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Trip tips

Problems with disability traveling to be addressed

BY DANIEL KERR
The University Daily

Texas Tech students with disabilities know the complication of making travel accommodations, especially when traveling abroad. A new program called "Traveling With Disabilities" aims to ease these difficulties.

The event, which is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arnett Room of St. Mary Hospital, will feature Barbara Jacobson of Owatonna, Minn., owner of Flying Wheels Travel, a company specializing in travel for the physically challenged.

Jacobson's husband, whom she founded Flying Wheels Travel with in 1970, was a quadriplegic, so she knows the inconveniences of traveling with a disability.

"I have experienced it from a business point of view as well as a personal point of view," Jacobson said.

"I have a two-prong approach to traveling with disabilities."

Awareness of disabilities is more widespread now than when Jacobson and her deceased husband started Flying Wheels Travel, she said.

"In 1990, the American government passed the Americans With Disabilities Act, which is an extremely complex law," Jacobson said. "In one area it deals with accessibility for the handicapped."

Any building or entity that receives federal funding must be accessible to the disabled, Jacobson said.

Most people do not realize the complications traveling with disabilities involves, especially when traveling abroad.

"When Americans with disabilities travel abroad, their expectations of physical accessibility are sometimes high," Jacobson said. "Accessibility in countries is not what it is like here, and that's one of the problems Ameri-

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Barbara Jacobson, owner of Flying Wheels Travel

cans with disabilities have when traveling abroad.”

One of the biggest obstacles Jacobson deals with in her business is encouraging her clients they can travel like other people.

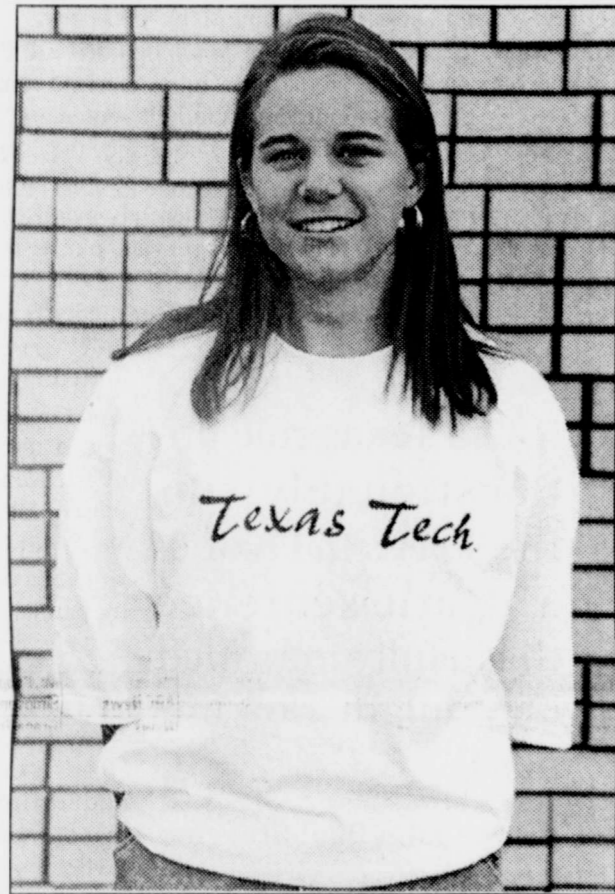
"A lot of our business is motivating them to travel," she said. "Since I have experience traveling with a person with a disability, I am fairly good at motivating them."

Judy Ribble, an education special-

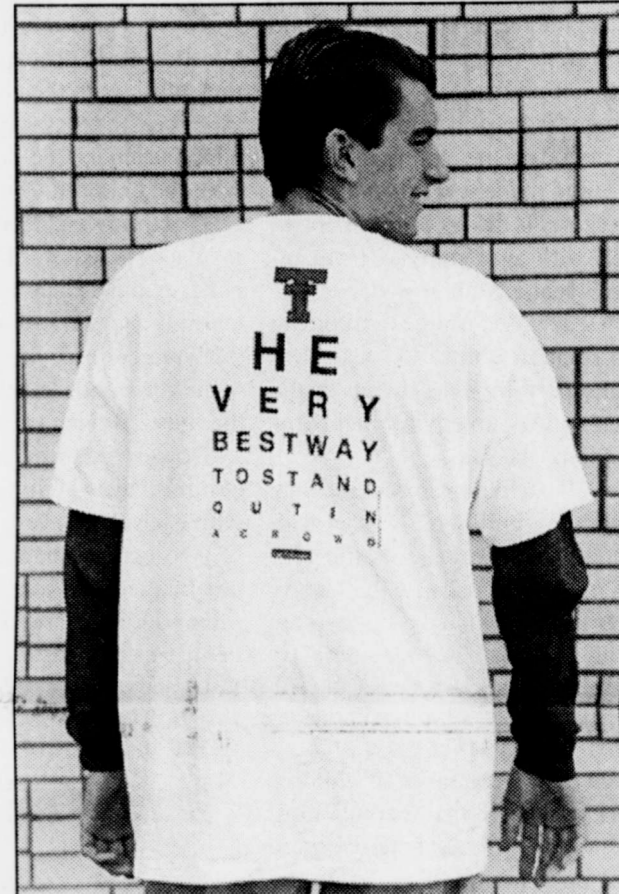
ist for the neurology research and education center at St. Mary Hospital, said Premier Travel is beginning to cater to disabled travelers.

"Premier Travel has taken it upon themselves to not just learn, but to train their staff to be the catalyst for traveling with disabilities," Ribble said.

"They not only come up with big vacations like cruises, but also short day trips."



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Jerks need recognition from society



JULIE MITCHELL
REPORTER

In a country that focuses so heavily on the prejudice held toward minority groups, I don't understand how we can continually leave out a small, but significant faction of the American population — the jerks.

People have so many misconceptions about the jerk minority. One of the most common questions asked about jerks is "Does a jerk know what he is?" Well, does a female dog know

what she is? Does a donkey know he's a jack ass? And even if he does know what he is, can he do anything about it? Can an illegitimate son help what he is?

No, of course not, and jerks are no different. Few know what they are, and those that do can't control their behavior. As most of you well know, jerky behavior can usually be blamed on parents' actions during adolescence.

Another common misconception is that jerks don't care how others feel. Well, that's ridiculous.

Why would jerks go out of their way to drive in the gutter while you're walking on the sidewalk in the middle of a December rain storm if they didn't care how you felt?

By splashing you, jerks are merely trying to increase your awareness of the hardships of animal life by putting you in the same position as a cold, wet dog. So here they are doing you a favor, and you automatically assume that the jerks took some pleasure in drenching you in the cold of winter. You assume that jerks enjoy the look of horror on your face just before the water slams into it. What you don't know is that the practice of splashing actually hurts the splasher more than the it hurts the person being splashed, but it's the only way the splashee will ever learn.

Jerks obviously are misunderstood, and they also are under-represented. Why don't jerks have a union to look after them?

Jerkiness is a full-time job. Why are there no scholarships or grants offered exclusively to mean people? And why don't jerks have an organization to support them and ensure that they are treated with equality? Artists have the NEA. Why is there not an NEJ (National Endowment for the Jerks)? Blacks have the NAACP. Why can't jerks have the NAACB (National Association for the Advancement of Cruel Behavior)?

Even the Constitution ignores mean people. A state cannot deny a person's right to vote based on sex, race or religion.

Well, all that's fine and dandy, but what about personality? Does a person's personality count for nothing?

You ask how someone as narrow-minded as myself can write for *The UD*. Well, *The UD* is an equal opportunity employer. And every business should be. Everyone should have to hire so many people of different ethnicity and so many jerks.

And I'll tell you something, if you don't hire me just because I tell you to "shove it" in an interview, I'll slap you with a lawsuit for discrimination so fast you won't even know I hit you.

The misconceptions of jerks and the prejudices practiced toward them will continue unless the nasties of the world come together and fight for our rights. Together we could end the segregation of evil from good, and convince nice people to come around to our way of thinking. It's time that we stand together.

Mean people of the world unite!

Julie Mitchell is a senior English/theatre arts major from Corsicana.

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MOTHER?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Campus secludes Christianity

To the Editor: I am a Christian student at Texas Tech University. During my time at Texas Tech, I have noticed that this campus has changed the slogan of "Separation of Church and State."

I would like to ask the editor if "separation" implies "seclusion." Should we really say "Seclusion of the Church in the State?"

I write for a number of reasons: (1) seclusion against the Christian society in *The UD*, (2) unsuited programs provided by UC Programs and (3) to encourage my fellow brothers and sisters to take a stand and to become involved in our campus.

First, I would like to address the seclusion *The UD* practices. If one can remember, Oct. 4 approximately 1 million Christian men met in Washington, D.C., for an event named Promise Keepers.

I can remember reading about these men, some I know, who love Jesus on the front page of the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* and seeing them on the headlines of the national news. Now, let me ask you where the article was in *The UD*.

I know what you are thinking now. You idiot, *The UD* had an article about Christianity that covered one-third of the back page Oct. 13. That particular article pertained to a speaker sponsored by a student organization (UC Programs).

This speaker claims to be a homosexual Christian. The Bible that he is basing his religion on clearly condemns homosexuality.

This brings me to my second topic, which is the system by which UC Programs selects its speakers. UC Programs is a student organization that brings speakers and musicians to Tech. Why did they chose Dr. Mel White, who wrote an autobiography titled, "Stranger at the Gate: To be Gay and Christian in America?" One would think that this organization would want to bring in speakers that appeal to a large percentage of our campus.

Do homosexual Christians make up a large percentage of our campus? Myself, I am a member of Indiana Avenue Baptist Church.

Currently, we are averaging around 1,000 students in our Sunday morning service. That is roughly 4 percent of our total campus at just one

church Sunday morning. Now consider how many students are at other churches that additionally condemn homosexuality.

Logically, I would conclude that there would be much more of a demand for a heterosexual Christian speaker.

Last, I would like to urge those whose faith is similar to mine, to take action and become involved in our campus. If we want to change the seclusion back to separation, we must take a stand.

Alan Hutchison
junior
MIS

Group's ideals misunderstood

To the Editor: In response to Randy Fair and Jessica Mask's letters —

I am always amazed at how so many people can find a negative angle in something so intrinsically good. Randy and Jessica must have been misinformed or uninformed. If they had read the book "Seven Promises of A Promise Keeper," they would have known that Promise Keepers (PK) do not "miss the good old days when they could whip their slaves and keep their wives barefoot and pregnant" nor do they "exclude women and their ideas."

PK has as one of its main goals to encourage men to love, honor and support their families. For those of you who want to understand what PK is really about here are the seven promises that PK stands for:

- A Promise Keeper is committed to:
 - honoring Jesus Christ through worship, prayer and obedience to God's Word.
 - pursuing vital relationships with a few other men, understanding that he needs brothers to help him keep his promises.
 - practicing spiritual, moral, ethical and sexual purity.
 - building strong marriages and families through love, protection and biblical values.
 - supporting the mission of the church.
 - reaching beyond any racial and denominational barriers to demonstrate the power of biblical unity.
 - influencing his world, being obedient to the Great Commandment and

the Great Commission (Mark 12:30-31, Matt. 28:19-20).

Now, unless I missed it, I didn't see anything in there encouraging slavery, rape, exclusion or sending women back into the cave. What I do see is a group of humble men accepting responsibility for themselves and their families.

I watched part of the PK Rally in Washington, D.C., and I thought it was wonderful to see so many men peacefully gathering to learn more about these seven promises and publicly expressing their commitment to keeping them.

Randy and Jessica may borrow my copy of "Seven Promises" if they are interested in learning what PK is really about.

J. Taylor Denton
senior
biology

Tech should change tuition due dates

To the Editor: I would like to know why the due dates for the second and third tuition installments for the fall semester are Sept. 26 and Oct. 31, respectively. I assume that those who work in the Bursar's Office know that the graduate part-time instructors, for example, do not get paid until the first of every month, beginning in October.

It follows, then, that unless one already has the money to make the tuition payments by the due dates, in which case one probably doesn't need to request a payment plan, one's payments will be late.

In this case, the university makes \$15 profit in late fees simply because a student happens to get paid a few days after his/her tuition payment is due. Would it really hurt the university to extend the deadlines to Oct. 3 and Nov. 3?

I may be wrong, but this policy seems to be reflective of the university's blatant disregard for the students' needs and a shameful way for the university to rake in an extra \$15.

Alma Morales Potter
graduate part-time instructor

Melton should give benefit of doubt

To the Editor: I would like to add to Charles Melton's comments on Mel White, the homosexual minister who will be speaking Monday night in the Allen Theatre.

It is true that much of the Christian community does not tend to handle these situations with the kind of love and respect that Jesus would have. This is really unfortunate, because God lets us know in His word that He sees all sins equally, but human prejudice and fear often distort people's emotions.

However, Melton is anticipating some kind of verbal gay-bashing from the Christian community before this man has even arrived in town. Melton doesn't state whether he is a Christian or not, but perhaps he believes that Christians no longer deserve the benefit of the doubt when it comes to these situations.

I disagree. I was there Monday night to hear Mel White, hoping to learn something new, and with an attitude of love. No Christian — no one at all — can look themselves in the mirror and say they're better than rapists or murderers. Sin is sin, as Melton says, and it is ONLY by the free gift of His Son on the cross that we are redeemed.

Katie Shults
junior
music education



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Tech can jump back into race with win over Aggies

BY HEATH ROBINSON
The University Daily

State bragging rights are just a small portion of what will be on the line when Texas Tech and Texas A&M play Saturday in Lubbock. For the winner, they stick around the division race for likely the rest of the season. For the loser, they are left dangling by a thread.

Texas A&M (5-1 overall, 2-1 Big 12) is ranked 20th in the nation, but is 0-2 in their last two meetings with the Red Raiders, and they have scored just 14 combined points in those games.

The Aggies are further held back by injuries.

Texas A&M could be without five key players Saturday, including both starting offensive tackles and their star running back, Dante Hall.

Analysis

For the Red Raiders, they could once again be without the services of Donnie Hart, their leading receiver. Tech coach Spike Dykes said both teams find themselves in similar situations.

"I think we are both in a tough spot this week," Dykes said.

"This game is huge for both of us. Both teams lost last week, and I think we both realize this game's importance."

With both teams trailing No. 12 Oklahoma State (6-0 overall, 3-0 Big 12) by a game, the loser could well be out of the race to win the South

and play in the Big 12 Championship game in San Antonio.

The winner will be no worse than a game behind the Cowboys, and they still get a chance to play them later in the year.

The loser will need to leapfrog two teams in just four games — a nearly impossible task.

Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum knows the difficulties of winning in Lubbock.

"I think it's a real tough place to play," Slocum said. "Neither school

really likes each other, and in the last couple of years they've done a great job against us. We know it's going to be extremely difficult for us to beat them."

For Tech, it is the second game of a six-game stretch that at the beginning of the season looked excruciating.

After losing 29-0 to No. 1 Nebraska Oct. 18, the Red Raiders must regroup in order to survive consecutive games against No. 20 Texas A&M, No. 14 Kansas State, defending Big 12 champion Texas, No. 12 Oklahoma State and

unranked Oklahoma.

While Texas and Oklahoma look weak this season, Kansas State's convincing 36-17 victory over Texas A&M Oct. 18 sent shock waves through Lubbock.

For the Red Raiders, a win over Texas A&M gives them a great shot at playing Nebraska again in the Big 12 title game.

A loss, however, could send Tech into a tailspin.

If Tech turns in a defensive effort like they did in the first half against Nebraska's ground game, holding them to 13 points, mainly due to losing the field position battle, Tech should handle the Aggies.

Texas A&M's ground game is good, but not on the Cornhuskers' level. If Hall can't play, and with the Aggies missing a key cornerback in Shun Horn, Tech has a chance to ex-

pose the Aggies Saturday and put them out of the South race.

Meanwhile, the state's other major program is in shambles. Texas coach John Mackovic has led the Longhorns to a sterling 3-3 record, despite claiming some of the country's best talent.

The fall of Texas, which is giving up 36 points a game, could close the door on Mackovic's career and open the door for Tech to step up in the Big 12 food chain.

While Nebraska may be far and away the best team in the conference, Tech could be the second best this season. Sure, Tech lost by 29 to the 'Huskies, but every other team is getting blown out by them as well.

And the Red Raiders could get another chance to play Nebraska if they take care of business beginning Saturday.

Bulls' Rodman not happy

DEERFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Dennis Rodman is unhappy with the contract agreement he reached more than a week ago and still isn't officially a

member of the Chicago Bulls.

Rodman and his agent, Dwight Manley, had separate meetings with Bulls general manager Jerry Krause Monday, but there was no word that the NBA's six-time rebounding leader had signed a contract.

Rodman, who is threatening to sit out the start of the regular season if certain incentive clauses aren't rewritten or eliminated, wasn't available for comment Monday.

Krause and Manley refused to talk to reporters.

"Some way or other, it's going to be resolved. He's either going to be here practicing or he's not. When the Bulls have something to report, you'll hear about it," said coach Phil Jackson, whose two-time defending NBA champions open the season Oct. 31 at Boston.

"We'd like to have him out on the floor but it doesn't frustrate us. We just have to be patient. In due time, we'll all get it together on the floor."

Men's tennis learns ropes at tournament

BY CHARLIE RAPIER
The University Daily

Last week the Texas Tech men's tennis team competed in the All-American Tournament at Texas' Penick Allison Tennis Center.

The Red Raiders may have not advanced in far in the tournament, but they made progress as a team by having the opportunity to compete among the best, said Tech's Director of Tennis Tim Siegel.

Doubles competition resumed Oct. 16 and continued into the weekend.

Out to represent the Red Raiders in doubles competition was sophomore Ryan Shupe and senior Tylir Jimenez.

Last year the team was No. 19 in the nation but fell to No. 40 because of injuries.

The doubles duo battled with Lopez-Oliver, the No. 1 team from Alabama.

Shupe-Jimenez were in position to

beat the talented team but lost 6-1, 3-6, 7-6.

The Crimson Tide duo later advanced to the finals to take on the No. 1 doubles team in the nation, but they were defeated.

Shupe said the Red Raiders made progress in preparing for the spring season in Austin because of the level of competition.

"I feel we should have won the match against Alabama, but we did not convert the match point," Shupe

said, of the tournament.

"This was a good experience for us I think and will help us at this weekend's tournament in Fort Worth."

Assistant men's coach Steve Moore said the tournament does not reflect how the Red Raiders will fair when spring competition begins.

"I feel the team played hard in Austin and learned a lot about their game," Moore said.

Red Raider women's cross country continues success

The Texas Tech women's cross country team continued their roll Saturday, finishing second in a field of 15 teams at the Texas A&M Invitational. The Tech men finished 11th out of 16 teams.

Leigh Daniel again led the women, finishing third with a time of 17:23, 22 seconds behind McNeese State's Sarah Salman, the winner of the 5K race. Every Red Raider on the women's side recorded their best

times of the season, a good sign with the Big 12 Championships next on Tech's agenda. Evette Turner finished fifth for the Red Raiders, while sophomore Kristen Koppes finished 11th.

Sophomore David Leigh led the men's squad with a time of 26:43 in the 8K, 39th place. It was Leigh's fastest time of the season. Freshman Scott Rackers finished 46th, and junior Alex Aldaco finished 56th.

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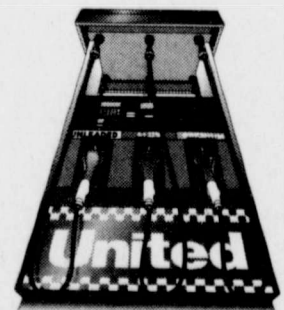
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