stance. Working through avenues like the United Nations, they would prefer to talk peace in multinational summits rather than actually take action when necessary.

Don't get me wrong, it has been proven in history that sage diplomacy can prevent international conflict. But how much good did the 16 resolutions, during both the Bill Clinton and George Bush administrations, do to prevent Saddam Hussein from

being a dictatorial terrorist?

How far does that council honestly think its sanctions will go in preventing Iran from assuming the mantle of leading terrorist state in the Middle East? Attempting to out-diplomat theocratic tyrants is much the same as trying to play 'hot potato' with a hand grenade.

Pulling the pin and hoping for the best is the same kind of naïveté that allowed Hussein his maniacal rule.

It seems the same mentality that promotes criticisms of our internal affairs also finds disagreements with our president. Criticize him as you may; if it is about immigration, education or the economy, I will admit there are

valid points for detractors on each.

But as far as protecting the American people, he has been irrevocably clear and determined. Even in the

wake of a surge of opinion against the war on terror, our president has stood firm against opposition that would prefer to sway otherwise.

Media outlets have had another chance to do so with the passing of "4,000," another monumental number of troop deaths in Iraq. I

would not assume to try to correlate that number with previous wars, nor to write it off as insignificant.

It's another reminder of the cost that our freedom comes at — a reminder that liberty is not preserved

from behind a desk, but behind the toil of American soldiers willing to sacrifice for this country.

For the past six and a half years, we have received the results of their sacrifice. In that time, there has been no repeat of 9/11; we have not had to wake up to another terrible scene like we did that day.

In spite of dissension spread by foreign nations and by our own people, we have enjoyed the results of our leadership believing that its people should enjoy the effects of their persistent pursuit of democracy.

Every day, I am thankful — as I hope many are — for the leaders who promote our personal freedoms.

And I am most thankful for the men and women who fight to ensure that those freedoms are possible.

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## Note before you go outside...

By **RON SOLTYS**  
DAILY KENT STATER (KENT STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) KENT, Ohio — There are several important things everybody has to do when spring rolls around. It isn't quite here yet, but it's getting a little warmer. It should rain a lot this week, but we all have to start thinking about all the things we have to do before the weather is nice.

I've decided I will help you all out with some helpful tips for spring in Kent.

Ron's mandatory to-do list

- Buy sunglasses

This is important throughout all times of year, but if you don't have sunglasses, you need a pair for driving or walking around being pretentious. Don't worry, a pair of sunglasses isn't exactly going to set you back (unless you are a hipster and insist on \$500 shades)

- Formulate a driving playlist

You're going to be driving around with your windows down, and it's important to note that we live in a world now where you listen to your own music far less than the thumping music of random passerby drivers.

For conventional references, turn on mtvU. If your ears do not bleed after five minutes, you should be relatively safe when others play their favorite tunes. Not your style? Take a more classic approach and listen to VH1 Classic for half an hour for inspiration. If all else fails, play songs that are played at all weddings and/or death metal, aka "baby-eating music."

- Promote skin cancer

There's something about bronze skin that makes you better than normal people. If you find actual sunlight a primitive source, then you can cook yourself in a personal chamber for a small time every once in a while; it's cheaper than you think. You won't have to worry about pesky tan lines — if you plan on having people see you naked often — you might look like a leather bag when you're 40, but that's like... forever away.

- Do you have a lanyard?

If you do, throw it away. They're acceptable at the Student Recreation and Wellness Center, but you don't need them anywhere else. You don't.

- Eliminate spare tire

If you ate as much as I did dur-

ing the winter, you might have inexplicably gained some pounds throughout the cold months. I kind of spent most of winter perched in my Eagles Landing roost, only getting the motivation to shoot hoops or pump the guns intermittently. How can I avoid this necessity anymore? It's springtime, and that implies the need to be all fancy-looking — and since I don't understand and can hardly pronounce the word diet, I will just have to sweat the lazy punk out of me.

- Utilize tree shade

If you get the sudden urge to study, sit underneath a tree and open up a book. These little moments create the perfect snapshot for college recruiting pamphlets or videos. No introduction to college is complete without a picture of someone sitting under a tree. Make sure you are chewing on a pencil, deep in thought. You could also have a pencil in your ear, one stuffed in your hat, one in your free hand — the more pencils, the better.

Whether you heed my fine advice or not, enjoy the weather ahead of us. I know finals are coming, but try not to stress out, too.

## Keep affirmative action about race

By **PAUL CRUSE III**  
DAILY ILLINI (U. ILLINOIS)

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — There is no perfect policy or law. Affirmative action is no different when it comes to things like college admissions. Professors Michael Eric Dyson and William B. Allen acknowledged that idea in their opening statements at last Tuesday's scholarly affirmative action debate. In addition, they both acknowledged that affirmative action doesn't affect most people.

Professor Allen said, "affirmative action only affects the top 50 or so colleges and universities and, in the case of black folk, hardly more than 5 percent of all (blacks) who go to a university. Every other college or university accepts just about everybody that applies, if they meet very minimal qualifications."

His idea is supported by a Pew Research Center study that found more than 80 percent of applying students were not affected by this controversial policy. But even understanding that affirmative action isn't perfect and doesn't affect everyone, it still needs to be in place, and it still needs to be about race.

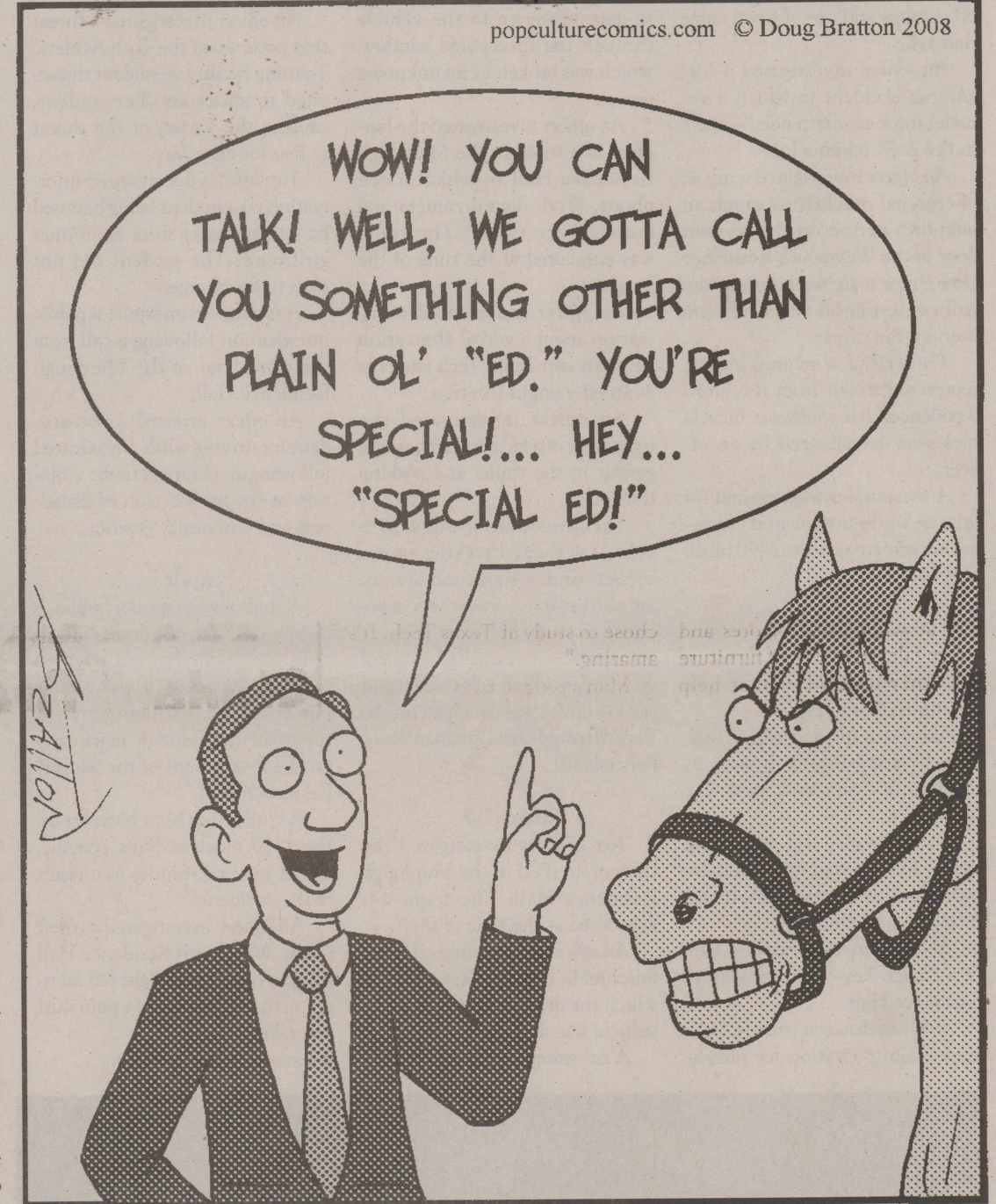
To quote professor Dyson, "to understand affirmative action one must look at the historical context... since race was used as a demerit in the past, it is only just and logical to use it as a merit in the present." The purpose of affirmative action is to level the playing field. Since blacks were historically discriminated against because of the color of their skin, they should be given a preference today to make things equal.

One example is that many schools give credit for legacies. If your mother or father attended

a university in the past, you are given preference. Blacks, who have historically been unable to go to college, are at a disadvantage. Affirmative action helps correct that scenario as well.

People often suggest that affirmative action should be about socioeconomic level, but there are already policies in place that address that issue. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, helps students in need pay for college. In addition, many application processes look at a student's economic affluence in their determination of who gets accepted. If affirmative action was changed in such a way, it would negate its purpose. After all, both poor and "rich" blacks faced discrimination.

Though Allen believes that the race-based preferences practiced in affirmative action policies are flawed, he cannot deny



After a brief "discussion," he was called Mr. Ed.

that blacks' educational progress was greatly hindered due to Jim Crow laws. He states, "no minority group has taken to education like the post-slavery blacks. Up until the 1920s, blacks' pursuit of education was explosive; evidence of this can be seen in the over 120 historically black colleges that were constructed in the 40 years after the Civil War."

In order for blacks to "make up for lost ground," policies are needed to counteract actions of the past. But when blacks use historical references in support of affirmative action, we are often called whiners and are told to "just let it go." But these same critics also use past references for

their counter arguments. They quote the Constitution and the words of our "forefathers" as legitimizing claims to why affirmative action is unjust.

Why is that when it is black history that is being used as support, it is deemed unworthy or illegitimate, but when it is the history that critics choose it is seen as the perfect counter claim?

One of the quotes most frequently used by affirmative action critics are the words of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Professor Dyson counters, saying, "As eloquent and inspiring as those words are, they are the words of an ideal future, not the words of the realistic present. Affirmative action is only the starting steps to a color-blind future. It is the basement, not the ceiling. Yes, one day Dr. King's words will come true, one day affirmative action will not be needed, but that day isn't today."

Affirmative action is needed to counteract discriminatory acts of our past. We cannot ignore these problems and expect them to fix themselves. Gandhi once said "... if you do nothing, there will be no result"; that rule applies here.

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# Obstacles

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for Muslim travelers to the United States, it is safe to assume they will be able to find a mosque nearby when they arrive at their destination.

With so many mosques in the United States, Amor said, Muslims rarely have trouble finding a place to worship, even if that place is a house or other gathering place where groups can convene to worship and pray. A building does not have to look like or function solely as a mosque to be considered a mosque.

Although most of the people who regularly attend the Islamic Center are American citizens, some are students from other countries, said Mohamed Elnoctar, a doctoral candidate from Mauritania, a country in North Africa.

"A mosque is not only a place for worship," Elnoctar said. "It is a place for socialization, for connecting with other people. For example, almost every (Muslim) student who comes to Tech calls us before he comes and asks us to help him find housing, for example, to buy a car. The mosque is a very important point of connection for them."

Frequently, he said, international students come to the mosque and find other people from the same country, which only further alleviates homesickness.

For international students without a religious foundation who seek personal contacts and friendships, Lubbock has many local residents who open their homes to internationals and help them build social roots in the Hub City.

Dianne Crowley, director of Tech's K-12 Outreach Program, for instance, spends much of her free time interacting with international students who need help finding a niche in Lubbock.

She also, whenever possible, helps them to find furniture for their empty apartments by shopping at second-hand stores and garage sales in search of furniture and other necessities that help make a house into a home.

Crowley even invited a Vietnamese student, Thu Dinh, to make a home for himself and his family in a guest house on her property, which he gratefully accepted. Now that Dinh has

his wife and young daughter in Lubbock with him, Crowley has come to be known as the toddler's "grandma."

Hoping to bring the international student community closer to local residents and the various nationality groups within that community closer to each other, she said, she and a handful of others plan events to foster appreciation.

For instance, she organized a fundraising event this spring called "cow patty bingo." If successful, the event and others like it will raise money for places across the globe that have been devastated by natural disasters or war.

The idea, Crowley said, is to raise money for international students to send to their home countries for humanitarian aid while they study and live here in the United States.

Another Lubbock couple who works diligently to help international students feel welcomed, Marion and Lynn Bryant, offer international students what one might call a "surrogate family" as they study at Tech.

Lynn Bryant, a local high school physics teacher who recently received his master's degree from Tech, helps international students fix their cars, edit their dissertations or cook a juicy hamburger. Lynn Bryant's wife, Marion Bryant, a local accountant for American State Bank, meanwhile, throws "tax return parties" to assist international students with the tricky process of filing a tax return.

With dozens of internationals calling the couple "mom" and "dad," Marion Bryant said, the two feel blessed to have the opportunity to work with international students.

"I started with (helping them file tax returns) and I just fell in love with them," she said. "They are literally the best and the brightest from their country and they chose Texas Tech in Lubbock. I think that is absolutely amazing for Tech and for Lubbock, and nobody really recognizes that all that much. These people from all around the world chose to study at Texas Tech. It's amazing."

Many programs exist to help these multinational students, both through the university and through the broader Lubbock community, said Laraine McCallum, international student counselor at Tech's International Cultural Center. Another impor-

tant program provides car-less international students with a ride to Wal-Mart, where they can find just about anything they might need.

"(International students) all shop at Wal-Mart, because it's got groceries and everything they need," Marion Bryant said. "It's one-stop shopping."

For some, as the years pass, Lubbock becomes a genuine home to international students who found a place in West Texas and at Tech where they could spread their roots.

Their studies complete, these students face a decision to either return home to begin a career or stay in the United States and become what Tech's Vice Provost

In those cases where international students return home, he said, they tend to take with them a positive opinion of the United States, which helps the country's standing overseas.

"Education is a huge American export," Nagy said. "People tend to think in terms of products. They rarely think in terms of services, and education is a service, just like Chinese who come and buy our bonds. That's something Americans need to realize."

Every international student, however, has his or her own goals and hopes upon graduation, so no single underlying guideline exists for those who stand at a cusp of whether to return home.

For one international doctoral candidate from Bangladesh, Tanvir Ahmed, the choice to either stay in the United States or return home depends much on the economics of the situation.

For a professional with a doctorate, he said, the Bangladeshi job market shrinks significantly, almost as if he is overqualified for the job market back home, which is not to say he will not find work there, but merely that he has to take that into consideration.

"Also, there is a thing called job satisfaction," Ahmed said. "That means people don't want to work where they don't apply their studies. For example, I am studying mechanical engineering. I don't want to go and work with chemistry."

Yet another factor pertaining to his decision, he said, is the nature of the market in Bangladesh, which tends to demand few engineers with doctorates

who can design and has more open positions for less-technical jobs in manufacturing and production.

"Even if the salary level in Bangladesh is a little bit less, I prefer to go over there," Ahmed said, referring to a situation in which he is offered a job in Bangladesh comparable to what he would find in the United States. "There, I have my own friends. I have my own standing. I have my family, too."

For other international students, particularly those from Turkey, however, the decision is simple: Return home, no matter what, said Bahtiyar Babanazarov, a Tech teaching assistant from Turkey who recently received his master's degree.

"For other students, maybe this is not true, but for Turkish students, 99 percent want to go home sooner or later," he said. "It is just a matter of time — one year later, two years later, five years later — 99 percent of Turkish students want to go home."

From the perspective of an undergraduate biochemistry major from Ghana, Kwaku Hazel said returning home only will occur after considerably more education: medical school. Inevitably, however, he will return to Ghana, but not before much more international travel.

"First," he said, "I want to work in places around the world

where the need is for a doctor." Most international students remain in the United States after they get one degree to pursue the next, said Bob Crosier, director of international affairs at Tech.

For instance, international students who receive bachelor's degrees, he said, then will remain in the country until they earn their master's degree only to then set their sights on a doctorate, though not necessarily at the same university. Even with a doctorate, internationals sometimes remain a little longer to do internships or other career-building programs.

"Our students tend to be in scientific, technological fields," Crosier said. "There are probably opportunities for them to get jobs in the United States, as well as overseas, simply because they have skills that are more difficult to find in the U.S."

Looking at it on an individual basis, for international students, he said, the decision to stay or leave varies greatly, but it tends to follow a pattern.

"It's a very broad range of things," Crosier said. "It may be remaining here in the United States. It may be going on to other countries, a third country, at that point, so you have a — in some ways — an internationally mobile group involved in this."

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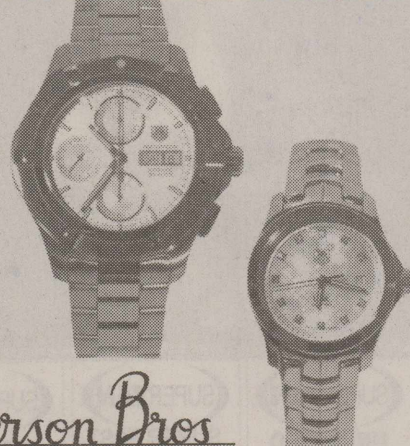
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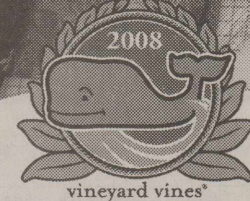
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More than 20,000 call-for-entries were sent to high schools and colleges around the nation, inviting submissions that illustrated the theme "Destination Anywhere." Participants were asked to consider their piece of artistry as a destination or a place where the viewer might take a trip they never expected. The call also encouraged artists to contemplate their life with a disability and its relationship to art. Selected from 206 submissions, these 15 finalists were awarded a total of \$60,000 provided by Volkswagen of America, Inc.

The collaboration supports these artists at a critical time when many are deciding whether to pursue the arts as a career. The award is meant to validate, and help finance, this life-defining choice.

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The destinations of these works may be a specific scene frozen in time, an abstract filled with emotion or an intimate reflection of self-discovery. The past, present and future are explored for their meaning and relevance.

These artists are motivated by an intense desire and dedication to practice. Art is their gateway to understanding the past, the boundaries that define us and the personal philosophies that influence their work. The work, or destination, becomes a captured moment that conveys meaning and a way to share the artist's unique perspectives.

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# Professor, Counselor, Mom: EADE DOES IT ALL

By BRIDGET DE STEFANO  
STAFF WRITER

As a prominent Texas Tech professor, private counselor and self-proclaimed chocolate addict, Ronda Eade can diagnose herself as she pleases.

Eade is a born-and-raised Lubbock resident and Tech alumna who ventured out from coast to coast, but strong family ties brought her back to Lubbock.

Eade primarily teaches in the College of Human Sciences, with courses including Basic Interpersonal Skills, Contemporary Family, Life-Span and Human Development, Families in Crisis and Theories. She will add Research Methods to her list of courses this summer.

Eade is open to adopting new courses at Tech because the variety of subjects refreshes her mind.

"It keeps me reading and reapplying things into my practice, with my children, my family and into my own life," Eade said.

Eade has been teaching at Tech for 11 years now and is very satisfied with her time here. She is grateful for the information her students provide her with, especially in relation to her own children's lives. It has given her a fresh perspective of the students, she said, and it keeps her in tune with the challenges and realities young adults face.



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HUMAN SCIENCES PROFESSOR Ronda Eade enjoys working at her private office grading students' work and counseling clients.

"I love having 100 or 50 students that are ready to learn and want to know something new," Eade said. "I like the discussions because they teach me as much, if not more than I ever teach them."

For years, it has been her dream to be a counselor. Now, along with

teaching part-time, she is a counselor through a private practice she owns with a close friend.

"I think I was born a counselor," Eade said, "because I have been the 'go-to' person my whole life." Eade counsels patients of all ages, primarily adolescents, in her private practice. She deals with subjects ranging from eating disorders to relationship issues. She also has a special interest in counseling patients who have lost a loved one, during the many stages of mourning.

Aside from her fun-loving personality and goofy sense of humor, she said she is an introvert by nature.

"My private practice is more in line with my actual personality,"

Eade said. "That one-on-one intimate relationship is very important to me, and I would not want to do anything else in my life."

However, Eade notes that her biggest joys in life are her three adopted children: Autumn, 6; Emmie, 5; and Jeremiah, 4. All three children were adopted through the Child Protective Services.

As a single parent, Eade is extremely devoted to her kids and enjoys being with them as much as possible. The flexibility of her jobs gives her the ability to work hard and still be a loving, committed mother.

It is a life Eade said she was blessed with.

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# Breler's performance at No. 6 spot boosts men's tennis team

By KEVIN CULLEN  
STAFF WRITER

It is difficult to teach effort. A coach can try his best to help a player improve his serve, his forehand and his backhand, but effort is something a competitor has to take upon himself.

Boasting one of the best singles records on the Texas Tech men's tennis team at 14-1, Michael Breler is giving the necessary effort every time he steps on the tennis court from the No. 6 spot.

"Every coach, what they look for in a player is how tough they are and how well they compete," Tech coach Tim Siegel said. "That was Michael from the very beginning. Now he has just improved his game to go along with his toughness. He's as valuable to this team as anyone we have."

Breler had 17-win seasons as a freshman and a sophomore. He is well on his way to eclipsing that mark for the third-straight year.

Breler started the season 13-0 before his lone loss of the year to Virginia Commonwealth's Sebastian Ripoll March 14.

Clutch play is one of the many attributes Breler is gaining, as he clinched five matches for the Red Raiders this season.

The pressure that comes with deciding a match is something Breler said he needed to adjust to as

he became more experienced.

"I've learned to like (the pressure)," he said. "Mentally, I've been able to pull out matches like that. My first season, I had two or three of those matches. Last season, I had a couple of them, too. I don't really mind being in a situation like that. I think I handle it pretty well. For me, it's not a big deal."

Breler's play at the end of matches has instilled a sense of confidence in Siegel, who said he trusts Breler with whatever is thrown at him.

"He is definitely one guy that I would want out there all the time because you know what you're gonna get," Siegel said. "Everybody is crucial, but Michael, he doesn't change just because the situation is a little bit different. If it's close in the match, he plays the same way."

The 2007-08 season is the first season Breler is at the No. 6 spot, which is of no concern to him.

"I don't feel it's much different playing No. 6 than No. 5, or No. 4 even," he said. "As long as I get to play. We've got such a good team. I get to play a lot (at No. 6)."

Singles play is not all Breler is doing well in this season.

Breler and Sinisa Markovic have come together to compose the No. 28 doubles duo in the nation.

Markovic said Breler is one of the hardest workers on the team,

which is good to have.

"He brings it out every day in practice," Markovic said. "He's

a great fighter, no matter conditions or anything. He fights every match."

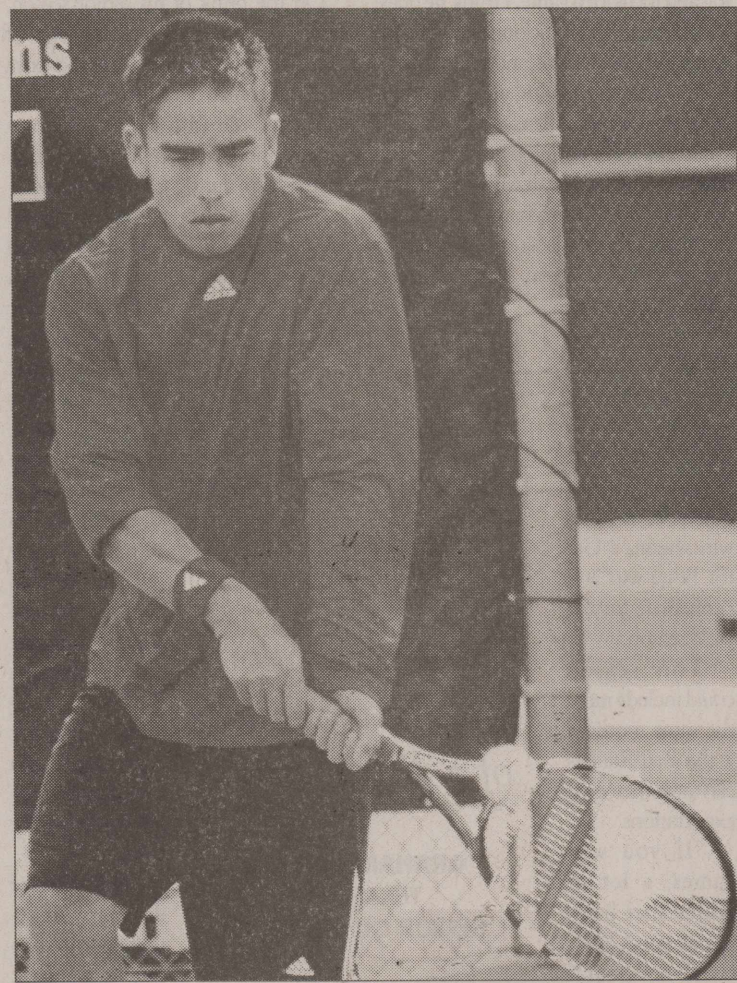


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TEXAS TECH JUNIOR Michael Breler plays a doubles match against Denver Saturday morning at the McLeod Tennis Center.

If the duo can keep winning as the season winds down, it has a chance, along with the No. 3 duo of Bojan Szumanski and Christian Rojmar, to compete in the NCAA doubles tournament. The Top 32 teams in the nation are allowed to compete in the tournament.

Tech is ranked No. 18 in the nation with five matches remaining until the Big 12 Conference tournament.

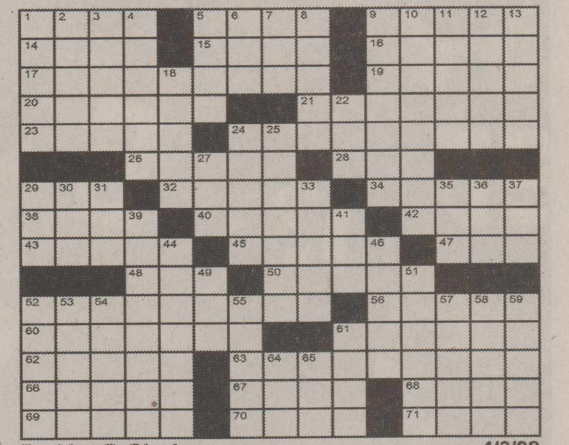
Breler said the sky is the limit on what this team can achieve in postseason play.

"We are definitely making the tournament, we already know that," Breler said. "Making it to the Sweet 16 would be, I think, one of the main goals for our team this year. Anything less than that would probably be a little disappointing, I think."

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## Tennessee coach Pat Summitt thinks Parker will be ready for LSU

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — With LSU up next and Tennessee star Candace Parker stinging from a shoulder injury, the Lady Volunteers appear to have a lot of hard work to do.

Coach Pat Summitt has other plans before the national semifinals Sunday.

"I think rest is what we need," said Summitt, who will be making her 18th appearance in the Final Four. "We need our legs, and we need to be mentally sharp as well. Less is more in this situation."

Summitt said she feels really good about Parker's chances of playing in Tennessee's third game this season

against the Lady Tigers, who won the regular-season meeting between the teams. Tennessee (34-2) beat LSU (31-5) for the Southeastern Confer-

ence tournament championship.

Still, Summitt is taking few chances of further injuring her two-time All-American or wearing out any of her

other players before then. The Lady Vols had Wednesday off and planned only a light practice for Thursday before traveling to Tampa.

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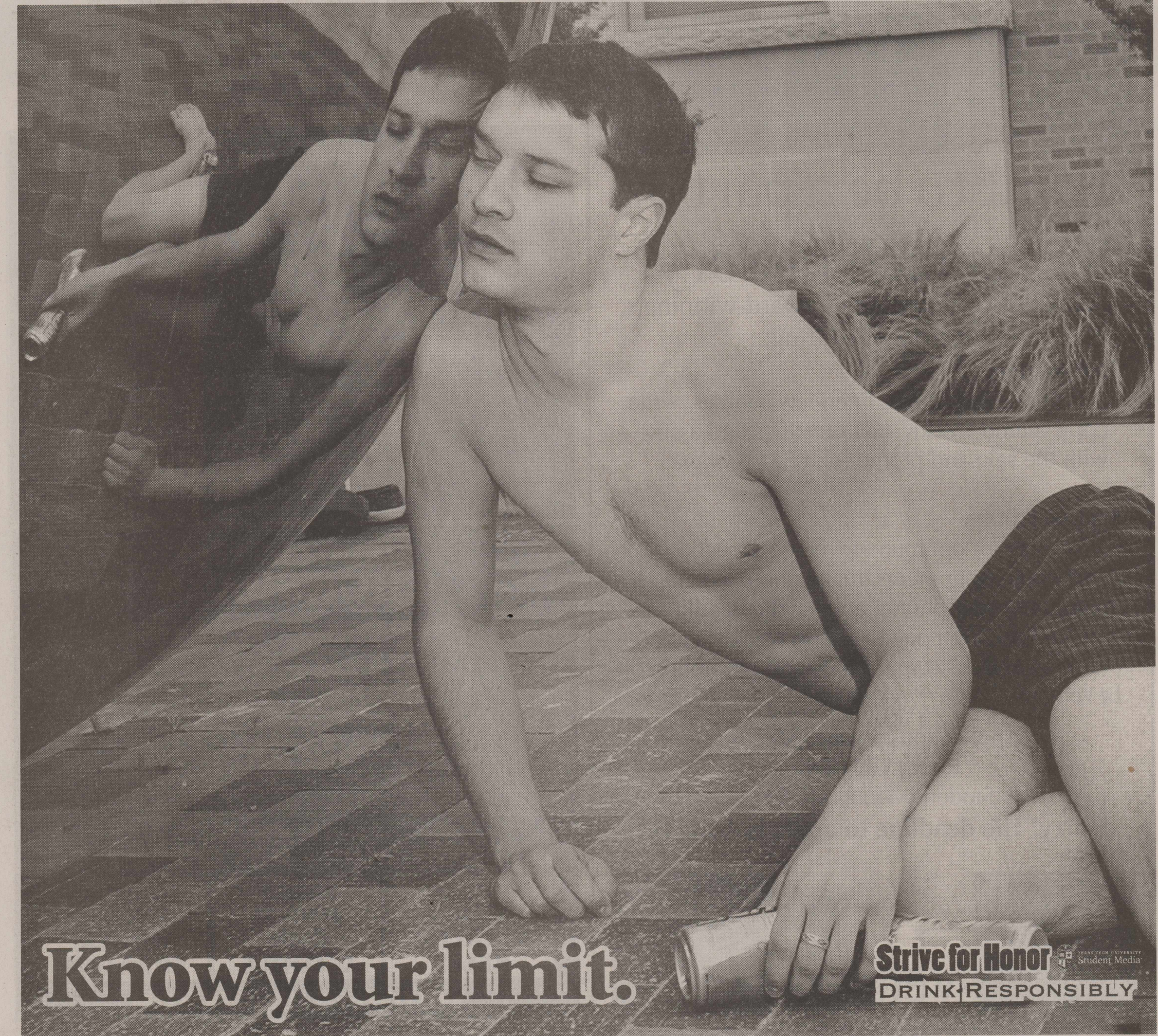
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# Harrell, Red Raiders ignore extra attention

By ADAM COLEMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell is prepared for the 2008 season and everything else that may come along with it.

Entering his senior season, Harrell

looks to continue being the Red Raiders' leader, with the extra attention he and the team might receive as the spring continues.

"I think Graham does a good job with all the focus that's put on him and all the attention," Tech receiver Eric Morris said. "He does a good job of tuning that

out when it's time. He's good around the media. When it's time for him to be studying and focus for a game, I think he does a good job of kinda blocking his mind out of all the distractions and focusing on what's at hand, and ultimately that's our No. 1 goal of winning a football game."

In 2007, Harrell, along with receiver Michael Crabtree, dealt with a lot of media attention with his name in the mix for many pre- and post-season awards. For most of the season, Harrell's name was in the running for the Heisman Trophy, among other awards.

Even with the spotlight last year, Harrell led the Red Raiders to a nine-win season, a Gator Bowl win and confidence for the 2008 season.

This season could include more the same spotlight if the Red Raiders can meet their own expectations.

"If you win games, a lot of people start looking at you," Tech receivers' coach Lincoln Riley said.

"That's the biggest thing. If we continue to win games, the quarterback of our offense is going to get a lot of attention. That's probably how it should be."

One of the Red Raiders' goals is to pay little attention to the expectations of others and more to their own expectations.

Harrell said he associates himself with this concept as much as possible.

"We focus on winning, we focus on getting better everyday," Harrell said.

"The media attention won't be too much of a distraction."

On the brink of his senior season, Harrell is used to the requirements of being Tech's quarterback and the extra details most may not know about.

Harrell said with last season's outcome, he noticed more focus is on him and the team during spring practices.

"We've put up huge numbers around here lately," he said. "Last year, we had a really good year. There's a lot of high expectations for the team this year. I think that, just in the few days of spring, we've got a lot more media attention than usual. I'm sure it will carry over off through the spring and throughout the year just because the high expectations we have for this team and a lot of other people have for the team."

The success of dealing with attention as a collegiate quarterback varies between athletes.

Some quarterbacks can handle it well, and some may buckle under the pressure.

Morris said although the success varies, he believes Graham does an adequate job of separating himself from the quarterbacks that fail.

"I think some do better than others," he said. "I think that's one of the main reasons why some guys can't handle it as much. Playing to the hype too much and listen to how everybody tells them

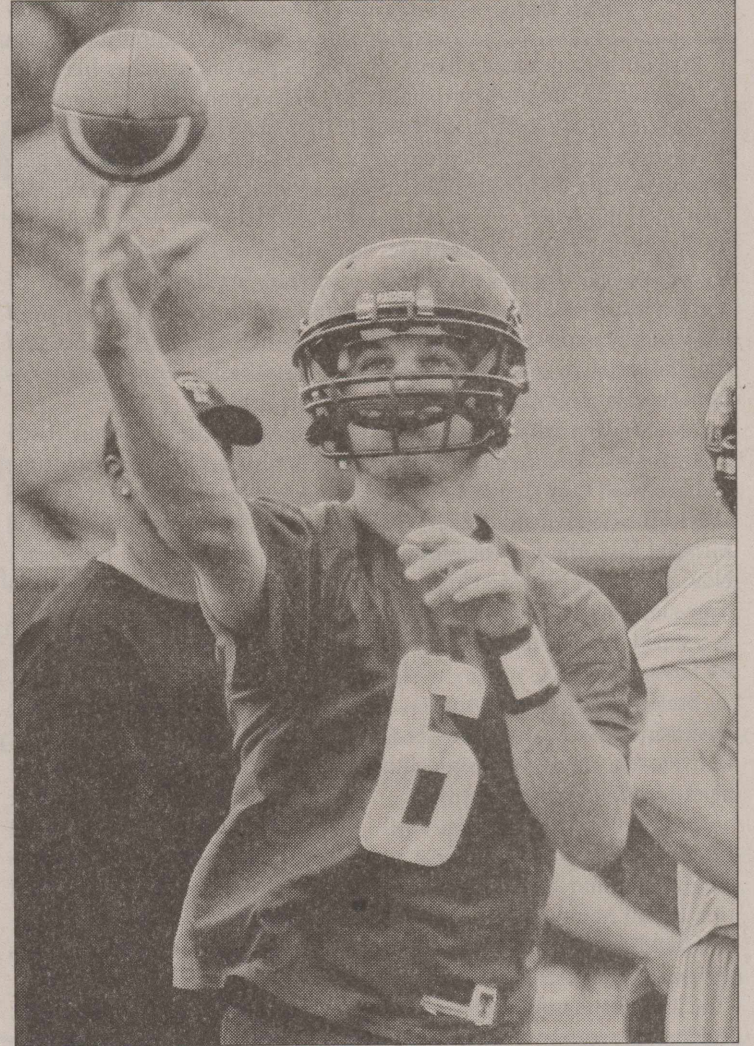


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TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Graham Harrell experienced the extra attention during the 2007-08 season when he was nominated for several awards including the Heisman Trophy.

"We focus on winning, we focus on getting better everyday. The media attention won't be too much of a distraction."

— GRAHAM HARRELL  
TEXAS TECH  
SENIOR QUARTERBACK

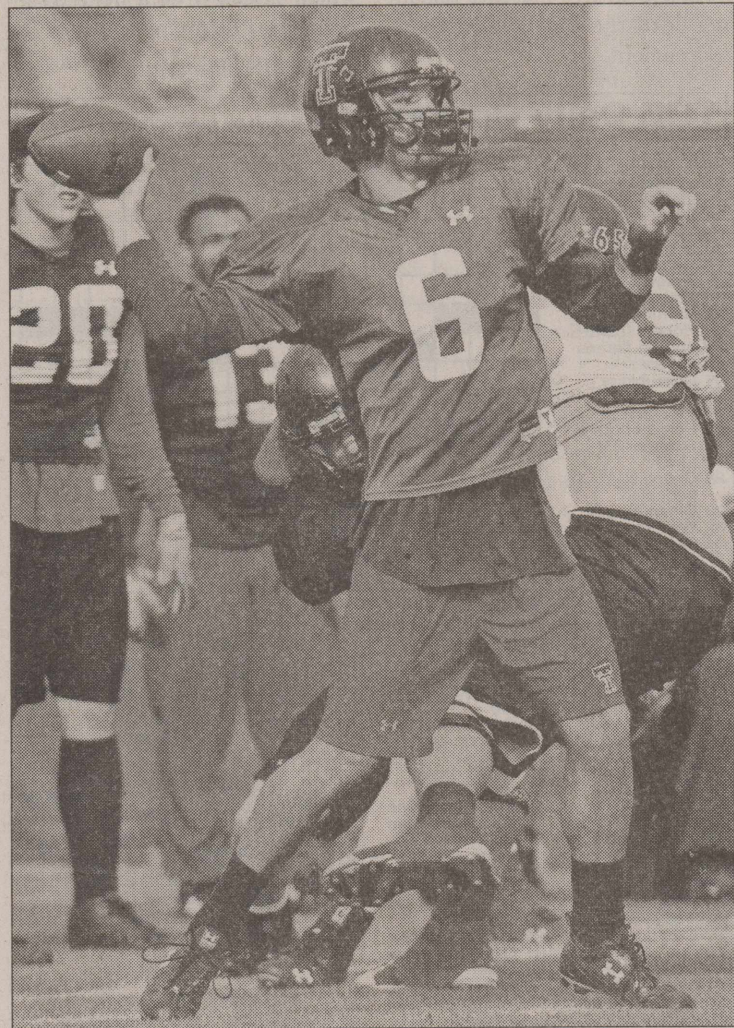


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TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Graham Harrell and the Red Raiders hope to be able to ignore the added attention that comes with success.

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## Tech defensive tackle Agoucha suspended indefinitely

Texas Tech defensive tackle Bobby Agoucha is suspended from the team indefinitely for violation of team rules. The specific violation was not made

clear as to why Agoucha is no longer on the team.

"We wish him well," Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill said. "We're willing to help him anyway way we need to. The whole staff is ready to help him anyway. We need to help him."

The redshirt freshman started the spring season second behind Colby Whitlock for nosetackle on the depth chart.

In 2007, Agoucha redshirted and

participated on the scout team. Coming into the spring season, Agoucha was a part of a defensive line with many possibilities of who could start heading into the 2008 season.

Agoucha, who graduated from Putnam City North High School in Oklahoma City, Okla., chose Tech instead of Kansas State, Oklahoma and TCU.

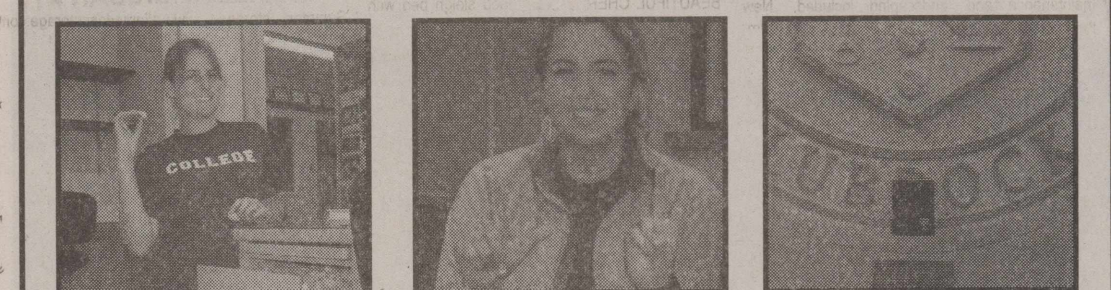
McNeill said losing a player always does damage to what he believes is

the most important component to the defense.

"The game is won up front with the offensive line and the defensive line," he said. "If those guys are clicking, everybody else is clicking. Everything starts, begins and ends with our defensive line. They are the alpha and omega of our defense."

It also is undetermined if Agoucha will be available for the 2008 season.

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## Hays earns 1,500th win with sweep of A&M-CC

By **BEN MAKI**  
SPORTS EDITOR

For the third time in four games, the Texas Tech baseball team celebrated a momentous win at Dan Law Field.

This time, it was for Tech coach Larry Hays' 1,500th victory. The Red Raiders swept Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, beating the Islanders 10-5 to help Hays join the elite club.

Only three other college baseball coaches have won at least 1,500 games in their careers: Wichita State's Gene Stephenson, who won his 1,626th game against Kansas Tuesday, all with the Shockers; Texas' Augie Garrido, who entered play Wednesday with 1,647 wins; and Florida State's Mike Martin who reached the milestone March 16 against Georgia Tech.

"They're all the same," Hays said of his

1,500th victory. "I'm real excited about this win, like the one yesterday, and the thing is, I'm worried about the next one. Friday is a key game for us for a lot of reasons. Really, I'm being honest, they're all the same. Just because one of them has a number on it doesn't mean a thing."

Hays now has won 805 wins at Tech and had 695 while at Lubbock Christian. He is in his 38th season as a head coach and has been at Tech since 1986.

With Tech (16-12) down 3-0 and A&M-CC starter Cory Blair throwing a no-hitter through 4.1 innings, Tech proceeded to break up the no-no bid and score eight runs in the inning, while batting around.

"We knew that at some point we'd

get to 'em," Tech shortstop Chris Hall said. "We knew at some point that the game would let us have a couple, so we just kept trying to swing the bats and kept the same approach throughout the whole game."

*"They're all the same. I'm real excited about this win, like the one yesterday..."*

— **LARRY HAYS**  
COMMENTING ON HIS  
1,500TH CAREER WIN

Tech catcher Jeremy Mayo added a run in the bottom of the seventh with a leadoff home run, the first four-bagger of his career. A&M-CC (8-20) also added a run in the seventh and another in the ninth.

The Islanders started the game by loading the bases with one out and scored a run on a Joey Kenworthy error, when he tried to throw home to get the force out at home and hit A&M-CC's Trey Hernandez with the ball as he came across to score.

Tech tried to counter in the bot-



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TEXAS TECH COACH Larry Hays celebrates his 1,500th win after a 10-5 win over the A&M-Corpus Christi Islanders Wednesday afternoon at Dan Law Field.

tom of the third, but with two outs and a man on second, Willie Rueda lined a shot up the middle that most likely

would have scored a run had it not been snagged on a diving play by Islanders' shortstop Marc Carrion.

Big 12 Conference Player of the Week Doug Thennis finished the game 0-for-2 but earned three walks and a run scored. Though Thennis did not record a hit, several others did, as six Red Raiders recorded at least a hit.

Tech recorded a season-high eight steals. The previous high was seven against Central Arkansas March 4. Leading the way in the game was Taylor Ashby who had three, while the team leader in steals, Willie Rueda, who has reached safely on 18-of-19 attempts, added one as well.

"I knew coming in here (to Tech) that maybe in my team he was going to get the 1,500th win, but it's just a great feeling to be a part of it," sophomore infielder Chris Hall said. "He's a great coach, and he deserves it."

Hays said his wife Nell Hays is one of the most important people responsible for him being able to stick around long enough to get the milestone.

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"I got to thank Nell first for letting me do all this and thank Tech and thank every player and every coach," Larry Hays said. "I'm a grateful person, and I really appreciate the opportunity to do this and wish we didn't have something like this because every game is special and they're all the same."

Larry Hays said the team did not talk about win No. 1,500 before the game, but Chris Hall said that is all the team focused on during pregame.

"As a team, that's what we talked about before the game," Hall said. "We didn't say a thing but 'Win it for him.' That was our goal, so we're glad we did that."

Larry Hays said this weekend's series at Nebraska is going to be a challenge, and if Tech can start things off on a good note with Nathan Karns, he believes the weekend will go well.

"If Karns'll pitch well, we're in a good frame of mind, but boy, it's gonna come down to these three starters," he said. "They got a tough chore every weekend, and you hope at least two of the three do well, and if all three do well, you can have some fun."

Tech is scheduled to open the series against the Cornhuskers at 6:35 p.m. Friday at Haymarket Park in Lincoln, Neb.

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