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BY GINGER POPE
The University Daily

Results for Texas Tech Residence Halls may be in the mail by April or May from a structural evaluation conducted by a consultant engineering firm out of Georgia.

James Burkhalter, director of Tech's Department of Housing and Dining, said the department has been in a strategic planning phase for more than a year, and

this planning prompted the study by these consultants.

The consultants began in the fall and are looking at structurally related issues, not the service, Burkhalter said.

"We've not done this to this extent before," he said. "We wanted outside input, and they have been preparing very extensive reports."

The report may advise renovations, but before any construction is done, it has to be presented to Tech's Department of Fa-

ilities, Planning and Construction and the Board of Regents, Burkhalter said.

If any exterior work needs to be done, such as landscape, some of the project would fall under the Campus Master Plan, he said. Otherwise the work would be funded by the Department of Housing and Dining.

Burkhalter could not say whether any future renovations would increase housing and dining fees, but it would depend on the costs to be incurred.

Ben Locke, executive assistant to the chancellor, said the evaluations will help administrators better prioritize campus projects. The next step after the report would be to put renovation ideas into a construction plan, Locke said. Although this would be an important priority, the English/Education/Philosophy Complex is the main focus at this time.

Burkhalter said if renovations are done, a local architect or an outside company would be contracted for the work.

Doak and Sneed Residence Halls were the first built on campus in the 1930s, while the remaining halls were built in the 1940s and 1960s. Residence halls have not had any major renovations, except for Gordon Residence Hall, Stangel/Murdough and Carpenter/Wells Residence Halls, Burkhalter said.

There is an average of 5,100 students who live on campus during the year, he said. Outdated facilities has been the major factor for the evaluations.

GOP move attracts opposition

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House GOP move to cut billions from domestic programs to pay for emergency disaster aid and troop deployments generated heavy partisan squabbling — and a new veto threat. And in a largely symbolic gesture, the Senate voted to urge the United Nations to cut U.S. costs of peacekeeping operations.

The 90-10 vote Wednesday on an amendment by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., also calls for a tabulation of what the United States has spent enforcing U.N. resolutions since 1990. "The U.N. crybabies continue to whine," Helms told the Senate.

The debate over the spending bill was shaping up as a possible replay of last year's veto battle over flood relief for the Midwest, a contest Republicans found politically costly.

Democrats reacted angrily to the decision by House Republicans to cut money from domestic programs to help pay for at least \$3 billion in "emergency" funds to support military operations in Bosnia and in the Persian Gulf, and to pay weather-related disaster relief.

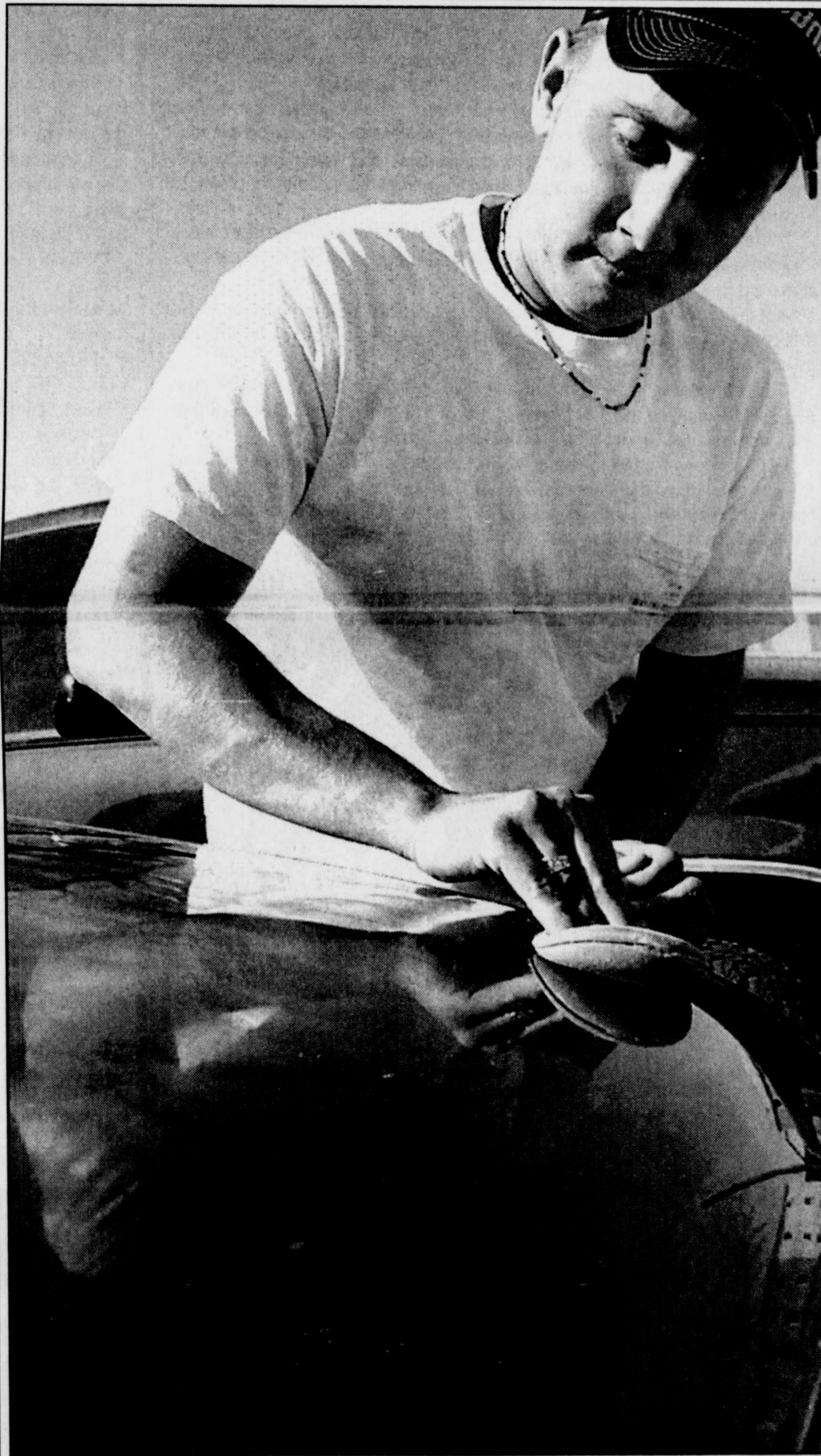
"It threatens to elevate politics above the needs of our troops in the field and those who have been the victims of natural disasters at home," said President Clinton's budget director, Franklin Raines.

And Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said a Clinton veto would be likely if such a strategy prevails.

Republicans don't want to be forced into another situation where they get blamed for holding up disaster aid — but they also expressed frustration that the first budget surplus in 30 years might evaporate under such "emergency" spending.

"I don't understand, as the president goes through Africa giving away money, why the White House is opposed to a balanced budget," House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said in a brief interview.

The vote on the United Nations calls on the Ambassador Bill Richardson to introduce a Security Council resolution demanding a tabulation of U.S. costs of "implementing or supporting" U.N. Security Council resolutions since Jan. 1, 1990.



Wax on, Wax off: Texas Tech student Trent Glaser, a freshman from San Antonio, waxes his car in the Stangel/Murdough Residence Complex Wednesday.

Hopwood result could affect cases

BY JAMES WALKER
The University Daily

A federal judge's award of \$1 each to the plaintiffs in the controversial Hopwood case does not undermine the case's impact on Texas universities, said Frank Newton, dean of Texas Tech's School of Law.

After finding the University of Texas' use of affirmative action in admissions was discriminatory, U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks denied the plaintiff's requests for more than \$5 million in damages. Sparks decided instead on the more modest sum of \$1 each, plus court costs, to be paid by UT.

Although the low damages seem to undermine the force of the earlier decision, the two elements are entirely separate, Newton said.

"The damage awards will have absolutely no impact on the effects of the decision," he said.

The decision itself is important because it sets a precedent, meaning other cases involving similar university admissions policies would probably be decided the same way, Newton said.

The damages relate more specifically to the defendants in this case and

their circumstances.

It could, however, mean that people suing universities over admissions should not expect to make large amounts of money from the suits, he said.

The Hopwood case had the effect of making racial preferences illegal in admissions and scholarships for Texas public universities.

Tech's law school compensates by using factors like income and family educational background as admission factors, but they still have trouble recruiting minorities, Newton said.

"It's like trying to recruit a football team with no scholarships," he said.

Many quality minority applicants tend to go out of state, where the Hopwood decision does not apply and they are eligible for more scholarships, Newton said.

Hopwood forced Tech in 1996 to eliminate all of its scholarships which were based on racial preferences, said Cathy Allen, special assistant to the chancellor for cultural diversity. Tech never used race as a factor in admissions.

Like the law school, Tech continues to use the family's economic and educational background as factors to help attain diversity, Allen said.

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Frank Newton, law school dean

Case occurs under nation's only assisted-suicide law

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — An elderly woman stricken with breast cancer has become the first known person to die under the nation's only doctor-assisted suicide law, an advocacy group said Wednesday.

The Oregon woman in her mid 80s, whose name was withheld by her family, died Tuesday night, about 30 minutes after taking a lethal dose of barbiturates mixed with syrup, and washed down with a glass of brandy, the advocates said.

"I'm looking forward to it," the woman said in a tape played for reporters by the group Compassion in Dying.

"I will be relieved of all the stress I have."

Oregon's Death with Dignity Act, first passed by voters in 1994 and affirmed last year, allows doctors to pre-

scribe lethal drugs at the request of terminally ill patients who have less than six months to live. Doctors may only prescribe a lethal dose, not administer it.

The woman said she had been given less than two months to live and could no longer enjoy beloved pastimes, like gardening in her back yard.

"I've always been able to get around and do things," she said. "Suddenly I'm in a position I can't walk very good and I'm having trouble breathing."

Surrounded by family members and her physician in her Portland home, she fell into a deep sleep five minutes after taking the concoction.

"She swallowed the medication and died a half hour later, very peacefully," said Barbara Coombs Lee, author of the law.

Tech road may receive funding

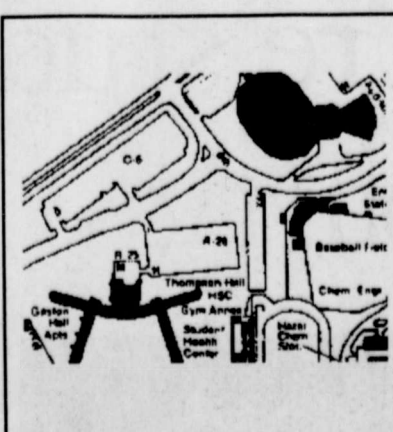
BY JAMES WALKER
The University Daily

Texas Tech could receive \$9.6 million in federal highway funds to reroute Indiana Avenue through the western part of campus.

The new road, to be called Texas Tech University Boulevard, will provide a direct route through campus and quicker access to the emergency room at University Medical Center.

It also will allow access to the plant stress laboratory and the proposed research park.

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, was convinced by university and city officials to include the funding in the federal highway funding bill, which is up for reauthorization, said



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Keith Williams, press secretary for Combest's office.

"Tech made an excellent presentation, and they had a well-thought-out plan," Williams said.

The House already has passed the

bill, including funding for Texas Tech University Boulevard and the Lubbock East-West Freeway.

The Senate is considering a different version without those projects, but they likely will be included in the fi-

nal bill worked out by the conference committee, he said.

The bill must be signed by President Clinton before May 1, or federal authority to spend highway funds will expire, Williams said.

John Opperman, Tech's vice chancellor for administration and finance, said safety and traffic flow issues were involved in the reroute.

The new road will provide direct access to the loop and to the UMC emergency room.

Getting the funding was a combined effort between Tech and city officials, Opperman said.

The city was planning the East-West Freeway and Tech entered the discussion to express concerns related to the construction.

Graduate students show off artwork

BY ANJELA ANAYA
The University Daily

A variety of artworks will be on display as the "Current Work: Graduate Students Group Show" begins today at the Landmark Arts Studio Gallery.

The show includes works such as painting, prints, sculpture, ceramics, photographs and digital imaging.

The official opening will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Landmark Arts Gallery in the art building.

The show is a diverse exhibition of selected artwork by graduate students. The exhibitions are presented and organized by the students, who are widely recognized for their artis-

tic achievements.

Ken Bloom, Landmark Arts gallery director, said the show is important for all Tech students.

"The art department has a very select group of masters of fine arts," Bloom said. "This time

of the year they generally create pretty strong new work. The university is, in fact, the cultural center of West Texas. We are training the artists who will become our future professors and artists. The achievements of any one

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Ken Bloom, gallery director

of us contribute to the overall prestige and intellectual development of the university."

Marie Weichman, a first-year graduate student in ceramics from Houston, will present an abstract clay piece in the show.

Her art is a combination of organic forms, a cashew nut and serving bowl, combined with human body anatomy.

The human body's origin in nature and connection to the life and death

cycle is represented through the reproductive organs, Weichman said.

"Human beings stem from nature," she said.

"I want that connection to be seen. I want to show that we are tied to Mother Nature, not above it."

Leslie Leal, exhibition coordinator for Landmark Arts and a fourth-year graduate student from Monterrey, Mexico, said the artwork is exceptional.

"The discipline and control the students present and the way they control the material is outstanding," Leal said.

The show closes April 2. For further information contact Bloom at 742-1947.

FBI records question James Earl Ray case

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A former FBI agent's claim that he found evidence supporting James Earl Ray's assertion of a frame-up in the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. is a "total fabrication," an FBI spokesman said Wednesday.

Former agent Donald Wilson said he discovered the evidence — two slips of paper — in Ray's car six days after King was killed by a sniper in Memphis on April 4, 1968, but did not tell anyone.

FBI records, however, show Wilson was not among the five agents who searched the car.

"He is alleging something that as far as we're concerned is a total fabrication," FBI spokesman Frank Scafidi said from bureau headquarters in Washington.

A former agent who did search the car supported Scafidi's statement, as did the lead state prosecutor in the Ray case.

Wilson made his claim Tuesday at a news conference in Atlanta with Ray's attorney William Pepper.

Pepper dismissed Scafidi's comments as part of an FBI "disinformation campaign."

Wilson was not part of the search team, Pepper acknowledged, but had access to the vehicle before it was hauled to FBI headquarters in Atlanta and

checked by agents.

Pepper said Wilson took two slips of paper from Ray's car. Both had the name "Raul" written on them, and one detailed "a laundry list of payments to other people and other entities," Pepper said.

Ray has argued for 30 years that he was set up to take the blame for the murder by an underworld figure he knew only as Raul.

No evidence of Raul's existence has ever been found by prosecutors.

King's widow, Coretta Scott King, said Tuesday she wants an investigation into Wilson's claim.

"This is compelling evidence that further strengthens Mr. Ray's appeal for the trial he never had," she said.

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Coretta Scott King, Martin Luther King Jr.'s widow

Ray, now 70, confessed to the crime and pleaded guilty in 1969 but recanted three days later and has sought a trial since then.

He is serving a 99-year sentence and has been in poor health because of liver disease.

Ray's white Mustang was found in an Atlanta housing project after King was killed. Wilson found the papers but kept them from his superiors because he did not trust them, according to Pepper.

Neither Pepper nor Wilson said why he waited 30 years to come forward.

Temple man indicted for reporter slaying

BELTON (AP) — A Temple man was indicted Wednesday in the beating and stabbing death of KWTX-TV reporter Kathryn Louise Dettman.

Gary Anthony Silvestri, 22, is accused of capital murder in the beating and stabbing of the 36-year-old woman. Multiple stab wounds with a Phillips screwdriver killed Dettman, according to an autopsy report.

Silvestri lived in the same Temple apartment complex as the reporter, who was slain Jan. 22, just days before she was to leave Waco television station KWTX for a new job at Dallas TV station KTVT.

Dettman's neighbors called police after hearing a disturbance in her apartment. Silvestri, splattered with blood, was arrested as he stood against a wall in Dettman's

bedroom.

Police theorized that she was attacked as she emerged from a shower.

Prosecutors were investigating whether anything had been taken from Dettman's apartment. The autopsy showed no evidence of sexual assault, but prosecutors said that the defendant may have been planning such an attack.

Dettman sustained at least four screwdriver puncture wounds in the chest and had been so severely beaten that several lower teeth had been knocked out, said one officer who visited the crime scene.

Investigators said they believed Silvestri had been spying on Dettman with binoculars from his apartment.

Silvestri remained in Bell County jail in lieu of a \$500,000 bond awaiting trial.

Mexico restricts foreign journalists, then backs off

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican immigration officials launched an apparent campaign to monitor the activities of foreign journalists, but backed off of the new rules when they became public Wednesday.

In recent weeks, immigration officials began asking journalists applying for visas to provide lists of people they intended to interview and places they planned to visit.

But after the requests became public, officials denied they were restricting the journalists' activities, and said they would issue visas to any foreign news media that applied at Mexican consulates in their countries.

Correspondents requesting visas in different countries have been told in recent weeks to submit a list of places they intended to visit and people they would interview. In some cases, correspondents abroad waited for more than a week while consular officials told them the visas were pending approval in Mexico City.

National Immigration Institute officials in Mexico confirmed last week that the special conditions had been implemented and that all visas had to be approved in Mexico City.

But in a letter to foreign correspondents dated Tuesday, Immigration Commissioner Alejandro Carrillo denied that he or his institute had established those conditions as policy.

Correspondents in Mexico are given yearlong visas or temporary visas under a law enacted in 1996. The law, however, is not clear on the conditions and circumstances under which the visas are granted.

Immigration officials in recent weeks have stepped up a campaign to expel foreigners visiting the southern state of Chiapas, where the rebel Zapatista National Liberation Army staged a brief uprising in 1994. Talks between the army and the rebels have stalled.

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American Chemical Society-SA Chapter Meeting, March 26 Chemistry Room 107 or 113, 5:30pm Contact: Abigail Davalos, 797-3260	Extended deadline: March 27, 4pm Forms are available in Room 250 West Hall
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Reception honors student leaders

BY JASON LAWRENCE
The University Daily

Texas Tech honored students for their accomplishments at the Leadership Tech Recognition Awards Reception Wednesday.

"We're celebrating what is great about Texas Tech — that's the students," said Kim Lovelace, Student Organization Services adviser.

Christy Andrews, a junior business major from Lubbock, was named the undergraduate student leader of the year for her involvement in organizations such as Pi Beta Phi, Order of Omega and Raider Recruiters.

"It's a tremendous honor," Andrews said. "I truly appreciate the opportunity to be involved in these organizations."

Amy Wells was named graduate student leader of the year for her work in reorganizing the Cafe des Mondes French club.



The Marketing Association was named student organization of the year for helping members gain career opportunities and for its community service work with Habitat for Humanity.

"It says a lot about the whole group, meaning officers and members," said TMA President Susan Farkas, a senior marketing major from Southlake. "We wouldn't have

achieved this award without everybody involved. It was a group effort. Hopefully, we can keep up the good work."

The most improved student organization award went to the American Institute of Chemical Engineers for expanding its membership and working to educate the community about the engineering profession.

The community service award

went to Laura Nance, a junior education major from Copperas Cove, for her work with the Ronald McDonald House and Habitat for Humanity.

Michelle Pettus received the staff adviser of the year award for her work with Impact Tech, an organization that educates students about health issues.

The volunteer adviser award went to Robert Bethea, professor of chemical engineering and adviser of the American Institute for Chemical Engineering.

Tech's Men's Soccer Club was named the recreational organization of the year after posting 16 wins against other schools this season.

Chad Hobbs, a member of the Men's Soccer Club and a graduate student from Lubbock, was named student-athlete of the spring semester.

Wrestling Club member Lance Thomas, a junior human sciences major from Carrollton, received the student-athlete award for the fall semester.

Grandfather: Suspect in school shooting admits stealing guns

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—The grandfather of the 11-year-old charged in a deadly school yard ambush said Wednesday the boy admitted stealing seven guns from him and pulling the fire alarm that forced the victims into the line of fire.

His grandson did not confess to killing four classmates and a teacher, however, saying he couldn't recall what happened, Doug Golden told *The Associated Press* Wednesday.

"He told me he fired some shots," said Golden, who talked to his grandson, Andrew Golden, with police in jail after Tuesday's shooting.

"He said he shot at a car on the parking lot but 'I don't remember anything after that,'" said Golden, the manager of a wildlife area.

A Juvenile Court judge on Wednesday ordered Andrew and his alleged accomplice, Mitchell Johnson, 13, held until an April 29 hearing. The two are charged with five

counts of murder and 10 counts of battery. They did not enter a plea.

After he heard about the shootings at Westside Middle School, Doug Golden drove from hospital to hospital fearing Andrew might be among the wounded. Instead, he was directed to the sheriff's office.

Golden said the boy then admitted stealing three rifles, four handguns and several boxes of ammunition from his house.

His grandson had his own weapons, Golden said, including a shotgun, two rifles, a crossbow and a bow.

"We were told the other boy brought a torch and hammer and some other tools to try to break into the gun vault and they couldn't do it," he said.

So the two broke into his house and took the rifles from a gunrack and found pistols that were hid "all over the house," Golden said.

The boys, who had skipped school Tuesday, also took a white van from

"Nobody takes a kid's problems serious because they are kids, but to a kid, they are serious."

Doug Golden, Arkansas shooting suspect's grandfather

Mitchell's house and parked it near the school, Golden said. Police said the boys shot from a wooded hill at the rear of the school.

Police say they recovered a 30.06 rifle and a .44-caliber rifle after tackling the boys — dress in camouflage — as they ran away from the school toward the van. But police would not link the guns to Doug Golden.

Wednesday's hearing was recessed at one point so Mitchell could talk to his divorced father, who had just ar-

rived from Minnesota. The two huddled in a corner, crying, embracing and speaking softly.

Golden said the only male wounded in the shooting, Tristian McGowan, 13, shot twice in the arm, is a cousin of Andrew.

The family should have been asking Andrew if anything was troubling him, his grandfather said.

"Nobody takes a kid's problems serious because they are kids, but to a kid, they are serious," Golden said.

Author offers insight into own literary works

BY DANIEL KERR
The University Daily

Although students can gain insight into an author's life by reading his works, hearing that author read them reveals much more.

Internationally recognized author Rolando Hinojosa-Smith will read selections of his works at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Marshall Formby Room of the Southwest

Collection/Special Collections Library at Texas Tech. The program is free to students and the public.

Wendell Aycock, an English professor who has known Smith for about 15 years, said Smith is a leader in Texas literary circles.

"He has had a long and distinguished career as a writer and a teacher," he said. "He has been honored by the Texas Institute of Letters for his distinguished career."

By listening to Smith read excerpts of his works, Aycock said, students can catch a glimpse of the author's interpretation.

"When you hear someone read their works, it gives added meaning to them," Aycock said. "By the tone of his voice, and the emphasis he places on certain words, it helps you understand how he interprets his work."

Smith's works draw from his experiences growing up in the Mexican-American neighborhoods of Mercedes, as well as his service in the Korean War, Aycock

said. Among several other literary awards, Smith received the Quinto Sol Literary Award for his first major literary work, "Estampas del Valle y Otras Obras" (Sketches of the Valley and Other Works).

"As with any writer, his (Smith's) work reflects the experiences he went through," he said. "He is a real interesting guy. He has a great literary imagination."

As a Hispanic who has been successful in his field, Smith is a role model for Hispanic students, Aycock said.

"By what he writes, it gives a picture of the lives of various Chicanos in Texas," he said. "He has written works in both Spanish and English."

Susan Norrisey, librarian at Tech's library, said the reading is part of the Art in the Library Committee's Readings in Literature Series.

"We try to feature poets and fiction writers — this will be our 14th author," she said. "The goal of this series is to promote the arts and awareness of the cultural resources within the libraries."

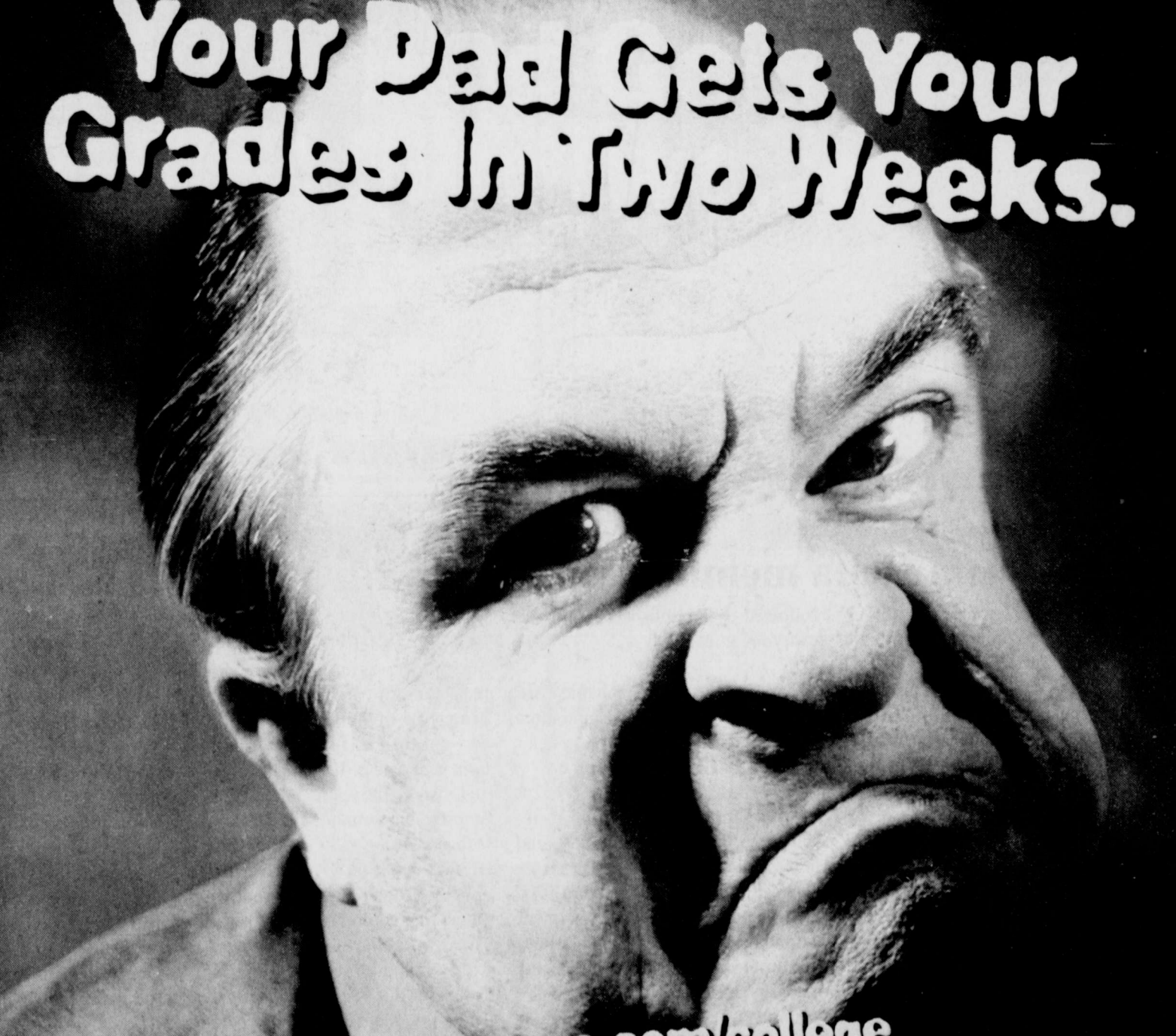
The library contains several of Smith's works, Norrisey said, some of which are displayed in a glass case at the main entrance.

"This is an excellent opportunity," she said. "We were very pleased that the Classical and Romance Language Department, Latin American and Iberian Studies, and English Department agreed to sponsor this event."

“As with any writer, his (Smith's) work reflects the experiences he went through.”

Wendell Aycock, English professor

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Flying. Putting your life into the hands of a person you don't know, while flying thousands of miles in the sky. It can be scary if you've never flown. But for those of us who have, it actually can be a humorous adventure — if you look at it the right way.

And if you've never even been in a plane, well you might not want to read this if you ever plan on it. Then again, indulge.

A year or two ago, my family and I took a trip to California. We boarded the plane and, of course, our seats were nowhere near each other. I got a seat in front of the movie screen which later proved to be useless. I sat next to a lady who didn't speak English. It was amusing to watch all of the flight attendants try to communicate with her. Instead of attempting to signal and point to objects, they just screamed the words louder. "CHICKEN OR BEEF?" Hey, she's not deaf. Their screaming went along nicely with the constant kicking of my chair from the two boys behind me.

When everyone finally got settled in, the flight attendants began their infamous pre-flight demonstration. The exits, the oxygen masks, the flotation device — yeah, yeah, we know.

And the seatbelts? I'm with David Spade in "Tommy Boy." If you don't know how to put on a seatbelt, you are a moron. And let's not forget the safety manual. Now you know that in a crisis situation everyone will have plenty of time to read over which exit to escape through or which color tab to pull on the life jacket. OK — whatever.

And it's not like we want to read it beforehand. I have just as much fun staring at the back of the seat in front of me, which has now been reclined into my lap. Oh, by the way, I must ask a quick question. If your seat turns into a flotation device, why doesn't the plane turn into a boat?

After we got past all that, it was time to start the movie. All right, this should be cool. No wait, I spoke too soon.

On our flight, the feature presentation was "Passion Fish." Oh, you've heard of it also? A nice low-budget film for the whole family. To make matters worse, you had to pay \$4 for the headsets. Isn't that included in the bill? I mean, we payed much dinero for the ticket and meal, and now we have to pay for headsets? Needless to say, I passed on this movie.

I tried not to go to the bathroom on our flight, but suddenly I could hold it no longer. I stood up, turned around and there it was — the dinner cart. Aaaaahhh! It took up the whole width of the aisle, so I knew I had to wait while everyone else got served. I got my meal of dry chicken (the size of a cracker), rice, wilted salad, some gook that either went on the salad or in the coffee and a brown chunk for dessert. Now that was a high-class meal.

After dinner, I began to wonder if we were going to make it to California, since the lights and air conditioning began flickering on and off, and flight attendants started running through the aisles. But, have no fear — Captain Bob was there. He flatly assured us in his soothing monotone voice that we would see our next birthday. Half way into his speech, he took the time to point out Lake Powell on the right. Of course I was sitting on the left and couldn't see Lake Diddly.

Well, we finally landed. The flight attendants ended our flying experience with their "Come-fly-with-us-again" saying they learned in Airline Departure 101. But, before I end, I have one last question to ask. What are they doing up there in first class? The flight attendant closes the curtain so we can't see how much fun they are having in the lap of luxury. But, hey, I find solace in knowing that if the plane crashes, the front is more than likely the first to hit.

Stefani Brown is a senior broadcast journalism major from Tyler.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Delta Delta Delta members unhappy with Mitchell's assumptions

To the Editor: I am writing this in response to a column written by Julie Mitchell in Tuesday's paper.

I do agree with the author's principle message and column title — "Everybody matters, no matter what affiliations." But, I do not condone the ridicule she has placed on the Tri Delt based upon a T-shirt slogan.

For everyone's information, the shirt is a tip off of the famous Luckenbach shirt. It simply expresses that we all are one in Tri Delt and everybody matters.

The shirt should not be interpreted as an insult to everyone who is not a member of Tri Delt, as it does not state "Everybody who's somebody is a Tri Delt."

I found the column rather rude and disrespectful to all Tri Delt members as it has perceived them as pretentious. I hope this clears up any and all confusion the columnist may have caused.

I believe this column should be

followed by a published apology to everyone it insulted.

Stephanie Frisk
sophomore
management information systems

To the Editor: I am writing in response to the column that appeared in the Opinions section of Tuesday's paper. "Everybody's Somebody in Tri Delt," a quote used on a T-shirt, was the subject of the column, and I would like to clear up all false statements made by Julie Mitchell. The slogan wrongly interpreted by the author, means that although Tri Delta is a large organization, each member still possesses her own identity.

Individualism is strongly encouraged within our chapter, and through the shirt, we wanted to express this fact. If you will take notice, the shirt states, "Everybody is Somebody in Tri Delt," not everybody's somebody

if you're a Tri Delt. By creating this take-off of a Jerry Jeff Walker shirt, my sorority was just informing people that you still can be yourself while being part of something bigger. No one got mad at Jerry Jeff when he used it on one of his shirts.

I also would appreciate if the columnists that write for *The UD* would stop badgering the Greek system. I think we already have acquired enough bad publicity this year without adding complaints about sorority T-shirts. I believe a slogan that was sorely misinterpreted by one individual is the least of our worries. Therefore, similar columns containing frivolous information should be omitted.

How many people really care what one T-shirt of one sorority says anyway? Does it really affect our lives?

Ashley Jackson
junior
nursing

To the Editor: I was outraged at Julie Mitchell's column Tuesday concerning Tri Delt T-shirts.

The shirt never claimed that only members of Delta Delta Delta were "somebody."

The shirt said "Everybody is somebody in Tri Delt," not "Everybody is Somebody ONLY if you are a Tri Delt."

They simply are trying to make every member of their organization feel included. In a university this big, people need to belong. Mitchell obviously feels this need to belong, or she would not be on the staff of *The UD*.

I feel her editorial was unfair and hurtful. Perhaps if she did not spend so much time looking down on other organizations, she would have the time to start her new religion.

Jacqueline Jennings
freshman
public relations/advertising

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Buddy Simmons Band at Texas Cafe, 3604 50th St., 10:30 p.m., \$3 cover

Marcia Ball at Stubb's Bar-B-Q, I-27 and 19th Street, 10 p.m., \$12 in advance, \$14 at door

FRIDAY

David Trout at Chelesa Street Pub and Grill, South Plains Mall, 9 p.m., no cover

Zone at Fat Katz, 2608 Salem Ave., 9:30 p.m., \$2 cover

SATURDAY

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Blue Thunder at ichabod's, 2420 Broadway, 10 p.m., \$3 cover

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David Trout at Chelesa Street Pub and Grill, South Plains Mall, 9 p.m., no cover

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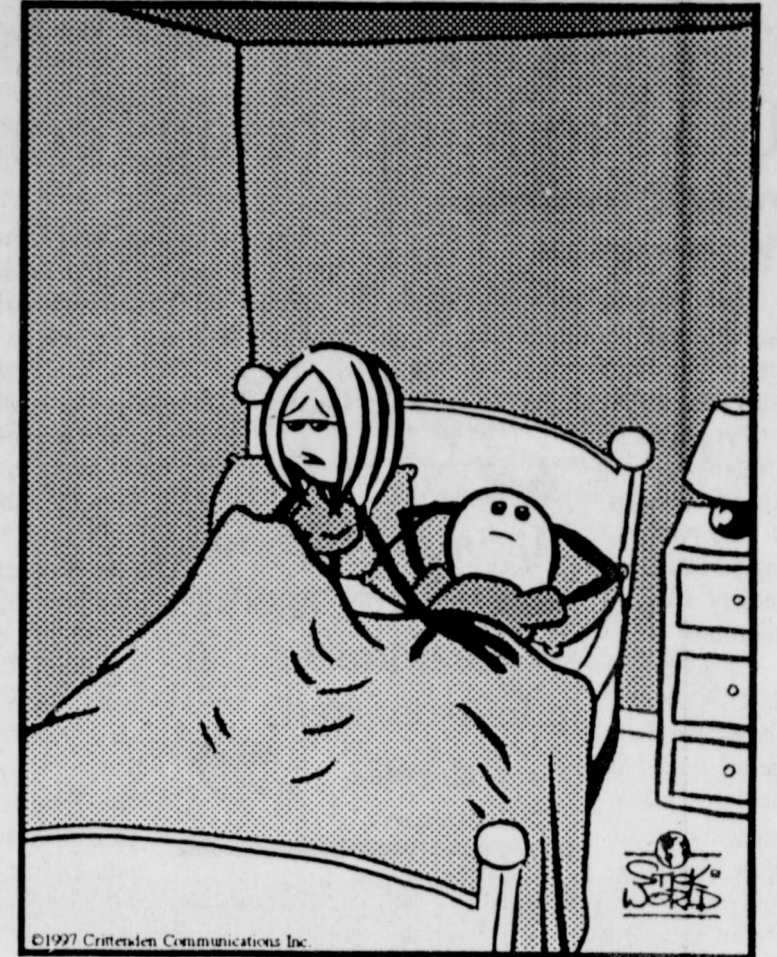
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'A guy walks into a bar...'

UC Programs brings comedy relief to Tech students

BY SEBASTIAN KITCHEN
The University Daily

Many Texas Tech students enjoyed Spring Break but returned to school broke. As a cure for those still recovering from the break, University Center Programs is offering a free comedy concert at 7:30 p.m. today in the University Center Ballroom.

Comeback Jack's Comedy Showcase will feature three comedians, a live band, free food, table seating, door prizes and giveaways. The Brian Mcrae Jazz Quartet will open the show with live music and then the humor begins.

Tech student Jill Brenneis, a freshman petroleum engineering major from Lubbock, will be the opening comedian and will be followed by two national comedians. Eric O'Shea is the feature act and former VH-1 veejay Vic Henley will headline the

show. Brenneis has performed at Froggy Bottom's Comedy Club in Lubbock. Henley and O'Shea have been entertaining audiences for years.

"They are hilarious," said Amanda Oursler, UC Programs vice president and a sophomore business major from Mesquite.

Oursler has seen both of the men perform.

"They are wonderful," she said. "They have very clean, witty humor. They are fun. People are going to leave with a smile."

O'Shea's humor focuses on the embarrassing moments of growing up.

Henley wrote the book *Things You'd Never Expect a Southerner to Say* and co-authored *Games Rednecks Play* with fellow comedian Jeff Foxworthy.

"Vic Henley is from Georgia and he has this wonderful, beautiful twang. I think that puts people in a

good mood," Oursler said. "It radiates out of him."

The southern humorist has performed with Dennis Miller, Dana Carvey, Curtis Mayfield and Brooks and Dunn. He has made appearances on every standup comedy show on the air.

"It is clean comedy," said Darryl Robbins, an activities specialist with UC Programs. "It is not aggressive or abrasive comedy. It is lighthearted comedy."

During a national student programming convention in Indianapolis, Oursler, several other students and Robbins watched O'Shea and Henley perform.

"They were great, they were wonderful," Robbins said. "The students couldn't stop laughing. They really



VIC HENLEY courtesy photo

are good." After seeing the act, Robbins and the students wanted to bring them to Tech.

"We knew we had to have them," Robbins said. "It was on short notice so this is a treat for Tech students."

DMA vandals could have several motives

DALLAS (AP) — "Don't touch the paintings" — a cardinal rule in museums — is designed to protect fragile artworks against dirty fingers or bumps from umbrellas and baby strollers. But for people intent on doing harm, it's like waving a red flag in front of a bull: The warning points to vulnerability.

The fact that museums are vulnerable hit home recently when two of the Dallas Museum of Art's most popular American paintings — Frederic Church's "The Icebergs" and Edward Hopper's "Lighthouse Hill" — were vandalized.

Fortunately, the damage — a 40-inch scratch done with what appears to be a key on the Church and a similar 5-inch scratch on the Hopper — is only on the surface. Since the scratches didn't penetrate the canvas, museum officials are confident the paintings can be fully restored so no flaws will be visible to the naked eye.

This doesn't make the incident any less disturbing.

We know a lot about the types of people who vandalize art, but they are difficult to find, much less stop.

They fall into several rough categories, ranging from mischievous to malicious, determined to demented.

There was nothing cavalier about the damage to the Church and Hopper — whoever went after them knew the value of these paintings, which are conservatively worth \$6 million to \$7 million each. The damage occurred between 3 p.m. Monday and 10 a.m. Tuesday, at a time when the galleries were off-limits to the public. (A small mark was found on a third work, Walter McEwen's "The Witches," a few days earlier in what may have been an unrelated incident.)

Disgruntled staff, acting on per-

sonal motives or outrage for a colleague, are one category of vandals. They have access denied others and sometimes know the security system, which at the DMA includes a combination of video cameras, guards and silent alarms.

But disgruntled staff may also fit other profiles.

"For a person who cares for beauty, it is hard to imagine that anyone would willfully alter — let alone mutilate — a work of art," notes art historian David Freedberg in "Iconoclasts and Their Motives," a published lecture he delivered in 1983 at the University of Groningen in Holland. "But ... the matter is more complicated — and more precarious — than that," he said.

Some people resent the expenditure of what they consider outrageous sums of money on art when they, or others around them, are struggling. This was seen as a possible motivation for an unapprehended person who scribbled on a Gilbert Stuart portrait at the Boston's Museum of Fine Arts during the late '80s recession.

But in most cases, an attack on art is viewed as a sign of emotional disturbance. The delusional man who smashed the nose of Michelangelo's "Pieta" in 1972 declared, "I am Christ." Another, who slashed Rembrandt's "Nightwatch" with a knife three years later, believed he was acting under instructions from God. The latter, when asked if he had planned to gash the "Nightwatch," said no, that he had only wanted to scratch what seemed the most expensive artwork in the state-owned museum.

But, added the former mental patient who subsequently committed suicide, "When I'm annoyed, I'm capable of anything."



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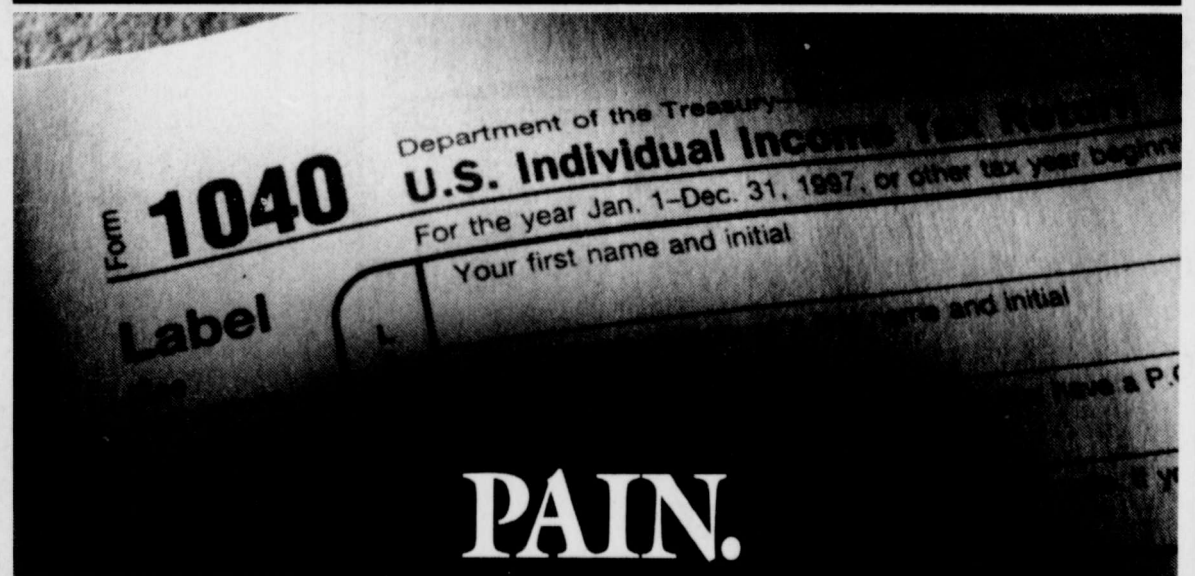


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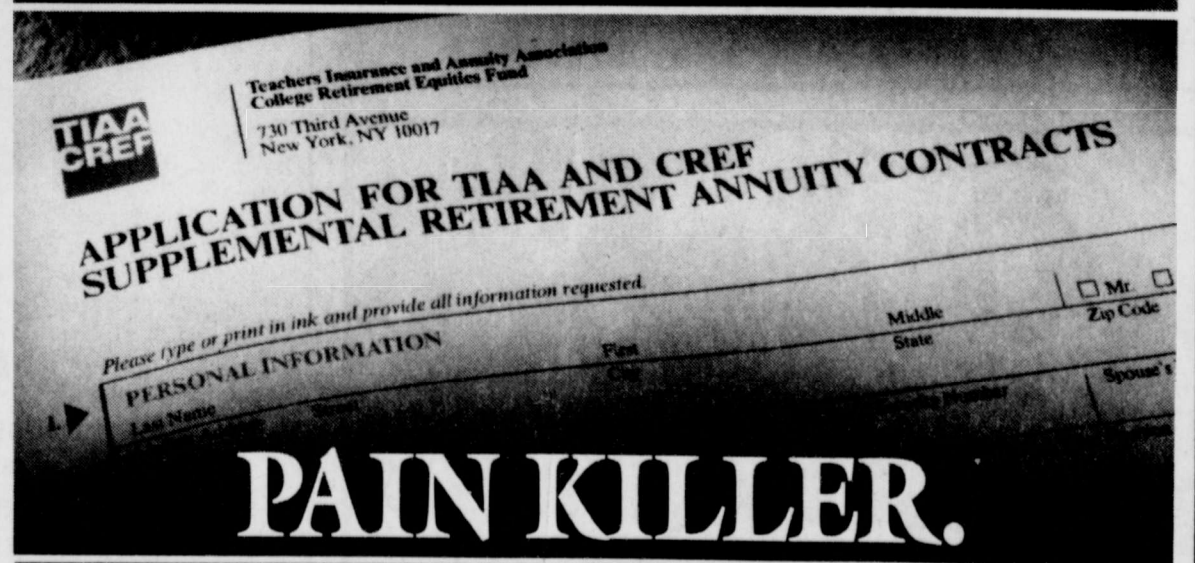
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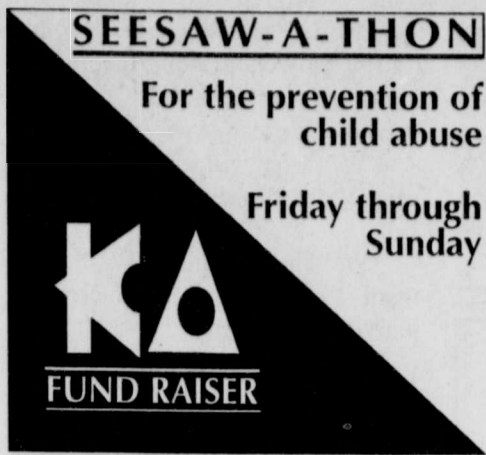
Sorority seesaws for good cause

BY LAURA HENSLEY
The University Daily

Sarah Porter is looking forward to spending 48 hours riding up and down on a seesaw this weekend. The play ground past time may leave Porter a little sore, but the work will be worth it.

Members of the Texas Tech chapter of the Kappa Delta sorority will host the 11th annual Seesaw-A-Thon fund raiser. All of the money collected will benefit the South Plains Chapter for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

"This is a lot of fun but it gets a little tiring," said Porter, a junior elementary education major from Arlington. "It's a good feeling that what you are doing is something good to help someone else out."



The 48-hour fund drive will begin at noon at 15th Street and University Avenue behind the Tech bookstore. The event will end Sunday at noon. Members of Kappa Delta with help from Pi Kappa Alpha will seesaw

around the clock in order to raise money for their cause.

Porter said the event is one of her favorites. She said although the seesawing gets boring at times, passing the time is not that hard. Sorority members spread the seesawing duties out by signing up for an one-hour shifts.

"The really bad time is around four or five in the morning," Porter said. "But we try to pass the time by talking, or when people come by it helps."

Other helpful ways seesawers plan to pass the time includes a cookout Saturday with guest speaker Lubbock city Mayor Windy Sitton. Saturday's festivities also will feature the live band Intake.

"I'm really looking forward to this. It's pretty much a laid back atmosphere," said Meredith Sebastian, a sophomore psychology major from Midland. "We have a lot of food and music. It's a lot like a picnic."

Porter said about \$8,500 will be raised this year. Collegiate and alumnae members of Kappa Delta have collected donations from different businesses in Lubbock. They will join thousands of Kappa Delta organizations around the country to raise money to benefit local affiliates and chapters of the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse.

Of the funds collected, 80 percent will remain in Lubbock child abuse programs. The remainder of the money collected will be given to national programs.

UT students help elementary-age children struggling with TAAS test

AUSTIN (AP) — For an hour every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, UT graduate students and their professors in the College of Education help unlock the mystery of language for 16 first- and second-graders who struggle with the printed word.

This unique collaboration between UT and area elementary schools is part of a statewide effort to improve reading. The collaboration sprang from a challenge Gov. George W. Bush issued two years ago — that all Texas schoolchildren be reading at grade level by the end of third grade.

"Children who never master reading will never master school," Bush said.

For children who don't read

well, reading is an intimidating, frustrating chore. What the UT class strives to do is make reading fun and give children the tools they need to succeed.

Statewide, one in five students did not pass the required reading part of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills last year. In Austin, more than one in four failed.

Texas universities are getting involved — as partners with school districts — to help tackle the problem.

UT-Austin won a Texas Education Agency grant for more than \$1 million in each of the past two years to launch the Texas Reading Initiative. The money is being used to spread the best reading methods to teachers across Texas.

Coke Day prank fizzles out for Pepsi-loving high school student

EVANS, Ga. (AP) — If your high school guidance counselor was right and there is such a thing as "your permanent record," this is going on Mike Cameron's: In 1998, he was suspended for wearing a Pepsi shirt on Coke Day.

School officials say the shirt was an insult to visiting Coca-Cola executives and ruined a school picture in which students spelled out "Coke."

Cameron says it was just a joke. "In my eyes, I didn't do anything wrong," the 19-year-old senior said Wednesday while serving his one-day suspension.

"I know it sounds bad — 'Child suspended for wearing Pepsi shirt on Coke Day,'" said Gloria Hamilton, principal of Greenbrier High School in Evans, about 130 miles east of Atlanta, the world headquarters of Coca-Cola.

"It really would have been acceptable if it had just been in-house, but we had the regional president here and people flew in from Atlanta to do us the honor of being resource speakers. These students knew we had guests."

Friday's Coke in Education Day was part of Greenbrier's effort to win a \$500 local contest run by the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Augusta and a national contest with a \$10,000 prize.

Cameron wore a blue-and-white-striped shirt with a small Pepsi logo underneath another shirt. He waited until just before the picture was taken to remove his outer shirt, Hamilton said.

"It's not a Coke-Pepsi war issue," she said. "It has nothing to do with that. It was a student deliberately being disruptive and rude."

The Coke executives did not even see Cameron's shirt and were not offended by the prank, said company

spokeswoman Diana Garza.

"The kid did what a kid does," Garza said. "We have people coming into the World of Coca-Cola here in Atlanta wearing Pepsi shirts."

Pepsi spokesman Brad Shaw said, "Without knowing all the details, it sounds like Mike's obviously a trendsetter with impeccable taste in clothes. We're going to make sure he's got plenty of Pepsi shirts to wear in the future once we track him down."

After getting caught, Cameron was sent to the principal's office, where he said Hamilton "talked about how important that day was to the school and that I might have cost the school 10 grand."

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Tennessee begins march to Final Four greatness

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Is Pat Summitt coaching the greatest women's basketball team ever? She'll have an opinion after the Final Four. "I think it's certainly one of our best ever," said the coach of Tennessee, which is 37-0 and already has set

a women's record for victories in a season. "There are a lot of coaches who have had great teams." In All-American Chamique Holdsclaw, the Lady Volunteers have what many view as the finest player in the country. The closest Tennessee

has come to losing so far in the tournament was a 76-70 comeback victory over North Carolina in the Midwest Regional final. The closest anybody got to them during the regular season was Alabama, which lost 67-63 on March 1.

Friday night in the national semifinals, the Lady Vols will face an Arkansas team (22-10) they met in January and beat by 30 points. They have size, speed and savvy and appear dripping with confidence. In their first three tournament games

they won by an average of 32 points. It's no wonder some people are starting to wonder if this is the greatest women's team ever. "We never will know," Summitt said Wednesday during a conference call.

"We'll have opinions. We'll voice them. I probably won't voice mine until come Monday."

By then, Summitt could have her record third straight NCAA championship and the seventh in a coaching career that has seen her build one of the most dominant programs in college sports.

If it gets past Arkansas Friday, Tennessee is certain to be heavily favored in Sunday night's title game against Louisiana Tech (30-3) or North Carolina State (26-5).

The Lady Vols beat Louisiana Tech by 14 points last November on the night a crowd of 16,490 watched them hoist the 1997 NCAA championship banner.

"Playing at Tennessee has great tradition as well as recognition," Summitt said. "I think they thrive on that. But they also know this is a team

that has to prove themselves."

Even the North Carolina game, in which they rallied from a 12-point deficit in the final 7 1/2 minutes, could work in Tennessee's favor.

"I don't see that game as a wakeup call," Summitt said. "I see that game as a confidence-builder. They understood what they had to do to win that game. You watch the last seven minutes, it was an incredible run. I think it made them realize it's important not to panic."

Some Tennessee fans worry that this team could become complacent. After all, when there are declarations of being the greatest ever, why work hard?

"With this team, I've never had to worry about being complacent, or not being motivated," Summitt said. "I think clearly this team has stepped up and competed every game. That's just their personality."

"We certainly saw that when they had their backs to the wall (against North Carolina). They've read their press clippings all year. But they came here because they wanted to win championships."



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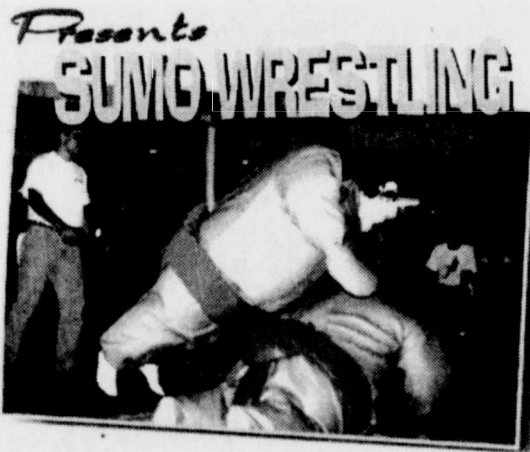
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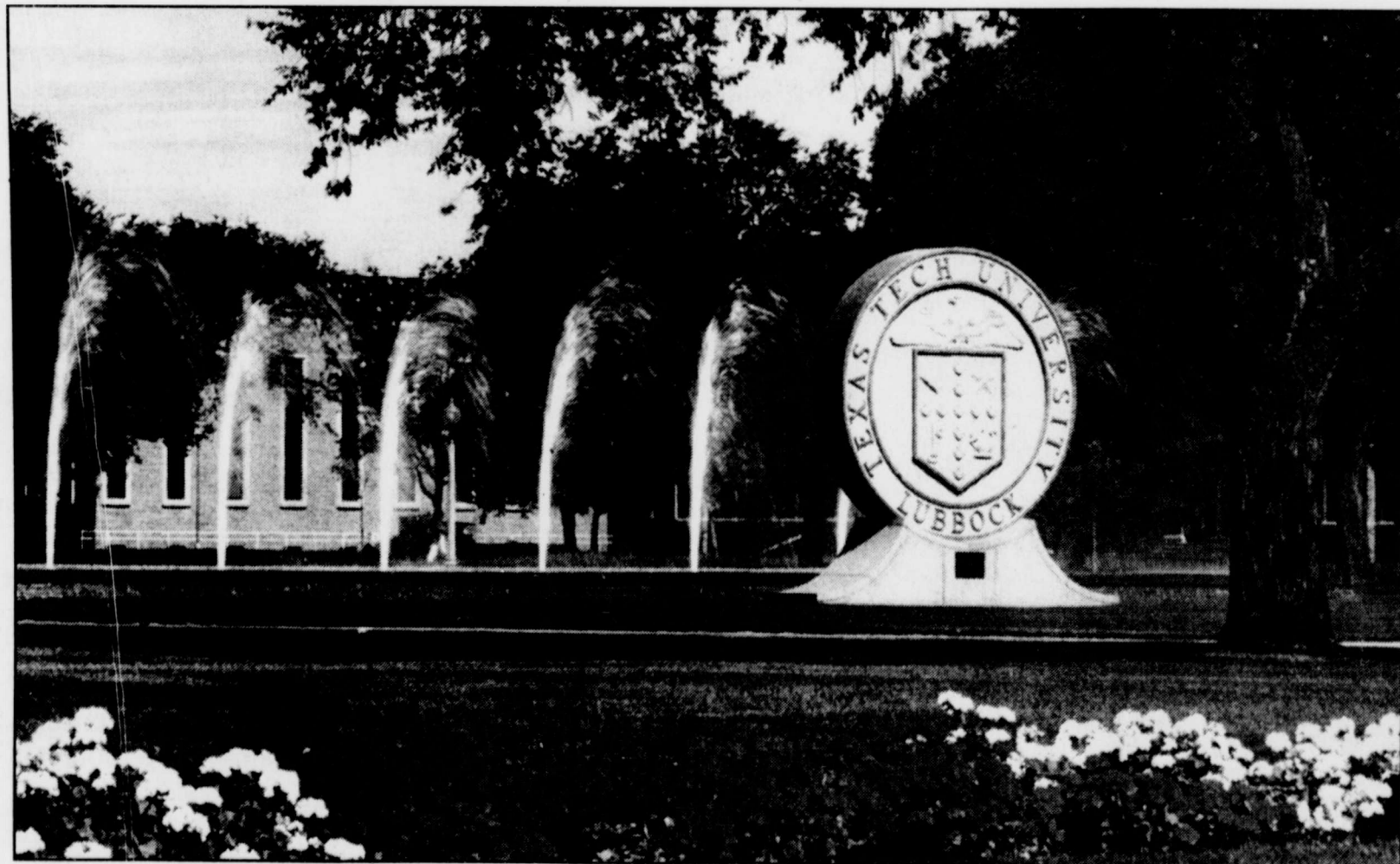
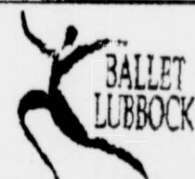


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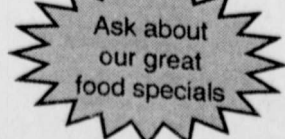
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Tech women's tennis team looks to rebound

BY JASON BERNSTEIN

The University Daily

When the Texas Tech women's tennis team takes the court this weekend, it will be looking to rebound after dropping four of its last five matches.

After starting the season with six wins in seven matches, Tech has faltered due to injuries to key players.

The Red Raiders were ranked as high as No. 66 in the nation, while producing the No. 49 ranked doubles team as the duo of freshman Zana Zlebnik and sophomore Amanda Earhart have compiled an 8-2 overall record.

Sophomore Erica Dopson has battled back problems all season, and said she is looking ahead to this weekend's action against TCU, SMU and North Texas.

"Amanda (Earhart) has some shin problems and Christine (Van Regenmorter) has some achilles problems, and I have my usual back problems," Dopson said of the team's health.

"But we're doing pretty well in staying positive for this weekend." Dopson has been limited to seven singles matches and two doubles matches due to injury this season.

Tech will travel to TCU for a 2 p.m. match Friday. The Horned Frogs recently defeated a then-No. 22 ranked South Carolina squad to propel them into the Top 25.

"Well, TCU right now is a good team," said Tech assistant tennis coach Mary Dailey. "They beat South Carolina, and that was a good win for them."

The Red Raiders will once again be looking to improve their record after defeating a ranked opponent. The Tech squad defeated a then No. 69 ranked UTEP team 5-4 Sunday.

After travelling to Fort Worth to take on the Horned Frogs, Tech will move on to play SMU at 10 a.m. Saturday in another tough match.

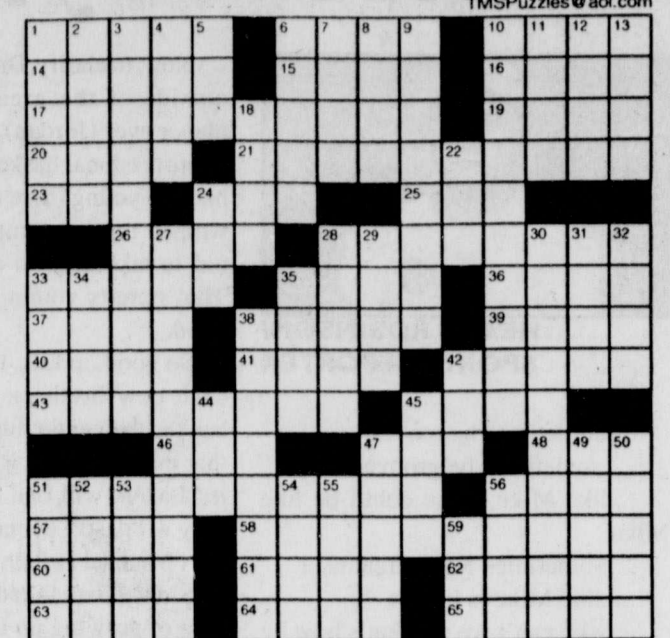
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"It was really good that we beat UTEP last week," Dopson said of the victory. "It was a hard thing to come back the next day after losing to New Mexico State and play a ranked team. That was a big victory for all of us. Hopefully we can continue to play well this weekend."

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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams



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37 Plumbing problem
38 Amalgamates
39 Scraped (by)
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47 Totality
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By Roger Jurgovan Potomac, MD

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved. A completed crossword puzzle with words filled in.

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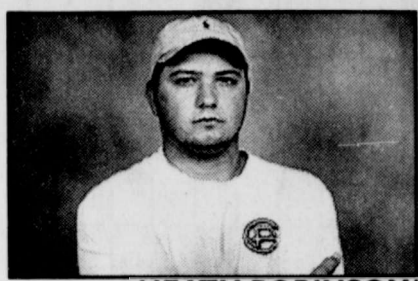
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Lakers' Bryant nowhere close to being like Mike



HEATH ROBINSON/
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.....Sometimes Kobe dreams,
.....that Mike is he,
.....why can't we see that's how he dreams to be.
.....Like Mike. He'll never be like Mike.
Kobe Bryant is not, never will be, and should stop aspiring to be the next Michael Jordan.

Now, to clarify. Bryant is probably, outside of the greatest basketball player ever (Jordan), the best athlete in professional basketball today. And he is so young there are thousands of women on this campus who are too old to take him on a date. He's 19. That's pretty young. And he's pretty good.

So good, in fact, that NBC and its cash cow brethren, the NBA, has banked their entire future on the hopes that this sixth man for the Los Angeles Lakers will one day become not only a "gasp," actual starter, but the next Michael Jordan.

Slow down, fellas. Somebody has a lot of growing up to do.

Commercially speaking, Kobe is the most successful young player in league history.

Instead of drinking Gatorade to be like MJ, you can drink Sprite or whatever to be like Kobe. And while you

can't wear Nike and be like him, you can wear his brand of shoe, Adidas.

It is, after all, the shoes, young people, that make these guys such incredible athletes. Do you really think Michael and Kobe could wear ordinary shoes and still dunk? Get real.

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Jordan has led the league in scoring more times than we have fingers to count it on. Kobe has yet to become a consistent starter.

Jordan owns five rings, and would own seven were it not for a two-year hiatus from the game he loves. Kobe, despite playing on

the league's most talented team, owns nary a ring.

In fairness, he has played only one complete season. However, he and the Lakers won't win this year, either. And they won't win a ring until Mike retires. Facts can sometimes be brutal.

“Kobe Bryant is not, never will be, and should stop aspiring to be the next Michael Jordan.”

Tech fastpitch softball seniors reflect on season

BY JAVIER REZENDEZ
The University Daily

As the old superstition goes, the third time is the charm. In the Texas Tech fastpitch softball team's case, in its third season, the Red Raiders have already won 32 games. In 1997 they won 34 games the entire season.

Since the team's resurrection in 1996, the Red Raiders (32-10 overall) increased their winning percentage by 44 percent in one year.

With the return of 16 players from the 1997 squad, the team looks to continue the success started a year ago.

Red Raider coach Renee Luers-Gillispe deserves most of the credit, but if you ask her, she will tell you that it is the leadership that has been displayed by her five seniors.

"The seniors help out with maturity," Luers-Gillispe said. "They have been through the tough times, and



Karenke

they know how to appreciate the success that we have had."

With Tech in its third season, the team will see the first senior class hit the field.

With five returning seniors, Luers-Gillispe said this may be the season that sets the stage for the future of Tech softball.

Among the returning seniors are pitcher Danielle Brady, pitcher Jenny Cannon, outfielder Denise Jackson, catcher Jessica Karenke and infielder Kim Tillett.

Brady leads the 1998 squad into the swing of things with a .571 winning percentage in 1997.

Brady said she expects to have a solid conference season since the Red Raiders have reached the competitive level of some of the best teams in the



Tillett

up. We have made some tremendous strides."

With the conference schedule starting Friday at Kansas, infielder Tillett said she is very confident after beating two of the better teams in the Big 12 in the H.I.T. tournament earlier in March.

"It helps that we beat Oklahoma and Nebraska, some of our biggest rivals," Tillett said.

"I think at this point, this team is expected to do well."

In 1997, Tillett started in 39 of 45 games and posted the team's second highest batting average.

She also has crafty glove work after registering 164 putouts during the '97 season.

Rounding out the senior class are Jackson, who was third on the team with 25 RBIs during the 1997 season, and Cannon, who pitched six complete games last year, was selected to the Academic All-Big 12 team.

Coming off a season in which six conference teams were ranked in the Top-25 of the national polls, Luers-Gillispe said Tech is looking forward to the challenges that lay ahead of the squad.

"It should be an interesting and exciting season for the Big 12," she said.

Texas' Penders denies reports he'll be fired

AUSTIN (AP)—Texas basketball coach Tom Penders said Wednesday he knew nothing about a broadcast report stating that he will be fired or reassigned as early as Friday.

Austin television station KEYE, citing two unidentified sources, reported Penders was out as coach. He has four years remaining on a contract that pays him roughly \$550,000 per year and is the winningest coach in Texas history.

"I have not had one phone call from (Texas athletic director) Mr.(DeLoss) Dodds, who is my boss," Penders said. "I haven't heard anything about my job status changing."

Dodds said he won't comment until the completion of an investigation by the school into the release of Texas basketball player Luke Axtell's confidential academic progress report to an Austin radio station.

Patricia Ohlendorf, vice provost and counsel to the president, said Wednesday that administration officials had not reached a conclusion to their probe, which she said would likely be completed Friday.

ground variety is an injustice to anything that happens on the blacktop.

A star is measured in the playoffs. That is why Kobe is too raw and unproven to be given this much praise. Last year against Utah in the second round, he airballed what seemed like 60 threes with the season on the line for the Lakers.

While Kobe may be the next big commercial success after Michael leaves, his game is nowhere near the same level. Let's quiet the Kobe hype. Let's see him make a few shots that count, and get some credible jewelry on his fingers before we idolize his talent.

There is, after all, only one Michael Jordan. And Kobe can drink Gatorade until he is blue in the face. He cannot duplicate what No. 23 has done.

Heath Robinson is a senior broadcast journalism major from Hurst.

"When we look at policy violations and law violations, we have to look at all the surrounding information, and we haven't reached any conclusions," Ohlendorf said.

Penders is 208-110 in 10 years at Texas, including eight trips to the NCAA tournament and two losing seasons.

The Longhorns were 14-17 overall this season.

Texas assistant coach Eddie Oran Sunday took responsibility for releasing Axtell's grade report.

Axtell, granted a transfer release after being suspended by Penders on March 17 for academic reasons, has an attorney who says she is waiting to see how the investigation unfolds before taking legal action.

UT school officials have been investigating if Penders, who was vacationing in the Caribbean at the time Axtell's academic report was released, had anything to do with the incident.

Penders said he was busy recruiting Wednesday and practicing his golf swing for a tournament he is helping sponsor this week called, "Coaches Against Cancer."

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