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STATE

Perry urges Congress to pass Bush tax plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry on Wednesday urged Congress to pass President Bush's tax cut proposal, even if it means Texas could someday lose the \$300 million it collects annually as a share of the federal estate tax.

"Americans, I happen to think, shouldn't be overcharged so the federal government can be overweight," said Perry, a Republican who helped push Bush's \$1.85-billion state tax cut through the Legislature in 1999.

Bush has a \$1.6-trillion federal tax cut package before Congress. The bulk of the tax cut would come from across-the-board income tax reductions, repeal of the estate tax, relief from the marriage tax penalty and doubling of the \$500 per child tax credit.

Perry said he supports eliminating the federal estate tax, also known as the "death tax," even though Texas collects a \$300-million share from the tax every year. That money goes into the general revenue portion of the state budget for lawmakers to spend wherever they choose.

NATIONAL

Snowstorm paralyzes Colorado, Wyoming

(AP) — A powerful spring snowstorm paralyzed part of Colorado and Wyoming on Wednesday, shutting down hundreds of miles of major highways and the region's main airport.

Wind gusting up to 40 mph combined with several inches of drifting snow to create near blizzard conditions and poor visibility.

One of the few businesses open Wednesday morning in Cheyenne, Wyo., was Mort's Bagels.

"We got a few dedicated people coming in, but that's about it," said Sarah Mischke. "I'm surprised I've seen anybody in here. Definitely all four-wheel-drive vehicles."

The snowstorm came on the back side of a weather system that also spread a line of severe thunderstorms across the eastern Plains, with tornadoes, hail and high wind causing damage early Wednesday from Texas to Nebraska.

A tornado near Coalgate, Okla., killed one man and

WORLD

Banana dispute ends between U.S., Europe

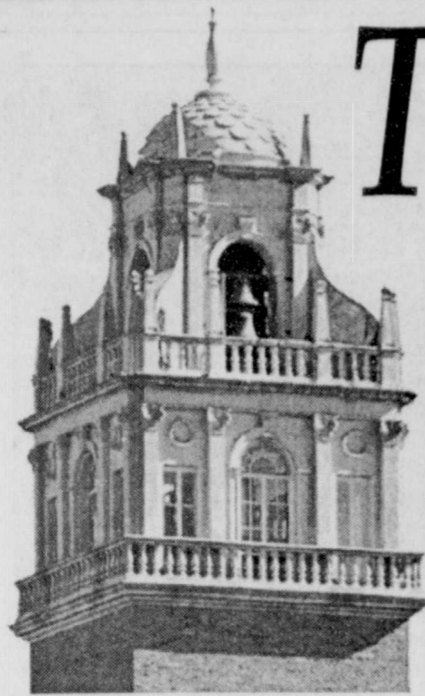
BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The European Union and the United States announced an accord Wednesday to end their long-running trade dispute over bananas, smoothing one area of trans-Atlantic relations at a time of increasing turbulence.

Under the deal, the United States will suspend on July 1 sanctions it imposed in 1999 on nearly \$200 million worth of imports, ranging from French handbags to British linens and Danish ham, EU Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy said.

Washington levied the 100 percent tariffs after winning a case at the World Trade Organization over banana import rules adopted by the EU in 1993.

The United States argued the single EU system favors shipments from former European colonies in Caribbean and Pacific islands and Africa over cheaper bananas from Latin America sold by U.S. firms Chiquita Brands International Inc. and Dole Foods Co.

The new regime will allow bananas to be imported into the EU through licenses distributed on the basis of past trade.



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U.S. crew set free of Chinese guard

BEIJING (AP) — Ending an intense 11-day standoff, China agreed Wednesday to release the 24-member crew of an American spy plane after President Bush said the United States was "very sorry" for a Chinese pilot's death and the U.S. plane's landing without permission.

After dawn today, a convoy of two minivans and several cars pulled out of the military guest house where the crew have been held and headed for the airport at Haikou, the capital of southern Hainan island.

A civilian plane landed at the airport moments before the convoy

arrived. It was not immediately confirmed that the plane was a chartered Continental Airlines Boeing 737 that had left the U.S. territory of Guam hours earlier to retrieve the Americans.

The Chinese government said it would keep the U.S. Navy's EP-3E surveillance plane until it could hold more talks with the United States starting April 18.

Wednesday's delicate, carefully worded compromise — characterized immediately by Chinese officials as an apology — capped days of tortuous linguistic negotiation



Crisis Continues In China

twined nations that, in public, maintained intractable positions. The United States evaded the full apology demanded by China, which nevertheless extracted intricate expressions of sorrow from Washington.

Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan said the crew would be released on "humanitarian grounds" as soon as "appropriate travel procedures" were completed.

"It won't be long," said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Sun Yuxi. "The procedures are already under way."

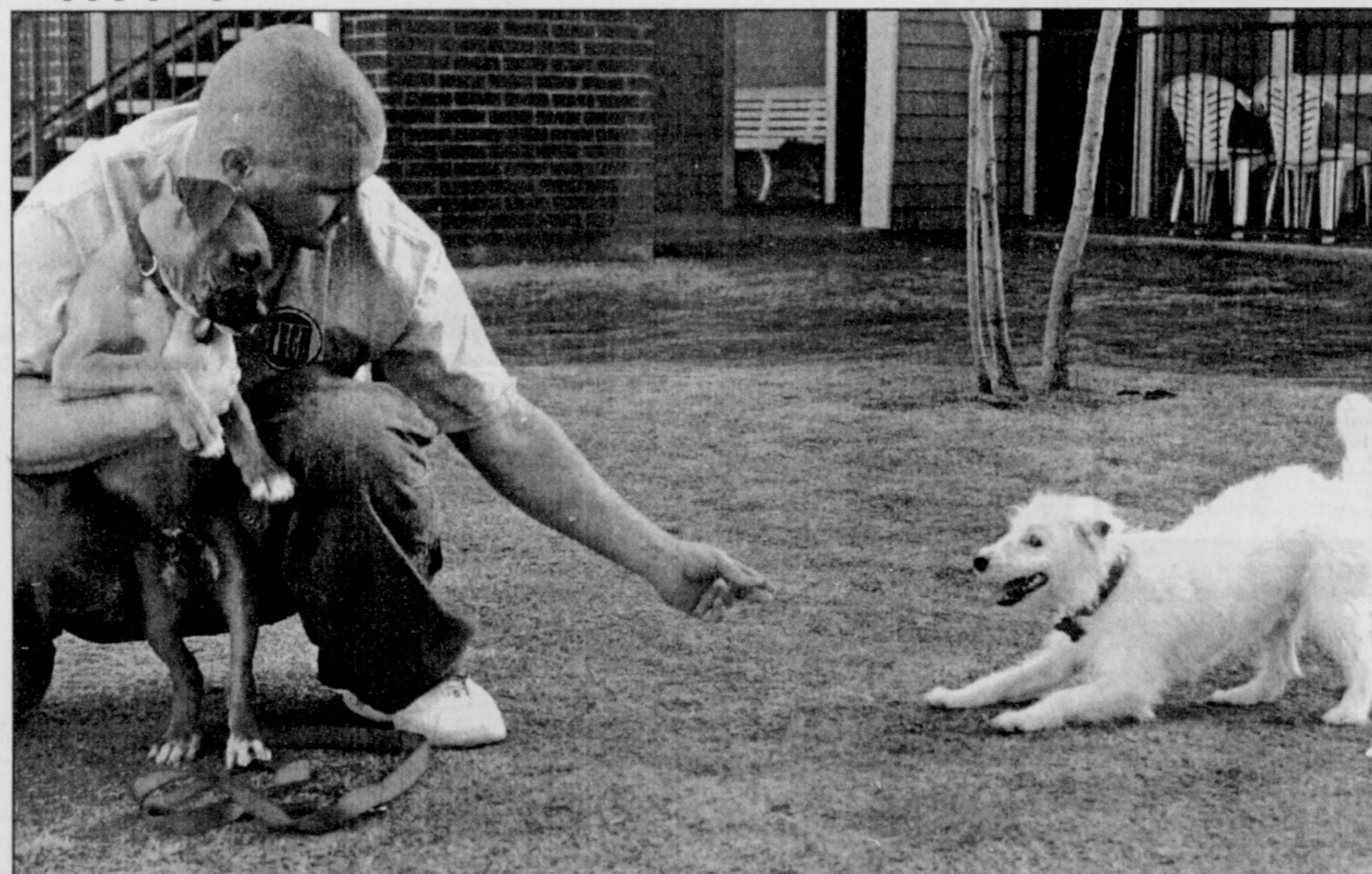
A senior Bush administration of-

ficial said the White House expected the crew to be released early today in China, or late Wednesday in U.S. time zones. The official said it would take several hours to get a fueled plane to Hainan and the crew boarded.

"This has been a difficult situation for both our countries," Bush said. "I know the American people join me in expressing sorrow for the loss of life of a Chinese pilot. Our prayers are with his wife and his child."

Some issues remained unresolved, including the fate of the plane, which has been held on Hainan since April 1.

Puppy playmates



Brodie Allen, a junior industrial engineering major from Houston, holds his dog Tyson while attempting to attract a neighborhood dog last week outside the Jefferson Commons Apartments.

Collegiate companions

Pets play entertaining roles, bring happiness to lives of some Tech students

By Cory Chandler  
Staff Writer

College can be a lonely and bewildering place for some students. For many Texas Tech students, pets provide a good form of companionship.

Mike Wages, a supervisor at Pets Plus, said the majority of his customers are students or young married couples.

"Our customers are mostly younger people," he said. "A lot of them are students and singles, or families that are just getting started."

Wages said dogs are the most popular pet choice for most people.

He said last year Pets Plus sold more than

1,200 dogs compared to only 300 cats, which were the second most popular choice.

Ashley Gann, a senior psychology major from Fort Worth, said she owns a Rottweiler and a pit bull, and likes them because they make her feel safe.

"They are good protection," she said. "Especially the type of pets that I have. They also give me the feeling that I'm not alone."

Lindsey Stansell, a freshman communication studies major from Abilene, said she has had a cat since her roommate's brother moved away in January.

Stansell said though she would prefer to have a dog, owning a cat is more convenient at the moment.

"Cats are a lot easier to take care of," she

said. "Especially since they use a litter box. You don't have to come home all the time to take them out."

Not all students have the option of owning pets though.

Kyle Bryant, a freshman undeclared major from San Antonio, said he would like to own a pet but cannot have one in the residence hall.

Bryant said he is not used to being without a pet though.

"I've had them around all my life," he said. "This is the first time that I haven't been able to have one."

Other students said they do not have the

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Tylenol requires caution

Experts warn the medicine can be harmful despite its benefits.

By Linda Robertson  
Staff Writer

It's the morning after the big party and a hangover is eminent. However, one local pharmacist said reaching for that bottle of Tylenol, or the generic counterpart acetaminophen, might not be the best thing to do.

Dusty Harms, a pharmacist at Walgreen's Drugstore in Lubbock, said college students are at risk of killing their livers because of their alcohol consumption.

"College kids don't realize that when they get a hangover, taking Tylenol is one of the worst things to do," he said. "The alcohol and the Tylenol is too much for the liver to take, and because the person feels bad, they take more Tylenol to feel better."

Kelly Bennett, medical director of the Student Health Center, echoed Harms' sentiment and said hangovers are caused by dehydration because the alcohol displaces fluid from the blood vessels.

"The best way to prevent hangovers is to drink other fluids, such as water and sports drinks while drinking the alcohol," she said. "Since most people don't do that, drinking the fluids the day after will help. If you have to use acetaminophen, follow the directions on the box, and leave it at that."

Hangovers, however, are not the sole reason students use Tylenol.

Julie Beasley said she takes Extra Strength Tylenol about twice a day to combat the pain of a pinched

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IMPACT targeting Tech minorities

By Pam Smith  
Staff Writer

Multicultural students at Texas Tech may have an increased voice on campus next year with the implementation of Project IMPACT.

Project IMPACT is a congress of multicultural organizations devoted to promoting minority student involvement on the Tech campus as well as sponsor programs to help retain students once they enter the university.

"Our vision is to increase all diverse organizations on campus," said Paul Guerra, a junior mechanical engineering major

from San Antonio and president of Omega Delta Phi. "However, we want to include everyone at the university in this organization."

Student Government Association President Andrew Schoppe said Project IMPACT allows minority students to have a greater voice in both the SGA and in the university.

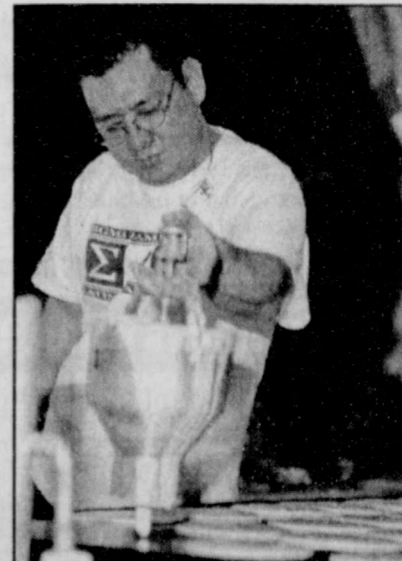
"By uniting these organizations together, this organization gives itself a stronger voice because it represents more students," he said. "By pulling all of their resources and knowledge together to coordinate programs, the opportunities for them are endless."

The new organization also has set up a relationship with the SGA, which would allow members to make reports about their activities and voice their opinions on legislation the SGA is considering.

As part of Project IMPACT, the organization also is looking into providing first-generation scholarships to students who want to attend Tech as well as a peer-mentoring program that will help students to become better adjusted to university and college life.

Guerra said a program such as this would help minority students realize they

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A member of Sigma Lambda Beta helps make pancakes at a breakfast earlier this semester.

FILE PHOTO  
The University Daily

# ROTC tackles alleged thief

By Jeff Stoughton  
Staff Writer

Several members of the Air Force ROTC Sabre Flight Drill Team apprehended a man who, they said, appeared to be stealing a car stereo at Cricket's Grill and Draft House last week.

According to a police report dated April 4, a man entered Cricket's and told employees that somebody was breaking into cars outside the establishment, located at 2412 Broadway.

The report states 10 members of the Sabre Flight Drill Team ran outside and saw the suspect on the north side of Broadway heading south carrying a black backpack and what appeared to be a car stereo's detachable face.

The report also states two members of the drill team screamed at the suspect and told him to stop running. Three ROTC members then began chasing the suspect.

ROTC member Eric Andersen, a senior exercise sports science major from San Antonio, said he caught up with the suspect first.

"I caught up to him and grabbed his jersey," Andersen said.

Two other members of the drill team, Michael Chebino and Aaron Auld, helped Andersen wrestle the suspect to the ground.

Andersen noticed the suspect was carrying a pocket knife after he and the other drill team members let him get up off the ground.

"I took it from him and he said, 'Hey, that's mine!'" Andersen said.

"It's funny that he was so concerned with stealing all of the sudden."

Chebino, a freshman geography major from Dallas, said the suspect also was carrying a screwdriver, which he took from the alleged suspect.

Andersen, Chebino and Auld said they held the suspect in their custody until police arrived. Andersen said the police treated the incident as a citizen's arrest.

Andersen said the incident probably looked odd because no police were present at first.

"The guy probably freaked out when 10 guys in camouflage started chasing him," Andersen said.

Auld, a freshman mass communications student from Denver City, said being a part of the Sabre Flight Drill Team gave him confidence to



Air Force ROTC Sabre Flight Drill Team members Aaron Auld, a freshman from Denver City; Michael Chebino, a freshman from Dallas; and Eric Andersen, a senior from San Antonio, stand in the Engineering Key on Wednesday. The three students detained an alleged thief last week at a local restaurant.

pursue the suspect.

Andersen said members of the drill team go to eat out after their

Wednesday practice every week.

"We are a tight-knit team," he said.

## MEDICINE

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nerve. "I guess I take about two bottles of the stuff a month," said Beasley, an administrative assistant at the Student Health Services.

Ryan Poe, a junior international marketing major from Aledo, said he also uses Tylenol regularly to ease his headaches.

"I have migraines, so I use it a lot. Probably every other day," he said.

While Poe and Beasley's use of acetaminophen products may seem excessive to many, the product is necessary to combat aches and pains.

McNeil Consumer Products, Tylenol's parent company, claims on its Web site that Tylenol is gentle on the stomach. However, doctors and researchers are finding that acetaminophen products, used during a long period of time or in large doses, can severely damage the liver and kidneys.

In an article published in the journal *Postgraduate Medicine*, researchers found acetaminophen use, by those who are social drinkers, can lead to liver failure.

"Severe (liver toxicity) can occur after ingesting as little as four grams of acetaminophen in a 24-hour period," the article stated.

No data exists on how often this toxicity occurs, according to the article, but researchers have reason to

believe it occurs more often than what is being reported.

A document issued by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy states that while most physicians and pharmacists are aware that a dose of 7.5 to 10 grams of acetaminophen will cause liver damage and possibly failure, few are aware that smaller doses over longer periods of time can cause the same damage.

"Acetaminophen-induced liver failure is the second leading cause of liver transplants in this country," the article stated.

Harms said people have a tendency to believe that because Tylenol is an over-the-counter drug, it is safe, and people can take as much of it as they want.

## PETS

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time or money to own pets.

Britta Shackleford, a junior human development and family

studies major from Uvalde, said though she has a fish in her apartment, she wouldn't want to have any other animals.

"Pets are just too much responsibility," she said. "I am too

busy to take care of one right now."

Shackleford said she could not afford the pet deposit her apartment complex charges either.

Many Lubbock apartments charge an extra deposit or do not allow residents keep animals in their apartments.

Patricia Pena, an assistant manager for Hunter's Way Apartments, said her company charges a deposit for pets because it is expensive to clean up after them.

"The deposit pays for the privilege of having a pet on the property," she said. "We typically have to change the carpet and clean up after they leave though."

Gann said she is not worried about having to move someplace that would not allow her to keep her pets.

"I will just have to make sure I live somewhere I can have pets," she said. "It will definitely put restrictions on where I can move."



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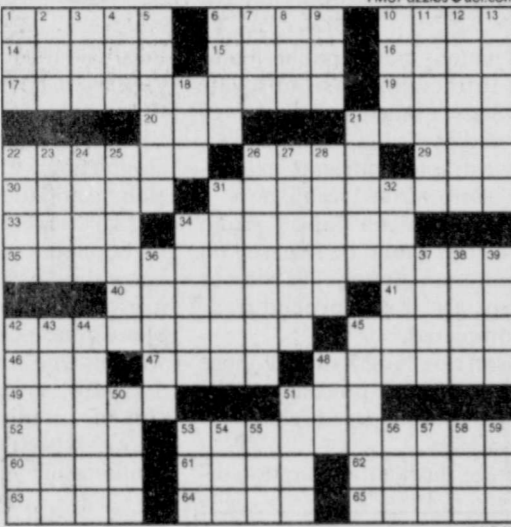
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- Paper quantities
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  - Jamaican fruit
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  - 1983 Cronenberg film
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By Annabel Michaels  
Williamsburg, VA

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### Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- Soothsayers
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# Army awards Tech's TIEHH contract

By Mara McCoy  
Staff Writer

The Institute of Environmental and Human Health accepted a contract Wednesday to study the potential environmental effects of toxic compounds in two Central Texas watersheds.

The \$930,000 contract is part of a \$4 million project funded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. TIEHH officials also are working with the Brazos River Authority to study possible perchlorate contamination in the Waco Lake and Belton Lake watersheds.

Perchlorate is a toxic salt known

to cause thyroid gland problems in humans. It traditionally is used as a rocket propellant and has ended up in the environment through various practices, such as poor mass balance, accidents and the testing of rocket engines, said Todd Anderson, who is leading the study.

"There are a lot of concerns about perchlorate and the potential exposure to humans and wildlife," he said. "This study will look at the ecological effects of perchlorate."

Anderson said the Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant, a weapons plant the U.S. Navy had between the two watersheds, expe-

rienced problems in the past with moving perchlorate.

"There are a variety of communities in that area that use the reservoir water as their drinking water," he said. "They are pretty concerned about contamination in their water."

Anderson said the study will answer questions such as whether it is safe to eat the wildlife that come in contact with the lakes.

"People want to know if there are any effects on the wildlife," he said.

TIEHH is conducting a similar study at Caddo Lake in East Texas. The fieldwork still is ongoing in that study.

"This is one of the reasons we were asked to do this," Anderson said. "We have a track record of doing similar work."

By agreeing to be a part of the study, Anderson said, Tech will benefit in many ways.

"It will support a lot of graduate students who are in the program," he said. "It is also a research project, so it will help President (David) Schmidly's mission to move Tech into the top tier of research universities."

Anderson said he is looking forward to the study.

"It's fun to get out there, and I'm looking forward to being able to

answer the questions people have," he said.

Schmidly said he thinks the study will be beneficial for Tech.

"It's almost a million dollars, so it will substantially contribute to our research fund base," he said. "It will also help us grow in stature as a research university."

Schmidly said he hopes that by participating in the study Tech will garner more contracts like this in the future.

"It's a great partnership," he said. "Hopefully, we will be able to help them in the future. They are a major entity that has other research needs as well."

## Man smuggles marijuana in fries

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A Jamaican man was convicted Wednesday on drug trafficking charges after authorities found about 1,400 kilograms of marijuana hidden in a load of frozen french fries on his truck.

Raymond Daley, 37, a Jamaican citizen living in New York City, was arrested Jan. 14 at a U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint at Falfurrias in South Texas. A drug dog alerted authorities to the drugs in the trailer of his truck during an immigration review.

After a two-day trial in federal district court, he was convicted of possession with intent to distribute marijuana.

# Petroleum academy inducts new members

By Kristina Thomas  
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Academy of Petroleum Engineers recently inducted two new members into the academy at its annual dinner.

Academy members welcomed Curtis Mewbourne and Dewey Pierce on April 5, and Mewbourne said he is looking forward to working with student engineers at Tech.

Mewbourne graduated from the University of Oklahoma before founding Mewbourne Oil Company.

"Mewbourne Oil has been a strong supporter of the program at Tech and given department grants and summer internships," he said. "I was honored to be included in the academy particularly since I'm not a Tech graduate."

One of the main goals of the academy and organizations similar to it, Mewbourne said, mainly is to serve as role models for students who are looking to be employed in

*"I think the academy is a great way to keep communication open between the professionals in the industry and students."*

Curtis Mewbourne  
FOUNDER, MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY

the petroleum engineering field.

"I think the academy is a great way to keep the communication open between professionals in the industry and students," he said.

Pierce received his degree in petroleum engineering from Tech. He worked for Mobil before beginning his own consulting firm, Petroleum Engineering Services. Pierce could not be reached for comment.

The academy was established at

Tech in 1994 to create an organization that supports and assists the petroleum engineering department with monetary issues, recruiting, education and other services. With the appointment of the two new members, the academy includes 40 members.

Joan Blackman, business manager for Tech's department of petroleum engineering, said the academy has done a lot of work and has made a lot

of contributions to the department.

"The academy was set up not long ago, and they are pretty much available to help the department find whatever we need," Blackman said. "It is really a unique group and members do not have to be Tech graduates. They just need to have given strong contributions or support to the program here."

Mewbourne said he thinks highly of the petroleum program at Tech.

"Tech has one of the best petroleum engineering programs in the country, and Mewbourne Oil has always been pleased with its dealings here and the Tech students that we have hired," he said.

Blackman and Mewbourne said they agreed the petroleum engineering industry is a large and growing industry today.

"It is a great time to be in petroleum engineering," Mewbourne said. "It is really a great time to get out and get into the industry."

## IMPACT

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are not alone on a college campus. He said he also is looking into hosting cultural events each month highlighting the diverse background of students in this campus have.

"My high school in San Antonio was 98 percent Hispanic," he said. "My first year I could walk from Weymouth (Hall) to the engineering key without seeing another Hispanic student."

By increasing involvement in this and other organizations, Guerra said, the organization is to allow the students involved in this organization to branch out and join some of the other 300 campus organizations

graduate from the university.

In a speech given at the Faculty Honors Convocation on Tuesday, Tech President David Schmidly said graduation rates for the university were 26 percent for black students, 34 percent for Hispanics and 52 percent for whites.

"We want to get them involved in these organizations and provide them with the resources they need right away to help them," Guerra said. "It has been shown that people who join organizations have a higher graduation rate than students who don't."

Eventually, Guerra said, the goal of the organization is to allow the students involved in this organization to branch out and join some of the other 300 campus organizations

not listed as multicultural. He also said he hopes the increased involvement will lead several of them to run for SGA office.

The first meeting of Project IMPACT will be at 7 p.m. April 26 in the University Center.

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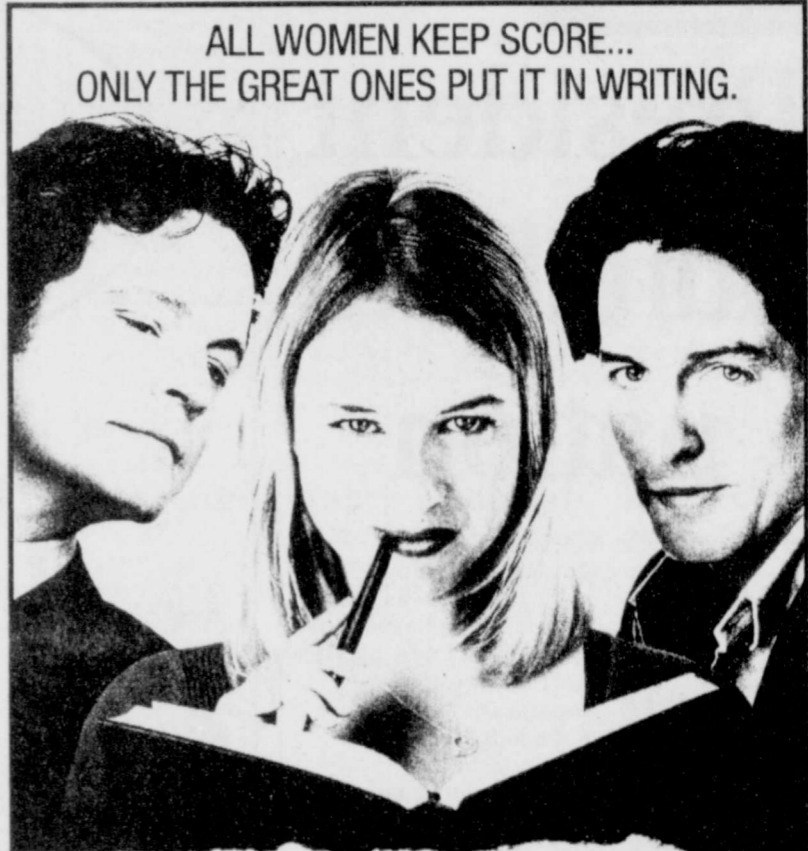
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### Column

## President humiliates nation

Dubya is an idiot. Please, all you, "My daddy and my daddy's daddy and my daddy's daddy's daddy all were Republicans so don't you be messing with our President," people out there, please don't throw rotten tomatoes at the windows at the Journalism building — most of my colleagues don't agree with me. But, honestly, there really is no denying it, Dubya is an idiot.



Mara McCoy

I was able to stand him for a while (don't ask me how, and no, I did not vote for him, so I do have a right to complain) but this whole thing with China has me seeing red — no pun intended.

For those of you who haven't been following it, a brief recap: on April 4, a U.S. Navy surveillance plane collided with a Chinese fighter jet sent to intercept the U.S. plane. The U.S. plane was well out of Chinese air space. The Chinese plane and pilot are still missing, and the U.S. plane was forced to make an emergency landing on an Chinese island. Chinese officials have steadfastly refused to release the plane, and until Wednesday, refused to release the crewmembers from the U.S. plane. Chinese officials demanded an apology, and Dubya's administration refused. They did, however, offer their regrets.

Yes, I realize they crashed into us, and we were outside their territorial airspace. But you know what? This whole thing could have been avoided with a simple apology. In the words of one of my colleagues, "It was like a playground fight — you apologize and then go play somewhere else." Somehow, I don't think Dubya ever learned this simple, yet extremely profound lesson. But, then again, if I had daddy to pay for everything and take care of all my boo-boos, I might not have learned that lesson, either.

It's a rather simple lesson — play nice, lest you get burned. And we got burned, rather badly. China still is refusing to return the plane, and relations with the country, which were pretty strained to begin with, have become even worse, regardless of whatever the figurehead in the Oval Office may say.

This was Dubya's first test in foreign relations, and he failed. The entire world was watching him to see how he would do on his first test, and believe me, this test is not one that belongs on the proverbial fridge. We, as a country, are represented by what this one man says and does (which are two different things — if you don't believe me, just look at his compassionate conservative record) and I, for one, am extremely embarrassed. He took what could have been a defining moment and instead, in his usual bumbling way, defied every scrap of common sense and humiliated not only himself, but the nation as well. All he had to do was show a bit of decorum and this whole showdown could have been avoided. This bit of foreign policy probably best explains why Dubya is an idiot.

Now, don't get me wrong — Dubya probably isn't as stupid as he looks. You can't be a moron who has yet to learn how to wipe the spittle from your own mouth and get into Yale and Harvard. They do have some admissions requirements, and a donation only goes so far. But he always, no matter what happens, has this stupid, surprised look on his face that makes him look like the court jester. Now, that look is OK for, say, Jim Carrey, but it's not the best look for the leader of our country — Oops. Perhaps I shouldn't say leader of our country. Dick Cheney, bless his poor broken heart, might get a little mad at that. I guess I shouldn't get too mad at Dubya, though. After all, he is doing the best he can. Too bad his best is so bad.

Mara McCoy is a sophomore journalism major from Clint. All death threats can e-mailed to marambug@aol.com.



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### Column

## Arbor Day depletes Lubbock resources

Arbor Day: Plant a tradition — a beautiful play on words that encompasses so much of what is wrong with our world.

First, a friendly reminder that you cannot force a tradition on anyone — they just happen. All too often it appears that the word tradition is thrown around loosely in a desperate attempt to garner school spirit for questionable endeavors while the real traditions that boost real school spirit are authoritatively stamped out.

Stadium renovation: building a tradition of useless construction; no good-natured, high spirited, non-ethnically-derogatory tortilla-throwing allowed — or something to that effect.

Unfortunately, the attempt at planting an Arbor Day tradition is not just another of Tech's traditional idiosyncrasies, but there is a fundamental flaw with the whole Arbor Day concept that makes it a colossal bad idea to pursue in Lubbock.

Although the spirit of Arbor Day is noble indeed, traditionally, Lubbock has been an arid region — meaning that there is not enough sustainable water here to support a lush tropical rainforest. Our groundwater supply is limited to what is pooled in the playa lakes — the recharge zones for the great Ogallala aquifer — Lubbock's only source for water.

Traditionally, the aquifer was refilled by Rocky Mountain runoff making its way down the Pecos and Canadian rivers. However, this inflow has been siphoned off for upstream use, effectively cutting the aquifer off from any significant recharge. As a result, the Ogallala has become a finite resource that is being rapidly depleted — as evidenced by the

need to continually dig deeper wells or helplessly watch them run dry.

But do traditional facts concern this university who has to dig more wells to support the ambitiously shortsighted project of transforming this campus into a water-sucking void of forests, manicured lawns and fountains? Of course not. We instead irresponsibly and selfishly ignore the needs of this region and move forward with our master plan of resource depletion water misuse.

And to add insult to injury, this all comes amid a hoopla of song, dance and festivities that culminates with the releasing of hundreds of helium-filled pouches of rubber into the atmosphere where they drift with the trade winds to random resting places to become litter, animal choking hazards and oceanic pollution.

It is Arbor Day — come plant a tradition of gross environmental negligence.

Ironically, Arbor Day follows exactly one week after Earth Day observance — an important day to recognize and appreciate the natural world to which we owe so much.

Earth Day is a day when we should stop and reflect on how much we depend upon the world and recognize how vital it is that we make conscientious decisions to live a sustainable life of less environmental impact.

Instead of planting trees, why not look into how planting hemp (not to be confused with its more familiar cousin, marijuana) could quite possibly solve our

biggest environmental challenges. It is a viable substitute for so many of our synthetically-produced and environmentally-taxing products and also can be used to make comfortable clothing and attractive accessories.

Instead of helping to increase the need for water on campus, discover that not everyone in Lubbock believes in growing things at all costs. Surprisingly enough, it is possible to purchase organically-grown alternative foods in Lubbock. Items produced by farmers who understand water is a limited resource and fertilizers and pesticides have no place in our environment.

Earth Day is the time to remember that it is possible to be a conscientious consumer. A time to realize that there is no excuse for blindly floating through life with no concern for the consequences of our actions. A time to realize that this arid region has plenty to offer without planting thirsty roots straight down to the diminishing aquifer.

Official Earth Day is slated for April 22, with festivities occurring on Tech campus April 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the gazebo near the UC.

So while the administration works on channeling its resources toward planting a tradition of exorbitance, next Friday learn about your world, tie dye a T-shirt or purchase some hemp goodies. Spring is here, and it is indeed a time to celebrate.

So celebrate your world. Loren Bell is senior philosophy major from Lubbock.

**Instead of helping to increase the need for water on campus, discover that not everyone in Lubbock believes in growing things at all costs.**

### Letters to the editor

#### Second place speaks out

To the editor: It's good to hear that the Red Raider Club has become the largest student organization on the Texas Tech campus. However, it should be noted that the Gamma Beta Phi Society is a close second. Since

February of 1999, we have inducted a staggering 882 members into the Texas Tech chapter alone. Over time, several of these members have graduated, giving us a current member base of 646 members. In fact, 212 of these members attended our last general meeting. The society is an honor society with a very

strong focus on service. Only students in the top 20 percent of their respective class are invited to join. For more information, please visit [www.ttu.edu/gbp](http://www.ttu.edu/gbp).

Doug Smith  
president  
Gamma Beta Phi

### Out of the Past

From The University Daily  
April 12, 2000

■ Steve Sullivan, associate athletic director for external operations, defended the spirit squad changes after the removal of Tech spirit squad coaches Michael and Kristin Carver.  
■ Coliseum repairs are taking longer than expected. The project, which was slated to be completed by January 2000, is now more than four months behind its deadline.

From The University Daily  
April 12, 1991

■ The Texas Tech Department of Industrial Engineering has established the Academy of Industrial Engineers. The organization will recognize outstanding industrial engineering students.  
■ The American Cancer Society reached its goal of more than \$80 million in funds for the 1991 year.

From The University Daily  
April 13, 1981

■ The House Higher Education Committee is scheduled to hear public opinions on a proposed bill that, if passed, would increase tuition at state-supported medical schools by 900 percent.  
■ The United States rejoins the space race with the successful Columbia launch.

From The University Daily  
April 12, 1971

■ Tech's \$5.5-million addition to the Chemistry building formally opened with a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony.  
■ Tech became one of 200 institutions that serve as sponsors in the National Mentor Scholarship Program.

From The Toreador  
April 14, 1951

■ W.A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dallas, will be featured Monday through Thursday as the fourth lecturer in the annual Willson lecture series.  
■ Air Force ROTC announced courses will be offered to Tech students during the summer.

From The Toreador  
April 9, 1931

■ Dean A.H. Leidigh attended the annual farmers meeting conducted by the West Texas State Teachers College at Canyon.  
■ As an additional step in the development of Tech's livestock judging team, the department of animal husbandry established the first annual sophomore-junior contest.

compiled by Christi Davidson

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# Concert to focus on Christian unity

By Leslie Follmar  
Staff Writer

Diversity has been a common goal of Texas Tech's administration recently. However, unity has been the cry of several campus ministries across Texas Tech.

This common vision has led ministry leaders to form Concert of Praise with the purpose of "uniting the body of Christ in praise and song." The concert will take place at 7 p.m. tonight at Urbanovsky Park.

More than 18 campus ministries have come together to culminate the unification of Christians across Tech. The worship team will consist of 11 members from nine different ministries. Ministries like Chi Alpha, Late Night and First Century, among others, all said they feel the need bring fellow Christians together, planned in lieu of the Easter season.

Rich Smith, founder of Levi Ministries, travels the country organizing and coordinating worship services. He said the ministries represented gives people reason to wonder what is going on.

"There are many ministries represented here—Baptists, Methodist, Catholics, Pentecostal, to name a few," Smith said. "There's something to be said when you can get all these ministries involved together. We're

also not just expecting Tech students, but people from the community. We're expecting 1,000 people."

Smith stressed at a recent meeting of ministry leaders in charge of Concert of Praise that Jesus Christ should be a priority in students' lives.

"Christianity is about one thing, and that's Jesus Christ," he said. "We have to remember that we have one head and that's Jesus."

Smith has been doing city-wide ministries for about three years and sees Lubbock's Concert of Praise as a reflection of other cities.

"It seems like the Lord's birthing this kind of stuff all over the place, not just here," Smith said. "I hope this isn't a one time thing, I'm hoping that we can do something like this once a semester— it's imperative and not just for the individuals meeting."

Justin Cofield is the worship leader at Paradigm, a weekly Bible study held at First Baptist Church, and is part of the Concert of Praise worship team. He said he is excited about seeing various groups come together under one name.

"From seeing certain kinds of worship, with their similarities and differences, I think this is going to be a very cool thing," Cofield said. "The worship will have something to offer everyone there."

Adam Knight, university minister



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

A student takes time to read a passage from the Bible at Westminister Presbyterian Church college ministries. The church will be participating in Concert of Praise at 7 p.m. tonight in Urbanovsky Park.

at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, said this event will give a vision for the future of Tech's campus ministries.

"We really want this to be a springboard for campus ministries so we can be a more united front."

# VH1 'Divas' tribute gives Aretha Franklin respect

NEW YORK (AP) — Too often, tributes to great entertainers are given when the performer is way past their prime, unable to recreate the magic for which they are so revered.

But Aretha Franklin, now in the fourth decade of her recording career, reaffirmed why she is worthy of all the hyperbole and praise heaped upon her as she was celebrated at "Divas Live: The One and Only Aretha Franklin" on Tuesday night at Radio City Music Hall.

The VH1 special, shown live on the cable network, was its fourth annual celebration of women singers. It featured an all-star cast to pay homage to the Queen of Soul: Janet Jackson, members of the Backstreet Boys, Marc Anthony and Celia Cruz, Mary J. Blige, newcomer Nelly Furtado, and recent Grammy nominee Jill Scott among others.

But despite the array of hot talent, it was Franklin's voice — rich and deep, and as full-bodied as ever — that provided the night's most rousing moments, whether it was churning out classic hits like "Respect" and "Ain't No Way" with gospel-like fervor or recreat-

ing her dazzling performance of "Nessun Dorma" at the 1998 Grammy Awards.

Collaborations with Franklin were few, and for good reason — the last time she appeared on the "Divas" special, in 1998, her performance relegated the other performers into mere backup singers.

This time, things were more balanced. Except for the appearance of the Backstreet Boys' Howie Dorough, A.J. McLean and Kevin Richardson, who seemed out of place when they joined Franklin to sing "Chain of Fools," her duet partners held their own, smart enough not to try to match Franklin note-for-note. A good example was Blige, the reigning Queen of Hip-Hop Soul, who matched Franklin's grit and emotional depth on the wrenching song, "Do Right Woman, Do Right Man."

Scott had the formidable task of covering Franklin's classic "A Natural Woman," a difficult feat for even the most talented singer. But the R&B singer pulled it off, in part because of her stunning voice and her own sassy style, reminiscent of Franklin herself.

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### Tech claims second in Berning Classic

From staff reports

The Texas Tech men's and women's golf teams fired a season-best 902 to claim second place at the Susie Maxwell Berning Classic in Norman, Okla.

The Raider women were paced by tournament medalist Stephanie Dukes, who shot an 8-under, 54-hole 208 on twin rounds of 68 and a 72.

Tournament host Oklahoma, ranked 13th nationally, won the

event with a team-total 889.

Tech's Jennifer Newhouse turned in a ninth-place 78-76-71-225; Priscillia Hunt finished 26th with her 234 on rounds of 80, 73 and 81; Tamara Munsch's 81-75-79-235 was good for 28th; and Allison Louth shot a 66th place 85-81-82-248.

The women's golf squad will return to action April 23 at the Big 12 Championships in Ames, Iowa.

### Tiger may sign on as Disney spokesman

NEW YORK (AP) — Walt Disney Co. plans to announce that it has signed Tiger Woods as a spokesman for the company, *The Wall Street Journal* reported Wednesday.

The value of the deal is not yet known, but Woods has commanded as much as \$20 million for a sponsorship deal with Nike Inc.

Woods earned \$54 million last

year from a dozen endorsement deals, according to Burns Sports Celebrity Service in Chicago, and has contracts with General Motors, Rolex, American Express, and General Mills among others.

For Disney, Woods would appear in commercials for the company's theme parks, endorse merchandise and work with Disney's ESPN unit.

## Belt maker feels vindicated by new report

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The maker of the seat belt used in Dale Earnhardt's car says a new medical report exonerates his company in the racing great's death.

Bill Simpson, founder and chairman of Simpson Performance Products, said the medical report prepared for the Orlando Sentinel proved what he knew all along—that a broken seat belt did not cause Earnhardt's fatal injuries.

"That report is total vindication in my mind," Simpson said Wednesday from Indianapolis, where he is participating in a safety seminar. "Since NASCAR said a belt broke, it's been total hell for me, so naturally the report made me feel pretty good."

Simpson said at least one racing team has dropped the company as a supplier, and that angry racing fans have sent him death and bomb threats.

"Now I'd like the issue to be put to

bed," Simpson said. "For what the Earnhardts have endured, for what my company has endured and for what the sport has endured, we should move on."

Simpson learned Tuesday that a court-appointed medical examiner who studied Earnhardt's autopsy photos found that the seven-time Winston Cup champion was killed Feb. 18 when his head whipped violently forward in the when his car hit a wall going 150 mph on the final lap of the season-opening Daytona 500.

Dr. Barry Myers of Duke University deduced that "restraint failure does not appear to have played a role in Mr. Earnhardt's fatal injury."

NASCAR said Tuesday it never claimed the restraint system did lead to Earnhardt's death.

"NASCAR has made clear that we will not suggest or speculate on the circumstances surrounding Dale Earnhardt's accident until our study

is complete," president Mike Helton said. "No one at NASCAR has ever suggested what may have happened in this accident other than to say in our preliminary investigation we found issues of concern involving the occupant restraint system."

But by saying—five days after the accident—that the belt broke, the perception was created that it caused Earnhardt's death.

Speedway physician Steve Bohannon, one of the doctors who worked on Earnhardt after the accident, said he thought the faulty belt allowed the driver's head to strike the steering wheel of his Chevrolet, a blow that cracked the base of his skull and caused massive head injuries.

Simpson said NASCAR's announcement was premature, especially in light of its announcement this week that its ongoing investigation into the wreck won't be completed until August.

"I don't think they thought about what they were doing before they announced the seat belt had broken," Simpson said. "It wasn't handled correctly."

Simpson, maker of safety equipment used by racers across the country, doesn't know what happened to the broken seat belt.

Three days after the accident, Simpson said he went to look at the car with drivers Rusty Wallace and Ken Schrader. He said when they got there, the restraint system had been removed from inside the car and Winston Cup director Gary Nelson told Simpson he had been testing it.

"I was quite shocked when he said that," Simpson said. "The restraint system never should have been removed from the car if the investigation is ongoing, and I had no idea Gary Nelson was an expert in seat belts and qualified to be testing them."

## Landry likeness will loom large at Texas Stadium

IRVING (AP) — The hat is there, of course, and his arms are crossed. He's wearing a suit and holding a play-calling chart. His lips are squeezed so tight that his cheeks crease at the sides of his mouth.

That's Tom Landry all right, and beginning this fall a remarkably accurate 9-foot-2 likeness of the long-time Dallas Cowboys coach will greet visitors to Texas Stadium.

A 29-inch version of the statue was unveiled Wednesday. Even Tom Landry Jr. was amazed by how perfectly sculptor Robert Summers captured his father's image.

"When you look at somebody you know so well, it's either right or it's not. That's it. That's the look and that's the pose," said Landry Jr.

Tom Landry was the first and only coach of the Cowboys for 29 years,

winning 270 games, third-most in NFL history. His teams reached five Super Bowls, winning two and losing the other three by a total of 11 points.

Landry was fired when Jerry Jones bought the team in February 1989 and was inducted into the Hall of Fame the next year. He died Feb. 12, 2000, following a nearly yearlong bout with leukemia. He was 75.

Despite his humility, Landry was treated to many tributes during his final decade. His son said there's been another overwhelming response since his death.

Many fans wanted Texas Stadium renamed Landry Stadium. Landry Jr. said this larger-than-life reminder is special enough.

"I remember when I was growing up and Dad was playing for and then coaching the New York Giants. They

played at Yankee Stadium then and I would always see that big statue of Babe Ruth," he said. "I'm not sure Dad was Babe Ruth, but it's a similar tribute."

Jones and Landry repaired their relationship by 1993, when Landry accepted Jones' invitation to join the team's Ring of Honor. He's often said Landry "is the single-most important figure in Dallas Cowboys history."

"No matter where people come from, if they come to touch and feel the Dallas Cowboys in competition, we want them to be near Coach Landry," Jones said. "With this statue, they can have some semblance of what it was like to be around the man."

Summers' other works include a statue of Byron Nelson at the TPC Four Seasons Resort Las Colinas, the

nearby site of the PGA Tour event named for the golfing great.

"To be able to portray Tom Landry is a real honor," Summers said. "I've done John Wayne, but he was a celluloid hero. This man was a true hero, someone you'd want your kids to grow up to be like."

The Landry family worked with Summers to get down the details. They provided a fedora hat, a watch and even an old pair of his coaching shoes, which they tracked down through a former Cowboys trainer.

The family and the team provided stacks of pictures and videos. Landry Jr. and his mother, Alicia, also made several trips to Summers' workshop about an hour away in Glen Rose to help touch up the features on a work that's about 33 percent larger than its 6-foot-1 subject.

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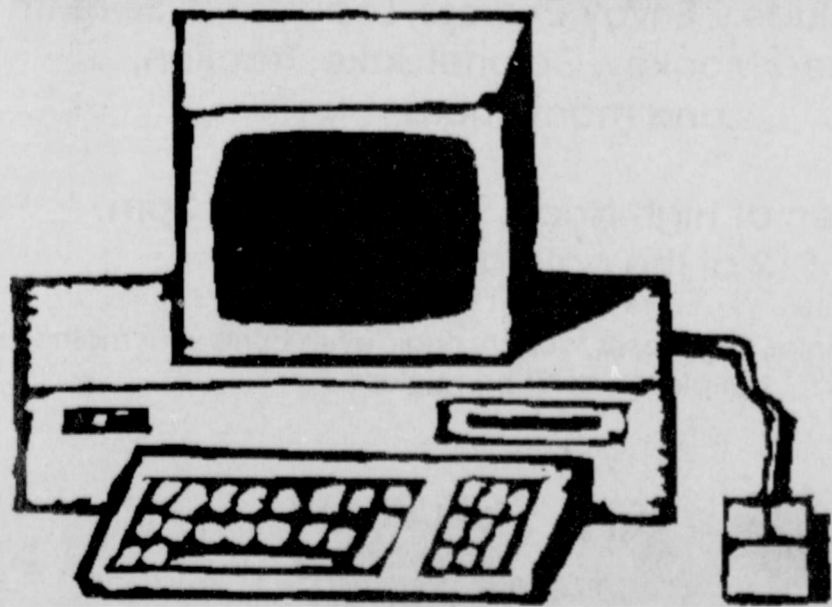
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# Sports

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## Red Raiders slide past TCU

By Phil Riddle  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech made it five wins in a row with a 9-4 win over TCU on Wednesday at Dan Law Field.

The Raiders, who posted a 19-5 victory over West Texas A&M on Tuesday, will try to extend the streak with their home Easter weekend series against Big 12 Conference opponent Texas A&M.

Tech starter Matt Harbin lasted 6 2/3 innings against the Horned Frogs to earn the win. Senior Blake McGinley claimed his seventh save of the campaign with two shutout innings of relief.

"It's a good win for us," Tech coach Larry Hays said. "It's big to get a Wednesday win against TCU. Harbin threw six quality innings. Then McGinley came in with us really in trouble and got us three key outs, then held them in the ninth."

McGinley took the mound in the seventh inning with TCU having already plated a run in the frame and with runners on second and third. The Raider reliever struck out Jason Price, then induced flyouts from Rudy Ontiveros and Jeff Reed to end the threat.

Hays said the momentum from a

weekend sweep of Iowa State and two midweek outings have the Raiders looking forward to resuming Big 12 action.

"I think that's what helped us win today. We're getting a little momentum," Hays said. "Of course, that'll last however long we get good pitching. As long as we're playing with our pitching, we've got a chance."

Raider second baseman Bryon Smith finished with a home run in three at-bats, two walks and a pair of RBI.

Playing in the breezy conditions at Dan Law Field is new to Smith, a junior college transfer from Connors State Junior College.

"It's a lot different," Smith said. "I think it's mostly mental. You have to get your mind set when it's a windy day. It's a great day to hit home runs, but if you think about it, that's where you get in trouble. Judging fly balls, pitching, everything is just different when it's windy. But we fought through it, and everybody did what we needed to do."

The Raiders started early, scoring in the first three innings. Jason Rainey, who walked in the opening frame, came in for the first Tech score after a

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Tech's Kerry Hodges slides into third as TCU third baseman Mike Settle receives a throw from home. Tech won Wednesday's contest with TCU, 9-4, at Dan Law Field.

## Three assistants added to Knight's coaching staff

By Jeff Keller  
Sports Editor

Texas Tech men's basketball coach Bob Knight assigned three assistant coaches to his coaching staff Wednesday.

Bob Beyer, Les Fertig and Pat Knight are the newest editions to the Red Raider basketball family.

Fertig begins his career at Tech after an eight-year absence from the coaching ranks.

He coached at West Point and Ohio State from 1989-92, but has pursued a career in business since 1992.

Pat Knight, Bob Knight's son, joins the Tech staff after a stint as an assistant coach at Akron.

Pat Knight also was an assistant on his father's coaching staff at Indiana from 1998-2000 before his job at Akron.

Beyer comes to Tech from Northwestern where he was an assistant coach from 1997-2000. Beyer was head coach at Siena from 1994-97.

The three coaches will join Knight as they guide a team that went 9-19 a season ago.

Beyer said the coaching staff will focus on making the turnaround trip from the bottom of the Big 12 Conference to the top a short one.

"We're going to work at it very hard in year No. 1," Beyer said. "We are working on getting some talented junior college transfers in here. We think these are guys who are going to be able to step in and help the program right away. Along with the further development of the returning players that we have, there is no reason that we cannot have a very competitive team next year."

After being away from the game for eight years, Fertig said he is excited to be back in coaching again, especially being an assistant for Knight.

"I am very excited," Fertig said. "I was with coach Knight briefly at (Indiana) prior to everything going crazy there. I think it is quite an honor to get to work with a man who very well could be the greatest basketball coach in the history of the game. He has been terrific to

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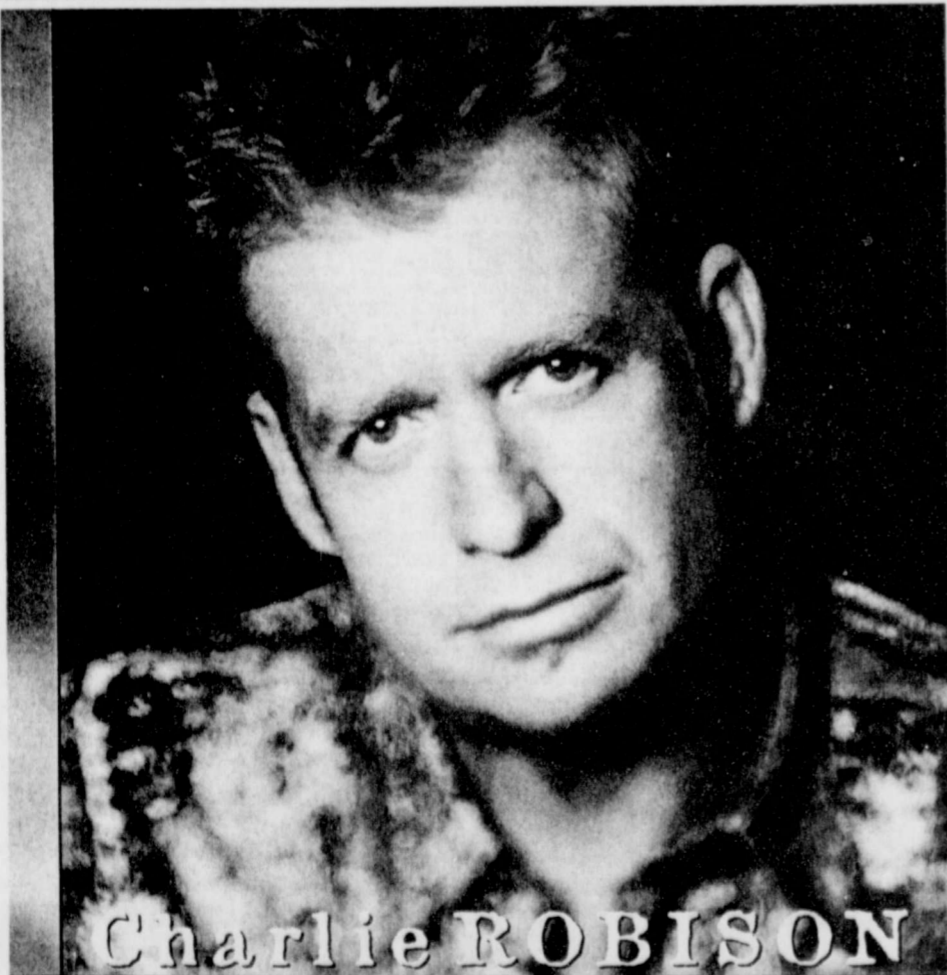
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