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STATE NEWS —

Jury convicts councilman in corruption case

AMARILLO (AP) — Dallas City Council member Al Lipscomb was convicted Tuesday on all 65 federal bribery and conspiracy charges against him.

Jurors deliberated about four hours before deciding that \$36,000 in cash payments from a Dallas businessman influenced Lipscomb.

The 74-year-old civil rights leader was the first black to run for Dallas mayor and helped bring an end to the city's at-large system of electing mostly white city council members.

After a two-week trial, Lipscomb sat stoically in a packed courtroom as he listened to the verdict. Two women in the audience burst into tears.

"The evidence against him was compelling," said prosecutor Michael Uhl, adding that Lipscomb had lied about the payments. "I was not surprised."

"Nobody's above the law — no matter how old you are, what you've done in life or what color you are," he said.

Uhl said a Dallas jury also would have convicted Lipscomb. U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall moved the trial to Amarillo, more than 300 miles away, because Lipscomb is well-known in Dallas.

NATIONAL NEWS —

13-year-old girl pleads guilty in half brother's death

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A 13-year-old girl pleaded guilty Tuesday to third-degree murder in the beating, stabbing and drowning of her 3-year-old half brother, prosecutors said.

A sentencing hearing in Juvenile Court is scheduled for Feb. 10 and few details on the case were released due to her age.

Christian C. Ladoucer was found in their home on Dec. 21. He had been beaten and stabbed before he was drowned in the bathtub.

The girl and boy were the only two home at the time.

Under Minnesota law, the girl could not stand trial as an adult because she is under 14 and she can't remain under court jurisdiction past her 19th birthday.

WORLD NEWS —

Killer of U.S. drug agent sentenced to 30 years

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — A judge convicted a Bogota man of shooting to death a U.S. drug agent following a November 1998 bar-room argument and sentenced him to 30 years in prison, the man's attorney said Tuesday.

Jorge Figueroa, 25, also was convicted in the death of a 20-year-old bystander and ordered to pay \$45,000 to the survivors of both men, said his lawyer, Jaime Rodriguez.

He said a Bogota judge returned the conviction and sentence on Monday.

The slain Drug Enforcement Administration agent, 37-year-old Frank Moreno of Edinburg, Texas, had argued with Figueroa in the El Divino discotheque and was shot in the chest as he left the disco with a friend.

"The Colombian justice system has once again shown that criminals and murderers will be apprehended and sentenced," Leo Arreguin, the chief DEA attache in Colombia, said Tuesday.

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Owner says TV broadcast incorrect

by Brandon Formby
Contributing Writer

One popular eating establishment among Texas Tech students has changed its name and menu because of one local television station's broadcast, the restaurant owner said.

During Winter Break, Hub City Burrito Co. owner Mike Watkins changed his restaurant's name to The Chicken and discontinued the establishment's signature burritos after a KCBD-TV "Food for Thought" segment reported there were rodents in the restaurant. Sixty-one thousand people watch the segment each week, said Benji Snead, "Food for Thought" producer.

Watkins said he largely targets Tech students, many of whom were disappointed by the change.

"I was devastated about it because they closed a good restaurant, and I couldn't believe it," said Ruben Duron, a freshman busi-

ness major from San Perlita. "I would go with all my friends every Sunday because that's the only chance I got to eat out."

Watkins said after the "Food for Thought" segment ran Sept. 2 and named the restaurant a low performer, business decreased about 50 percent. It was this decline in business that led to the name and menu change.

Snead said the script for that night's broadcast said Hub City Burrito's "violations included dented cans ... and the presence of rodents and flies."

Both Watkins and Peter Kern, the city of Lubbock environmental inspector who performed the inspection, said there was no evidence of rodents or bugs in the restaurant.

According to the environmental inspector's report, a screen door did not meet health code regulations, which is a violation under the same category of the actual presence of rodents or bugs.

"Whenever we find a gap (in a door), we tell them they can get rodents or bugs, and



Mike Watkins, owner of The Chicken, said an incorrect "Food for Thought" broadcast has hurt his business. Another restaurant owner said there have been variances between health reports and the broadcast of the popular TV show.

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the door must fit tight," Kern said.

The wording on the inspector's report, however, never said there were rodents or insects in the restaurant.

In the health inspection report, Kern wrote, "effective measures must be used to minimize the presence of rodents, flies — see **INCORRECT**, p. 3

Sobering moment



Dan Barrett, a senior management major from Spring, looks over the remains of a Corvette on display Tuesday outside the Student Recreation Center as part of the Tech Well health and fitness fair. The car is the result of a 1989 accident that killed two Lubbock High School students.

Parking funds self generated

by Michael Denton
Staff Writer

State and local governments use parking citations and other traffic violations to fund various public departments. Texas Tech follows the same method.

In 1999, Tech's Department of Traffic and Parking brought in more than \$2 million from parking tickets and parking permits. From these funds, \$1.3 million is allocated to the funding of the traffic and parking department, \$500,000 funds the Tech Police Department that includes the nighttime shuttle bus and \$350,000 helps fund parking lot construction and repair.

Traffic and Parking issues about 18,000 parking permits and 40,000 parking citations each year. Parking fines range from \$10 to \$200, depending on the type of violation.

Michelle Barreara, a student assistant for Traffic and Parking at Tech, said a vehicle can be fined \$10 for a damaged or poorly-placed parking sticker and up to \$200 for parking in a handicapped parking space.

The regular fine for parking in the wrong lot or not having a parking permit costs \$15.

Although these fines are issued to students, staff and visitors, the fine is not passed on to local government but stays on campus.

"These fines, if not paid, do not affect the student's state license and are not passed on to state or local officials," said Trish Krause, a supervisor at Traffic and Parking at Tech.

After 10 working days, a late fee is added to the ticket for processing, and if the ticket is not paid within 20 days, the fine is placed on the student's tuition. This new policy was activated July 1999.

Barreara said this method is easier for students who perhaps do not have time to go to Traffic and Parking and pay their tickets.

Barreara also said many students do not realize they are allowed to have one ticket voided in all their years at Tech.

When a Tech student receives a ticket, they can do one of three things: they can pay it off within 20 days or have it placed on their tuition; ask for the ticket to be voided; or they can appeal the ticket if they believe the ticket was given to them unfairly.

If a visitor receives a ticket, they can sign the back of the ticket and bring it up to Traffic and Parking or mail it in, and it will be dismissed. However, each visitor only is allowed three dismissals.

A vehicle can be towed for either parking in a reserved or handicapped parking space or if the car is blocking a Tech service vehicle. If a car is towed, the owner must go to the Tech Police Department, located at 2901 Fourth St., and pay the fines to get the vehicle out of storage.

The fine to get a vehicle out of begins at \$40 and goes up depending on where the car was parked.

For further information on Traffic and Parking regulations, call 742-3811 or stop by the office at 2903 Fourth St.



Traffic and Parking	\$1,324,727
Police Department	\$475,940
Lot Construction/Repair	\$350,000
Total	\$2,150,667

Student looks to Tech for challenge

by Jamie Laubhan
Staff Writer

While most of her high school friends were concerned with the now and their biggest problem was who they were taking to the prom, Erin Kirk, a freshman journalism major from Snyder, was looking toward the future.

At the age of 17, Kirk now is living on her own while her high school classmates still are living at home.

"I was in a hurry to be independent," Kirk said. "I wanted to live on my own and make my own money."

Kirk aspired to graduate early since junior high and did so last May, when she would have been a junior.

Kirk said she maintained good grades throughout high school with little attempt and felt she was ready for something different.

"I didn't feel like high school was challenging enough," Kirk said. "I wanted to move on toward my career."

Since Kirk kept an older group of friends, there was no one holding her back. Even her parents were supportive.

Donna Green, Kirk's mother, supported her daughter in her decision from day one.

"Graduating early had been something Erin had wanted to do since junior high," Green said. "Therefore, I feel I was more supportive than most parents would have been."

Green was sad to see her daughter move on but felt it would have been the same no matter what her age.

She said she knew her daughter's deci-



Freshman Erin Kirk skipped her senior year in high school to attend college at Tech. Kirk said she did not feel high school was challenging enough and is ready to become independent.

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sion was in her best interest and had confidence that Kirk would succeed, despite her age difference from the average college student.

"I didn't feel like high school was challenging enough."

Erin Kirk
Tech freshman

"I think that any freshman has difficulty adjusting at first," she said. "In my case, I didn't know how to study because grades had always come so easy."

Vin Fisher, a freshman business major

from Andrews, had no desire to finish high school before his designated time and feels that skipping his senior year would have been detrimental to his college experience.

"I think it is better to finish out high school," Fisher said. "Senior level classes help prepare you for the tougher college courses."

Fisher offered the story of a friend who had graduated early, as Kirk did, and dropped out of college after only one semester.

"I think there are some special cases where younger students are more mature and ready for college, but that is not always the case," Fisher said.

While she is living it up at college, Kirk agrees graduating early is not for everyone. She said people are definitely at different levels of maturity and responsibility.

"I think success depends on the person," Kirk said. "You have to be more advanced emotionally, socially and academically."

Classic group to focus on past culture

by **Charlie Milling**
Staff Writer

When Valerie Johnson, a classics graduate student from Cleveland, Ohio saw "Clash of the Titans," she was hooked on classical literature and culture.

Now, she wants to share her enthusiasm with undergraduates.

Johnson is one of a few graduate students trying to get a student organization for classical language and culture going again.

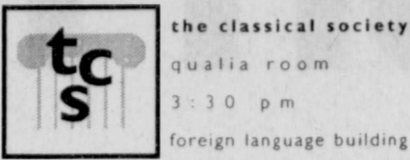
They will have their first public meeting at 3:30 p.m. today in the

Qualia Room of the Foreign Language building.

"There was a group like this a couple years ago," said Matthew Porcher, a junior classics major from Austin. "They kind of lapsed, so we're just restarting it. The group wants to foster the camaraderie among all the interest in the classics."

The Classical Society wants to promote and educate students about ancient culture.

"We want to promote the study of ancient Greek and Latin languages, art and philosophy," Johnson said.



the classical society
qualia room
3:30 p.m.
foreign language building

She said every aspect of the cultures will try and be discussed in some way.

"It will be cool for people who like mythology," she said.

Johnson said she was not sure about the specific events the group would take part in yet, but it would be discussed at the meeting today.

She did say the group was inter-

est in planning trips, lectures, dinners or watching movies.

The group was formed after some graduate students conducted research about who would be interested.

"We were going over the numbers of enrollments for Latin and Greek," Johnson said. "In high school, they were up, but in college, they leveled off. Graduate students were talking about some of the problems and what we could do to fix it. One of the ideas we came up with was that a small number of graduate students

could start an undergraduate organization here to promote it."

Johnson said, even though originally it was geared toward undergraduates, anyone from any major can join.

"It doesn't matter," she said. "You don't have to be a classics major."

Another aspect of the club Johnson said she was excited about is the alternative way of meeting people with similar interests.

"I think it's a good way for people to meet other people who normally wouldn't meet in the dorms or in class."

Organization budget workshop planned

All student organizations have a final chance to attend a budget workshop in order to receive Student Government Association funds.

The meeting is today at 7 p.m. in the University Center Matador Room.

For more information call 742-3631.

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January 20

•9:41 a.m. Officers documented an incident concerning a threat against a resident assistant on the sixth floor of Murdough Residence Hall.

•8:36 p.m. Officers documented a dispute at the library. A non-student was given a criminal trespass warning on Texas Tech property.

January 19

•8:57 p.m. Officers investigated a theft at Stangel Residence Hall. Christmas lights were stolen from a resident's room.

January 18

•4:30 p.m. Officers stopped a student in the 1900 block of Elgin Avenue for traffic violation in the 1500 block of Flint Avenue and was arrested for an outstanding Lubbock Sheriff's Office warrant.

January 17

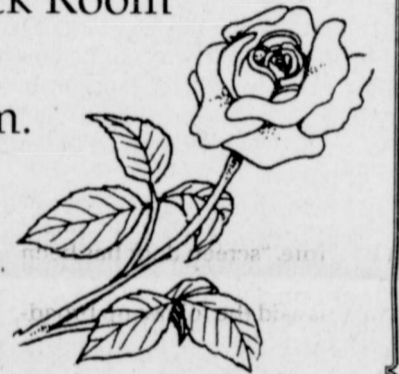
•1:55 p.m. Officers investigated possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana at Sneed Residence Hall. The student was released pending the filing of charges.

•4:23 p.m. Officers arrested a student for possession of drug paraphernalia at Bledsoe Residence Hall. The student was transported to Lubbock County Jail.

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Law school alumnus strives to reach top

by Loretto Jones
Staff Writer

For Judge Larry "Rusty" Ladd, Texas Tech law school alumnus, television shows like "Ally McBeal" and "Law & Order" are not quite as realistic as they may seem. He said real-life law is much more interesting.

"All the cop and law shows are a bunch of hype. Real life is a whole lot more interesting than what you see on TV or in the movies," Ladd said. "Anyone can learn the law. It's how you treat people, that's what makes the difference."

Ladd has spent most of his life learning the law, but he said getting people involved in the legal system is his goal.

One way he wants to achieve this is by running for judge in County Court of Law No. 1 in Lubbock County in the upcoming March election. He said he hopes students vote and get involved with the political process.

"Students need to take an interest in the outcome March 14. They need

"Anyone can learn law. It's how you treat people, that's what makes the difference."

Larry "Rusty" Ladd
Tech law school alumnus

to vote early and be active in the process," he said.

Ladd said young people with the gifts of common sense and intellect refuse to get involved in the election process.

In the race for county judge, Ladd faces Republicans David Duncan and Dennis Reeves, both Lubbock attorneys. In this campaign, Ladd said each candidate brought significant differences in approach and qualifications.

"Whoever wins will make some tremendous difference in the next three years and be of interest to students," Ladd said. "Every change for the good started with the revolution-

ary thought from college kids."

Ladd said the United States is not calling on young people to serve their country like his generation did. He said no one is making a demand on Generation X.

Born and raised in Petersburg, Ladd attended Lubbock Christian University, where he graduated and majored in Biblical studies.

When he was 22, he and his wife went to southern California where they worked as house parents at a children's home. While in California, Ladd served as a police officer for seven years. He came back Lubbock to attend the Tech law school.

Ladd knew law school was not going to be easy.

"My GPA was terrible, but I scored high on the LSAT and got in" he said.

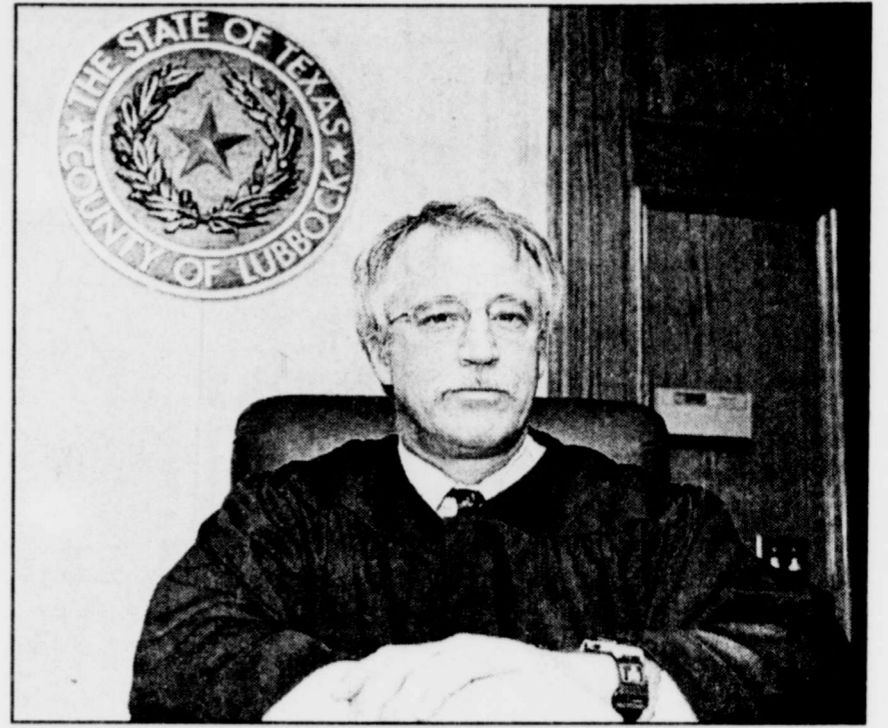
Frank Newton, dean of the Tech law school, remembers meeting Ladd and his family.

"The faces of every member of the Ladd family were alive with excitement and wonder. I knew Rusty was destined for success. His family wouldn't settle for less."

After graduating from law school, the Ladd family moved to Amarillo for a year where Ladd had a taste of criminal law as a defense attorney. After receiving an offer, the family moved back to Lubbock where Ladd became a prosecutor in the district attorney's office.

When a judge in County Court of Law No. 1 was removed from the bench last year, Ladd was appointed to serve as judge until the March election.

When asked about the sudden role change Ladd said, "Not only can I change my hat, I have."



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Judge Larry "Rusty" Ladd, Texas Tech law school alumnus, is running for judge in County Court of Law No. 1 in Lubbock County in the upcoming March election.

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screen door does not seal all around."

Watkins said after the segment aired, he talked to both KCBT news reporter Jeff Vaughn, who has moved to Detroit since the broadcast, and KCBT News Director Jack Vincent.

"I told (Vincent) it'd be great if they could correct that, and they said they'd look into it," Watkins said.

As business began to fall off, Watkins said he waited for a retraction, but it never aired.

"I don't think we did a retraction," Snead said. "Our story was not inaccurate. It was not inaccurate because we used the words given to us by the inspector."

Watkins said he spoke to two different lawyers in hopes of having them write a threatening letter urging KCBT to run a retraction. He said his intent was never to sue the station.

"(KCBT) said they didn't want to put anyone out of business," he said. "I don't know if it was malicious. They don't even know me."

When Kern did a follow-up inspection report of Hub City Burrito Co. on Sept. 15, his report was used again by KCBT's "Food for Thought." In the report he wrote, "screen door has been fixed."

Watkins said the follow-up broadcast did not retract anything that was reported in the original broadcast but did stir things up again.

"They said Hub City had corrected everything, which reiterated the rodent thing again," Watkins said.

Despite the damages, Watkins said the mistake caused, he said he understood how they could have misinterpreted the report but could not understand why they did not run a retraction.

"If we could have gotten a retraction, it would have been nice," he said. "I don't know what the reasoning was. (Vincent) was nice to me. I guess they thought they'd look stupid. Newspapers run retractions, and no one thinks less of them."

Vincent said he was "absolutely" sure KCBT had correctly interpreted the report, though he did not know if Vaughn or anyone else had spoken to the inspector after Watkins claimed they had made a mistake. Vincent said neither he nor Snead had talked to Kern themselves.

Hub City Burrito Co., though, is not the only restaurant whose inspection report differs from KCBT's interpretation.

Last week, a "Food for Thought" low performer was the Pinocchio's Pizza at 5404 Fourth St. On KCBT's Web site,

which features reports from last week's segment, KCBT said "inspectors found the presence of rodents due to an opening in the back door."

Among other violations, the Pinocchio's food inspection report stated there was a cockroach on the floor. The inspector did not say in the report that there were any rodents.

A representative from a local restaurant, who would only speak to *The University Daily* on the condition of anonymity, said he felt "Food for Thought" sensationalizes food inspection reports.

"There have been variances between what is written and what is reported," he said. "They are not the same, 100 percent."

Not all restaurant managers feel "Food for Thought" does a bad job, though.

"Actually, I think it is a good thing," said Jeff Henson, general manager of

the IHOP at 1627 University Ave. "The people in town have a right to know about the restaurants they are eating at. It keeps the managers in town on their toes and makes them do what they need to do."

Henson took over IHOP in August 1999 after KCBT named it a low per-

former in both February and June of 1999. In January, under Henson, IHOP was named a top performer.

"I know 'Food for Thought' is very popular, and I will say any business that takes care of the business they need to will not have a problem," Snead said.



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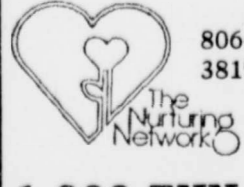
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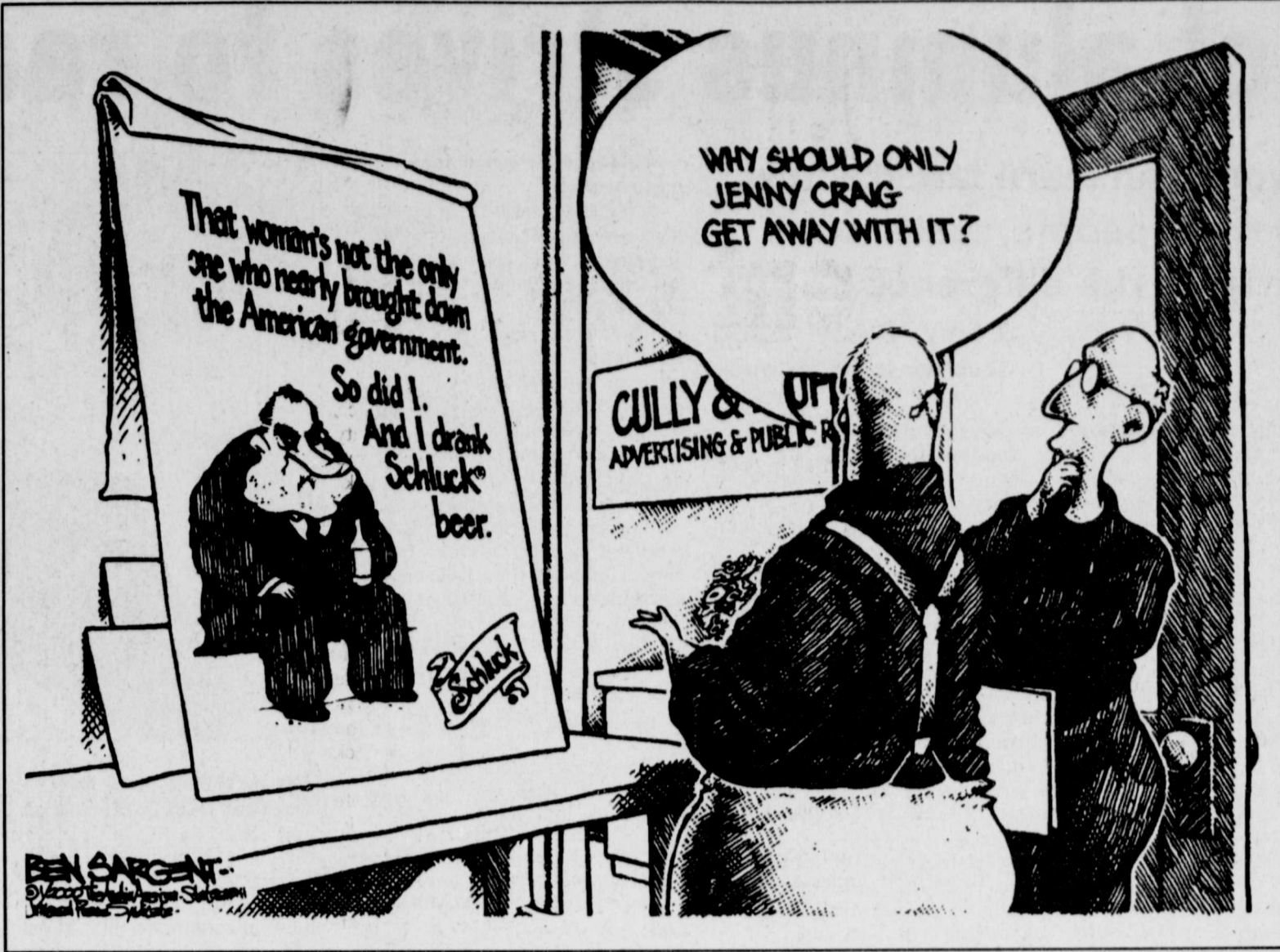
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Agricultural producers steadfast in times of despair, uncertainty

Did you know that when someone forecasts a 50/50 chance of anything (especially rain) you can bet they really don't know for sure? That's why farmers and ranchers spend so much time worrying and fretting about the shape of the clouds on the horizon each morning.

It is not uncommon to hear farmers and ranchers complain about too much rain or not enough rain or rain at the wrong time. To the untrained eye, they sort of begin to sound like lunatics as they rant and rave, but that is their job.

If by chance you were raised on or around a farm or in a small community where the local coffee shop still is the most popular place in town, then you know what I am talking about.

Nearly every morning of the week, the delegation of producers congregate to discuss the markets, the cost of equipment and most importantly, the weather.

After a while, they start to sound like a room full of broken records, especially when

times are dry, like they are right now. These coffee-shop talks serve as a support group, if you will.

Since time began, agriculture has been one of few professions that is based on that close connection between humor and tragedy. When tragedy strikes, you can laugh or cry — sometimes agriculturalists do both.

It's not easy for these men and women who feed the world to sit in the pickups and watch as the ground cracks under the baking sun or a hail storm rips their crop to shreds two weeks before harvest.

So these coffee-shop talks give them a chance to share their worries, kind of like a broker on Wall Street calling another broker to chat about the future of a falling stock.

Let me put this scenario into perspective for you. The producer is at the mercy of the Almighty and the weather.

It would be kind of like getting half way through the semester, and the professor in your hardest class just up and decides that he/she is going to base your final grade on the color of your hair or eyes.

You have no control over either of those predetermined features, which leaves you at their mercy. Sure, you might dye your hair or wear contacts, but you really can't trick them. You just have to wait and worry.

Thanks to modern technology, there are some precautions that producers can take to

protect crops, land, livestock and equipment, but for the largest part, it's out of their control.

Time has changed many of the ways and methods by which crops and food are produced, but time has not changed the character of the producer.

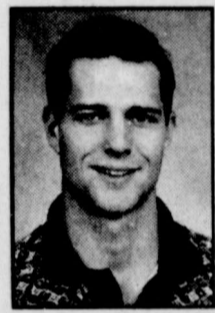
The invention of many things has made production of agriculture faster and more efficient including: the locomotive, the combine, the squeeze chute and the bureaucratic branch of government designed to organize agriculture (USDA), but nothing can change the kind of intestinal fortitude it takes to make a living in a business that depends on land, livestock and the weather.

I realize this particular column includes not one single scientific fact, only sound observation by yours truly.

The underlying message here may be the most important thing you need to know about production agriculture, and that is this: There are still some people left in this old world who stand firm in their beliefs, stand proud on a single acre of hope and stand together when the going gets tough.

Of course, they are hard to see because they are either at the coffee shop talking about the weather or standing in their fields.

Cody Nash is a freshman agricultural communication and education major from Tolar.



Cody Nash
Columnist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The other side

To the editor: This is in response to Kenneth Strickland's column Tuesday. Strickland has taken it upon himself to lead the "free the liberals" movement at Texas Tech. I couldn't be more pleased that someone like that has been the self-appointed leader of that movement. That only makes it easier to dispel the lies and propaganda that would be spread by such a movement.

1. Republicans do not discourage independent thought. They support it. We feel that we should think for ourselves because we are smart enough. We do not believe that some crooked politician should tell us how to think and feel about an issue or a certain group of people. We certainly do not believe those very people should be able to tell us how to raise our kids either. Liberals obviously think that the government and other "enlightened" people should tell us how to think so we do not hurt anyone's feelings. I'm not scared to step on someone's toes. Conversely, I don't cry and try to pass "be nice" laws anytime someone hurts my feelings. If I did, I would have sued my ex-girlfriend and made her take male sensitivity classes.

2. Conservatives/Republicans do not disregard the environment. Contrary to your beliefs, we do not want to poison the water and air so we can all die. Also, not all Republicans are NRA members, even though I am a proud member. This also may come as a shock to you, but if everyone refrained from hunting, your precious little deer would not be able to skip gleefully across the green meadow. They would die from starvation and overpopulation. Educated hunters do not regard killing deer as something cool to do just for fun. We regard it as a time-honored sport in which we harvest animals for the good of all. But that's OK, just outlaw all hunting for a few years and see what happens. All the work that your big government pays the wildlife managers and researchers to do would go down the drain,

along with a huge piece of our economy.

3. High school football is a huge deal in Texas. It always has been, and it always will be. Deal with it. No educated or concerned conservative wished to put education on the back burner just for football. What the liberals and Mr. Strickland seem to misunderstand is that we enjoy it as a pastime as well as do liberals. I have studies politics and have been involved in Republican politics since the age of 14. I have yet to meet one that says "to hell with education and all of the other sissy stuff. Football is God."

4. On the issue of gun control and legislation, this may come as a news flash to liberals, but more gun legislation will not make schools safer. A case in point is the Columbine tragedy. Not one of the firearms used in that massacre was legally obtained. If perhaps you liberals, behind the great Bill Clinton, could enforce the laws you put on the books, there would be no need for further gun legislation. If a criminal has the guts to break the law enough to kill or rob someone, what makes you think that they don't have enough to break the law to obtain a weapon? Gun control laws are designed simply to prevent law-abiding citizens from obtaining firearms. Evidently though, liberals do not agree with the Second Amendment of the Constitution and wish to arm only the police, government and criminals. Sometimes I forget, though, that I should not be able to protect my family or to hunt. That's what the big bad government is here for; therefore, I have no need for a gun. Ignorance is the simplest way I can put the ridiculous arguments that liberals use to support gun control. Mr. Strickland also took a shot at Charleton Heston, the president of the NRA, for being an outspoken actor. I doubt he has ever really turned on the television and realized that 99 percent of Hollywood is liberal. How else do you explain the star-studded parties at the Whitehouse and the disgustingly liberally-biased media? How else do you explain ignorance such as Rosie O'Donnell appearing on "Larry King Live" to state that we should repeal the Second Amendment to the Constitution? Mr. Strickland would fit tight in with that uneducated Hollywood crowd.

5. Republicans expand on the issue of homosexuality all of the time. Not all Republicans believe that it's wrong. We do, however, believe that just because you are gay, you don't

deserve special treatment. That goes along with the same philosophy as affirmative action and why we believe it's wrong. It is simply reverse discrimination against white males. True excellence is derived from being the best, not the best color or sexual orientation for public relations purposes. These platforms simply do not support this notion. Furthermore, what homosexuals do is their own business. It is not the job of homosexuals, liberals or the government to teach our children about it. God made two different sexes for a reason. If homosexuals want to be homosexuals, then fine. Just do not try to brainwash our kids and other members of society that it is normal acceptable behavior because in this writer's opinion, it is not! Keep it to yourself and move on to real issues that affect the bulk of the country.

Finally, Strickland remarked that Republicans always respond to "liberal college pukes." This statement is the only accurate one that appeared in the entire column.

It is a privilege, as well as very entertaining, to respond to your ridiculous rhetoric. I have to laugh at how very sensitive and sweet you liberal are, regardless if it hurts your precious little feelings or not. It never ceases to amaze me how hypocritical and self-righteous liberals really are.

Something else that maybe Mr. Strickland failed to take into account before writing his column is that Texas Tech is predominantly conservative. There could be a reason for that, though. We might like it that way, remember you're in West Texas now.

I doubt there are many conservatives at the University of Texas or UC Berkley. Maybe instead of whining about the lack of liberalism here, one of those schools could suit a liberal a little better.

Thank God for the conservative nature of Tech and the good people of West Texas. I will continue to fight for the conservative cause, as will my allies.

As entertaining as it is to argue with you liberals, the simple fact of the matter is that liberalism will never seize control of this great place!

Jonathan Kirby
senior
agricultural economics

What's left when money's gone?

Ecador recently moved to the dollar standard for its economy in an effort to bail itself out of one of those credit-flight crises that seems to afflict countries like a case of flu going around the globe. The dollarization of that economy has touched off a flurry of commentary among economists, who are on-the-one-handing with even more vigor than usual.



Molly Ivins
Columnist

The alternative to the Ecuadorean move is something like what Singapore tried to do, a little late, during the collapse of most of the Asian economy two years ago. Basically, what Singapore did was freeze foreign capital and say, "Sorry, buddy, but you can't take your money out of here for a while." This naturally upset all those geniuses at the International Monetary Fund, who are wedded to the "we had to destroy the village in order

to save it" school of economic repair. There's a wonderful word, "iatrogenic," describing an illness that you get from going to the hospital to have another illness treated. I always think of the IMF as a dispenser of iatrogenic ills.

So here's this nifty little economic debate: Should a country in trouble try the Ecuadorean solution or the Singaporean solution? I have another question: If a capital-flight crisis hits the United States, how do we dollarize our economy?

In a little-noticed move a few days before Christmas, Standard & Poor's put the U.S. financial system on its watch list of 20 countries that are vulnerable to a credit bust. We're on it, along with such powerhouses as Turkey. The excellent Bill Greider, now reporting for *The Nation*, says, "Aside from the stock market, the credit-rating agency observes the rapid rise in domestic debt and in non-performing loans at commercial banks."

And on top of that, the United States now is a debtor nation to the tune of 18 percent of the gross domestic product — which is, economically speaking, a hole the size of the Grand Canyon.

Greider notes that America got very lucky when the global financial crisis caused falling prices and sent foreign capital surging into U.S. financial markets. We naturally assumed that the resulting wave of prosperity was due to our own genius; that we had invented a "new economy" that would never have a down cycle again; that Alan Greenspan, the Washington Wizard of Oz, has us on a fail-safe course; and so forth.

Hubris? Who, us? We're the Alfred E. Neuman of economics. (Alfred E. is the red-haired, gap-toothed symbol of *Mad* magazine who is always saying, "What, me worry?")

Assume, just for a horrible moment, that the United States itself undergoes a sudden flight of foreign capital. Recall that this no-downside "new economy" was nearly brought to ruin by one overleveraged hedge fund. OK, capital pulls out in droves, and what have we got?

Under the Great Guru Greenspan, the volume of reserves required at commercial banks has been dramatically reduced — Greider says from around \$40 billion 12 years ago to less than \$10 billion today. Banks now also are stockbrokers and insurance companies, which spread financial flu nicely across the entire structure. And, you may have noticed, our stock market bears a striking resemblance to a market infested with ... well, speculators.

You may recall from your history books that the Crash of '29 was caused by people buying stocks "on margin" — in other words, putting in real little money. One of the things that the Great Greenspan has refused to do is raise the margin on investors' borrowing.

The one form of "regulation" that Greenspan embraces is raising interest rates, which he is fixing to do in a few weeks. (We more or less know this because Greenspan, who does not speak English, so indicated in a Delphic utterance Jan. 13.) There is, of course, no inflation anywhere on the horizon, and that's what interest rate increases are supposed to control, but Greenspan's idea of a shrewd move is to increase unemployment — as Greider says, "to punish innocent wage earners for the excesses of Wall Street investors."

Meanwhile, none of this is part of the presidential campaign. We are getting zip, nada, on globalization and the risks of the economy. (George W. did plead to "tear down terriers and bariffs," but I don't think that counts.) We are getting nothing from our candidates about whether this is actually a technology-driven boom or whether tech stocks are the latest equivalent of the 17th-century tulip mania.

From 1994 to 1999, the S&P index increased in value by 192.7 percent, but company profits increased by only 64.9 percent. Consumer debt is at unprecedented levels. Greenspan's only prescription for how to slow this down is that you should lose your job.

And all our candidates are worried about the Confederate flag in South Carolina. *Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.*

Positive message sent with aggressive sound

by Sebastian Kitchen
Staff Writer

The quality of Christian music does not always keep up with secular music. Few bands cross over into the secular world with quality music and commercial success. They do not sing of abusing women and drugs. They sing of family, higher powers and a different passion.

There are the Michael W. Smiths, the DC Talks and Jars of Clay of the world. Other examples of great sounds exist in the Christian realm that the rest of the world never hears. Now, music with a harder edge has its positive example — P.O.D.

P.O.D. has been on the music scene for years but has just begun to slip into the mainstream through radio and video. The band's Atlantic Records debut *Fundamental Elements of Southtown* demonstrates

album review

that quality and positivity can run parallel. Yeah, lead singer Sonny screams, but it's not about a love for smoking illegal substances. It is about a love for his Lord. Sometimes the listener might not know what he is screaming about, but the lyrics show he is not about hate and anger. The band members are not in it for the "Nookie." Aggressive does not mean negative.

Opposed to the views of many youth, this is a good thing.

Like Christian music, the rap-metal fusion is either good or real bad. Very few bands fall in between. P.O.D. is managing to sound good as a hard-core Christian band. Very rare.

As with many positive bands, P.O.D. faced constant decisions. Should the band tour with other Christians bands or choose to expose

the outside world to its music through touring with better-known, secular acts? With a national club tour with Primus starting in February, the decision is clear.

The band has opened for major acts including Kid Rock, Cypress Hill, Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Pennywise and the Vandals — none of them Christian by any means. The band made the wise decision to give its work to a broader, more open audience.

Guitar-driven hard rock is not the band's only sound. Some slower, smoother tracks slip into the mix. Some Latin, reggae, punk and soul sounds slipped onto the band's album.

The band has a sound very reminiscent of the Deftones and has occasional tastes of Rage Against the Machine.

"Bullet the Blue Sky" is reminiscent of Rage's "No Shelter" or its ver-

sion of "The Ghost of Tom Joad."

The track "Outkast" is very much in Deftones fashion with the ability to go from mellow to mean guitar and screams in just seconds. Other tracks like "Image" bring the same ferocity.

"Freestyle" is more hip-hop than most of the album but also explodes into rock frenzies.

"Set Your Eyes To Zion" is mellow and contains definite reggae sounds.

The single "Southtown" has hit radios with frequent air play in some cities (not here) and video play on MTV and M2. The track is one of the stronger, radio-friendly hard rock songs in recent months.

Faith will not separate people from liking this band and its music. People do have to agree with them but should respect them. P.O.D. is in an industry surrounded with sex and drugs but it continues to emit a positive vibe.

It's great for a major-label band



P.O.D. • Courtesy Photo

with a harder edge to have a positive message. A band should not have to compromise integrity and beliefs for success. P.O.D. is a perfect example.

The band's music has not suffered because of its beliefs and its beliefs have not suffered because of its music. More power to them.

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NCAA to allow review of last-second baskets

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Officials will be allowed to review last-second baskets on a replay monitor under a rule change adopted Tuesday by the NCAA.

The men's and women's basketball rules committees unanimously approved the change after an emergency conference call Monday. The change takes effect Friday once officials are made aware of the change.

The rare midseason switch was prompted by controversies over last-second baskets that altered the outcome of recent games, including Johnny Hemsley's buzzer-beating 3-pointer Jan. 17 that gave Miami a 67-66 win over Villanova, and the final basket in Texas A&M's 88-86 victory Jan. 15 over Texas Tech.

"Obviously there is no call in the game that is more important, and it's the one call that's remembered longer than any other. If we have the technology available to help us, we want to make sure we use it to get the call right," said Reggie Minton, chairman of the men's basketball rules committee and Air Force coach.

Previously, officials were barred from using monitors to see if a shot was released before or after the buzzer, which led to the suspension of a Big 12 referee who counted Texas A&M's game-winning basket.

The last time the NCAA made a midseason rule change was in 1990-91, to stiffen the penalty for fighting.

Lunsford steps out from shadows

Man behind plate looks to make name for himself, Red Raiders

by Patrick Gonzales
Sports Editor

For three seasons, the Texas Tech baseball club had perhaps the best catcher at the college level.

But when All-American Josh Bard skipped his senior year to pursue a professional career, the Red Raiders were left with big shoes to fill.

And now, with less than three days remaining until the squad's season opener against University of Texas-Pan American, junior Trey Lunsford will take on the role as the Raiders' new man behind the plate.

"Josh is a tough guy to replace, but I'm just really excited to get the season started," Lunsford said. "I'm going to play hard every game no matter what."

Lunsford, who played high school ball at San Angelo Central, came to the Red Raiders last season after transferring from Grayson Junior College in Denison.

In his freshman year at Grayson, Lunsford helped lead the squad to the Junior College World Series and a 47-19 record.

Last season with the Red Raiders, the 6-foot-2-inch, 195-pounder played in 18 contests as Bard's backup. Lunsford finished the year with a .167 batting average and a .977 fielding percentage.

"After all the great catchers this school has had in the past, he has a big tradition to follow. But I'm sure he'll be fine."

Larry Hays
Tech baseball coach

Despite not having much experience in a Red Raider uniform, Lunsford said he will have no problem playing the 53-game regular season schedule.

"I played 60 games this summer and practiced hard during the fall, so I'll be ready when the season starts," Lunsford said.

During his three-year career, Bard was an offensive menace, batting .366 with 73 doubles, 43 home runs and 232 RBIs.

Lunsford may not match that type of offensive prowess, but when the two are compared, one aspect of his game does stand out — defense.

"His defense is definitely his strong point," said Larry Hays, Tech baseball coach. "He's got the tools to become

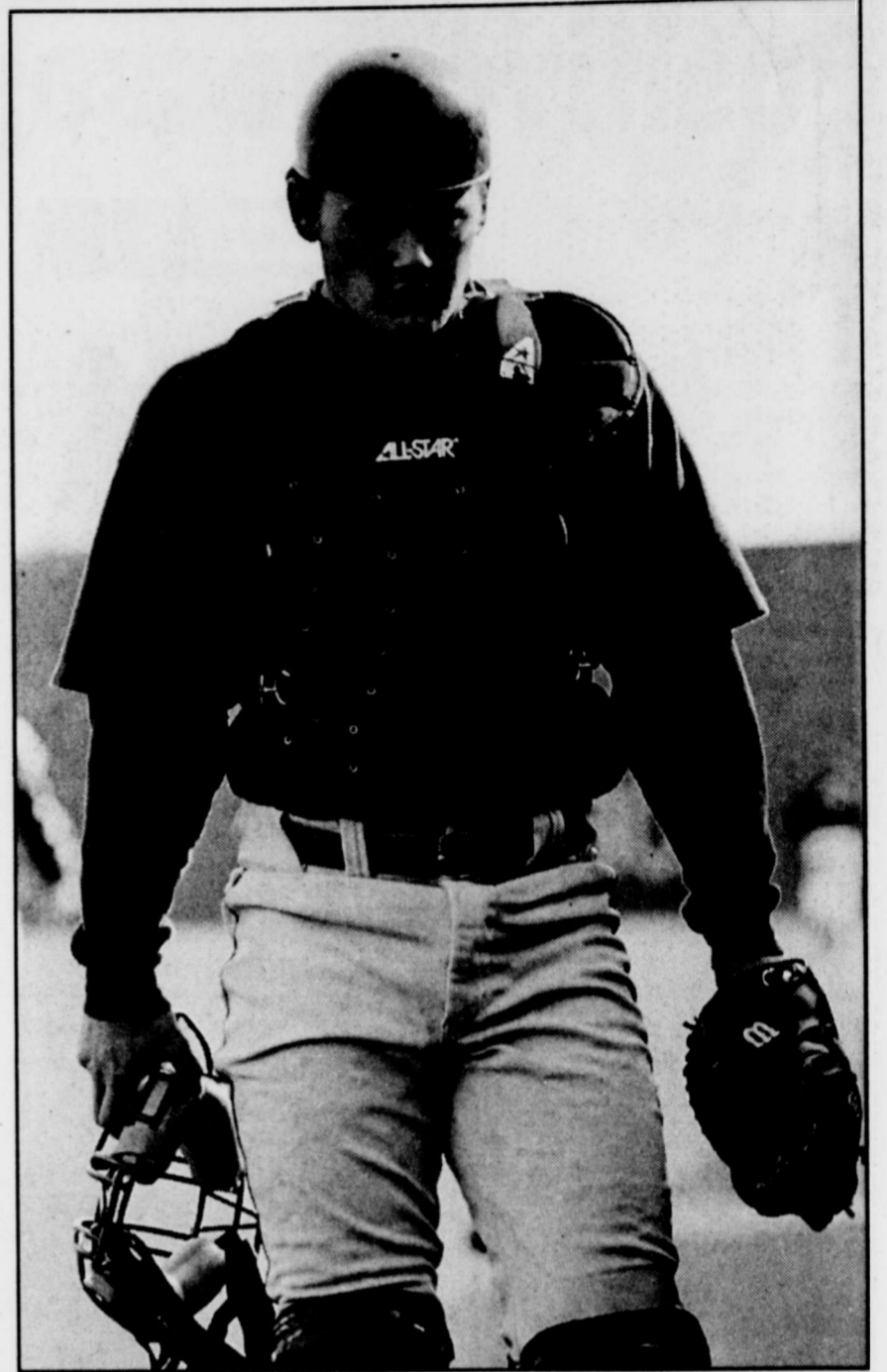
an excellent defensive catcher." Lunsford said he agrees and takes a lot of pride in his defense. Last season, he also racked up 37 putouts and six assists.

However, Lunsford's role not only consists of defense and offense. He also must lead the pitchers through the ballgame, either by calling each pitch or just by helping them relax when they're struggling late in the game.

"The pitcher and I have got to be on the same page, or it won't work out," Lunsford said. "But our pitching staff is good this year, and they should make my job easy."

Hays agrees Lunsford has a big challenge ahead of him but said he has enough skill to get the job done.

"With his work ethic and abilities, he should be able to become a complete player with us," Hays said. "After all the great catchers this school has had in the past, he has a big tradition to follow. But I'm sure he'll be fine."



Greg Kreiler/The University Daily

Junior Trey Lunsford is ready to take over Josh Bard's role as catcher for the Tech baseball squad. Bard left the team before his senior year to pursue a professional career in baseball. Lunsford transferred from Grayson Junior College last season. At Grayson, he helped lead the squad to the Junior College World Series.

UConn continues to lead AP poll

Unbeaten Connecticut remained a unanimous choice for No. 1 Monday in *The Associated Press* women's basketball poll. Virginia made the Top 25 for

the first time this season. Another newcomer, Stanford, returned to the poll at No. 24 after being ranked for three weeks early in the season.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Spring Break			
Lower Canyons Canoeing	Mar. 10-18	Feb. 23	\$195
Kayaking class Trip (FULL)			
New Mexico Backpacking	Mar. 31-Apr. 2	Mar. 21	\$60
Backpacking Guadalupe Mountains	Apr. 7-9	Mar. 28	\$60
Easter Holiday			
Easter Weekend Canoe	Apr. 21-24	Apr. 11	\$85
Wichita Mountains Climbing Trip	Apr. 28-30	Apr. 18	\$65

Outdoor Program Trip sign-ups

The Outdoor Program still has spots available for spring semester trips. The spring schedule has some great opportunities to get out and explore the natural wonders of the Southwest. This includes an 85-mile canoe trip through the Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande for Spring Break. These trips are intended to introduce people to the lifetime activity of outdoor activities. No experience is necessary on many of our trips; just an attitude to learn and have fun! The prices for these trips include: the rental of the necessary camping equipment, food, transportation, and instruction. Payments required to register for these trips. Please stop by our office in room 206 of the Student Recreation Center to register or call 742-3351 for more information.

Basketball sign-ups end this week

Teams wishing to sign up their intramural basketball teams are reminded that entries close Thursday, Jan. 27 at 5 p.m.

The earlier you register, the better your chances for selecting your preferred playing time.

To register a team simply bring a list of your players' names, social security numbers and phone numbers to room 203 of the Student Recreation Center along with a refundable \$30 forfeit fee (residence hall teams may "charge" their forfeit fee to their hall account).

Also, be sure to have several preferable playing times in mind in case your first choice is full.

Free Agents Meet Tonight

Individuals wishing to play intramural Basketball but without a team should attend the Free Agents Meeting Tonight — Wednesday, Jan. 26 at 5:15 p.m. in SRC 205.

At that meeting, Rec Sports personnel will attempt to form teams of individual or located teams seeking additional players.

Team captains needing an extra player or two are also encouraged to attend the meeting since players will be available then.

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The registration Specialty fitness schedule is full of a wide variety of activities. These classes are limited and require registration and payment because of their unique specialty. The classes include:

Boxing Techniques:	T/Th	2-4pm	Feb. 1
Fitness Instructor Training:	T	3-5pm	Feb. 1
Knockout Jam:	M/W	4:10-5:10	Jan. 31
	T/Th	6:45-7:45	Feb. 21
Men's Weight Training:	M/W	8-9pm	Jan. 31
Racquetball:	M/W	8-9pm	Jan. 31
Self Defense:	T/Th	6:45-8:15 pm	Feb. 31
Spin City:	M/Th	8:15-9:15pm	Jan. 24
	T/Th	5:30-6:30pm	Feb. 21
Tai Chi:	T/Th	5:30-6:30pm	Feb. 1
Tri Sport (Triathlon):	M/W	4-5:15pm	Jan. 31
Women-N-Weights:	M/W	8-9pm	Jan. 31
	T/R	6-7pm	Feb. 1
Yoga:	W	5:15-6:15pm	Feb. 2

Register in the Fitness/Wellness Center of the SRC. Payment is required when registering. All classes will begin the week of Jan. 30 except the M/Th Spin City. There are also drop-in fitness classes that are free and include Total Body Conditioning, Cardio Combo, Step, Shape & Tone and many others. For more information, call 742-3828 or 742-3351.

Manager Meeting

A meeting for all intramural basketball managers is scheduled for tomorrow, January 27 at 6 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center's room 201. Information concerning league procedures and new rules that are pertinent to all teams will be discussed. Each team is encouraged to have someone present. Questions concerning the meeting or the league should be directed to the intramural staff by calling 742-3351.

Upcoming Events

Intramurals - Entries Due
Basketball - Jan. 25-27
Innertube Water Polo - Feb. 1-3
Racquetball - Feb. 1-3

Special Events

Rec Center All-Nighter - Jan. 28
Tournament Entries Due Jan. 27
2 On 2 & 3 On 3 Basketball
Racquetball
3-Point Shot
Indoor Soccer
Table Tennis

Annual Rec All-Nighter

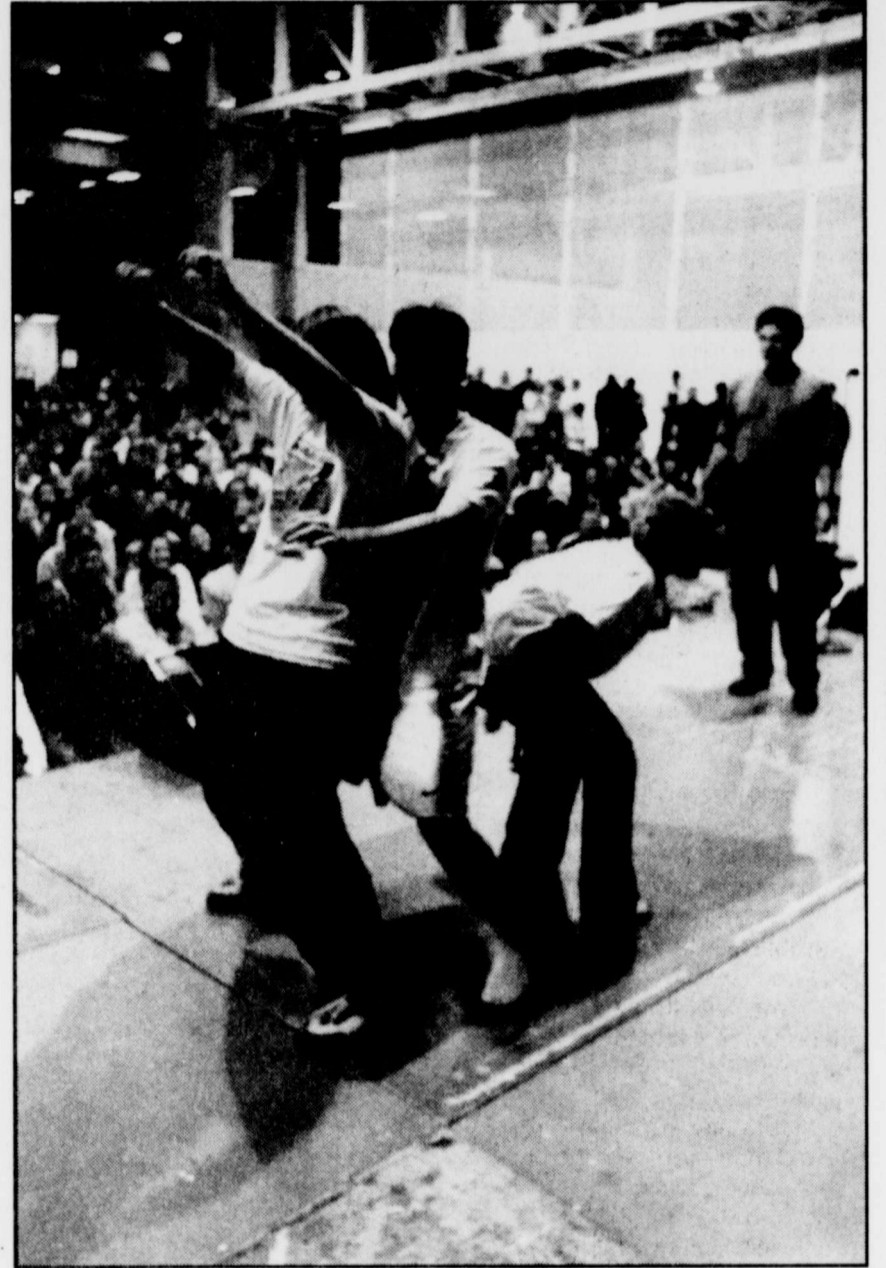
The 20th Annual Recreational Sports' All-Nighter is set to begin at 5 p.m. Friday, January 28th at the Student Recreation Center. Headlining the tournament-filled evening will be Tom DeLuca, a three-time College Entertainer of the Year, and his hypnosis show. Also, Coach James Dickey will shoot horse against some lucky contestants to see who is the "best shot on campus."

DeLuca will perform his variety and hypnosis act at 11 p.m. after an evening of student tournaments, games and special events that everyone can participate in. He will choose 20 student volunteers from the audience to participate in the hypnosis.

In addition, Scoggin-Dickey Buick again will sponsor a Chevy S-10 shootout in which two lucky students will have the opportunity to win a brand new Chevy S-10 pickup by making a series of progressive shots.

There are 18 different events to compete in or observe during the evening of activity. Some of the tournaments have an entry deadline of Thursday, January 27 while other activities allow for drop-in participation that evening. All students with the Rec Center privileges can participate at no charge.

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- All-Nighter Events
- Indoor Soccer
- 2 On 2 Basketball
- 3 On 3 Basketball
- Kayaking
- Archery Shoot
- Table Tennis
- 3 Point Shot
- Bicycle Card Championship
- Underwater Hockey
- Racquetball
- Repelling Rock Climbing
- HORSE against Coach Dickey
- Sumo Wrestling



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Dirty Dancing! Students dance to the music while hypnotized during last year's performance by Campus Entertainer of the Year Tom DeLuca. DeLuca will perform again this Friday at 11 a.m. during the Recreation Center's 20th Annual All-Nighter.

Racquetball Singles Tourney

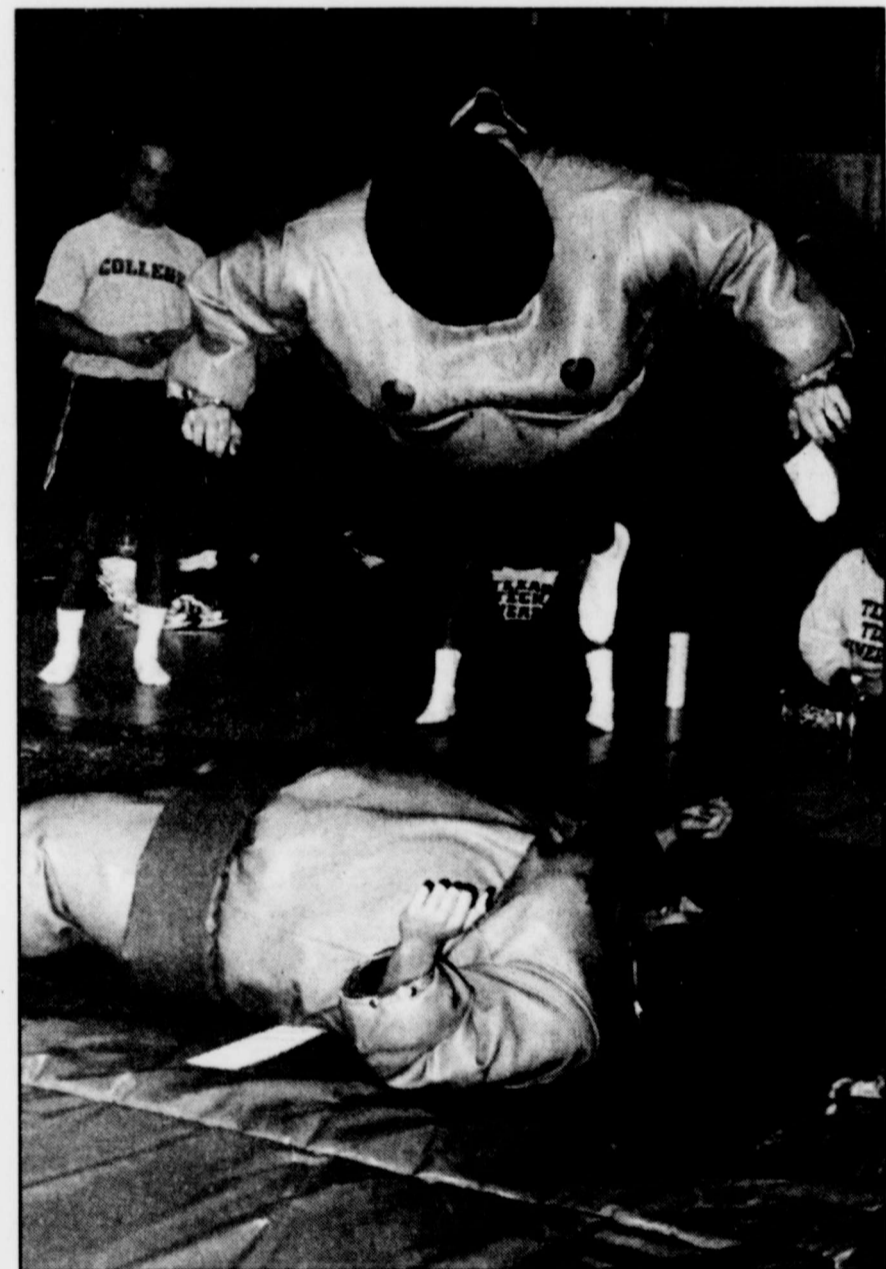
Racquetball singles entries will be taken through Thursday, February 3. The two-day tournament will begin Friday, February 4 at 5 p.m. and again at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Depending on registration, divisions for men, women are "Open A" and "Open B." Participants must be available to play both days and will provide their own balls. Brackets will be available by 11 a.m. on Friday, February 4, at the Rec Sports Office room 202.

Marathon Workshop Today

Running a marathon is quite an accomplishment but with proper training and encouragement, it can become a reality. Come to the workshop today at 4 p.m. in room 205 to learn more about training techniques, schedules and actual marathon tips. This workshop is free to all eligible Rec Center users.

IronMan Triathlon on tap

Swim 2.4 miles, cycle 112 miles and run a marathon length of 26.2 miles — but not worry, you still have 15 days in which to make these goals. Enter the Ironman Triathlon Challenge by Feb. 4 and go the distances from Feb. 5 through Feb. 20. Turn in your miles and receive a t-shirt. There is an \$8 fee. Enter in the Fit/Well by February 5. Questions?? Call 742-3828.



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Squished! A flying Sumo wrestler goes airborne during competition at the Rec Center's All-Nighter. Events begin at 7 p.m. Friday and continue until 2 a.m.

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INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Horn Formal Lounge	Feb. 1, 7:00 pm
Hulen Clement Lobby	Feb. 1, 7:30 pm
The Market at Stangel/Murdough	Feb. 1, 8:00 pm
Wiggins West	Feb. 2, 7:00 pm
Gordon/Bledsoe/Sneed Dining Hall	Feb. 2, 8:00 pm

For additional information, contact Alice Scott at 742-2542

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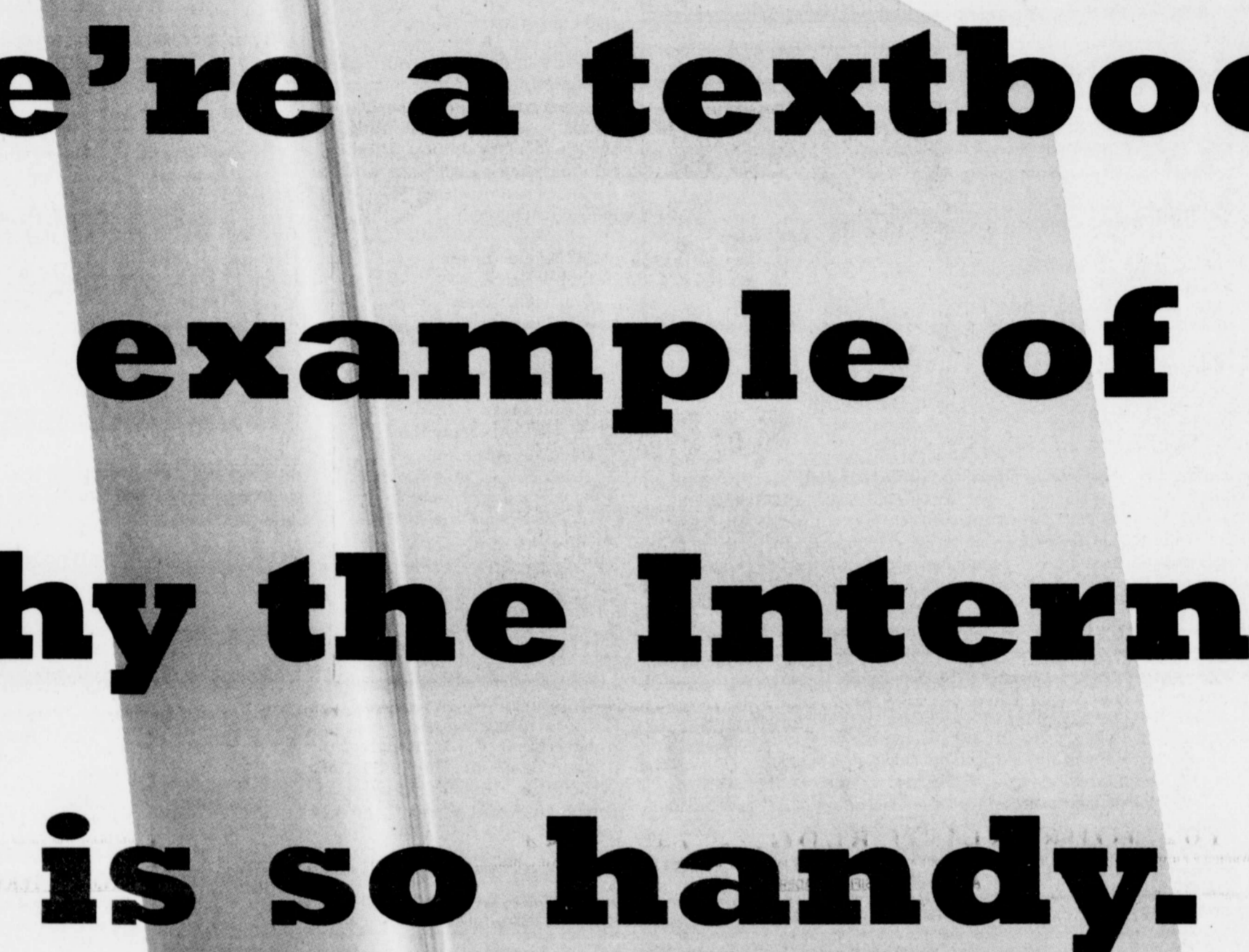
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Rodman thinking about joining Mavericks

DALLAS (AP) — Dennis Rodman is thinking about joining the Dallas Mavericks, but he won't make up his mind until after the Super Bowl.

Rodman told Mavericks owner Mark Cuban on Tuesday that he's interested in signing on for the rest of the season, but his calendar is booked through the weekend.

"I didn't get into the details of his schedule, but he can't be back before Monday," Cuban said, smiling.

"Nothing's been signed on the dotted line yet, but we're really confident we can get to the point that we can work something out."

If Rodman arrives Monday, he could debut Tuesday at home against

Philadelphia.

A roster spot is open because starting power forward Gary Trent went on injured reserve before Tuesday's game against Golden State.

Rodman was not at Reunion Arena on Tuesday, but agent Steve Chasman was.

"Nothing has changed," he said. "We're still in discussion with several teams. Dennis will be making a decision in the next two weeks as to which team he will play for."

Cuban, a longtime season-ticket holder who made billions off the Internet, has been after Rodman since agreeing to buy the team from Ross Perot Jr. a few weeks ago.

Rodman had said he preferred to play for a title contender, which would've eliminated Dallas.

But few other teams have pursued the 38-year-old whose checkered past is often matched by checkered hair.

Should another team be interested and have some salary cap space, they could get Rodman by offering more money. Because Dallas is over the salary cap, the most it can offer Rodman is about \$475,000 for

the rest of the season.

Rodman has played just 23 games the last two seasons.

He's made more headlines for his off-court behavior, including scrapes with the law in November and December.

But for all the risk he brings, his rebounding and defense are exactly what the Mavericks need. Dallas averages 8.7 fewer rebounds than opponents, more than double the next-worst average, while

allowing a league-worst 103.6 points per game.

Rodman also would give the Mavericks a boost in attendance.

"Dennis doesn't come with any secrets," Cuban said. "You know Dennis is about marketing who he is and what he's trying to accomplish. I told him I'll do whatever I can to help."

"He knows that Brand Rodman is going to suffer if he doesn't produce on the court."

Rodman was a poster child for bad behavior when he was on really good teams, so it would be interesting to see how he would handle being on a losing team.

Dallas, which hasn't won a playoff game since 1988, is 11th among the 14 Western Conference teams and nine games behind Minnesota

for a playoff spot.

But he's been watching them on television and apparently likes what he sees. He cited several close losses to Cuban and spewed out several of the team's statistics he thinks he could improve.

Rodman grew up in Dallas and still has family in the area, which have long made him an intriguing candidate to play for the Mavericks.

But the team never seriously pursued him until Cuban came along. "We have a very liberal owner who wants excitement and wants to win and doesn't really care about off-the-court kinds of things," coach and general manager Don Nelson said. "I think everybody is kind of ready for a bit of a gamble."

"If it works out, that'll be fine."

Women's tennis to begin season

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Kat on prowl: O'Neal leads team with defense

by Matt Muench
Staff Writer

Her teammates call her "Kat." The nickname comes from her first name.

However, many would say it comes from her defensive play.

Like a cat, she is sneaky and quick.

Texas Tech Lady Raiders coach Marsha Sharp and Melinda Schmucker-Pharies, her teammate for three years, both agree that junior guard Katrisa O'Neal is maybe the best overall defensive player that has ever played in a Lady Raider uniform.

O'Neal, a junior human development and pre-nursing major from Plainview, is the Lady Raiders' top defensive player this season.

Sharp knew O'Neal was special the first time she saw her step on the court as a freshman.

"I don't think there is any question how much energy she gives us on both sides of the court," Sharp said. "She has great instinct and great hands, which are two things that you need to have to steal the ball like she does."

O'Neal is known around the league for her tough defensive play. She leads the conference with 63 steals, averaging 3.7 per game.

"Anticipation is the key to stealing the ball," O'Neal said. "When (my opponent) makes a move, I make a move to try and get my hand on the ball."

O'Neal said she wasn't a big defensive player before she came to Tech.

O'Neal played high school ball at Class 4-A Plainview where she helped guide her team to the regional quarterfinals.

She was named South Plains Player of the Year three consecutive years by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

In her senior year in high school, she averaged 15.5 points-per-game, dished out 5.1 assists-per-game, averaged 5.2 rebounds-per-game and stole the ball five times per game. Her long list of achievements conclude with being named first team All-State her junior and senior years.

"My defense wasn't really established in high school because people mostly focused on my offensive play," she said.

Schmucker-Pharies, who played against her and with her during their high school years, said O'Neal always has been a defensive specialist.

"She can get out there and really attack the guards and frustrate them

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Marsha Sharp
Lady Raider coach

to do different things game in and game out," said Schmucker-Pharies.

Led by the play of O'Neal, senior Keitha Dickerson and Schmucker-Pharies, the Lady Raiders' defense is fifth in the nation and No. 1 in the Big 12.

Because O'Neal makes so many great plays on defense, Sharp believes it gets the offense going.

"We've thought all year long that it's very important to create some offense from our defense, and she certainly does it the best out of everybody because she gets so many steals that turn into points," Sharp said.

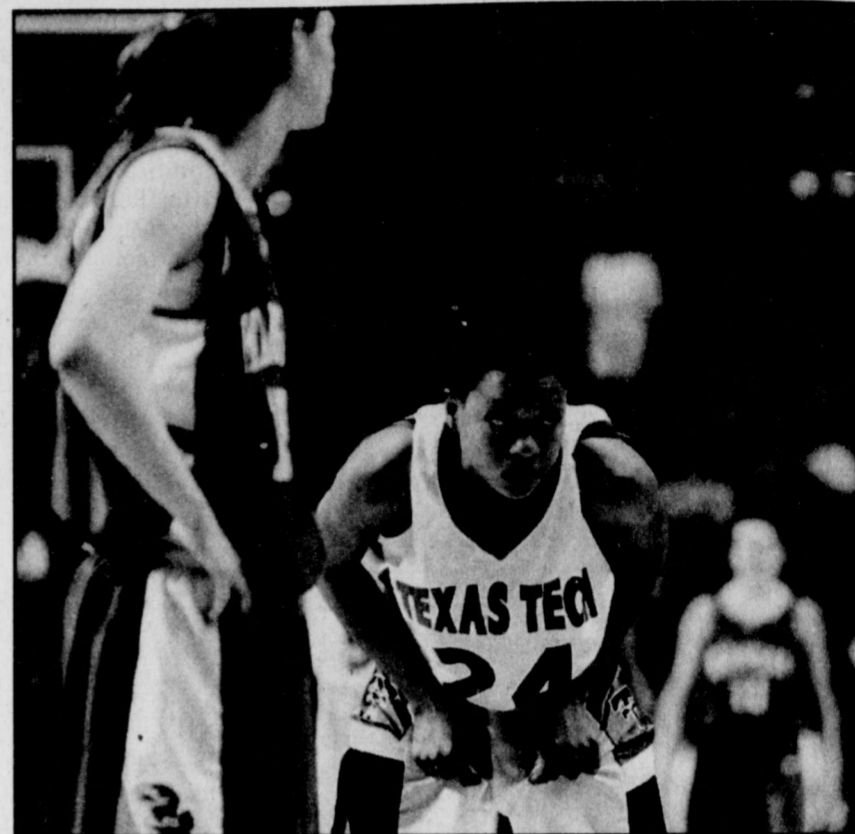
O'Neal even said she prefers a 10-steal game more than a 20-point

game because those steals would most likely turn into 20 points from her or a teammate.

Many of her teammates learn and feed off the energy O'Neal has on the court. Lady Raider top scorer and freshman Plenette Pierson said she learns most of her defensive skills from veterans at her position but also said watching O'Neal has taught her a lot.

"Kat is one of the best defensive players I have seen perform, and she really motivates the team," Pierson said.

"She has taught me and other players how to attack and go after the ball."



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Junior guard Katrisa O'Neal hopes her defensive play can help her get a shot in the WNBA after her career is over at Tech. Lady Raider coach Marsha Sharp said O'Neal leads the team in converting forced turn-overs to points.

Raiders look to end four-game losing streak

by Jeff Keller
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One team will come away with its first Big 12 Conference win at 7 p.m. today when the Texas Tech men's basketball squad travels to Waco to take on Baylor.

The Bears (9-7 overall, 0-5 Big 12) have not tasted victory this year as they last picked up a victory on New Year's Eve 1999 against Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

Tech (9-6 overall, 0-4 Big 12) has not claimed a win since defeating

Centenary on Jan. 10.

The Bears have been outscored in Big 12 Conference play by an average of 18.4 points-per-game.

Tech has been outscored by only 6.5 points-per-contest in its four conference defeats.

Red Raider forward Brodney Kennard said even though Baylor has been beaten by large margins, anything is possible in the Big 12.

"Just because Baylor hasn't played anybody close doesn't mean anything," Kennard said. "This is conference time, and anybody can beat

anybody on any given night. So we've just got to go in and be prepared."

Kennard narrowly missed a double-double in Tech's last outing against Texas, scoring 10 points and bringing down nine boards.

He said Tech needs to concentrate on executing its game plan throughout the entire game against Baylor.

"We need to improve on our execution down the stretch," Kennard said. "In the last 10 minutes of the game, or the last five minutes of each half, we need to just take care of the ball better. We need to just play bet-

ter ball down the stretch."

The Red Raiders are on a four-game conference losing skid, and in the 1998-1999 season, Tech suffered through a six-game conference losing streak after starting conference play at 2-2.

Tech guard James Ware was in his first season with Tech last year and said there is no comparison between this year's skid and last year's winning drought.

"It's real different this season," Ware said. "We've been right there in every game. It's not like we're losing

by double digits. We're right there with a chance to win every game. It's just small things that we are not doing that is keeping us from getting over the hump."

Against Texas, the Red Raiders went through a scoring droughts of eight minutes and 30 seconds in the first half and two minutes and 33 seconds in the second half.

Ware said lapses like those can't happen if Tech is going to pick up its first win in the conference.

"I think in non-conference, you could get away with having those

little five- or three- or two-minute lapses," Ware said. "But in the Big 12, you can't do that. We've got to eliminate that and play for 40 minutes, and we'll get wins."

Tech has beaten Baylor three straight times and holds a 61-36 lead in the overall series with the Bears.

This season, the Bears are under the guidance of coach Dave Bliss who is in his first year with the program after coaching at New Mexico for 12 seasons.

Bliss is in his 25th season of coaching overall and has compiled a 474-278 career win-loss record.

Kennard said, with Bliss in charge, this year's Baylor squad will be a tougher team to beat than it has been in the past.

"I think having Bliss there makes them a better team," Kennard said.

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