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## Attorney keeps Hampton case quiet

By Jason Bernstein  
Assistant Sports Editor

A day after O.J. Simpson defense lawyer Johnnie Cochran was hired by Hampton University women's basketball coach Patricia Bibbs, Lubbock City Councilman Victor Hernandez said he is upset at not being informed on the developing situation.

"I've learned more about the incident from reading the (*Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*) than I have from the city attorney," Hernandez said. "This is the first time I have ever not been given any information whatsoever as a council

member."

Local attorney George Thompson, who has been hired to represent the city of Lubbock in the Hampton case, said he specifically told city officials not to share information with Hernandez.

"I requested with tears in my eyes that the city of Lubbock not share specific information with Mr. Hernandez," Thompson said. "I'm really astonished. I'm not sure if he understands the city manager form of government very well. Minute details are never shared with regards to litigation. I think he has some soapbox agenda, in my judgement."

Thompson has worked on cases involving police officer-related issues for 20 years and is a private attorney in Lubbock.

"I don't think information can be well-trusted with him," Thompson said. "And I feel relatively strongly about it."

Hernandez told the *Associated Press* he is considering asking for outside help from the Texas Rangers or the Justice Department to investigate the arrests of the Hampton officials last month.

"I don't think it's legal to intervene with the authority of elected officials," Hernandez said. "And I think it's been done with the acquies-

cence of other council members."

Other Lubbock council members were not available for comment Tuesday.

Regardless of the flow of information, or lack thereof to Hernandez, the city of Lubbock is self-insured in case a financial judgement is eventually awarded in the case.

Cochran and his team of attorneys have yet to file a lawsuit, but Hernandez said the city is prepared nonetheless.

"When you're self-insured, you assume the risk of potential problems in the future," he said. "If the case is taken to trial and a monetary judgement is awarded, the money would

come out of the taxpayers pockets."

Joseph Conboy, associate dean of the Texas Tech Law School, said funds are usually set aside for these situations.

"When you are self-insured, the taxpayers come up with the money," Conboy said. "But cities usually have reserves for that purpose. The reserves are probably a fair amount just because of the possibilities of lawsuits."

Aside from the logistical possibilities surrounding the Hampton case, Hernandez still insists he is getting the short end of the stick in finding out information he deems important.

## Opperman to leave position

Vice chancellor to join Lt. Gov.-elect Rick Perry's staff as senior adviser

By Apu Naik  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech will lose its vice chancellor for administration and finance beginning next semester to the office of the newly elected lieutenant governor of Texas.

Lt. Gov.-elect Rick Perry announced his senior staff yesterday, and included in the list is Tech's own John Opperman.

Opperman, who has been vice chancellor since August of 1996, said he accepted a job as senior adviser for fiscal policy for Texas Lt. Gov. Rick Perry last weekend, and he will be leaving Tech as of Jan. 12.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed coming back to Tech and working with all of the great people here," Opperman said. "Leaving this university was an extremely difficult decision, and it's something that took a lot of consideration. But when the lieutenant governor of Texas offers you a position on his staff, it's equally as hard to turn something like that down."

Opperman said he would miss his job in the chancellor's office, but said his time there has been so enjoyable that he would always consider coming back in the future.

"This is an enormous honor, and I will really miss this university, but I would consider returning again for a position at this school anytime," Opperman said.

Before joining Tech, Opperman served for six years as the director and chief budget analyst for the Senate Finance Committee, where he served as chief staff for the committee overseeing state appropriations and revenue measures considered by the Texas Senate.

At 54 years of age, Opperman is a Lubbock native who received his undergraduate degree from Tech, a master from the University of Texas' LBJ School and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Texas at Austin.

Newly elected Lt. Gov. Rick Perry offered Opperman the position of senior adviser over a month ago, and Opperman said he accepted the job after extensive consideration last weekend.

Ray Sullivan, communications director for the lieutenant governor office, said Perry assembled his senior staff with only the most qualified and best experienced.

"The number one priority during the selection process for (Perry's) senior staff was to assemble a team of the most experienced, competent and professional staff who will help the Senate run smoothly," Sullivan said.

Tech President Donald Haragan said Opperman will be missed not only for his personality and work

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## Tech, UT, A&M team to combat fire ants

By Gretchen Verry  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech researchers have joined with Texas A&M and University of Texas researchers in an effort to control fire ant populations in a fire ant challenge initiated by Texas legislators.

The project began one year ago, and is funded through the Texas state legislature. It is expected to continue at least through the next six years, said Harlan Thorvilson, plant and soil science professor and project coordinator.

Thorvilson said research performed at Tech concentrates itself in eight areas.

The first focuses on preventing ants from entering sensitive electrical equipment, Thorvilson said. It includes researchers from engineering technology and plant and soil sciences.

The second area involves a genetically engineered strain of the fungus *Beauveria bassiana*, a pathogenic fungus that invades and kills colonies of fire ants. It is largely a project of the department of plant and soil sciences.

Thorvilson said some of the most important breakthroughs of the project have been made in this area. The fungus has been proven to be effective in killing fire ants in pasture land. The fungus only affects insects, Thorvilson said.

Researchers are searching for ways to effectively distribute the fungus to colonies in the field.

Researchers also are studying the possibilities of utilizing the straw itch mite, a natural enemy of the fire ant, in controlling ant populations. Biological faculty members are also searching for effective distribution systems for the mite.

Biological researchers also are studying the affects of pheromones, and the possibility of disrupting colonies by disrupting natural pheromones of the ants. Pheromones are natural thought waves that are sent between individual ants.

The fifth area of research involves the effects of large fire ant populations on deer and bob-white quail.

In studying deer, researchers controlled the environment of a selected population of newly-born fawn at Welder Wildlife refuge in South Texas. Cages were set up where fire ants existed, and studied in contrast to cages without ants.

"It is important to note that we are not torturing any fawns here," said Wayne Brown, graduate student in the school of range, wildlife, and fisheries management and researcher with the project. "We don't put them in pens with abnormal amounts of fire ants, and certainly no more ants than those that exist in nature. If it looks like the ants could kill the deer,

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## Fighting for Justice



Brian White/The University Daily

For a Cause: Sandra Cappan, an English and political science major from St. Louis, signs a petition at Memorial Circle on Tuesday to make the governments who have signed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights uphold their commitment and end their violations of the Declaration. The petition is being circulated by Amnesty International and will be sent to its headquarters in London.

## Pattern of traffic light changed

By Jonathan Biles  
Staff Writer

The waiting at a traffic light on campus and during the weekend when no one is coming will no longer happen at Flint Avenue and 18th Street.

Tuesday, the Traffic and Parking Advisory Board voted to temporarily change the traffic light at Flint Avenue and 18th Street to blink during the weekends, said Arthur Glick, assistant to the vice president of operations.

The concern was brought to the

attention of the board when the Student Senate passed a resolution recommending the change.

The resolution said the lights at this particular intersection should be changed from its current settings, which is set up to blink from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. seven days a week, to have the lights blink during the weekend 24 hours a day.

The change of the traffic light raised two safety concerns from the board, Glick said.

"Basically, we are concerned about people's safety," Glick said. "If there is no stop light, will people be

inclined to speed?"

Glick said the board decided to change the lights to the new settings until the winter break begins. If no problems arise due to the new settings, it will be changed permanently.

The changing of the traffic light will affect people whether they want it to or not, said Gail Wolfe, director of Traffic and Parking.

"Anytime you change something, some people will like it and some people will hate it," Wolfe said.

The decision was made by the Traffic and Parking Advisory Board, which consists of five members. The

six representatives are made of a representative from the University Police Department, the ground maintenance department, the Health Sciences Center parking, the vice president of operations, the assistant to the vice president of operations and the director of traffic and parking, Wolfe said.

The board is organized to keep the communication open between the operations side of the university and everyone else, Glick said.

"We want to try to keep the left hand knowing what the right hand is doing," Glick said.

## Man executed for 1979 killing of A&M student

HUNTSVILLE (AP)—A former air conditioner repairman from Minnesota was executed Tuesday evening for the rape-slaying of a Texas A&M student more than 19 years ago.

Jeff Emery, 39, was pronounced dead at 6:24 p.m., six minutes after an executioner started a flow of lethal drugs into his arms.

In a very brief statement, Emery expressed love to a female friend who watched through glass a few feet away.

"You know how I feel about you," he said.

"Take care of yourself. That's all I have to say."

As the drugs took effect, Emery

gasped twice and exhaled deeply before he stopped moving.

Emery was the 19th Texas inmate to be put to death this year and the second in as many days. Other executions are set for Wednesday and Thursday.

Emery was condemned for the Oct. 12, 1979, attack on LaShan

Muhlinghaus, who entered her College Station apartment while Emery was inside committing a burglary.

Authorities said Emery, who never got beyond the eighth grade, hid inside a closet and attacked the 19-year-old student from Rowlett with a knife when she walked in. She was raped and her body mutilated.

### Independence Bowl tickets on sale

Tickets for the Jan. 1 Sanford Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La., are available for purchase beginning at 8:30 a.m. today in the athletic ticket office.

The game between the Texas Tech Red Raiders and the Mississippi Rebels will be presented at Independence Stadium.

Tech has been allotted 12,000 tickets by the Independence Bowl; all are located on the goal line and endzone and cost \$30 and \$25, respectively. There is a \$5 bowl handling fee, which will be waived with a Tech student ID. No limit will be placed on how many tickets can be purchased.

A limited number of \$30 goal

line tickets are available, and a preference will be enforced as follows:

Red Raider Club option members will receive first preference, students and season ticket holders will receive second preference, and the general public will receive the third and final option.

Tech is encouraging, but not requiring, students to buy \$25 endzone tickets in order to form a student section. These seats are close to the band.

The ticket office is open between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Tickets for the Independence Bowl may be purchased at the athletic ticket office until Dec. 22.

## Power outage shuts down San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A construction crew's mistake caused a blackout across San Francisco on Tuesday, trapping office workers in high-rise elevators, stopping trains, halting the city's famous cable cars and forcing the airport to divert incoming planes.

"Chaos, complete chaos. Even the birds are crazy. They just started howling and screaming, too. People don't know where to go," said Ricky Fairley, a hotel security guard.

The power went out across a 49-square-mile area of the San Francisco Peninsula at 8:17 a.m. Pacific Gas & Electric said that about 940,000 people lost power and that electric-

ity was being restored piecemeal through the day.

A construction crew forgot to re-

move the ground wire after completing maintenance on a substation switchboard, causing a blow-out and triggering a chain reaction that knocked two generators offline, PG&E president Gordon Smith said. Sabotage caused a similar blackout 14 months ago, leaving about 250,000 people in the dark for 3 1/2 hours.

"It appears at this time that simple human error may have been involved in the outage," Smith said. "Procedures appear not to have been followed to the letter."

There were no reports of major accidents, injuries or looting. For downtown workers, it was generally only an inconvenience with dead ATM machines and coffee houses unable to brew their favorite coffee.

Half of the Muni fleet of electric-powered buses, trolleys and trains was stranded, including dozens of trains that got stuck in tunnels under the city. Hundreds of passengers had to be led out on foot, Muni spokesman Emilio Cruz said.

About 50 high-rises had stuck elevators with unknown numbers of people trapped inside, and firefighters worked with elevator companies to get them out, Fire De-

partment Inspector Kaan Chin said. Shauwana Horn, two months pregnant, was stuck in an elevator with another woman for 90 minutes before they were freed by an elevator company worker. "It was dark. I just want to go eat now," she said.

Planes bound for San Francisco International Airport were sent instead to San Jose or Oakland.

The quaint cable cars that take passengers up and down the steep hills of San Francisco ground to a halt. But the 17 Bay Area Rapid Transit commuter trains that were operating in San Francisco when the electricity went out limped into stations under limited power.

Streets were clogged with jerky stop-and-go traffic because stoplights were knocked out. Police and meter maids directed traffic at major intersections and motorists had to navigate around trolleys stopped dead in the road.

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Gordon Smith  
PG&E president

### Chancellor, president speak about administrator leaving

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compatibility, but his knowledge of the job was also unparalleled.

"He will be missed by this entire campus quite a bit," Haragan said. "He was very easy to work with, and he brought an extensive knowledge in finance and economics to the chancellor's office."

Tech Chancellor John Montford,

whose office Opperman has worked for since 1996, said he is both disappointed in the departure of one of the most knowledgeable and qualified members of his staff, but is also proud a member of the university has been selected for a position in state government.

"Right now I'm filled with mixed emotions. Obviously, we are disappointed that we are losing one of our

best administrators, but at the same time, it is equally gratifying that he has been selected to serve on the lieutenant governor senior staff," Montford said. "John is one of the leading experts on the state's budget and no one is as experienced and as knowledgeable. We expect great things from him, and the selection of one of our administrators for this position is an honor for the entire university."

### Fire ant research includes economic impact on economy

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we will not hesitate to move them."

The effects of fire ants on Texas' quail population has proven to be an important aspect of the project, said Mark Wallace, assistant professor in the department of range, wildlife, and fisheries management.

In their one year observation of quail in South Texas, researchers

found survival rates to be 22 percent in areas where large amounts of fire ants exist, as opposed to 60 percent in areas where they do not.

Tech researchers are also studying the effects of fire ants on livestock, with an emphasis one young cattle and sheep.

Another aspect of the project includes studies of the economic impact of fire ants on the economy of

Texas.

The eighth and final area of study conducted at Tech focuses on communications designed to inform the public about the impact of fire ants, and steps being taken to control their populations.

A website explaining the research and providing updates on the project is located at [www.ttu.edu/~catw/RIFA/home.html](http://www.ttu.edu/~catw/RIFA/home.html).

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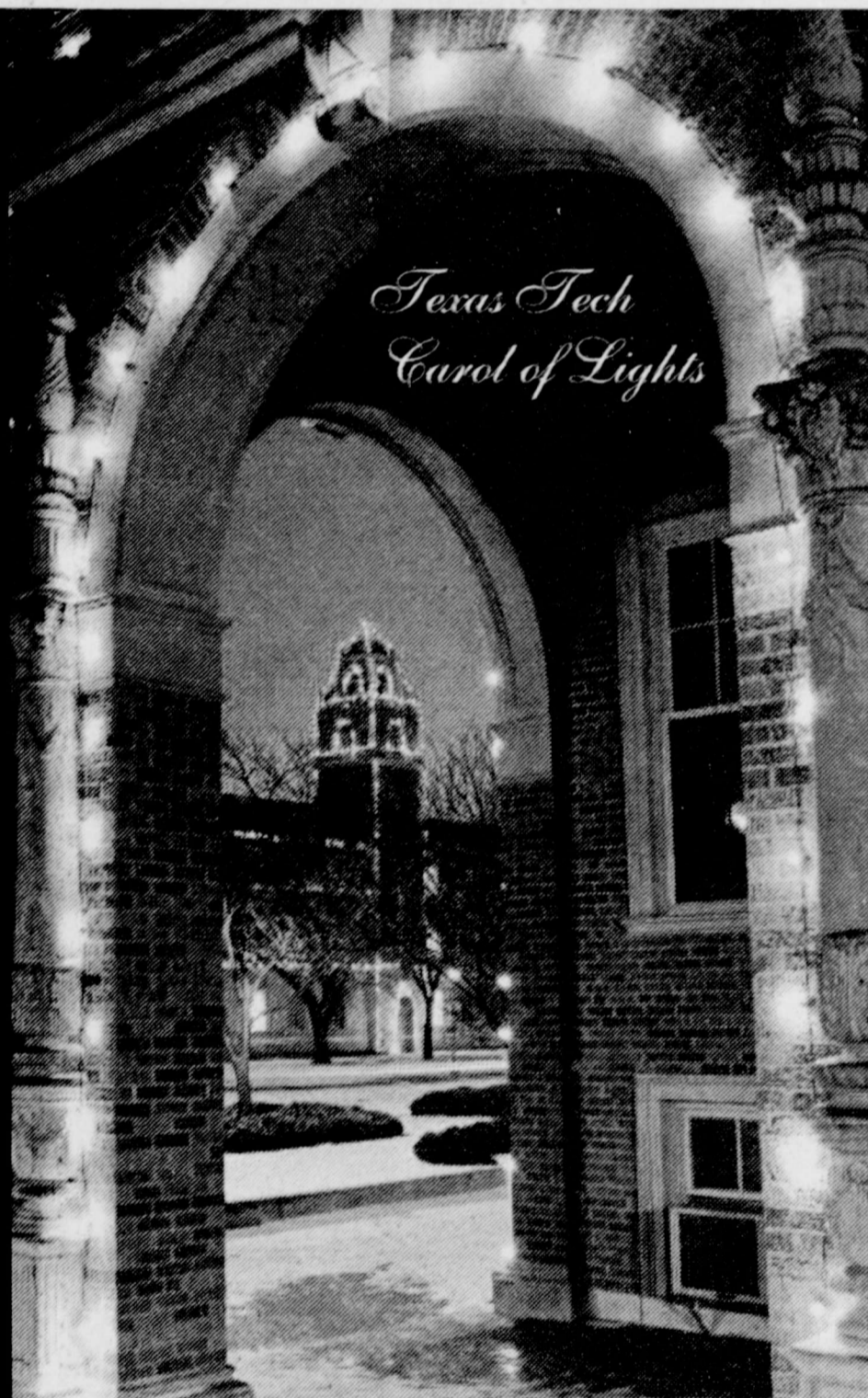
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# designing woman

## Interior design student represents Tech in Big Apple

By Melody Ragland  
Staff Writer

For Kryste Boydston, doing things she loves is what helps her make it through a busy day.

Boydston, a senior interior design major from Brady, is the president of the Texas Tech student chapter of American Society of Interior Designers.

"I believe in personal investment in each thing you do," Boydston said.

Since she is president, she was asked to attend the ASID Design Power Conference in New York City.

Boydston, with the help of ASID and merchandising, environmental design and consumer economics, received the funds to travel to the conference in late October.

"I was one of the two students from Texas to travel to New York," Boydston said.

Boydston said it was an exciting learning experience and a great way to represent Tech.

"The conference was incredible," Boydston said.

"People came from everywhere. A lot of people were shocked that I traveled all that way."

During the five days in New York City, Boydston attended continuing education units (classes), attended a gala at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, met Steve Forbes and attended a job fair.

"The purpose of the conference is to bring industry together under one roof," Boydston said.

"It gives individuals a chance to interact with each other, make contacts and be introduced to new products. The representation I was able to give Tech was great."

Boydston said the interior design world is changing rapidly.

"If you don't keep up, you'll lose business," Boydston said.

While at the job fair, Boydston met

design firm representatives from all over the world.

"The market now is good, if you have a degree," Boydston said. "Firms want experience in computer aided drafting technology."

Computer aided drafting is a new technology, which help interior designers and firms cut down the cost of shipping expenses and time.

"The organization (ASID) has set the framework for my future," Boydston said. "It has really laid the pathway."

Being a part of Tech is also important to Boydston. Not only is she a student, but she works for the facility design department of housing and dining. She helped in the designing of Carpenter/Wells Residence Complex.

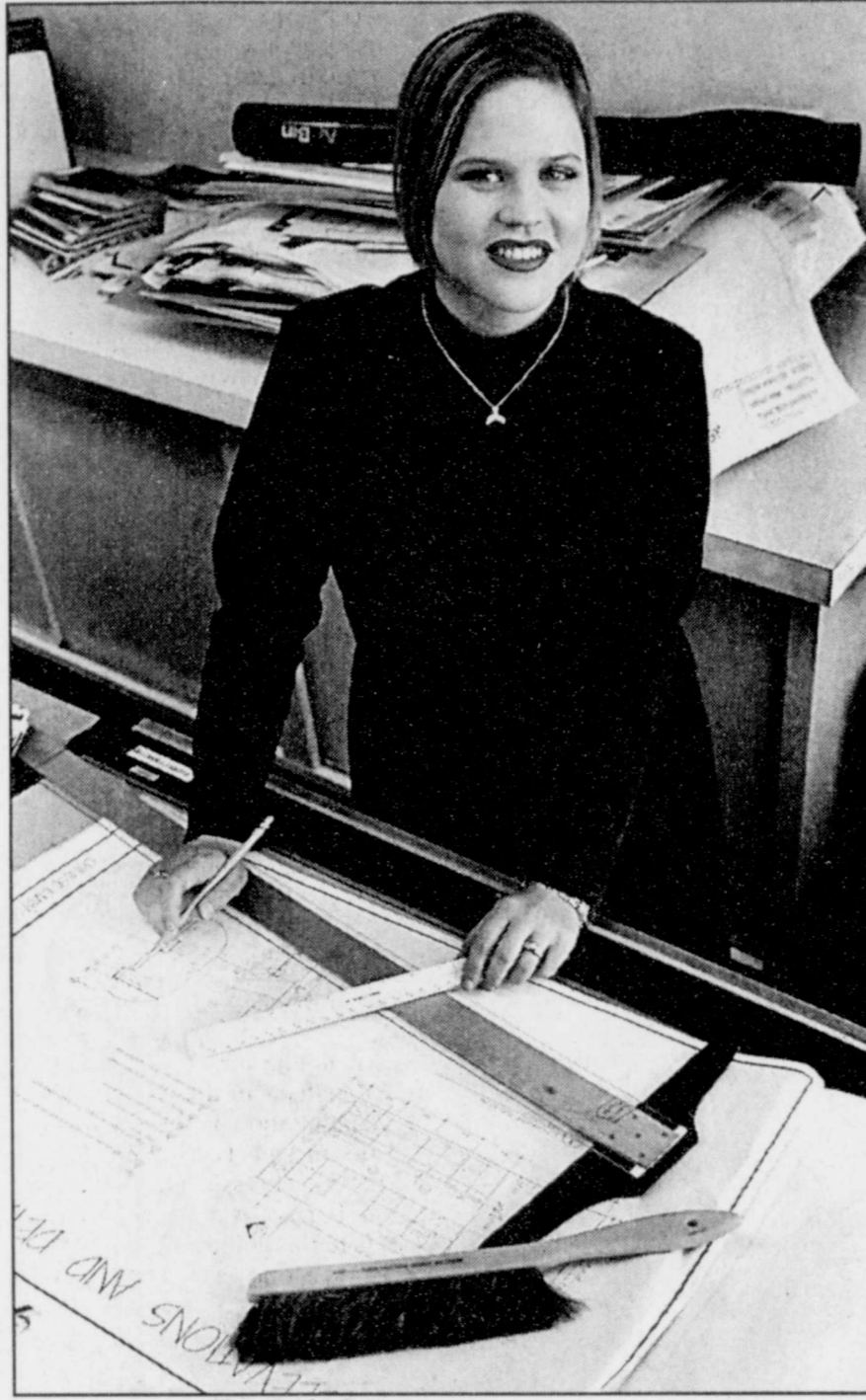
After graduation she hopes to receive a doctoral degree in interior design. She would like to be part of the 2 percent of interior designers who have a doctoral degree. She said she would like to teach at Tech.

"I have an enormous pride for Tech," Boydston said. "The least I can do is give back to Tech."

Boydston said she came to Tech because everyone was friendly and the interior design program was the most advanced.

"The combination of the two persuaded me to come here," Boydston said. "The faculty work us very hard to keep us on track."

She is also an active member of Southcrest Baptist Church.



Wade Kennedy/The University Daily  
**Creative Mind:** Kryste Boydston, a senior interior design major from Brady, gave input on the design of the Carpenter/Wells Residence Complex.

"I'm busy, but I love it all," Boydston said. "It helps. I'm doing something I love. I reap the rewards." Marie Gentry, associate professor

in interior design, said Boydston is a very conscientious student. "She is very enthusiastic and has a lot of energy," Gentry said.

## Teacher kills husband, blames masked intruder, kills self

GILLETTE, Wyo. (AP) — A high school math teacher who claimed a masked intruder killed her husband, raped her and tied up her children committed suicide when investigators began to realize she had staged the attack.

Investigators said they are unsure of a motive but are certain that

Cheryl Trover killed her husband Friday. She shot herself on Sunday.

Among the clues that led police to doubt her story: Her children identified their mother as the masked person who tied them up, and authorities found how-to books on murder in her home.

"I think she'd been planning this

for months, possibly six months," police Chief Ric Paul said Tuesday.

Cheryl Trover, 37, told authorities a Hispanic man wearing a ski mask had forced his way into the home, killed her husband and attacked her.

Cheryl Trover, whose injuries appeared consistent with her claims of rape and assault, said the man set

her vehicle on fire and ran off.

John Trover, 43, was shot in the head and arm and stabbed repeatedly.

Her story set off a huge manhunt.

Paul said when the couple's two children were tied up, they "thought their mother was playing a game with them."

The children, a 13-year-old girl and 10-year-old boy, were unhurt. Their feet and hands were bound, but "tied with care," he said.

A gun to be believed used in the slaying was found in a house across the street. Cheryl Trover had a key to the home, whose owner was out of town.

## Clinton attends Gore Sr.'s service

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Mixing humor with reverence, Vice President Al Gore eulogized his father Tuesday as a politician driven by conscience who never forgot his humble upbringing and always tried to help others.

Gore kept the audience laughing with several funny stories about former U.S. Sen. Albert Gore Sr.

There was the time the elder Gore was giving a tour of his farm to a New York magazine writer when he spotted a cow stuck in the mud of a creek bed, stripped naked and spent 30 minutes freeing it.

The vice president noted his father, a gifted speaker, often used unusual pronunciations of common words. He would challenge his son to look them up in a dictionary.

Sure enough, Gore said, the pronunciation was in there — with an italicized note: "archaic."

The only hint of sadness came at the end of his nearly half-hour tribute to "the greatest man I ever knew in my life."

"Dad, your whole life has been an inspiration," Gore said, his voice cracking slightly.

And then, referring to one of his father's favorite stories about "bringing the house down" with his fiddle playing, the vice president said: "Your life brought the house down."

The elder Gore, who served seven terms in the U.S. House and three in the Senate, was three weeks shy of his 91st birthday when he died Saturday at his farm in Carthage, 40 miles east of Nashville. President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton were among the mourners at the memorial service at War Memorial Auditorium in downtown Nashville. The location, the vice president noted, was about 100 yards away from the coffee shop where his father met the woman who became his wife.

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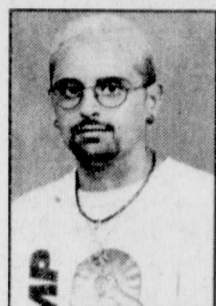
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# VIEWPOINTS

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## Is special age really remarkable?



Dwayne Mamo  
Columnist

Well, I turned 21 last week and let me tell you, it wasn't all that special. Of course I did participate in the usual festivities and received my tremendous amounts of free shots as the night progressed. Hanging out with my friends and having a good time was the best way to spend my birthday, but it wasn't any different than any other.

You see, for the last four years or so I have frequented bars with only two incidents of being carded, thus my birthday celebrations (and all others) have been at drinking establishments. I've even purchased alcohol from stores without them even batting an eye.

So what is the point of this great magic age of 21 if it's not going to be enforced? There probably is a good reason why it

isn't — either businesses like the money or people figure that once past a certain age (much younger than 21) people have become more responsible. Now I'm sure it's probably the money, but it is also true that people are more responsible. I mean I've met plenty of college-of-drinking-age students about as responsible and intelligent as a junior high alumnus.

What makes 21 the magic age for drinking, 18 for smoking, porn and selective service? Where does the delineation come in and what are the criteria and factors that go into decided such arbitrary ages? As usual, it's the old white-haired stalwarts of our Congress and government that still think that their childhood is the same as that of 50 years later. People have continually gotten

younger and younger with their use of alcohol, drugs, cigarettes and porn, obviously a minor little age law isn't solving the problem.

You see, that's what our government believes, that an age limitation will be the ultimate solution, and if that was the case, then murder, rape, robberies and drug use wouldn't be committed.

The other thing that seems so incongruous about these limits is the fact that we can die for our country before we can legally have a drink. Now what exactly is it that makes alcohol consumption a

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much more responsible act than toting a gun and knowing how to make a bomb out of squeezable pudding?

Of course, our wonderful government benefits more from harvesting their young Americans out of high school to get their young bodies in the way of a bullet headed for the commander, that is the wonder of it all. Having our citizens drink at an earlier age does not ben-

efit our government one bit, except economically — which has never made sense to me, since we are a capitalistic society. America is money-hungry why not lower the age.

Some might say that the government has a genuine interest in the health of its citizens, and, you know, that isn't true when it has the power to make cigarettes illegal but can't due to the industries overwhelming money pumping into all political campaigns.

Once again a good ole, down home American hypocrisy is unraveled, but who is out there to care?

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## Columnist presents wish list

Tired of classes? Sleeping too much? Have an increased appetite? Ready to just walk away from all responsibilities?

No, this is not one of those checklists to see if you have depression, but it is a sure sign of a syndrome that leads to strong, compulsive desires to see the end of another semester.

If this syndrome seems to plague you, do not give up hope. While only time can cure this affliction, humor can subside some of the painful effects.

So, to help ease the pain, allow yourself to fall into a pattern of senseless chatter, such as these listed below.

Because the holidays are just around the corner and nobody is in their right mind for discussions or debates, here is a little play on the 12 days of Christmas for reading enjoyment.

We'll begin at the end to help build up the suspense as to what is No. 1:

On the 12th day of Christmas my chancellor gave to me:

- 12 full credit hours,
- 11 years of college debt,
- 10 minutes to class (yeah right),
- 9 regents napping,
- 8 a.m. classes,
- 7 football games won,
- 6 hours of sleep each night,
- 5 YEARS OF SCHOOL,
- 4 nights to party (just kidding),
- 3-point-0,
- 2 hours in financial aid,
- and 1 p-a-r-k-i-n-g-s-p-a-c-e I'll n-e-v-e-r have.

While not all of these listed here represent me personally, they do provide a common link among all college students.

Another common link is the exuberance and the exhilaration that comes at the end of the semester when you hand in your last final, or the joy of sitting in your car ready to begin the venture home.

So good luck, good Christmas tidings and good-bye.

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**Have a happy holiday break.**

Misty Dawn Reed  
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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Tech's Good Samaritans remembered for help

To the editor: I just wanted to let every reader of *The UD* know there are some wonderful Good Samaritan Texas Techsans running around out in this world. I was coming back to Lubbock from Ruidoso, N.M., on Saturday after Thanksgiving. I was alone (except for my bird and turtle) in my little red car on the highway traveling through the great expanse of nothing between Roswell, N.M., and Tatum, N.M. It had gotten dark as I left Roswell, and there I was in the middle of nowhere when my "Check Engine" light began going on and off. I had no idea what might be wrong and began to pray fervently I wouldn't be stranded out there and picked up by aliens (or anyone else).

Fortunately, I made it into Tatum to the Bell convenience store where other travelers were stopping for a break, and I immediately applied all my mechanical wisdom to the situation, which consisted of adding water and checking the oil.

Two silver cars were parked near mine, and one of the gentlemen in the entourage walked over and asked me what was wrong with my car. We made brief polite conversation, with me acting like I confidently had the situation under control. They then asked if I was headed to Lubbock. My suspicious mind first thought, "How did they know?" Then I thought maybe they noticed my Texas Tech shirt, and so I asked if they went to Tech. They said one of their party taught economics at Tech, and another person was going to Tech, and the rest of them were just visiting for the holidays. They then suggested I drive the rest of the way to Lubbock right in between them, so if I did have to pull off on the side of the road, they would be there to help.

I thought for a second, and said, "OK." After all, I had just been praying for help, right? So, our "convoy" got underway from the Bell Gas and Convenience Store in Tatum and we sailed right on into Lubbock smooth as could be, and my engine light didn't even come on anymore.

When we got on into Lubbock on the Brownfield

Highway, we pulled off and I said my "thank you's" and we said our goodbyes. I didn't even get their names, nor did they get mine. They were just being kind and considerate for their fellow man (and woman). Talk about a reason for Thanksgiving.

Yes, even though one teaches for Tech economics and one attends Tech, I think God sent my escorts in the two silver cars to be my guardian angels and to get me home safe and sound. And hopefully, those two gentlemen are reading *The UD* today and maybe they will see this letter of thanks and appreciation to them.

Virginia Holder  
training specialist  
training department

#### No person's judgment better than another

To the editor: This letter is in response to the self-righteous, cavalier opinions expressed by James Hodges in Friday's *UD*. I am outraged that Mr. Hodges makes claims about "God's plan for us" while throwing enough stones to demolish the glass house he appears to live in.

Yes, it is true that irresponsible, unprotected sex furthers the spread of AIDS. I am not sure what his point was in mentioning homosexuality can lead to AIDS since everyone knows heterosexuals are just as much at risk.

However, these thoughts aside, I ask to consider this: Are some people more deserving to die than others? Is there a certain degree of sin?

Apparently, promiscuity is the worst sin there ever was and these people are going to die because of it. Getting back to "God's plans," I'm no Bible scholar, but didn't God charge us not to judge one another? What you basically stated to us is AIDS victims don't deserve the respect everyone else deserves when facing death because they brought it on themselves. I doubt (or hope, rather) you would not cast this opinion out on a smoker dying from lung cancer or to the family of someone who died in a car accident because of reckless driving. It was his or her own fault, but his or her lives were precious to someone.

People will always make mistakes, no matter how dire the consequences.

As for your views on abortion, I would have to say I see where you might be coming from. I know when my future husband and I conceive a child, I will see it as a member of my family I will love and cherish. However, this is how I feel, and not everyone will see things the way I do. That's fine with me, since I try not to make it my practice to shove my views down someone's throat. I never have walked in the shoes of a woman who has been raped. I cannot imagine the anguish of having my body violated in such a way. But as far as you're concerned, she just needs to suck it up and be glad she is now inhabited by a stranger who represents what is possibly the most traumatic moment of her life. Fine. That's easy for you to say, isn't it? As for "aborting" the rapist, I must say such an insipid remark might have been easily ignored, but going by your definition of abortion, am I to assume that you mean "kill" the rapist? I guess killing is in God's plan. After a lot of thinking, I still believe in my heart abortion would be wrong for me.

But I have to try to understand other people and help them get through such an ordeal. Let's assume she does have the baby. OK, you've won the argument she needed to let it be born, but where do you stand now she needs welfare money to get by from day to day? Who pays her medical bills? Where are you when she needs to go to work and can't find dependable, safe child-care? Who helps her raise this baby? Who gives her emotional support? Who will defend her when people criticize her for raising a child in these conditions? Even in cases that aren't about rape, the father can always walk away, but her dreams and hopes are shot. She continues to hear the voices of the self-righteous say, "Too bad for you. At least you did things our way, which is always the right way for everyone."

Abortion and AIDS are sad and difficult issues, but it is easy for one to sit by and make judgment calls when she or he doesn't know what another person's life and struggles are like.

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## Home provides for local needy

By John Davis  
Staff Writer

They are the forgotten, the uncounted. Sometimes, they have to find their clothing and dinners in trash dumpsters, or rely on the charity of churches.

Homelessness is not just a problem of big cities. It exists here in Lubbock.

However, there is a woman who is trying to make a difference in this city by providing a few warm beds, hot meals and an interested ear to the homeless people who come to her door every day.

Nina Slate said she has dedicated her life since 1986 to helping those in need with Pilgrim House, a private non-profit shelter.

Slate, 55, is the director of Pilgrim House and has no employees to keep the overhead of running the house to a minimum, so she does all the cooking, cleaning and the bookkeeping.

However, she also said she has had to rely more on volunteer help after she had open heart surgery two years ago.

"This is my life. I really love it," Slate said. "This is my dream that one day I could afford to feed the people, the poor and not have to work for someone else anymore."

Pilgrim House is an old gray stucco house in the middle of an industrialized area. Icons of Jesus

Christ look out of windows covered with burglar bars onto the street. Inside, there are a few boxes of supplies lining the corridor of bedrooms.

Two years ago, Slate said Pilgrim House served 8,678 meals to homeless people. This year, she estimated the number to be around 10,950 meals.

"We feed three times a day and 10 people a day. I think there are more people surfacing," Slate said.

She said the usual fare consists of bologna and cheese sandwiches in the summer, and she tries to serve hot meals in the winter.

"We serve people besides the

people who live here—the people on the street, the people who are knocking on our doors to see if we could give them a lunch, or something to eat," Slate said. "We don't do fund raiser, all we do is

pray, and we eat every day."

Slate said she met her husband in the Philippines, her native country, and came to Lubbock because Reese Air Force Base was the last place her

husband was stationed. Slate said she created Pilgrim House after a friend invited her to a meeting of several churches in town trying to create a shelter.

After disagreeing with the suggestions made by the other churches, Slate said she told them she would make her own shelter.

The city of Lubbock had no statistics about exactly how many homeless people reside in Lubbock.

According to the 1997 research for the South Plains Food Bank Network, it gave 250 families vouchers for food boxes every week. Community kitchens served around 1,000 children, adults and senior citizens weekly.

Roy Phillips, 63, has lived on and



Shannon Pipkins/The University Daily

In the Home: Nina Slate stands in the kitchen of the Pilgrim House where 10 to 12 people are served three meals daily. Slate is the owner of Pilgrim House.

off at Pilgrim House since 1990. "I was just passing by and I seen the sign and walked in," Phillips said. "I call this home right now. I rent an apartment, then I wind up here. I just kind of like it here. It's great what she's doing. She helps a lot of people."

Phillips said he relies on social security as his only income.

He said he doesn't work anymore because of his emphysema but worked when he was younger.

Now, he helps Slate by watching the house when she is not there.

"He is my second-hand man," Slate said.

For more information about Pilgrim House or to make donations, call 747-2235.

Friday, Lubbock's largest movie theater will open. Tinseltown USA, 2535 82nd St., will open to the public Friday. Tinseltown will have 17 theatres, with wall-to-wall screens, high-backed rocking chair seats with cup holder armrests and are handicapped accessible.

Friday, the first 1,000 ticket buy-

ers will receive a free commemorative Tinseltown T-shirt.

Admission for adults at the theater cost \$6.25 and \$4 for children. For shows before 6 p.m., admission is \$4.

## Volunteers needed to serve food boxes during holidays

The Lubbock Salvation Army needs several volunteers to help hand out food boxes to local families this holiday season.

The annual Christmas Central that is sponsored by the Salvation Army will give toys and food to needy families.

Volunteers can work two-hour shifts between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Dec. 16, 18, 19 and 21, 22, 23.

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## Country music concerts this month

A cluster of country music artists will perform in the Hub City this month.

The Bellamy Brothers will headline a show Thursday at the Depot's 19th Street Warehouse. Luke Olson will open the show. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Doors will open at 8 p.m. and music starts at 9:30 p.m.

Also Thursday, country music newcomer Deryl Dodd will perform at The Library. This show will be free and doors will open at 9 p.m. David Allen Coe will perform Tuesday at the Library.

For information for the David Allen Coe show, call Ralph's Records at 763-6400 or The Library at 762-3688.

## Tinseltown USA moves into Lubbock

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# Local label produces Lubbock talent

By Sebastian Kitchen  
Staff Writer

No electronic or dance music comes from Lubbock. Not until now.

Two Lubbock residents combined and now Sugarpush Records is releasing the work of local talent. The people at Sugarpush want to put Lubbock on the map.

"We want to put Lubbock on the map for dance music," said Andy Luna, a senior restaurant major and the first artist on Sugarpush. "It is eventually going to happen. People are going to take notice."

Luna and other Lubbock musicians and music lovers want to use Sugarpush to release albums by Lubbock talent and take them to the world.

"Some people wait their entire musical (career) for a label to pick them up," said Sugarpush's Nick Bell. "Why wait?"

Bell, Kevin Wheeler, Luna and many more people have collaborated

to promote Sugarpush. "There is nothing coming out of West Texas," Luna said. "There's no DJs, no music. There is nothing like this in West Texas."

Luna said Texas could be the next hotspot for dance music. Luna and his companions want Lubbock to be in the mix.

"We want to pull together a lot of people we know who need to have music out," Bell said. "We are trying to release a wide variety of music. It is pretty diverse."

In that diverse group is Luna's music. He is preparing to graduate in May, but if the label takes off, Luna wants to stick around and promote Sugarpush outside of Lubbock.

"It is based in Lubbock, but we want to support the label outside of

the city," Luna said.

The first release on Sugarpush was a track by Luna entitled "I Know."

Luna worked the turntables on Shockwaves live mix show at KTXB-88.1 FM and as resident DJ at Club Montage, Davelonthe and now at The Library. Even though "I Know" was released Nov. 17, Sugarpush has already received some positive

feedback, Luna said. "I Know" is being played on KTXB, Luna said.

"It's way out there stylistically," Luna said of Sugarpush's music. "You've got to be different or you're just like the next guy."

Also, Sugarpush is waiting for clubs to start playing its artists. Several DJs on Sugarpush's roster work

for local clubs. Sugarpush has a release schedule that puts new music out every two weeks.

The music can be picked up at Bleeding Heart Records, 1104 Ave. J. Different artists with different tastes and backgrounds will join together to fill Sugarpush's line-up.

"What they're producing on here is diversity," Luna said. "It's not just one genre. They give to everyone."

Jinx Unit is the production group managed by Bell and Wheeler. The two want to experiment with more brave and more crazy sounds as they further the search to push Sugarpush and technology in electronic music.

"The stuff is going to get weirder and weirder," Wheeler said.

Sugarpush will combine several genres of music including punk, hip hop and industrial with technology to uncover new sounds.

"All of it is supposed to utilize technology," Bell said. "We want to try stuff — wild experiments and make them sound good."

# Computer device turns 30 years old

FREMONT, Calif. (AP) — It's been hailed as the bridge between our physical world and the virtual life inside our computers, and criticized as a cause of very sore wrists. The inventor says it's just a nifty device.

The computer mouse turns 30 on Wednesday.

Although it didn't start showing up on desks until the mid-1980s, the mouse was first unveiled in public in 1968 at a computer conference as the best "pointing device" to help computer users interact with their machines.

It beat out trackballs, light pens and small tablets.

The stubby, hockey puck-size block with a button impressed those at the conference. They

liked the idea of a device outside a computer that moves things around inside the computer.

The inventor, Douglas Engelbart, says he can't remember who named it a mouse, but with its small, rodent-like shape and wire of a tail, it certainly seemed fitting.

The mouse didn't make it big until it was attached in 1984 to Apple Computer's Macintosh computers. From there it moved on to work with Microsoft's Windows and virtually all other computers.

At Logitech, the world's largest maker of the mouse, chief executive Guerrino De Luca is looking beyond pumping out 50 million of the devices a year. He's dreaming of a mouseless world.

# Couple enjoys 23 years of creating Texas Rockers

PORT ARTHUR (AP) — Many songs have been written about them. Dolly Parton and Ricky Van Shelton harmonized about them in "Rockin' Years" and George Jones quipped "I don't need your rocking chair" in his hit single.

For newborn babies, a rocking chair is a way to lull them to sleep. For teens it's a place to rock with the

momentum of a youthful phone conversation. For senior citizens, it's a conjurer of treasured memories such as rocking a child to slumber land or curling up with a date just before night falls.

A rocking chair is even a symbol of stability. If "you're off your rocker" you should definitely try to get back on.

For Port Arthur native Hugh "Blow" Vaughn and his wife Cindy Ashworth, rocking chairs are the morning stars of a 23-year-old family business called Texas Rockers.

Many Texans have found they need the rocking chairs Vaughn — whose nickname is "Blow" for the athletic way he tried to blow bubblegum bubbles as a kid — and

his workers create each day in the factory in Woodville.

After graduating from Lamar University in Beaumont with an accounting degree, Vaughn chose the smell of sawdust over the smell of a new necktie when he began building Texas Rockers.

Looking for something new on the horizon, Vaughn left his job as a con-

troller for Rogers Brothers Corporation, the company that built Parkdale Mall in Beaumont, and set out on the "see-sawist" adventure of his life.

"Somehow it just didn't sit right," said Vaughn in an early 1998 interview with Vicki Parfait.

"I wanted to work for myself and I didn't want to work hogtied to a desk. There's something about wearing a

tie everyday that just makes my skin crawl."

Apparently, his skin wasn't the only thing that wanted to crawl. Vaughn would move from Beaumont to Woodville to help out his brother in a family feed store. It was his work at the feed store that opened a window to the lifetime experience of a Louisiana woodworker.

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# Tech fights Rebels for Independence

By Jason Bernstein  
Assistant Sports Editor

As the famed cliché about just being happy to be in a big game seems to be used all too often, the Red Raider football squad has every reason just to be happy playing in the Independence Bowl against Mississippi on Dec. 31 in Shreveport, La.

A year ago, Tech's administration cast a large shadow of doubt on the future of the Red Raider athletic program as it pulled Tech from bowl consideration, despite meeting the bowl-eligible six-win mark.

Senior Montae Reagor was a member of last year's squad and said he is glad to be back in the postseason picture.

"It's nice to be back," Reagor said. "I think we'll value this trip a lot." Reagor helped anchor the nation's eighth-best total defense this season and leads the SWARM defense into action on New Year's Eve.

"Well, you never want to end your season on a loss," Reagor said. "This will be a great ballgame to redeem ourselves and get this ball club going in the right direction for next year."

But Tech's optimism heading into the Independence Bowl has not made the memories of last season dissipate.

Junior quarterback Rob Peters, also a member of the 1997 team, said he feels the Red Raiders earned their trip back to postseason play and is

glad the team was rewarded with a bowl game.

"It's a reward for the season," Peters said. "This is what you play for. Everybody's real excited about it."

"Last season, it got taken away from us and this year, we will be looking forward to it and it should be a lot of fun."

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Rob Peters  
Tech quarterback

Tech (7-4 overall, 4-4 Big 12) will try to improve on its 5-16-1 overall record in bowl games as its first appearance in postseason play was a 7-6 loss to West Virginia in the 1938 Sun Bowl.

Overall, Tech ranks 21st nationally in all-time bowl ap-

pearances with 22 going into this past season.

Mississippi enters the contest with a 6-5 overall record, 4-4 in SEC play. They lead the all-time series with Tech 1-0 after a 20-17 win in the 1986 Independence Bowl.

But records aside, the Red Raiders are set for a battle with the Rebels come Dec. 31.

"We're looking at it as a good opportunity for our team," Peters said. "We've got a chance to come out and redeem ourselves after the showing we had at Oklahoma which wasn't good at all. We're excited about getting out and showing what we can do."

Tech also will get a chance to play an SEC opponent for the first time since the 1997 season-opener against Tennessee.

"We're playing a team from the



Wade Kennedy/The University Daily

Mine: Tech running back Ricky Williams goes for a run against Oklahoma. The Red Raiders will play in the Sanford Independence Bowl at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31.

SEC, which is considered a great conference," Peters said.

"If you can win a game against a team of that caliber, you're doing something good."

Ole Miss has dropped three of its last four and four of its last six contests this season. The Rebels are 3-13

versus Big 12 Conference schools but have posted a 15-11 record in 26 bowl appearances.

"We've got a chance to show the rest of the country that we can play," said linebacker Kyle Shipley. "I think it's important to show the bowl committee that we can support a bowl."

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DALLAS (AP) — This year's Cotton Bowl matchup between Texas and Mississippi State has proven to be a quick sell.

Game organizers said Tuesday that only a "limited number" of single tickets remained for the Jan. 1 game. The exact number of available tickets wasn't given.

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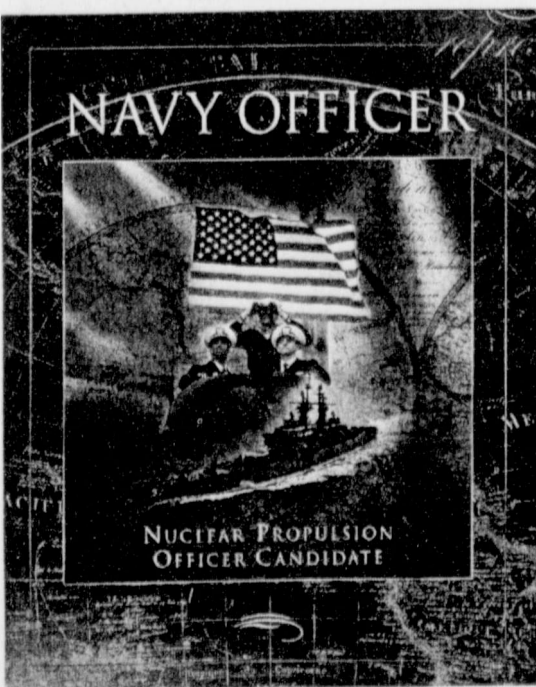
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## Soccer champs decided

After five weeks of intense competition, All-University soccer championships were played Dec. 3.

In men's action, High Flying Killer Bees defeated Phat Dogs, 2-0. Cole Parish beat two defenders while dribbling down the left sideline to place the ball on the right side of the net for the first goal. Quinton Hart also scored to seal the victory.

In the women's All-U final between Blitz and Kappa Delta, Reagan Moore and Bonnie Melloh of Blitz scored in the first half. Kappa Delta's

Rochelle Pritchard scored from a Kim Fitzerbert's pass late in the second half, but Blitz held on to win 2-1.

The All-U winners of the Co-Rec soccer went to Arson who defeated Teletubbies 9-0. Arson had a remarkable shut-out season not giving up a goal in regular or playoff action. The Co-Rec Raider Champs were the Tornadoes, who defeated the Rejects 2-0.

Thanks to all who participated in fall soccer. Sign-ups for indoor soccer begin March 2, 1999.

## Tech officials, team take part in regional tournament

Six Texas Tech flag football officials were invited to the Nike Flag Football Regional Tournament hosted by the University of Texas at Arlington. There are six states that are included in the region. Within these six states there are hundreds of officials available. The six that represented Tech were Dustin Ostermann,

Denver Munoz, Robert Jenkins, Shane Doege, Bret Botard and Joe Lopez.

The tournament also featured perennial powerhouse "The Texans," which finished second in the tournament. The Intramural Staff would like to congratulate the six officials who earned this honor.

Have a happy, safe and healthy holiday!

## Basketball champs crowned

Wanna Win held on Monday night at the Student Recreation Center for a hard fought, close, 46-42 victory over One Way to claim the All-U Co-Rec Championship. In the "Raider" Division Championship game, the Old Timers used 17 points from Dawn Carlton and 13 points from Natalie Steadman to defeat the Ballers 52-20.

Using a balanced scoring attack, Wanna Win was able to secure their

first All-U Championship. Leading scorers were Ricky Mourning and Trey Sisco with 10 points while Debra Light pitched in 9. The game was nip and tuck the whole contest and the winner was not determined until the final buzzer.

Intramurals would like to congratulate all co-rec teams. Men's and women's intramural basketball sign-ups for the spring semester will be taken January 26-28.



Co-Rec Champions, Arson, are pictured above. The front row, from left to right, are Mandy Sieh, Michelle Lopez, Sarah Ponder, Ronni Creech, Missy Worthy and Alicia Evans. The back row, from left to right, are Andrew Agyemang, Casey Shumaker, Jason Stockhill, Elijah Hardin, Joshua Hancock, Jay Hughes and Brad Brown.



Women's soccer champs, Blitz, are pictured above. Front row, left to right, are Natalie Hurt, Sandy Collings and Janie Turner. Back row, left to right, are Marcy Mayfield, Kate Croucher, Bonnie Melloh and Samantha Bowman. Not pictured are Heidi Mills and Cara Colgin.



Co-Rec All-U Basketball Champions, Wanna Win, are pictured above. Front row, left to right, are Jason Lentz, Ricky Mourning and Trey Sisco. Back row, left to right, are Debra Light, Jodi Moravec, Jamie Walaker and Melinda Bodine.



Men's soccer champs, the High Flying Killer Bees, are pictured above. The first row, from left to right are Greg Brophy, Aaron Saucedo, Chris Baucom and Jeremy McGee. The second row, from left to right are Greg Keene, Quinton Hart, Cole Parish, Peter Keene and AJ Hester. The back row, from left to right are Travis Reagan, Nathan Wolfers, Chance Abbott and Quincy Jalbert.

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# NFL mulls over instant replay, decision to come soon

NEW YORK (AP) — Instant replay for this season's playoffs remained under review Tuesday, with teams and NFL officials looking for a consensus on how to avoid the game-turning calls that even the league acknowledges were blown.

"Right now it remains a possibility, not yet a probability," NFL spokesman Joe Browne said.

The league announced Monday it is considering a form of replay for the playoffs. The format would give each team two challenges plus an emergency challenge at the discretion of the referee in the last two minutes,

and the decision would be made by the referee looking at a sideline monitor.

But this replay system could lead to the kind of bickering, even within teams, that has doomed previous attempts to reinstate it.

The Green Bay Packers are a prime example. Coach Mike Holmgren, co-chairman of the competition committee, tried harder than anyone to get replay instituted last March. He doesn't want to go forward with replay at this time because it would appear the league is responding to public pressure. General

manager Ron Wolf favors replay right now.

On the other hand, there were signs that longtime opponents were willing to return to replay to stem the criticism after three well-publicized gaffes — the coin flip in the Pittsburgh-Detroit game on Thanksgiving; the calls that gave New England a win over Buffalo; the touchdown that sent the New York Jets to a 32-31 win over Seattle on Sunday when replays showed Vinny Testaverde came up short of the end zone.

Jerry Seeman, the director of officials, told Seattle coach Dennis

Erickson that head linesman Earnie Frantz, who ruled Testaverde was over the goal line, had mistaken Testaverde's white helmet for the brown ball.

And Sports Illustrated reported that Seeman was vehement in his denunciation of the pass that led to the Patriots' win over the Bills.

"We don't determine the outcome of games," the magazine quotes Seeman as saying on a tape distributed to officiating crews.

"There is no foul," he adds. "It's incomprehensible as much as we

prepare ... when we make such a blatant error in judgment we deserve the criticism we get. ... Under no condition should an official ever be involved in a situation like that."

Both the Bills' Ratliff Wilson, who is subject to a \$50,000 fine for his criticism of officiating, and Tampa Bay general manager Rich McKay have said they would probably vote for replay now after voting against it last spring.

Wellington Mara of the Giants, who has voted against replay every time it has been proposed, indicated to other owners he might switch.

That would seem to be enough to reinstate replay, which was in effect from 1986-91 but was voted out because the system used then was too time consuming and indecisive. In that case, there was a separate replay official who could review any questionable call and made the decision from the press box.

But the vote may not take place until the meetings in March because coaches such as Holmgren and some owners want time to discuss it in person, not vote by conference call or e-mail, as the NFL does during the season.

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### RUN DOWN?

# Lady Raiders look to continue dominance over TCU

By Brent Dirks  
Sports Editor

Marsha Sharp-coached Texas Tech Lady Raider squads have been known to play well against past and present conference opponents, but against TCU it could easily be called dominating.

The No. 14 Lady Raiders will look to go an astonishing 36-0 in the all-time series when Tech battles the Horned Frogs at 7 p.m. today at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

"We've played a lot of games against them in the conference, and I think they have struggled at times to build a program," said Sharp, who is 33-0 against the former Southwest Conference foe in her 17 years at Tech. "But I think Mike Peterson has done a great job since he's been there. They are a lot more competitive now than they have ever been."

"He has brought a different type

of athlete in there, and I really think he has done a great job."

Peterson, the third-year Horned Frog coach, has led TCU (6-1 overall) to only one loss, a 78-66 setback to Oklahoma on Nov. 20 in Norman.

Beyond the loss, TCU has picked up wins over Prairie View A&M, Southwest Texas State, Northwest Louisiana, Grambling, Eastern Washington and Lamar this season.

"They are more of a WAC-style team," Sharp said. "By that I mean they rely on quickness, perimeter pressure and try to get out and do some things on the full-court game to try to hurt you. That's probably what we'll have to work on and play against."

The Horned Frogs are led by sophomore guard Amy Sutton who averages 12.3 points-per-game this season. Senior forward/center Misty Meadows leads TCU on the boards with an average of 7.3 rebound-per-

game.

After a 79-57 win over Rice to pick up the Gene Hackerman Rice Invitational Tournament title Sunday, Sharp said the Lady Raiders (6-1 overall) are gaining momentum.

"I thought we played the best we have all year against Rice," Sharp said. "We probably played for a longer stretch without having breakdowns than we had at any time. I thought we stayed out of foul trouble better. That was a good look for us, and I think for the first time we put things together like we wanted to."

The Lady Raiders only had 13 combined team fouls in both games of the invitational over the weekend.

"I felt like we really played a lot smarter as far as what the officials were trying to get us to do this weekend more than at any time," Sharp said. "Maybe we're adjusting to it a little bit."

"I think it was evident that we got

to keep particularly Angie (Brazier) and Keitha (Dickerson) on the floor longer and it made things a little smoother for us on both ends of the floor."

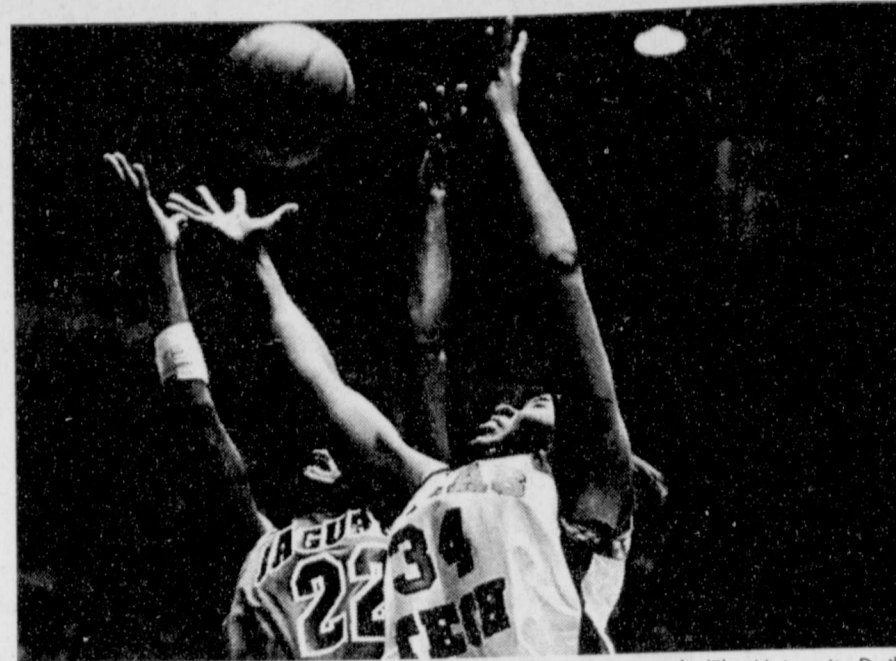
Lady Raider guard Julie Lake, whose late-scoring surge helped keep the Owls at bay in the second half, said Tech is doing a better job in the foul department.

"We're doing a lot better than we did early on," Lake said.

"We just had to make sure that we didn't use our hands and stuff. By working on it, we've gotten better at it."

After playing the Horned Frogs, the Lady Raiders will take a little less than two weeks off before traveling to Honolulu to start play in the Ala Moana Hotel Paradise Classic against James Madison on Dec. 21.

"Just coming out here and getting a good win will help us with our confidence going into Hawaii," Lake said.



Wade Kennedy/The University Daily

**A Stretch:** Lady Raider center Tanisha Ellison goes up for a loose ball in an exhibition game earlier this season. The Lady Raiders take on TCU at 7 p.m. today in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

## Tech roundballers fall to Horned Frogs

FORT WORTH (Special) — The Texas Tech men's basketball team dropped their second contest in a row to the TCU Horned Frogs, 105-86.

The loss was Tech's third of the season and the 19 point margin was the largest margin of defeat for the Red Raiders this season.

The Horned Frogs used a three-guard offense to jump out to a 7-0 lead in the game.

TCU led by as many as 11 points early in the contest, but the Red Raiders were able to cut the lead to five before the Horned Frogs went on a run to stretch the lead to 13 points, 50-37 at the half.

Tech had 14 first-half turnovers that led to 16 TCU points.

The Horned Frogs shot 65 percent from the field in the first half against the Red Raiders' 41 percent.

All-American Lee Nailon led the way offensively for the Horned Frogs in the first half, scoring 16 points in the first frame.

Nailon was averaging 23 points per game heading into the contest.

Guard Stan Bonewitz led the way for Tech with 10 points in the first

half. The Horned Frogs stretched their 13-point half time lead to as many as 23 points in the second half leading by a 93-70 margin at one point.

TCU outscored Tech 55-49 in the second half as the Horned Frogs moved to 8-2 on the season with the win.

The 105 points scored by the Horned Frogs was 18 points higher than their season average as the Horned Frogs were averaging 87 points-per-game coming into the contest.

Their 105 points also were the most scored against the Red Raiders since the Horned Frogs tallied 107 points against Tech last season.

Tech's defense had held opponents to an average of 69 points per game in the Red Raiders six previous games.

The loss represents Tech's third in a row to the Horned Frogs as Tech last knocked off TCU in 1996.

With the loss, Tech moves to 4-3 on the season and next will be in action at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum as they host the Texas-Arlington Mavericks.

Today's Lady Raider basketball game against TCU will be broadcast on 88.1 KTXI-FM. Sports Director Jeff Wood will provide the play-by-play call while Underwriting Director Jaga Meyers will provide color commentating. Saturday's men's basketball contest against the Texas-Arlington Mavericks will also be broadcast on KTXI.

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