



## Lubbock PD discovers marijuana plants

**PLETHORA OF POT:** Officers apprehend Tech student Robert Thompson after finding 119 marijuana plants growing inside house.

By Travis Cram/The University Daily

Lubbock Police Officers responded to what they thought was a routine check around a residence for a possible break-in and found about 119 marijuana plants growing inside the house located at 273 80th St.

According to Lt. James Shavers of the Lubbock Police Department Narcotics Division, a patrol unit received a call that there was a burglary in progress. When officers arrived at the scene, they found the back alley gate kicked in and the back door to the residence open.

The officers then searched the house for any suspects and found two rooms, one upstairs and one downstairs, being used to grow marijuana plants.

"The officers then contacted the narcotics division, and we then got a warrant to search the premises," Shavers said.

Robert Thompson, a 29-year-old senior architecture major from Lubbock, was apprehended on the scene after he came home to find the police at his house.

Penalties in drug cases, according to state laws, can range from a minimum fine of \$500 for drug paraphernalia to life in prison for possession of more than 400 grams of cocaine.

Thompson is being charged with possession of marijuana and was arraigned at midnight Wednesday on a

\$5,000 bond.

Neighbors Scott and Erica Irlbeck said they would not have suspected this would happen in Thompson's house.

"We had no clue that that was going on," Erica Irlbeck said. "To our knowledge they never even really partied or anything. They kept to themselves pretty much."

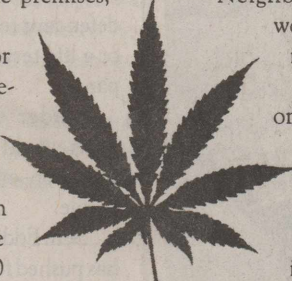
According to officers in the narcotics division, there were numerous books throughout the house on how to grow and maintain marijuana plants. Heat lamp fixtures were found in the house to help the growth of the plants.

"You kind of wonder where they get all this stuff to grow it because it didn't look like they were using regular soil with the plants," Scott Irlbeck said.

Bobby George, the property manager of Thompson's residence, said two people were living in the house and signed on the lease.

According to police, Thompson's roommate has not yet been found.

According to www.canorml.org, a similar case took place in Orange County, Calif. when Michael Teague was arrested in May 2002 for growing 102 small seedlings in his garage in Tustin. Teague pleaded guilty to cultivation with right to appeal and was sentenced to 18 months in prison in August 2003.



## ON THE COURT: Big 12 Showdown

Texas Tech men's tennis team faces No. 1 Baylor in final home match

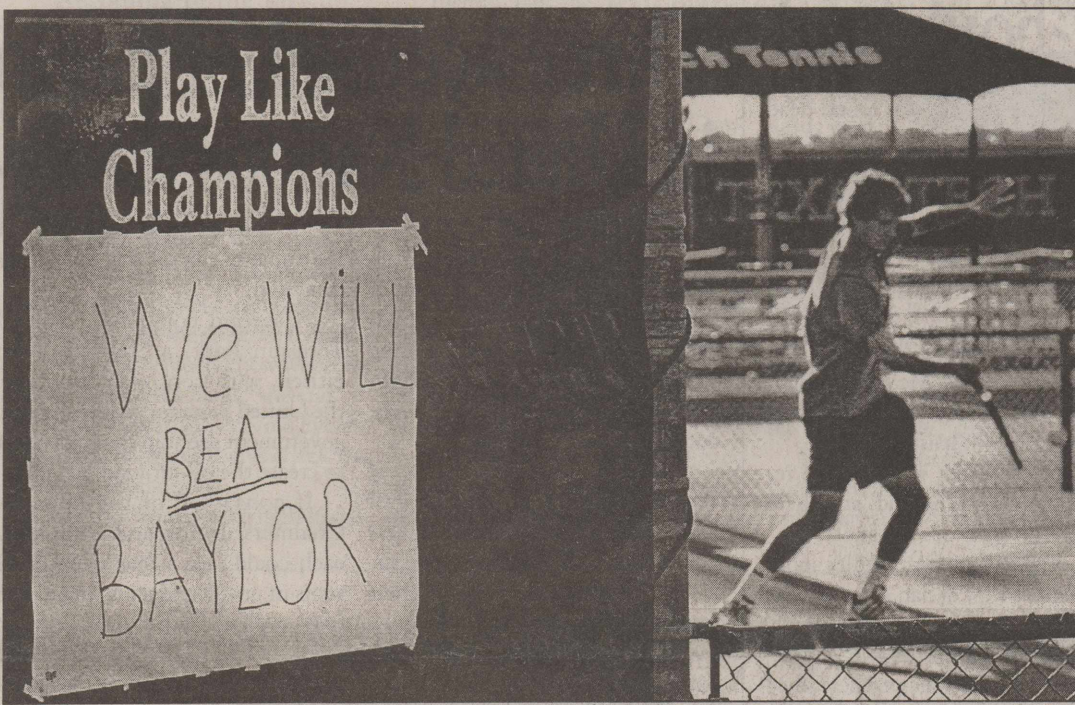
Story by Trey Shipman and Photos by Andrew Weather/The University Daily

On Tuesday afternoon, Texas Tech senior Esat Tanik strolled onto the courts at McLeod Tennis Center with a message for his teammates as they prepared for practice. The message came in the form of a large poster board with the phrase "We Will Beat Baylor," written in bold print.

Tanik's statement refers to the No. 9 Red Raiders' showdown with No. 1 Baylor at 6 p.m. Saturday. The Bears come to Lubbock boasting a 23-0 record as well as a 47-game winning streak dating back to 2004.

Though Baylor presents an impressive resume; Tanik and the rest of the Raiders (21-1, 4-1 Big 12) who have obtained the team's highest ranking in school history, do not seem to be intimidated.

Along with the poster board, Tanik presented a piece of paper to every team member with the same phrase "We Will Beat Baylor," and the name of each individual's

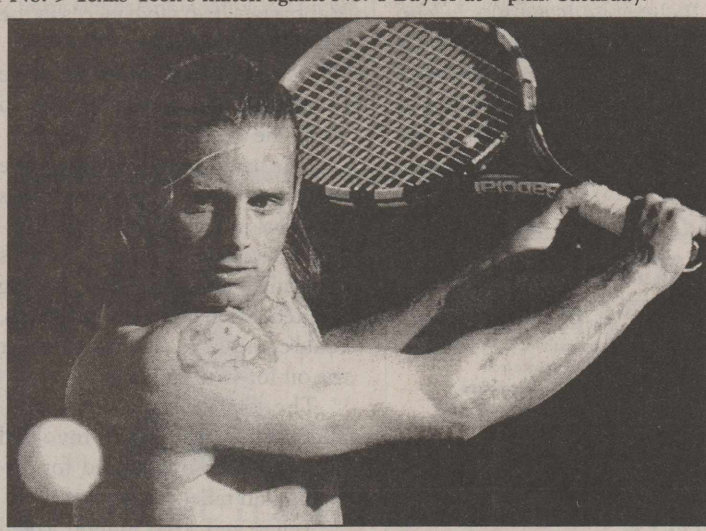


ABOVE: A SIGN that reads "We Will Beat Baylor" is taped on the wall of the McLeod Tennis Center while Michael Innerebner practices Thursday afternoon. BELOW: Esat Tanik practices at the McLeod Tennis Center Thursday afternoon in preparation for No. 9 Texas Tech's match against No. 1 Baylor at 6 p.m. Saturday.

particular opponent for Saturday's match. He instructed the team to place the paper by their bed and read it every night before they go to sleep.

"Whatever you tell yourself, that's what you can do, that's just psychology," Tanik said. "As long as they read these and make themselves believe that we can beat Baylor, and we can beat Baylor, then we will go out there on Saturday night and we will beat the number one team in

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## Tech PD arrests former men's basketball player

By Brittany Barrientos/The University Daily

What at first glance appeared to be a medical emergency at the residence halls turned out to be the breaking of an agreement between a former Texas Tech basketball player and the Tech Police Department.

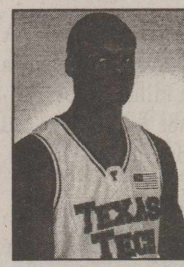
According to police reports, John Ofoegbu was arrested Wednesday night for criminal trespassing near the entrance of Murdough Hall. According to the report, upon arrest Ofoegbu complained of chest pains and requested medical assistance.

The report stated he was transferred to the University Medical Center and released from police custody because of his medical condition.

Maj. Gordon Hoffman with the Tech Police Department said the department did not have the resources to wait until Ofoegbu was released from the hospital, so he was released and charges are pending.

"When he was approached by officers he told them he was having medical problems," he said. "We didn't have the resources to sit with him, so he was released. Now we have to apply for a warrant, and we will pick him up later."

Hoffman said the reason Ofoegbu was arrested for criminal trespass is because of an incident which he



Ofoegbu

was involved on Jan. 27.

"Essentially this was a student who had been filed on for trespassing in a place where he wasn't supposed to be,"

he said. "He made an agreement that he could continue his studies with restrictions as to where he can go on campus."

Hoffman said a term of the agreement was Ofoegbu was no longer able to live in the residence halls.

"The residence hall staff reported him and officers walked the area and he was identified," he said.

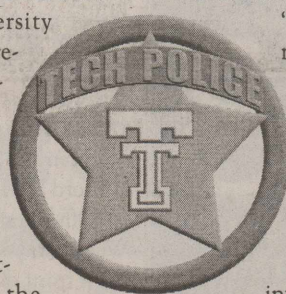
According to an earlier police report, the original incident in which Ofoegbu was involved concerned him watching a female community adviser in Stangel Hall.

The report stated Ofoegbu entered the women's restroom without consent and fled the scene when the woman saw him. Witnesses later identified him.

On Wednesday, Ofoegbu was found near the entrance of Murdough Hall after police officers searched for him in the area near the hall.

Sean Duggan, managing

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## More than 10,000 fugitives caught in weeklong nationwide roundup

By Mark Sherman/Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 10,000 fugitives wanted for murder, rape, child abuse and other crimes have been arrested in the largest coordinated crackdown by federal, state and local law enforcement officials in history.

The number of arrests during the week-long effort was 10 times the average for such a period, according to the U.S. Marshals Service, which led the nationwide dragnet timed to coincide with National Victims Rights Week.

At the same time, however, those arrests represent just 1 percent of the 1 million fugitives in the FBI's national database, according to the Marshals Service.

More than 150 of those nabbed April 4-10 were wanted for murder, 550 were sought on rape or sexual assault charges, and more than 600 had outstanding arrest warrants for armed robbery, federal officials said Thursday.

Among those captured were 150 gang members and 100 unregistered sex offenders, said Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, who held a news conference with U.S. Marshals Service Director Ben Reyna to announce the results of "Operation Falcon" — an acronym for Federal And Local Cops Organized Nationally.

Jose Rivera-Sanchez was among the fugitives who had been on the run for years, living in Waterbury, Conn., until his arrest last week, 11 years after tunneling out of a prison in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. He had been serving a 37-year sentence for attempted murder, assault and robbery when he and nine other inmates escaped. One remains at large, Marshals Service spokesman Manuel Varela said.

Others arrested included Eddie Kelly, 24, wanted by Dallas police for allegedly killing a man by shooting him five times after leaving a drug house on Feb. 13, and Marcel Baldwin, 21, of Atlanta, who was found beneath a trap door in his kitchen. He was wanted

on charges of assault and sexual offense against a child.

Nathan T. Speights, 28, of Syracuse, N.Y., was picked up in Baltimore on Sunday an hour after a warrant was issued for him in connection with the April 3 killing of Mark Sardella, 26, outside a private motorcycle club in Syracuse.

Gonzales said more than 70 percent of those picked up had prior arrests for violent crimes.

"We know from history — and from the bitter experiences of far too many victims — that a fugitive with a rap sheet is more desperate, more predatory and more likely to commit the crimes that plague citizens and communities," Gonzales said at the news conference.

The number of fugitives caught was at 10,472 Thursday, but officials said that could change as local police finish processing heavy caseloads from the past week.

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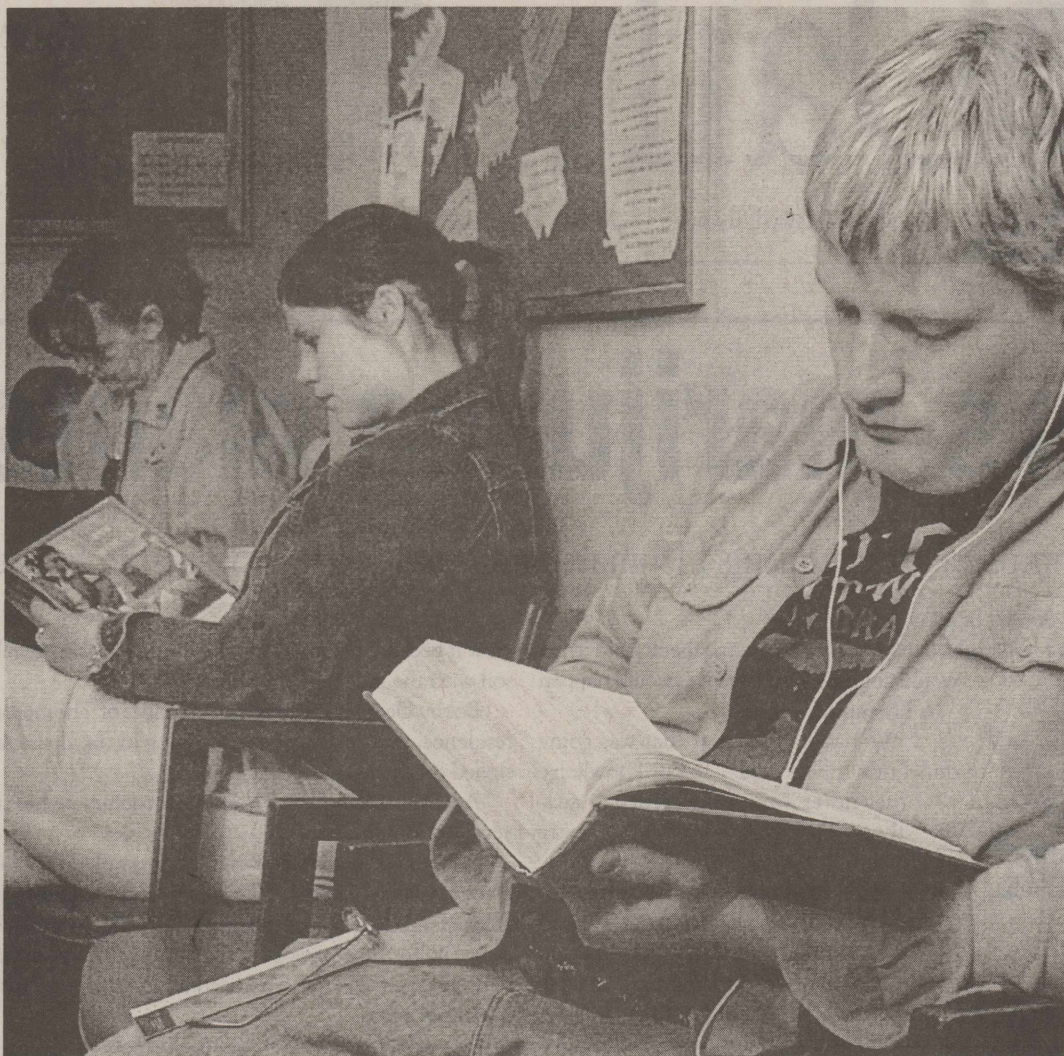
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MISTY SEARSY AND Janet Shreiner try to garner attention from passing cars on the southeast corner of Broadway and University avenues Thursday afternoon as they advertise for Sterling University Fountain apartments.

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STEVE LEWIS/The University Daily  
 NATHAN TURLEY, (RIGHT) A senior political science major from Houston, Samantha Moody, a senior psychology major from Richardson, and Linda Benson, a senior history major from Levelland, wait to see their advisers Thursday morning in Holden Hall.

The Rundown



Senate approves life-without parole bill

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate on Thursday approved a bill that would give juries the power to sentence capital murderers to life in prison without parole.

The bill, approved on a 25-6 vote, also takes away a jury's option to sentence the convict to life in prison with the possibility of parole after 40 years.

Under current law, Texas juries that find a guilty verdict in a capital murder case can decide whether the defendant receives the death penalty or a life term with the possibility of parole.

Under the bill, the two options would be execution by lethal injection or life in prison without parole.

Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, has pushed for the life without parole option for several years but has fallen short because he wanted to make that a third option.

Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, offered the amendment to give juries the two choices: death or life without parole and Lucio agreed to accept it.

Taxpayer hours amount to 6.6 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — People scurrying to meet Friday's tax deadline might consider this: it is taking you and your fellow Americans 6.6 billion hours to do all that paperwork.

The basic tax return accounts for 1.6 billion hours.

The Internal Revenue Service furnished those statistics to the White House budget office, which keeps tabs on the government's bureaucratic demands. The budget office notes that tax work "towers over the entire paperwork burden for the rest of the federal government" and accounts for some 80 percent.

"If anything, those numbers are probably understated," said David Keating, president of the National Taxpayers Union, which reports annually on the increasing complexity and demands of tax returns.

"A lot more of the cost is just planning to do the tax-smart thing. That can actually take a lot more time than reporting what you've done," he said.

Right-to-die law passes in France

PARIS (AP) — French lawmakers approved a law that would allow the terminally ill to refuse treatment but stopped short of legalizing euthanasia.

The law was spurred by the death of a man who had begged President Jacques Chirac for the right to die after a traffic accident left him deaf, mute and paralyzed.

Vincent Humbert, 22, died in September 2003 after his mother allegedly gave him a deadly dose of sedatives that induced a coma, and doctors then cut his life support.

The Senate quietly approved the law Wednesday without amending a text unanimously endorsed by the lower house in November.

Parliament had sought a middle ground between euthanasia and the current situation in France, where doctors risk prosecution for helping patients die.

"The ban on giving death remains," said Health Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy. "Allowing death is not the same as giving death."

Family shot by woman's ex-boyfriend

CASTROVILLE (AP) — A man apparently disgruntled over a breakup shot and killed his ex-girlfriend, her mother and 7-year-old brother before committing suicide, authorities said.

The 27-year-old man also wounded two other family members of the ex-girlfriend, said Castroville Police Chief R.L. McVay.

Investigators think the man broke into the family's home in a wealthy subdivision Wednesday, possibly through a window in the kitchen, McVay said.

The man fired with a shotgun, killing his 22-year-old former girlfriend, her 44-year-old mother and brother, McVay told The Associated Press. His ex-girlfriend's 13-year-old sister and 41-year-old stepfather were wounded, McVay said.

The shooter was identified as Eric Wayne Jacobs.

The dead family members were identified as Diane "Didi" Norman and her daughter Angelique Riou, who was Jacobs' ex-girlfriend. Also killed was Diane Norman's son, Trevor Elliott.

Two other shooting victims, James C. Norman and Brittney Gibney, both were able to talk with police before going into surgery. Gibney was in stable condition at University Hospital on Thursday, and Norman was in critical condition at Wilford Hall Medical Center.

Officers arriving on the scene late Wednesday saw a body through an open front door.

On an outdoor back porch, they found Gibney severely wounded and clutching a phone. Her father was nearby.

"The suspect was found dead in the living room with his ex-girlfriend and (her) mother, where the TV was still on," McVay told the *San Antonio Express-News* for its online edition. "The young boy was found in the bedroom, dressed for bed."

Police believe the family was trying to escape, McVay said, adding that the shooter had to stop and reload at least once.

Some of the victims were repeatedly shot, he said, and there were no signs of resistance.

Officials in Castroville, about 15 miles west of San Antonio, expressed shock at the shootings.

"I've been with the department 15 years and lived here since 1970, and I can't remember anything like this," McVay said. "It's just horrifying and shocking."

Police said Riou, like Jacobs, was from San Antonio and did not live at the home. McVay said the family had lived at the home for at least six years, and officials had no prior reports of problems there.

Three accused of paying kickbacks in United Nations oil-for-food scandal

NEW YORK (AP) — A Houston oilman and two traders from Texas and England paid millions of dollars in secret kickbacks to Saddam Hussein's Iraqi regime, cheating the United Nations oil-for-food program out of humanitarian aid funds, authorities said Thursday.

David B. Chalmers, owner of Bayoil (USA) Inc., and Ludmil Dionissiev, a Bulgarian citizen and permanent U.S. resident, were arrested Thursday morning at their homes in Houston. U.S. Attorney David N. Kelley said he will seek extradition of defendant John Irving from England.

Kelley called two indictments unsealed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan "two more pieces in the oil-for-food puzzle."

He added: "It's a broad and large investigation. ... We're going to wring the towel dry."

One indictment accused the three defendants of paying millions of dollars in kickbacks so Houston-based Bayoil and another Chalmers company, Bayoil Supply & Trading Limited, based in Nassau, Bahamas, could continue to sell Iraqi oil under the oil-for-food program.

The kickbacks, between mid-2000 and March 2003, involved funds otherwise intended for humanitarian relief, Kelley said.

Kelley said \$100 million would

be "a conservative estimate" of the value of the oil the defendants dealt with.

A second complaint charged Tongsun Park, a South Korean citizen, with conspiracy to act in the United States as an unregistered government agent in the Iraqi effort to create the oil-for-food program.

If convicted of the charges, Chalmers, Irving and Dionissiev each could face a maximum of 62 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$1 million. Park could face up to five years in prison. The defendants also could be ordered to make restitution.

According to the first indictment, the government seeks the forfeiture of at least \$100 million in assets from the defendants.

Lawyers for the defendants could not immediately be identified to obtain comment.

Jan. 18, an Iraqi-born American businessman accused of skimming money from the oil-for-food program pleaded guilty in New York to being an illegal agent of Saddam Hussein's government. Samir A. Vincent, 64, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Annandale, Va., was the first person to be charged in the Justice Department's investigation of the program.

The U.N. program, which was endorsed by the United States and

begun in 1996, let Iraq sell oil despite a stiff U.N. economic embargo against Saddam's regime, provided the proceeds were used to buy food and medicine for Iraqi people suffering under the sanctions.

Beginning at least by 2000, Saddam's government, which had the power to choose who would have the right to purchase oil, demanded that those it dealt with be willing to pay kickbacks, the indictment said.

John Klochan, acting assistant director in charge of the New York FBI office, said the flaw of the oil-for-food was Saddam could award contracts to his cronies.

"This was the embodiment of the fox guarding the henhouse," he said.

Among those who have come under fire in recent months over the handling of the program is U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan. Investigators last month criticized Annan for not pressing to learn details of his son Kojo's employment by a Swiss company that won a contract under the oil-for-food program.

Findings of an independent investigation — expected in mid-summer — will likely lead to dozens of criminal prosecutions by legal authorities in various countries for bribery, sanctions busting, money laundering and fraud, officials told The Associated Press last month.

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**Correction:**

In an April 14 article concerning a protest against Coca-Cola, The UD referred to [killercoke.com](http://killercoke.com) as an anti-coca-cola Web site. The correct Web site is [killercoke.org](http://killercoke.org). The UD regrets the mistake.

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# Committee chooses Riggs as 2005-2006 La Ventana editor

By Brittany Barrientos/  
The University Daily

With the numerous faces that pass through the Texas Tech yearbook every year, imagining stability in the process is hard. That is exactly what the La Ventana got on Thursday night as the current editor, Lindsey Riggs, was selected for a second term.

After the announcement, Riggs, a junior journalism major from Plano, said she was ecstatic with the honor of being able to continue playing a part in Tech history.

"I was really nervous. I didn't think I would be since I've been through the process before, but now I'm really excited," she said. "I've enjoyed the job a lot, and it allows me a lot of opportunities that will benefit me in the future."

Riggs said she is also delighted to have the chance to finish what she started and

continue to serve as Tech's yearbook editor.

"It's a good opportunity. I have the chance to implement new things I've learned along the way," she said. "Over this year, we've been able to find out what works and what doesn't."

Riggs said although she is glad she avoided the lame-duck status, she was pleased with her opponent.

Ryan Downey, a senior biochemistry major from El Paso, also ran against Riggs for editor in the previous election. Riggs said she was glad there are two people who care so much about the fate of the yearbook.

"He's very qualified and he would have



Riggs

brought a lot to the yearbook," she said. "I honestly thought it was going to be him."

Jason Sifford, chairman of the Student Media Committee, said he was pleased with both candidates.

"(Riggs and Downey) are both very different people, with very different and specific strengths," he said. "It was difficult because their strengths are so different in such valuable ways."

Sifford believes the experience Riggs has acquired throughout the year will be helpful as she continues to better the publication.

"Obviously, she's the editor now, and we think she's done a good job with the yearbook and formed a good rapport with the staff," he said. "Her experiences have taught her things you can only learn from jumping right in."

Sifford believes either candidate would have done a good job, but Riggs' experience and work ethic will make her a good

second-year editor.

Downey said although he is disappointed, he believes both candidates tried their best and had genuine intentions.

"Of course I'm disappointed," he said. "You go in there hoping for the best."

Downey said he is curious to see how Riggs' situation of being elected twice will benefit the yearbook.

"She has the experience of the past year to build on," he said. "I went in and did the best I could, and Lindsey did the best she could. The committee picked who they thought would do the best job."

Downey said he expects to join the yearbook staff again for the upcoming year.

"I'd like to look at joining the staff again next year," he said. "I might not try for managing editor or anything. We need to get the younger members so we can build for the future."

# Teen girl, ex-girlfriend admit to killing grandparents

FAYETTEVILLE, Ga. (AP) — A 15-year-old girl and her ex-girlfriend pleaded guilty Thursday to stabbing her grandparents to death last summer so the young couple could be together.

Holly Harvey told the judge while she was knifing her 73-year-old grandmother, "my eyes were closed the whole time."

Harvey pleaded guilty to two counts of malice murder and was sentenced to two consecutive life terms. She will not be eligible for parole for 20 years. Sandy Ketchum, 16, was sentenced to three life terms, to be served concurrently.

Sarah Collier and her husband, Carl Collier, 74, were each stabbed numerous times Aug. 2 inside the couple's house in northern Fayette County, outside Atlanta.

As part of her plea, Harvey detailed how she killed the couple. She said she and Ketchum had

stayed out all night, then spent the morning of the killings listening to music in her basement bedroom. That was when Ketchum suggested stealing the grandparents' truck "to get something to calm us down," Harvey said.

"We'll have to kill them to do that," Harvey said she responded. "But I didn't mean nothing by that," she told Judge Pascal English.

Ketchum first suggested hitting them in the head with a lamp, then suggested getting a knife, Harvey said. "I got the biggest knife I could find out of the kitchen," she said, adding they practiced stabbing a mattress to see if the knife was sharp enough.

When the grandparents came downstairs to get a suitcase, Harvey said she stabbed her grandmother.

Harvey said her grandfather pinned her down, and she stabbed him in the chest. She chased him as he ran upstairs and tried to call for help, pulling the phone out of the wall, Harvey said.

# Cattle tested for tuberculosis to regain state's TB-free status

By Kelly Gooch/  
The University Daily

Cattle herds throughout Texas continue to be tested for tuberculosis so the state can gain the tuberculosis-free status it lost in 2002.

Brad Williams, a veterinarian with the Texas Animal Health Commission, said TB is an atypical bacterial infection of the lungs.

Williams said he has not seen cattle infected with TB in Lubbock in a long time.

"The chance of it coming up here is very slim," he said.

Tuberculosis is diagnosed with X-rays, Williams said, if the skin test turns out to be positive. The disease can be treated with antibiotics.

Cattle can be tested for TB by a skin test also used to test humans for TB, or a blood test.

Carla Everett, information officer at the Texas Animal Health Commission, said a skin test consists of sticking a needle below the skin under the cow's tail.

According to the McKinley Health Center Web Site, mckinley.uiuc.edu, the TB test for a human includes injecting a small amount of fluid under the skin on the forearm.

The fluid contains protein derived from the organism of TB, according to <http://www.mckinley.uiuc.edu/health-info/tests/tubertes.html>.

According to the Web site, results are determined after a medical professional inspects the patient's forearm.

"We pretty much know when we have an infected animal," she said.

If they have a suspect cow, Everett said they slaughter it and check the cow's internal organs.

She said from cow's lymph nodes,

Texas Animal Health Commission workers grow bacteria from the tissue and see if it is TB or not.

"That's the first place we start," she said.

Everett said the Texas Animal Health Commission must do surveillance to get the TB-free status back in Texas.

The Texas Animal Health Commission started doing voluntary TB testing on cattle in 2003, and now does testing by random selection, she said.

So far, Texas Animal Health Commission has tested more than 800 dairy cattle herds and 510 beef purebred herds for TB.

Everett said Texas Animal Health Commission hopes to test 2,400 cattle herds in Texas, and once they do, the U.S. Department of Agriculture will review what Texas Animal

Health Commission has done.

Once Texas is TB-free again, ranchers will be able to move breeding cattle into other states, Everett said.

California and New Mexico also lost their TB-free status, she said, and in Michigan, TB has been found in wild deer and cattle.

Everett said TB spreads faster in the wild, but TB has never been diagnosed in Texas wildlife.

"You never want to get a disease started in wildlife," she said.

People are not likely to catch TB from cattle, Everett said, because milk is pasteurized and meat is inspected,

so bacteria dies once the meat is cooked.

In the past, there have been TB infections in South Central Texas.

In 2003, Zavala County was found to have TB present in cattle

and in 2001, a purebred beef herd in Fayette County was found to be infected.

If a cow infected with TB, the meat not be passed for human consumption, Everett said, but still could be used in dog food.

The Texas Animal Health Commission wants to finish testing by the end of September and they have money from the U.S. Department

of Agriculture to continue testing, she said.

Texas, Everett said, will apply for TB-free status again after all testing is done.

"We've been working with the USDA the whole time," she said.

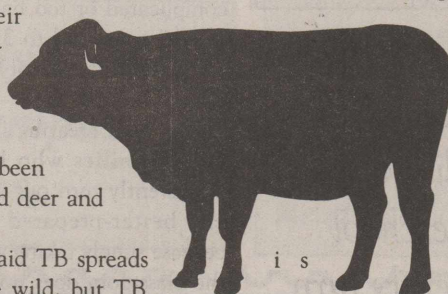
Dr. Randy Craig, a veterinarian at the South Plains Veterinary Clinic in Slaton, said the federal government is in charge of the TB testing of cattle.

Craig said he has seen cattle that are TB suspects come through, but they are turned to the federal veterinarian in charge.

Therefore, he is not sure how many cattle were infected with TB.

TB does not spread easily to humans, Williams said, and he is not concerned that it will spread to humans any time soon.

"It's possible, but not real common," he said.



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The Texas Animal Health Commission

# Tentative deal reached between Union, Plaza Hotel owners

NEW YORK (AP) — In a deal that saved the tradition of high tea in the Palm Court — along with hundreds of jobs — the new owners of the landmark Plaza Hotel and its union reached an agreement that will keep some elegant interior spaces intact and reduce the number of rooms converted into luxury condos in an upcoming renovation.

"The Plaza lives," declared Mike Naftali, chief executive officer of Elad Properties, while employees cheered, "The Plaza has been saved!"

The agreement was finalized Thursday in a City Hall meeting involving Elad and the New York Hotel Trades Council. It still needs to be ratified by the union membership, but that appears to be a formality.

Elad owner Yitzhak Tshuva and union president Peter Ward were greeted with wild applause when they raised their intertwined hands toward the gilded ceiling of the ballroom where Donald Trump once married Marla Maples.

"We look forward to working for

many years," said Ramon Richards, a Plaza banquet waiter since 1988.

Since its 1907 opening, the 19-story Beaux Arts building has become an integral part of New York City and its lore. The Beatles stayed there in 1964 while in the city for "The Ed Sullivan Show," Trump used to

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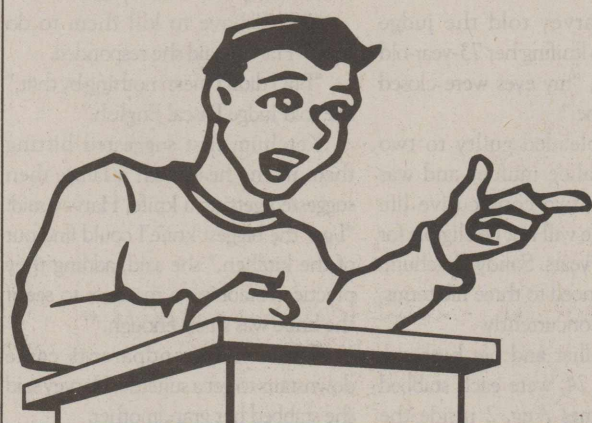
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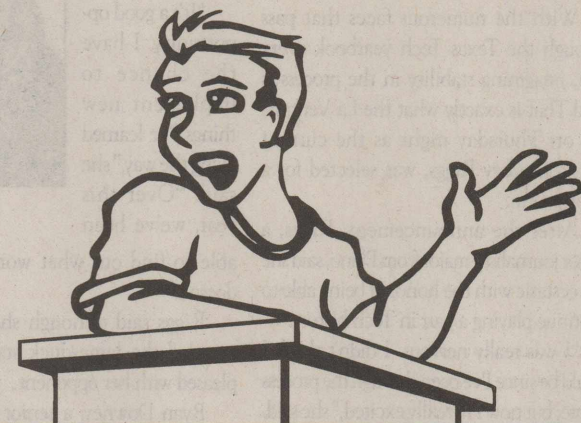


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## Freedom Forum



### Public vs. private: Which better serves students?

#### Homeschooling just makes cents

Look around your classroom and try to spot the nearest home-schooler. If you instinctively focus on the weirdo sitting in the front row, wearing a fully-equipped fanny pack with matching "Star Wars" lightsaber, you're probably looking in the wrong direction.

Granted, there are some of "those people," but far from the unsocialized, ill-equipped stereotype, children who are homeschooled are not just average, they are above average — and in every area of life, for that matter.

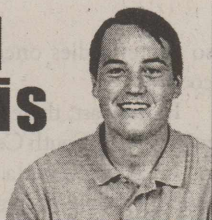
For years, critics of homeschooling have mischaracterized what has become the fastest-growing educational movement of our time. Mostly citing sociability concerns or broad, for-the-greater-good arguments, they attempt to point to the benefits only state-run schooling can offer. But when these arguments are put to the test, homeschooling outperforms public schooling every time.

At present, there are an estimated 1.3 million homeschooled children in America, and this number is expected to double in a few short years, according to a report from the National Home Education Research Institute.

Although it is difficult to believe, homeschooling was banned, except in special cases, in all 50 states as late as 1983, according to the Home School Legal Defense Association Web site. Because of this, you and I represent the first generation truly affected by the modern homeschooling movement. As such, the children who were part of this initial movement now compete with us both in the classroom and in the work force. And more often than not, they have the upper hand in both arenas.

Increasingly, universities across the country are discovering what has been known for years: students educated at home tend to do better academically than students who were not. Moreover, home-educated students consistently score higher on their college entrance exams, both the SAT and ACT, than students who were not.

**Will Davis**



*Far from creating isolated oddballs, families who homeschool consistently turn out well-rounded and better-prepared individuals because simply taking a child out of the classroom does not necessarily mean excluding them from society or their peers.*

This is not surprising, since numerous studies, whether measuring academic achievement or socialization, show children who are homeschooled consistently rank higher than their peers in public education.

In a study of more than 5,400 students, Brian Ray found homeschooled students consistently rank 20 to 30 percent higher in reading, language and math skills. This is a significant achievement, especially when you take into account this is true across the board, regardless of race, socioeconomic background, amount of government oversight within the state or amount of education obtained by the parents. It seems homeschooling levels the playing field.

In other research, Ray found

adults who were once homeschooled are more civic minded and active in their community. In sharp contrast to the criticism that homeschooling hurts society, Ray found only 4 percent of homeschoolers thought politics and government were "too complicated or too hard to understand," compared to 35 percent of adults who were not educated at home.

Far from creating isolated oddballs, families who homeschool consistently turn out well-rounded and better-prepared individuals because simply taking a child out of the classroom does not necessarily mean excluding them from society or their peers.

Homeschool support groups are growing rapidly, providing field trips, teaching co-ops, advanced tutoring, social activities and fine arts programs. As a result, like-minded parents are providing a safer, more liberating learning environment than any public school could hope to offer.

Additionally, contrary to popular belief, all this can be done at a fraction of the cost of public schooling. According to the U.S. Department of Education, the average annual cost per student in a public school is about \$5,300.

This is enormous when compared to the average annual amount needed to educate a child at home, \$540. In another study, it was estimated homeschooling likely saves taxpayers more than \$10 billion per year.

At a time when our government is throwing money at the growing problem of public education, increasing spending by billions of dollars annually, families all across America are educating their own children on a shoestring budget and getting better results at the same time.

And while homeschooling is not favorable or practical to all, it is clear that for those who can make the sacrifice, it just makes cents.

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#### It's not perfect, but I'll take public ed

You hear the siren of that last bell, your victory is now complete. Sneering at the former daily grind of high school, you prepare for that next mission: college. Yet, will you be prepared or suffer because you missed out on home learning?

Education represents a valuable and necessary process young minds must conquer to challenge the real world. An ongoing and growing debate weighs heavily on the conscience of many parents. Should mom and dad risk sending their children into a public environment, or is it better to teach important skills at home?

Being a successful example of succeeding in a public setting, I'm going to say the system works.

Sort of.

I respect homeschooling; I hold no personal grudge against it. From my experience and some of my closest peers, I simply believe you can be better prepared to handle the rigors of university life if you come from a public learning institution.

I know this because the interaction with fellow children proves valuable, parents tend to serve a better role and home and teachers teach for a reason.

Throughout the development of a child's life, no one in their right mind can deny social interaction within an equal age group helps prepare children for the real world. Even if you end up attending a private college, you will eventually deal with people in one way or another.

Public schooling gives the young generation the chance to blend these needs. It also means

**Ezra Mann**



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I would not have been home all day to drive my parents bananas. To be fair, home schooling organizations exist and

attempt to provide an equal chance to mix children together, but the numbers remain too small and sadly pale in comparison.

When a child finishes each class day and heads home, they expect their mom and dad to help continue the learning process.

The parents and child examine

the lessons, creating a feedback on how well the learning process progressed. Parents naturally work with the public school setting because it better serves their roles at home.

I remember coming home from school every day, excited to share the new things I learned.

My parents would be equally as excited to see me after a long day at the grindstone. Because we worked together to make sure I learned what I needed to know, I excelled later. Besides, both my parents would be bald from the added stress if I had been home all day.

Finally, teachers teach for a reason. They earn their degrees like any other hard-working citizen. I'd go through my main stint of education a thousand times and prefer the professionals to my guardians each time.

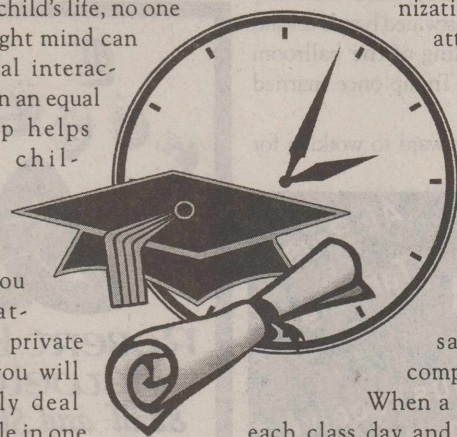
That's why I prefer public education, these wonderful people there because they earn the paycheck. I shudder to think how poor my math skills would be if I learned from my mother. (No offense, mom.) If you feel the need to homeschool your child, don't do it without considering the difficult task ahead.

Improvements need to be made, but the problem cannot be solved merely by pulling children out of the system.

Talk to the officials, make sure they perform so college will not be merely a dream instead of a reality. I always will do my part to make sure the wrongs of the educational process come to the front of attention.

Children will succeed in a public setting because they encounter the necessary interaction, parents serve a better role at home and teachers teach for a reason. I know public education is far from perfect, but I'll take it.

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### Protect our arts — but protect our children first

The Century Project is a fantastic display of art, but the display of naked children is atrocious and dangerous

Next week, the Texas Tech University Rawl's College of Business will host an interesting exhibit on women's bodies and the self-esteem issues that confront them.

While I am all for culturally-enriching exhibits coming to campus, this particular exhibit, The Century Project, has raised questions in my mind about the laws we create to protect our citizens and how they are applied and carried out.

The Project displays photographs of real women of varying shapes, sizes, backgrounds, races and perhaps most disturbingly for me, ages.

While all people older than 18 should be allowed to make their own decisions and give consent

to whatever projects they wish, I feel nothing but concern for the underage children who were "consented for" by adults.

The United States has very strict laws regarding the possession and acquisition of child pornography, sex offenders and child predators.

While there is nothing sexual about the photographs, it is disturbing for me that these children are being put on display in such an open forum.

By allowing the exhibit to take place in the rotunda of the business school, we are allowing any and everyone to view these photographs without regard.

I do not object to the premise of this project. I believe women should be able to embrace our

**Sara Miller**



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bodies without comparing them to the unrealistic standards set forth by the media, women's magazines or even men.

It is important to show women as more than simply sex objects, and show the reality of what abuse, eating disorders and life in general does to our bodies.

It is important to tell these stories to help others and hopefully move forward. I do not object to that premise at all.

What I do object to is putting young children on display, when we have laws to protect them from such things.

When viewing the photographs online, there does not appear to be any value from these children being photographed

nude, as opposed to being photographed wearing clothing.

The younger children show no signs of abuse and do not have a particular story attached to their photographs. Even as far as the recovering anorexic, the same story could have been shown with clothing.

A dancer who is anorexic is still anorexic in ballet attire. As seen in many child predator cases, their first offense is not their only offense — it just happens to be the one they got caught for.

To protect children, adults must consent for them in all aspects of life.

However, what happens to the children who are betrayed, shamed, exploited and abused by

the people who are supposed to protect and love them?

While I do not believe there is ever a reason to photograph children nude for public display, if this exhibit must be shown, it should be shown in a private gallery setting.

By placing the exhibit in a private gallery, there would have to be a more concentrated effort to be able to attend, as opposed to simply walking into the business school.

I am not an advocate of censorship, but I am an advocate of protecting our children.

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Tennis

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the nation."

Tech's No. 1 player, Radek Nijaki, said the key to victory against a team the caliber of Baylor is getting productivity from each individual.

"They're strong in every position from one to six," he said. "To win, every single one of us has to play a very good match, it can't just be one or two guys getting it done."

The Bears feature three players that are ranked in the top 30 of college tennis with No. 28 Benjamin Becker, No. 21 Lars Poeschke, and No. 1 Benedikt Dorsch. Becker won the NCAA tournament last year for singles, while Poeschke won at the regional level.

"Baylor's got a lot of talent, but coming to Lubbock is different," coach Tim Siegel said. "There's not a team more confident and more together than our guys right now. They believe they can beat Baylor, which is the most important thing."

For Tanik, Jakob Paulsen and captain Michael Innerebner, the match with Baylor will mark the final time the seniors compete on their home court.

For Paulsen, the match is about putting forth his best effort and maintaining a high level of confidence.

"I want to play my best, leave it all out there and put up a good fight" he said. "They're a very good team, but we've only lost one match all year and there have been a lot of close ones. We feel like we can win on every possession."

Dealing with pressure has been a catalyst for the players, as they boast a 6-0 record in matches that have been decided in the last set of the last match.

The doubles point has been one of the few weak spots for the Raiders this season, and Innerebner said performing well in that aspect will be crucial.

"The most important thing is to win in doubles," he said. "I think we will have a very good chance to win if we do that. We have to forget the fact that they're No. 1 and remember how amazing our season has been."

Beyond how the team performs on the court, Tanik believes that the team's togetherness will give them an advantage over the best in nation.

"The one advantage we have over Baylor is that we are a team, we have solidarity," he said. "This is the reason we are 21-1, we all love each other and we all fight for each other and this is the reason I think we're going win."

The match will take place at McLeod Tennis Center Saturday located between the recreational sports softball fields and the Health Sciences Center, and can be reached by heading north on Indiana Avenue from campus.

Siegel said free food and T-shirts will be given to fans in attendance, and a drawing for prizes will be held in between matches.

"We're going to do everything we can to make it as entertaining as possible, and we would love to have the students out," Siegel said. "This is not like watching tennis on TV; you can make some noise. We would love to have a large, vocal crowd."

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TIM SIEGEL Men's Tennis Coach

Fugitives

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Congress gave the Marshals Service more money and authority to go after fugitives when it refocused the FBI's mission toward stopping terrorism in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, said Marshals Service spokesman David Turner, noting the agency now has five permanent regional task forces to search for fugitives.

The Marshals Service spent \$900,000 on the weeklong exercise, most of it to pay overtime to local and state police. More than 3,000 officers from 960 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies took part.

"Our goal was to find out what impact we'd have in a nationwide effort," Reyna said.

Some of those arrested, particularly for the most violent crimes, would have been high on the marshals' lists no matter when warrants were issued. But officials said it was important to get state, local and federal officials to work together on such a broad initiative.

For all of last year, marshals arrested more than 36,000 people wanted on federal warrants, and worked with state and local authorities in catching another 31,600 fugitives, according to the Marshals Service's Web site.

Ofoegbu

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director of housing and residence life, said he was familiar with the original incident and confirmed Ofoegbu lived on campus prior to the incident, but no longer is a campus resident.

"It is a common practice (to take away privileges) if someone causes a disturbance on campus," he said. "If they come back, police are notified if any staff sees and identifies them."

Duggan said the procedure is not taken lightly by the residence hall staff, and it would be uncommon for the staff to not be able to identify people who have previously caused disturbances.

He also said students can be prohibited from anywhere on campus, not just the residence halls.

Ofoegbu's mother was contacted, and she said he was released from the hospital after numerous tests were performed. Ofoegbu could not be reached for comment on either topic.

According to a press release, Ofoegbu left the Tech basketball team Feb. 2 for personal reasons.

Charges for Wednesday's criminal trespass are pending with the Lubbock County district attorney.

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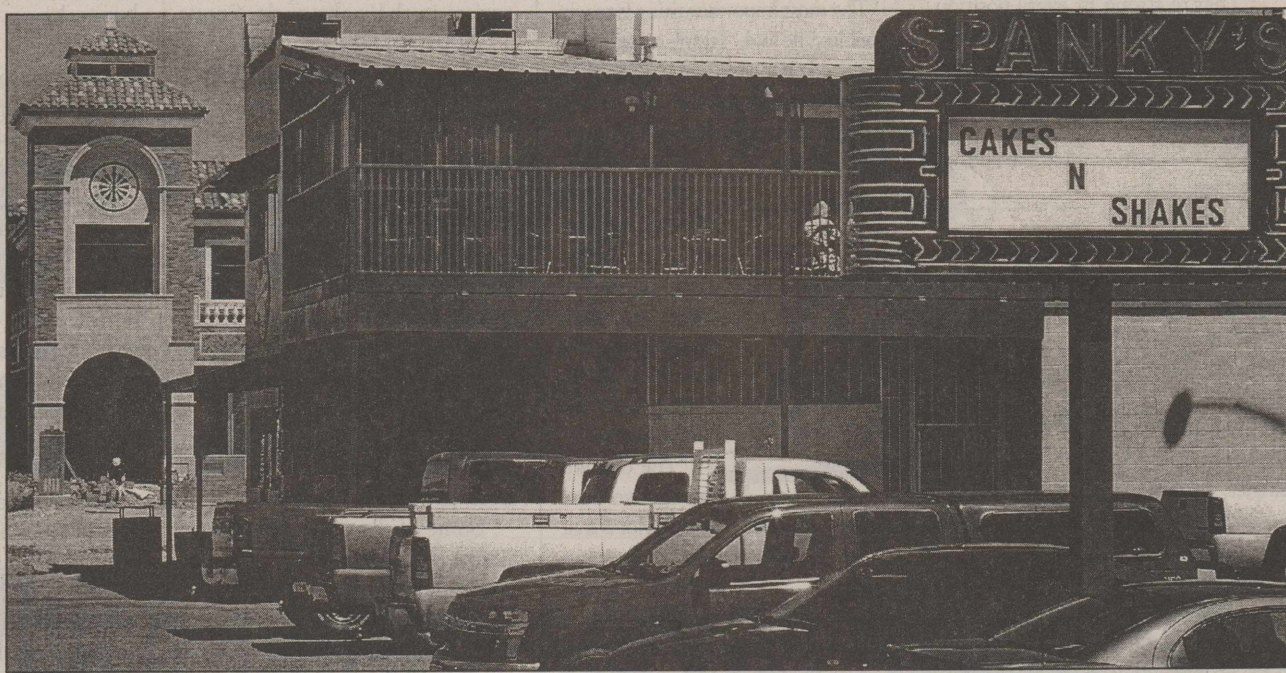
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## Still in business

**NOT UNDER CONSTRUCTION:** Despite the North Overton Redevelopment Project at its doorstep, Spanky's still has its doors open.



DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

SPANKY'S RESTAURANT, LOCATED across from campus at 811 University Ave., has been serving locals, including Tech students and faculty for 23 years and counting.

By Clara Cobb/The University Daily

When Lisa West first purchased Spanky's restaurant, the restaurant had 23 seats. Twenty-three years later, West still is in business and doing well.

"I made a decision when I was pretty young that I was going to own my own business someday," West said. "It's my livelihood. To me, it's kinda like my first baby. I nurtured it, took care of it."

West purchased the restaurant when she was 21 years old, directly after graduating from Texas Tech. She has owned the restaurant for 18 of the 23 years it has been open. West added the second story, balcony and extended the bar where orders are taken. Her father was the greatest influence on her initiative and success.

"I never thought there was anything I couldn't do," she said. "I enjoy what I do, and I think that's the most important thing. That's truly my biggest thing — to enjoy what I am doing and have sense of accomplishment and growth."

West worked hard to keep her business open during the construction with the North Overton Redevelopment Project.

The project is the largest privately funded urban revitalization project in the United States. According to Maurice Johnson, an employee at Chicago Housing Authority, similar publicly funded projects

in Chicago of the same size are under construction and have been completed in Chicago.

"We've been through a lot of transition. Our numbers always stay the same," West said. "As things change in society, we've adapted really, really well."

West, a single mother of two, said she never intended to keep two locations of Spanky's open. Operating two locations limited her time with her first priority: her children.

West said for the last three years during destruction and construction for the redevelopment project, the North Overton area was desolate. She would close the University Avenue location of the restaurant at 2 p.m.

She said she opened the Slide Road location of the restaurant to help add revenue during construction in North Overton. She is excited to be in operation again on University, which she said felt like coming home.

"It is about to explode in this area," she said. "It is exciting to be a part of that."

West has owned the restaurant for 18 years. Other North Overton businesses, such as Ralph's records, have relocated. Other businesses are no longer in

business, like Buffalo Beano.

Larry Thompson, owner of Ralph's Records, said relocating his business improved his business. He was able to move into a better building, and purchase new signs and fixtures.

"That neighborhood needed to go," Thompson said. "It was all deteriorating. When you only have houses in ill repair, you're only going to attract the worst clientele."

West kept her alert on for the safety of her business during the construction.

"Initially, I never dreamed they'd approach me or try to take my land," West said. "I did my homework to make sure we were going to stay. I banked on everyone giving their word. So far, they've kept it."

West said McDougal Corporations approached her several times with offers to purchase her land and building as part of the redevelopment project.

"I don't want to sell. I never want to sell," she said. "We're going to be here forever."

Sheri Richardson, an employee in the marketing department at McDougal Corporations, said the corporation was involved in project as a middle party.

"We are the developer of the project," Richardson said. "We have acquired all of the land and we sell it off."

Marc McDougal, mayor of Lubbock, does not conduct press interviews unless regarding North Overton unless new phases in construction have been completed.

Eddie McBride, president of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, believes incoming businesses around the restaurant will only help the restaurant's business. McBride said the restaurant staying in the original location was not an impediment to the progress in the North Overton area.

"I don't know if it has an impact one way or another except it's going to stay there," McBride said. "You hope every business has a chance to succeed in this town."

He said he enjoys eating at the restaurant. "Some establishments have a following or clientele that helps keep their revenue positive," McBride said. "I would expect that they have a loyal clientele that frequents their business."

West said she has a lot of herself invested in her business, which has grown throughout the years do to her innovations and adaptability.

"There's a lot of character, a lot of nostalgia," she said. "Everything from the booths and carving names in the tables to yelling back the fried cheese. The customers really take ownership of this place. It's like it's their place, not mine, and I really like that."

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— LISA WEST  
Tech Alumna and Spanky's Owner

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# Performances top product in Tech Theatre's One Acts

Texas Tech Theatre's production of "Raider Red's One-Act Play Spectacular," finishing its run this weekend, gives students the creative power to write and direct original pieces for the stage.

**James Eppler**



*It's the kind of entertainment one might enjoy, but will likely forget about after a good night's sleep.*

Unfortunately, this year's offerings are far from spectacular.

While there are several strong performances contained within the four plays and two dance numbers, little sticks with you.

It's the kind of entertainment one might enjoy, but will likely forget about after a good night's sleep.

The evening opens with "Attention on Deck," by R. Allen Scott, a dreary and maudlin story about two sisters burying their veteran father. Katie (Rachel Campbell) sits outside the cemetery, playing solitaire with her father's old deck of cards, which is not a full deck. Her overbearing older sister, Jennifer (Vanessa Fonte) has turned the funeral into an extravaganza, against her father's wishes.

Along comes Megan (Candace Cyrek), a military officer who knew

plays over an ending seen coming a mile away.

Next is "The Battle of '83" with fun choreography by D'Lisa Holland, who also sports some saucy moves in the performance. All four dancers have a blast with Chaka Khan's music, and you won't be able to keep from smiling big.

"Malaria the Musical (not an actual musical)," whose title no doubt was inspired by "South Park" creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone's 1996 film, "Cannibal: The Musical," has a few big laughs, thanks largely to a talented cast.

The script by John Schneiderwind has little momentum on its own. Such is the case, the cast of proven comedians can only make it work occasionally.

Two explorers are looking for a tribe

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of savages, which are known to be people killers. The tribe itself actually is divided on the issue of people-killing. Only

Running Faucet (a strong Antonio Hardy) is the voice of reason against Zeighdauk (an always reliably funny Kevin Ten Eyck) and Allebelujawaguh (a stage-owning David Wygant). Their pot-smoking chief, Shrinking Tree (Terry Chance), is divided on the issue.

The shot at being social satire misses the mark, and the narrative has the depth of a "Saturday Night Live" sketch, but the performers prove they are up to the challenge.

"Little Blue Pills" by Katie Leonard may be the best overall play of the bunch. Set in a psychiatrist's office, Dr. Aliene (Kate Tegmeyer) is working

with neurotic patients who soon may drive her nuts.

She's been working with paranoid Gary (Jeremy Hatley) for eight years with little progress, but it's Sophie (Angela Thompson) who may have sent the doctor clamoring to self-medicate.

The relationship between the narcissistic Sophie and the long-suffering Dr. Aliene is the play's central focus, with Tegmeyer and Thompson playing off each other's nuances nicely, and giving the best performances of the evening.

Even when the play threatens to spin out of control, with the inclusion of Sophie's battered beau, (Brice Russell), Tegmeyer and Thompson keep it grounded.

Next is a dance called "Beautiful," with silky and sexy choreography by Ashley Williams set to the music of Don McLean. The darkness of this well-performed number sets the stage for "My Last Week," the final play.

Written by talented Will Roby, who wrote last year's best One-Act, "July 1st," "Last Week" is a dark and hazy tale of an

ex-con who just got out of the clink.

Upon getting out, Jon (K.C. Gilchrest) meets two women—deliciously sultry Melba (Kari Smitherman) and abrasive Ivana (Addie Bressler).

The mystery of the play unfolds slowly, as each character has a secret to hide.

The interactions between the characters are impeded, however, because of all three characters' constant asides to the audience. Roby seems to be going for a noir feeling with his writing, but the asides become intrusive, rather than adding flavor.

While Gilchrest is decent as the hardened criminal, both Smitherman and Bressler look like they could eat him alive. He is effectively and consistently upstaged by these two able actresses.

"My Last Week" never achieves the heights it aims for, which is really a metaphor for the entire evening.

**Eppler is The UD's movie critic. E-mail comments and questions to James.D.Eppler@ttu.edu.**

## Jackson accuser's mother tells weird story of alleged captivity

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — The mother of Michael Jackson's accuser told jurors Thursday a bizarre story of weeks during which she was shuttled around by Jackson's associates, made a virtual prisoner and warned that "killers" were after her.

The woman said during the entire period, she never tried to call police because "who could possibly believe this?"

Jackson, 46, is on trial for charges he molested a 13-year-old and kept the youngster and his family captive.

The boy's mother asserted Jackson's people claimed the family needed to be protected from killers. She said they kept her in line by threatening her parents and her boyfriend.

Prosecutors allege the family was held to get them to make a video rebutting a Feb. 6, 2003, TV documentary in which Jackson appeared with the boy who eventually would accuse him of molestation. In the program, Jackson said he let children sleep in his bed, but he characterized the practice as innocent.

The woman, who had testified emotionally on Wednesday, was more controlled in her second day on the stand as she answered questions from prosecutor Ron Zonen about her excursions with two Jackson aides, Frank Tyson and Vince Amen.

She burst into tears at one point when the prosecutors showed her four passports belonging to her and her children, which she said she had been forced to obtain when she was told they would be going to Brazil.

"Finally!" the woman exclaimed as Zonen produced the passports. She looked upward, sighed and began to cry. She said she had never been given the documents.

She said all of her activities from Feb. 21 to March 10, 2003, were dictated by Jackson's henchmen, who she said monitored her calls, stood outside her window or her hotel door, and would not let her leave their custody.

"All along this period, I'm trying to reach people to help me because it's evolving into more and more escalation," she said.

At one point, she said, she and the children returned to his Neverland ranch, and Jackson was there. She said her two sons and daughter played with Jackson while she spent time at a guest house and rarely went outside.

"Did you know where the boys were sleeping?" she was asked.

"No," she said.

The woman detailed an extraordinarily busy period of alleged captivity during which, she said, she and the children were taken to various public offices to obtain birth certificates, passports and visas.

She said they also went shopping for clothes and went to the Laugh Factory club in Hollywood

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## Lubbock Arts and Crafts Festival activities scheduled to begin today

The Lubbock Arts and Crafts Festival opens at noon today with an ACE Awards Luncheon honoring Allen McInnes, dean of the Rawls College of Business. The festival takes place at the Lubbock Civic Center, located at 1501 Mac Davis Lane.

The festival will feature 100 artist booths, eight art galleries including galleries displaying art by Texas Tech students and Dirk West, a cartoonist who was famous for his drawings of Raider Red. In addition to visual arts, several music stages featuring live performers will be set up throughout the festival.

Volunteer coordinator Gay Croslin said this year's festival is going to be better than it has been in the past several years.

"It's just going to be the grandest one we've had in a long

time," she said.

Mac Davis, the singer/songwriter who penned the lyric "Happiness is Lubbock, Texas, in my rearview mirror," will perform at the festival at 8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$23 or \$28 and are available through Select-A-Seat by calling (806) 770-2000.

Cirque de la Danse, a performance by Ballet Lubbock, Ballet Folklorico and students from the Tech theatre and dance department is scheduled to take place at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 and also can be purchased through Select-A-Seat.

The festival closes down for the year at 6 p.m. Sunday.

The festival still needs volunteers to work at the admissions booth and the children's events. Call 773-9778 for more information.

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Many questions have options listed that were popular choices from last year's survey. There is also a field to write in a choice not listed.

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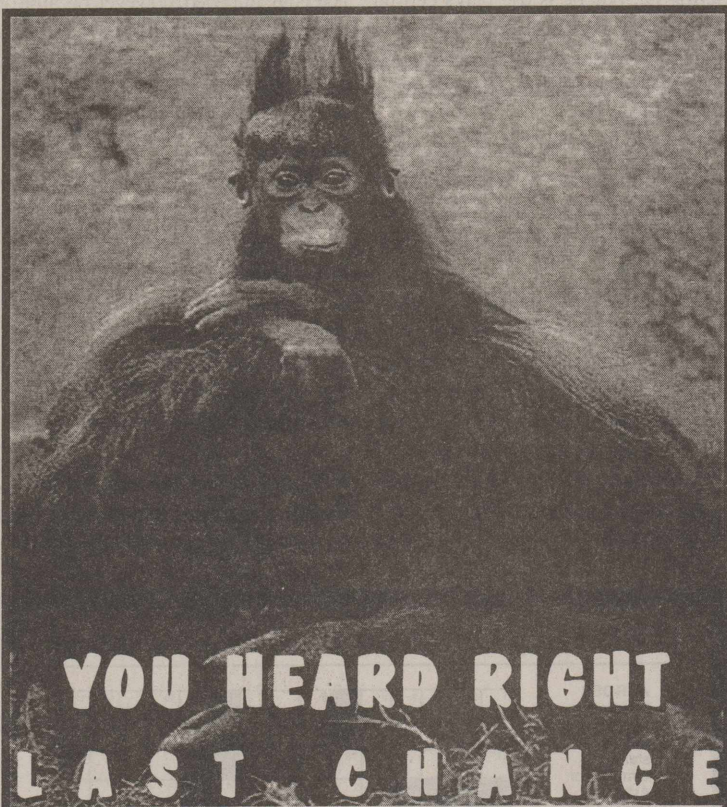
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## Spring practices culminate in intra-squad scrimmage

By David Wiechmann/  
The University Daily

Every year, the Red-Black game is a chance for Texas Tech football teams to see the Red Raiders in action before they put the pads away until summer workouts. The intra-squad scrimmage to coach Mike Leach, however, is just another practice not demanding glitz and glamour.

"Sometimes folks talk about it as this big, climactic event," Leach said. "Everybody's like, 'Oh, the spring game.' Or, 'this happened in the spring game.' But whatever happens in the spring game doesn't discount what we do the other 14 practices."

NCAA allows for 15 workouts/scrimmages during spring practices. This year's Red-Black Game will kick-off at 1 p.m. Saturday with the annual alumni game before it at 12:30 p.m.

The players said they are looking forward to the scrimmage and use it as one more opportunity to get better and

make progress for the 2005 season.

"We want to finish the spring off strong and really set the tone for next season," said linebacker Brock Stratton.

The tone in workouts this week has been one of high intensity. Quarterback Cody Hodges said a few fights broke out in practice Wednesday as a result of the intensity. Leach said he is glad to see his players practicing with so much passion, but he said he believes more could come out of the workouts if the intensity were combined with more concentration.

"I thought we had really good intensity today," Leach said. "I think we need to combine some brainwork with the intensity."

Leach and his staff will attempt to get their players' brains thinking Saturday's Red-Black Game is more like an actual game.

The atmosphere and routine will be more like gameday for the Raiders and will aid in the younger players making the transition and getting comfortable. There are setbacks from a coach's standpoint about the spring game, but all in all, the annual event is beneficial for the team.

"Just by the nature of it, there's some artificial things you try to do to make it look like a game as much as you can when in fact, you would like to interrupt the thing and go out there and get something straightened out," Leach said. "From a selfish standpoint, it doesn't serve all my purposes, but I think it's really good for the program."

The fact the Red-Black Game is run like a scrimmage and the corrections Leach said he wished he could make during the game is exactly why he does

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not make the scrimmage the final practice of the year.

The team will have a light workout on Monday after the coaching staff breaks down film of the game to find areas in need of more improvement.

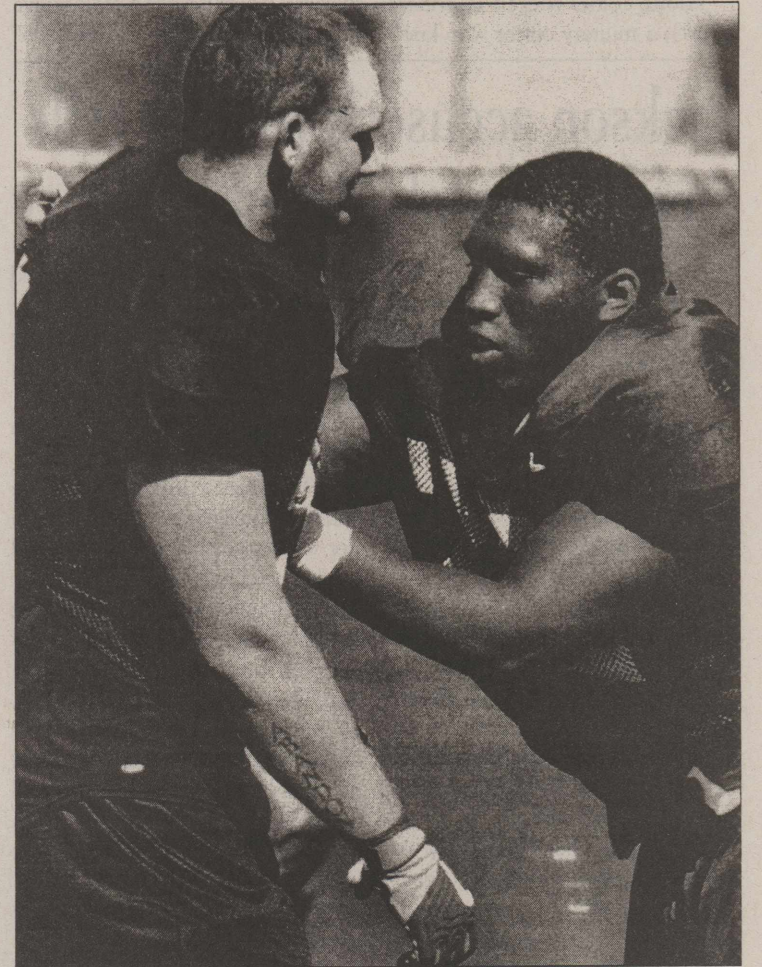
One player who will not be able to participate in this year's Red-Black Game is redshirt freshman quarterback Graham Harrell. Leach confirmed on Wednesday the signal-caller has a broken ankle. Tech officials said the injury did not happen in practice.

Harrell was on the sidelines at practice Monday on crutches with a boot on

his right foot and a hospital bracelet on his wrist. Leach said he believes Harrell will be ready to go when summer workouts begin and added he is not an expert on the medical field.

"I don't read X-rays or anything," he said. "I think it's a concern. You want him back as soon as possible. He got a lot of things done last year in the offseason. The sooner he can get back on track and continue the journey as far as improvement, I think, is very important. So the sooner, the better."

Harrell's injury for the time narrows the battle for the starting quarterback job to Hodges and sophomore Phillip Daugherty.



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BASEBALL

# Tech players try not to underestimate 2-10 Wildcats

By Bryan Wendell/  
The University Daily

Confidence cannot be confused with cockiness, and the Texas Tech baseball team will need to employ that mentality when riding a three-game winning streak into the house of the team with the worst record in the Big 12.

The Red Raiders travel to Manhattan, Kan., to compete in a three-game series against the Kansas State Wildcats beginning today, and the players know they cannot think the Wildcats' mediocre record will make for an easy weekend sweep.

"You can't take anyone in this conference for granted; if you do, you come back and you're 0-3," said senior second baseman Carey Avants. "It's not easy to play in anyone's place. You go there and you just try to do the things you do at home. We're looking to take two out of three and hopefully sweep them if we can."

The Wildcats (15-16, 2-10 Big 12) have played some close games against the conference's top teams and even defeated the Texas Longhorns

— a team the Red Raiders went 0-2 against this season.

Last year, Tech (23-11, 5-6) swept the Wildcats in a three-game series in Lubbock. Tech leads the all-time series against K-State with 19 wins against seven losses.

Despite the historic advantage, senior shortstop Cameron Blair said he hopes the Raiders will put forth a sound effort.

"You've gotta go out there and play hard no matter who you're playing against," he said.

Tech coach Larry Hays said he is troubled by the thought of neglecting K-State's ability to compete.

"(Thinking K-State is inferior) is way off base, I guarantee you. If we think any way like that at all, we're in serious trouble," he said. "Kansas State is a good club, and we better

be ready. Every team we've played that's a common opponent they've beaten better than we have."

Hays and Blair both said the Big 12 Conference is among the top three conferences in the nation because it boasts top-to-bottom competitive teams. Because of this, even the team with the worst record must be taken seriously.

"Anyone that thinks this is a light weekend doesn't understand the Big 12 and doesn't understand how good Kansas State is and doesn't understand where we are," Hays said. "We'd better be ready to play, and I'm really going to get after our players if one of them comes close to thinking like that. Fans can do that, but we can't do that."

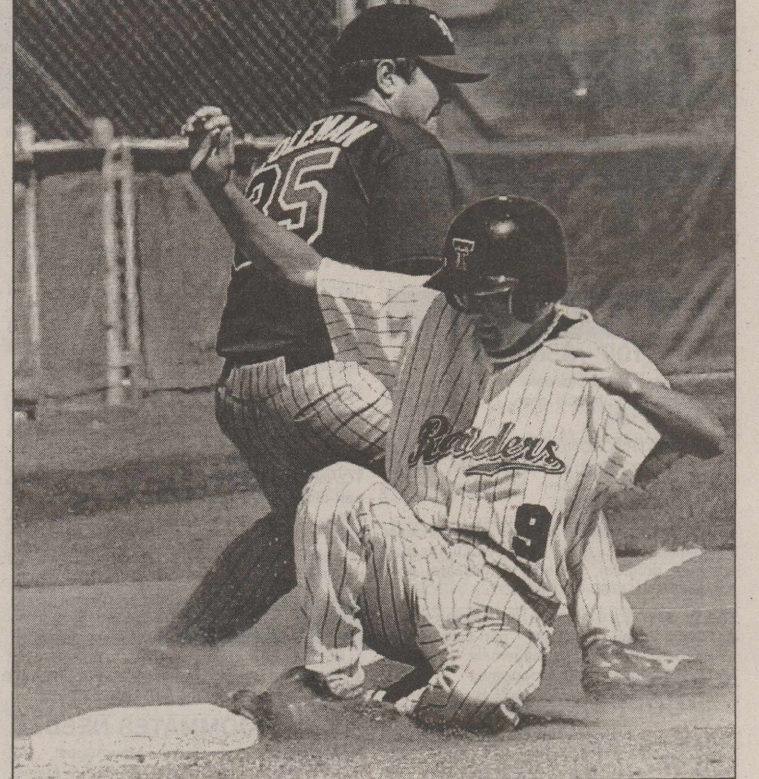
To overcome the Wildcats, Tech will look to continue to ride the hot bats of four Raiders with the highest batting averages.

School	Conf. W-L	Over. W-L
Missouri	8-1	27-6
Baylor	9-3	22-13
Nebraska	6-3	29-6
Oklahoma	5-4	20-12
Texas	6-5	29-6
Texas Tech	5-6	23-11
Oklahoma State	5-7	24-14
Texas A&M	4-8	22-14-1
Kansas	3-6	24-15
Kansas State	2-10	15-16

Junior third baseman Joey Callender is batting .397, followed by Blair, who has an average of .384 to go along with his 11 home runs. All other Tech players combined have 16 home runs.

Blair's three home run effort against Oklahoma State last weekend caused him to be named co-Big 12 Player of the Week. Blair said he is flattered by the recognition, but said he would not have been recognized if not for his teammates.

"Well, it's an honor, of course," he said. "Any time anybody's a Big 12 Player of the Week it's a big honor. It's all due to the guys around me; they've been swinging the bat real well. I actually give it to the pitchers; they pitched real well (during last weekend)."



THIRD BASEMAN JOEY CALLENDER (No. 9) SLIDES SAFELY INTO THIRD BASE DURING TEXAS TECH'S VICTORY AGAINST HARDIN-SIMMONS WEDNESDAY AT DAN LAW FIELD.

TRACK & FIELD

## Red Raiders dash to California for Mount SAC Relays

By Anne Gepford/The University Daily

Sunny California: land of palm trees, ocean breeze and Mount San Antonio College.

The Texas Tech track and field team travels to Walnut, Calif., this weekend to compete in the 47th annual event.

Marlon Odom, a sprinter and hurdler for Tech, said he hopes his first time in California is full of good weather and personal records. He said he has focused on the upcoming meet by practicing hard and staying mentally focused.

"I just try to get by myself and get there on my own," he said of his pre-meet warm-up rituals. "I focus on what I'm going to do in my race."

With the visualization of a better time on the clock, Odom may do better than his third place finish from last weekend's Texas Relays. He said the team's improvement is important for future successes at the regional meet.

"We've been progressing every meet," he said. "Everybody's been running better each meet."

With people running faster and reaching better marks in the field, Tech's improvement can be seen with the addition of new regional qualifying marks and times each meet.

Odom said the Red Raiders have their sights set on the future. "Each meet we have somebody else qualify," he said. "That's our goal — to eventually get everybody else to regionally qualify."

TRACK & FIELD

**MOUNT SAC RELAYS**  
When: Today and Saturday  
Where: Walnut, Calif.

Odom said the qualifying marks are easier to obtain with competition.

The Raiders face competition from Arkansas, Florida and Wisconsin to name a few, along with many international competitors in the three-day meet, which lasts from Friday to Sunday.

Odom said some of the best athletes will be at the meet. "It's going to let you see where you're at as far as nationally and in the world," he said. "The competition's supposed to be really good."

Pole vaulter Seth Harris said the competition will aid with the conditions for his jump, which are expected to be perfect.

"There have been some great jumps made down there," he said. "I hope to do well. There's really good competition down there."

Harris said he is anticipating the conditions there, despite the long travel. "It kind of wears down on you after awhile," he said.

Jonathan Johnson, no stranger to long travels for competition, said the meet this weekend is his chance to focus on his 800-meter run. He currently is ranked first in the nation in the event.

"When I come out of this meet, I want to have run a fast time and got good experience out of it," he said. "This will be another meet to train." Johnson said his goal is to run the 800 in 1 minute, 45 seconds or better. "That's my goal for this weekend," he said.

SOFTBALL

## Raiders face Nebraska in Lincoln

By Trey Shipman/  
The University Daily

After a season of ups and downs, the Red Raider softball team will head to Lincoln, Neb., this weekend in an attempt to snap a four-game losing streak.

Tech (22-15, 2-6 Big 12) will be in action against the Huskers (25-14, 3-5 Big 12).

The Raiders' last four losses have come at the hands of No. 17 Missouri and No. 6 Oklahoma.

Coach Teresa Wilson said though Nebraska may not be on par with their team's two opponents, they still propose a challenge.

"Nebraska is fundamentally sound, they work hard and I have a lot of respect for their coach," she said. "Their leadoff hitter has a lot of speed, so keeping her off the bases will be a huge task for us." The Huskers are 4-1 over their last

five contests, including wins over conference foes Iowa State and Baylor.

Top performers for Nebraska include Senior Anne Steffan who leads the team with a .460 batting average, and close behind is Junior Lizzy Rock hitting .414.

In the circle for the Huskers is sophomore Ashley Debuhr who as compiled a 1.62 era and a record of 15-12.

Senior Natalie Enderlin said for the team to turn things around they have to be prepared for what Nebraska brings to the table.

"They're going to be very aggressive," she said. "We've showed a lot of heart this year and we need to continue that and be aggressive on offense and defense."

The Raiders met the Huskers March 12 in a tournament in Wichita, Kan., and despite a complete game effort from pitcher Keely Tucker were defeated 4-0.

School	Conf. W-L	Over. W-L
Texas Tech	2-6	22-15
Nebraska	3-5	25-14

Records: 25-14, 3-5; 22-15, 2-6

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## WOMEN'S TENNIS

### Tech plays final two regular-season matches

By Anne Gepford/  
The University Daily

These Texas Tech girls wish for something more than diamonds and pearls — they are more focused on trophies and tennis balls.

The women's tennis team is headed to Oklahoma this weekend to take on its last two Big 12 opponents before the conference tournament.

Junior Katja Kovacic said the team aims to finish high both this weekend and in the upcoming tournament, which starts April 28.

"Our goal for this weekend is to finish strong," she said. "We're going out there to win."

No. 60 Tech enters the weekend with a 7-11 overall record and a 4-5 record in conference play.

Coach Cari Groce said the matches against Oklahoma State Friday and No. 69 Oklahoma Saturday are crucial for the team.

"Basically, it impacts the seeding of the team," she said. "I think we want to finish strong here. This weekend is important to do that. I think the players are aware of how the Big 12 works in the tournament."

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