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### STATENEWS —

#### Air Force officials have no answers for bomber fire

ABILENE (AP) — Air Force officials are trying to determine what caused an engine fire that forced a B-1 Bomber from Dyess Air Force Base to cut short a training flight and return to the base.

Maj. John Boyle, public affairs officer at Dyess, said Thursday that there was no indication as to what caused the fire a day earlier.

"We will conduct a mishap investigation, and... see what caused the engine to do that," Boyle said. "We don't have any answers yet."

About 15 small brush fires, most of them on base property, apparently were started by molten material that dripped from the aircraft before it landed. All of the fires were extinguished quickly, preventing any major property damage.

"It is assumed that hot material from the engine area of the aircraft did fall and ignite those fires," Boyle said. "But it was not large pieces of metal or flaming tires... it was small pieces of material."

### NATIONALNEWS —

#### Winter flu season no worse than previous years

ATLANTA (AP) — As bad as the outbreak looked a couple of months ago, this winter's flu season was no more ferocious than any of the past five years, the government said Thursday.

The flu season peaked during the week ending Dec. 25, with many hospitals deluged with patients and some health professionals saying it was the worst outbreak they had seen in a long time.

But with the flu season nearing an end, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 12,651 people — about normal for the past five years — have tested positive for the flu since Oct. 3.

The actual number of people with the flu was in the tens of millions, but the CDC does not keep an overall total, and instead tracks only cases confirmed by tests.

Of those, 99 percent had the type A Sydney strain, which has been the most common the last three seasons.

About 20,000 Americans die of flu complications every year. And the CDC said the death toll was probably about the same this year, though the agency is still studying that.

### WORLDNEWS —

#### Crash kills prominent Russian figures, sabotage feared

MOSCOW (AP) — Investigators examined the data recorders of a wrecked passenger jet Thursday for clues to a crash that killed all nine people aboard, including a prominent journalist and a top oil executive.

The Thursday morning crash of the private Yak-40 jet at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport dominated Russian television news programs. The extensive coverage included speculation that the crash was a terrorist act.

The capital's nerves have been on edge since apartment bombings blamed on Chechen rebels killed some 300 people in Moscow and two other Russian cities last fall.

One of the crash victims, oil executive Ziya Bazhayev, was a Chechen.

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## Senate denies request to nullify election

by Jennifer Bailey  
Staff Writer

After numerous debates, tensions running high and an extra emergency meeting, Student Senate members voted to overturn an original decision to not ratify the recent election results.

Senate members met late into Thursday night, discussing whether or not to ratify the recent Student Government Association election results. During the normal session, senators against the ratification presented evidence discussing the number of successful and unsuccessful students who attempted to log on and cast their vote.

Pat Little, network support specialist for Student Affairs, submitted documents stating

that while 2,258 students were successful in voting, there were 1,348 attempts to log on by 783 students who received error messages.

Of the 1,348 attempts, 189 were eventual successful voters. Of those who could not vote, 93 tried to log on leaving their personal test number and social security number blank and about 20 were ineligible because of lack of tuition payment.

In all, 481 students were unable to log in, all because of human error, totaling 21 percent of those who voted, Little's documentation states.

SGA President Doug Jeffrey recommended the Student Senate should ratify the election results, stating both the Elections Commission and Tech Supreme Court denied the appeal brought on by former SGA

candidates John Dorff and Tim Wright.

"The commission and Supreme Court deliberated over these appeals for many hours and came to the conclusion that nothing had been violated," Jeffrey said. "Although there may have been human error, people had the right to vote."

The option to ratify or not ratify the election then was presented to the Senate by Student Senate President Carrie Evans.

Dorff, a junior public relations major from McKinney, said the original decision to not ratify the results was an effort to stand up for students' rights to vote.

"As senators, we recognized the desire on behalf of the students that those who were not able to cast a ballot deserved a second chance," Dorff said.

Scott Cowgill, a senior architecture major from McKinney and a student senator who voted to ratify the election, said it would be a mistake to throw out the results.

"This is just another chance for those who did not ratify to change what they don't like," Cowgill said.

Student Senator Neal Quon, a senior family financial planning major from El Paso, said the choice to not ratify the election places the SGA in a poor light.

"I personally voted to ratify the results, and as a Student Senator voted back in February to pass Web voting," Quon said. "You can't pick and choose the votes you want, if we stick with the non-ratification, the only equitable way to change the results would be to throw them out and start over again."

## On-campus housing costs set to increase

by Kelsey Walter  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech on-campus residents soon may have an easy decision when deciding if staying in the residence halls is right for them.

Increasing utility bills are driving the prices up six percent to eat and live on the Tech campus next year.

Jim Burkhalter, director of Housing and Dining, said prices to live on campus will, on average, increase about \$200 per student for the entire school year.

"The fee was implemented to compensate for the money lost because of higher utilities that our office has to pay," Burkhalter said. "It is based on the projected expenses the department will have next year."

The increase was improved by the Board of Regents in February along with other price hikes in tuition.

Mike White, a freshman business major from Garland, said he was upset with the price changes. He said he pays too much already.

"We already pay three grand, too, and that is way too high," White said.

Tech ranks in the middle of the Big 12 concerning housing and dining rates.

Burkhalter said Tech remains slightly cheaper in housing and dining than the University of Texas-Austin and Texas A&M University.

He said increases in the rates of the benefits for all its department employees is another reason for the price hike.

"The department pays its employees' health insurance and other things, so if those rates go up, we have to consider raising ours," he said.

Burkhalter said he could not think of a single departmental fee that was not going up.

"Our department gets no money from the state," he said.

While the department obviously will bring in more money next year, Burkhalter said, breaking even is all they want to do.

"Some money will be made, but it will go into a capital improvement reserve to be used for other projects somewhere down the line," he said.

## Be all you can be



Estacado High School Junior Army ROTC cadets David Berr, Isreal Adame and Kim Perry listen to James Crump, a junior accounting major from Bluegrove, as he gives a short training course for low-visibility combat situations as part of an ROTC shadow program Thursday.

## Estacado High School students shadow Tech Army ROTC

by Kevin McEwen  
Staff Writer

Twelve Texas Tech Army ROTC cadets developed a second shadow Thursday — not the kind reflected by the sun but Estacado High School students.

Each Junior ROTC student paired up with a member of the Tech ROTC from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and attended classes, ate together and participated in a training exercise at the end of the day.

Maj. Robert McNamara said both Tech ROTC and the Junior ROTC can benefit from the experience.

"It's a great opportunity," McNamara said. "I call it a win-win situation. The Estacado students see the responsibilities of going to class and being a student, and the Tech students get the opportunity to men-

tor and share experiences of college and ROTC."

James Johnston, a senior telecommunications major from San Antonio, said he agrees both parties will benefit.

"It's a great idea from our perspective as well as their's," Johnston said. "I believe it's the first time we've ever done this."

The day began with the Tech ROTC cadets picking up their Estacado counterparts at 8:30 a.m. The high school students then acted as shadows to the Tech students until 2 p.m., when they had to get ready for their exercise.

"We ran a leadership exercise," said Drew Abell, a senior general business major from Fredericksburg. "They had to react to a nearby ambush."

Johnston said the stress of the exercise was really put into the leadership above all else.

"It's not so much of dealing with the am-

bush," Johnston said. "We want to see what kind of leaders they are and take charge."

Abell said the day leading up to the exercise will be good for the Estacado students as well.

"This gives them the chance to see what we do," Abell said. "They go to class with us and see our school. Hopefully, once they've seen it, they will want to come here."

Johnston said he took his Junior ROTC cadet to more than just class.

"I took him to my one class and then met up with some other seniors at the UC for lunch," Johnston said. "I also took him to work with me for an hour over at Drane Hall."

The cadets also were in charge of the training exercises at Mackenzie Park that concluded the day's activities.

## Tech computer science chair to head NASA initiative

by Charlie Milling  
Staff Writer

A Texas Tech professor has been appointed to lead a new NASA space initiative that will focus on artificial intelligence and computer science research.

Daniel Cooke, chairman of the Department of Computer Science, will lead a computer-related space initiative in coordination with the NASA Ames Research Center in California.

"He has been appointed program manager for the initiative," said Butler Hine, spokes-



man for the NASA research center.

Cooke could not be reached for comment Thursday, but in a written statement, he said, "I will be working to begin research efforts to fulfill NASA's exploration agenda of the future, using computer science research to develop new software solutions that will help

enable human and non-human space travel." Large amounts of data are being collected every day by NASA satellites.

Part of Cooke's job will be to promote research efforts to determine better ways of analyzing the data. He also will work with other labs and universities around the country to promote NASA's needs and also to promote excellence at Tech.

This is not the first time Cooke has worked with NASA.

"I was involved as a reviewer during the process when NASA Ames Research Center

changed its focus from aero research to computer science research a few years ago, and I have been working with NASA on research projects since 1994," he said in the statement.

Cooke's new position will run concurrently with his role as chair of Tech's computer science department.

"It's going to be very time-consuming, flying back and forth to California to work with NASA, but it's very exciting to be involved with leading such an initiative for space travel and exploration," Cooke said in the statement. "I am thrilled to be doing it."

## Human sciences department honors outstanding alumni

by Shannon Davis  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech alumni were rewarded by the College of Human Sciences for their outstanding accomplishments in their respected fields and for their continuing support for the college.

Alumni, students and faculty received awards at a luncheon given by the college recently.

Students who were given scholarships were able to meet those who provided the award.

Alumni were presented with two different awards: the Distinguished Alumnus Award and the New Achiever Award.

The recipients who received a Distinguished Alumnus Award included Milla Perry Jones, James Phillip Morris and M. Kathleen Volanty.

Jones, vice president of the Baylor Health Care Systems Foundation, is a fund-raising executive who promotes and facilitates advances in health care. She graduated from Tech in 1969 with a degree in food and nutrition and received her master's degree in marketing from Abilene Christian University in

1984. Texas Lt. Gov. Rick Perry presented the award to his sister, Jones.

"To be acknowledged for my accomplishments in both my personal and professional life is overwhelming and a great honor," Jones said.

Morris is the president-elect of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. He helps in leading the association to increase understanding, research and education in the field of marriage and family therapy. He is working in marriage and family therapy at Texas Women's University.

In 1978, Morris completed his master's

degree in family studies, and then in 1987, he finished his doctorate in marriage and family therapy. Both degrees were completed at Tech.

"This was a bigger affair than I imagined, and I have maintained a close relationship with the college, and it is nice to be honored for what I have done over the years," Morris said.

Volanty is the associate director for human sciences with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service.

She received two degrees from Tech, her see **ALUMNI p. 3**



# McCain, Bradley leave presidential campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Falling as swiftly as they soared, John McCain and Bill Bradley abandoned their presidential races Thursday and chided their triumphant rivals on the way out.

"Millions of Americans have rallied to our banner," McCain said as both candidates sought to leverage the support they had earned.

The Arizona senator pledged to

press his case for political reform and warned that Republicans will "slip into the mists of history" without it. McCain, who pulled swarms of Democrats and independents into GOP contests, offered nominee-in-waiting George W. Bush his "best wishes" — but not his endorsement.

An hour before McCain bowed out, Bradley told reporters he would support Vice President Al Gore, but

he also accused his fellow Democrat of "distortions" in their primary fight.

Still, it was a triumphant day for the political establishment that backed Bush and Gore, both of whom vanquished their rivals after stiff challenges.

"When you do battle with entrenched power ... it's very difficult," Bradley said.

Said to be still seething at the Texas governor, McCain is in no hurry to make peace. He planned to take a

week's vacation before determining what leverage he has with Bush and what he might want to achieve with it, said a McCain adviser.

McCain knows he is not bargaining from a strong position, but the adviser said his boss wants to somehow keep his signature issue — campaign finance reform — on the political agenda.

With that goal in mind, McCain quit the race but did not shut down his campaign — a technicality that

keeps his options open in case he wants to make things uncomfortable for Bush, who needs McCain's endorsement to unify the party.

McCain's options, according to the adviser, include: barnstorming the country to promote campaign finance reform, leading a platform fight at the Republican National Convention or even mounting a third-party presidential bid. Aides said the last option is remote.

McCain himself has ruled out bolting the GOP and said Thursday, "I love my home."

He did, however, leave himself a loophole by saying in his departure speech that the party deserves "the allegiance of none" if it doesn't embrace campaign finance reform.

McCain was the 10th Republican to leave the race. Bradley has been Gore's only challenger. They could not

sustain momentum against the sheer force of their rivals' organizations.

McCain had the most potent insurgency, staggering Bush in New Hampshire and Michigan. In a testament to his drawing power, one of every four GOP primary participants had never before voted in a Republican contest.

Their paths cleared, Bush and Gore warmed up for what both camps predict will be a negative campaign.

The Texas governor criticized Gore for supporting a ban on unlimited, unregulated donations while raising the so-called "soft money" himself.

Using a line he unleashed against McCain in their primary battles, Bush said of the vice president, "We're not going to be fooled by somebody who says one thing and absolutely does another."

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## Picnic in the park



Tatiane Vieira, a senior political science major from Brazil, and Gy Comer, a senior management information systems major from Silverton, take advantage of the beautiful weather Thursday at Mackenzie Park.

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## Clandestine to headline concert

Clandestine will headline a benefit concert March 14 at the Canterbury Center, 2407 16th St. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and will benefit the Canterbury Student Association. A \$7 donation for attending is suggested. Clandestine is a Celtic music band that features fiddles, pipes, guitars, drums and vocals.

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# Tech course gives students flower power



Greg Kreller/The University Daily

Floral design instructor Judith Wilmington assists Kori Clark, a junior agriculture communications major from Comanche, on her corsage. The class is practicing with artificial flowers before applying their skills to real flowers. Students who complete the course will be at the level of a floral design assistant. Eventually, floral design will be offered every Spring semester.

by Melissa Neal  
Contributing Writer

Orchids, roses and daisies are substituting the usual chemistry, biology and anatomy in a Texas Tech course this semester.

Tech now offers a creative science course arranging flowers for a two-hour science credit.

The class is offered through the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and is structured to be fun as well as informative.

Twenty-six students from several different majors are enrolled this Spring in floral design.

"Probably 50 percent are non-agricultural majors taking it for fun or to enhance their interiors or their educational programming," said Judith Wilmington, Tech greenhouse manager and floral design teacher.

Floral design student Trent Murphree, an agronomy major from Plainview, said he talked to Wilmington about the class and thought it would be fun and a good experience.

"I would recommend it to other guys," said Murphree, one of four men enrolled in floral design.

The class has designed corsages

"There's more to floral design than throwing flowers in a vase."

Jennifer Price  
floral design student

that are displayed in front of the office of the dean of the College of Agriculture Sciences and Natural Resources.

Lindsey Bell a senior horticulture major from Abilene, said she has learned how to design the different forms of flower arrangements.

Bell said it is not as easy as it looks.

Jennifer Price, an interior design major from Overland Park, Kan., had no experience in arranging flowers prior to taking floral design.

She has learned the names of the many different varieties and how to design them.

"There's more to floral design than throwing flowers in a vase," Price said. "There's more of an art to it."

Horticulture and the floral design industry are important portions of the agricultural industry. Wilmington said half of the materials used for design are fresh flowers, and this means bringing more money into agricul-

they can be used and sold to the public," said floral design student Amber Basinger, a senior agronomy major from Southland.

Floral design is possible because of the Margaret Coil Endowment for Floral Design. The endowment began with a \$200 donation from the Lubbock Council of Garden Clubs.

The money was set aside, and Tech now has close to \$6,000 toward the \$10,000 goal. The money will be used to purchase plant materials, containers and other equipment students need for designing.

The endowment eventually will allow floral design to be offered every Spring semester.

Wilmington said the endowment was named after Coil because of her work in the local floral design industry. Coil has been a longtime Lubbock resident and began working with garden clubs in the 1960s.

She has taught and assisted in symposiums and is responsible for teaching Wilmington how to design flowers.

Wilmington said when students complete floral design, they should be at the level of a floral design assistant.

An advanced class would have students prepared to design at the professional level.

## High-dollar crack ring busted

AUSTIN (AP) — Police say they've shut down a \$3.5 million-a-week crack cocaine ring, run by a family that used a production line of microwave ovens to brew drugs behind the gates of an exclusive North Austin apartment complex.

Six suspects were arrested in the sting last month on federal drug charges, and police said more suspects are expected to be arrested outside of Austin this week. One of the suspects hanged himself one day after the arrests.

Austin and Pflugerville police, federal agents and state law officers raided an apartment Feb. 12, finding the suspected ringleader, Rudolph Nikeia Hunter III, wearing rubber gloves and a surgical mask as he cooked drugs in three microwaves.

Authorities seized from the apartment 5.2 pounds of crack and 9.2 pounds of powdered cocaine, worth \$645,000. They also confiscated \$20,000, guns and six vehicles, including Hunter's Dodge Viper, police said.

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bachelor's degree in home economics education and clothing textiles in 1970 and her master's degree in home economics education in 1977.  
Her doctorate degree from Texas A&M University in 1984 focuses on extension and adult education.  
The college also gave two New Achiever Awards to alumni who have graduated within the last 15 years and have excelled in their careers.  
Kathy Nelson Croom is the owner and chef of the gourmet catering and take-out company "Everything Edible." Her business is based in Houston, and she has

gained experience and expertise in the restaurant and hotel industry.

She received her degree in 1992 from Tech in restaurant, hotel and institutional management.

"I was honored and surprised because I have not been out of school very long," Croom said. "The luncheon was very impressive, and they made it a big deal."

Karen Rowland is a fashion designer for the Earth Song label R.J. & Co. in New York. She shows her dedication to the fashion design program at Tech in her work with Tech students and faculty.

She received her bachelor's degree in fashion design with a minor in theatre in 1985 from Tech.

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8:00	Sesame Street		Early Show	Propper Ann Recasa	America	Dr. Joy Browne	
9:00	Mr. Roger Barney	Later Today	Martin Short	K. Copeland Paid Program	Rogis & Kathie Lee	Lezza	
10:00	Teletubbies Wintz House	M. Stewart	Price is Right	Donny & Marie	View	Divorce Ct. Divorce Ct.	
11:00	Zoboomatoo Zoom	Almsley Harriott	Young & the Restless	Forgive or Forget	All My Children	People Court	
12:00	Nancy Sews Sewing Conn.	Days of Our	Beautiful	Jerry Springer	Family Feud Port Charles	Basketball: Big 12	
1:00	Amer. Sews Barney	Lives Passions	As the World Turns	Ricki Lake	One Life to Live	Semifinal	
2:00	Tugboat Dragon Tales	Hyred Square	Guiding Light	Martin Livi's Single	General Hospital	Basketball: Big 12 Semifinal	
3:00	Arthur Wishbone	Rose O'Donnell	Maury Povich	Grace/Fire Paid Program	Sally Jessy Raphael	Semifinal	
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10:00	Zoboomatoo Zoom	City Guys One World	Cryp/keeper Warriors	Paid Program Saturn Show	Bugs Bunny Winnie Pooh	Beast Avengers	
11:00	Pets V. Garden	City Guys Ins/Staff	Rd./Final 4 Conf. USA	WCW Wrestling	Mouseworks Squiggle's n	Beast Wars Digimon	
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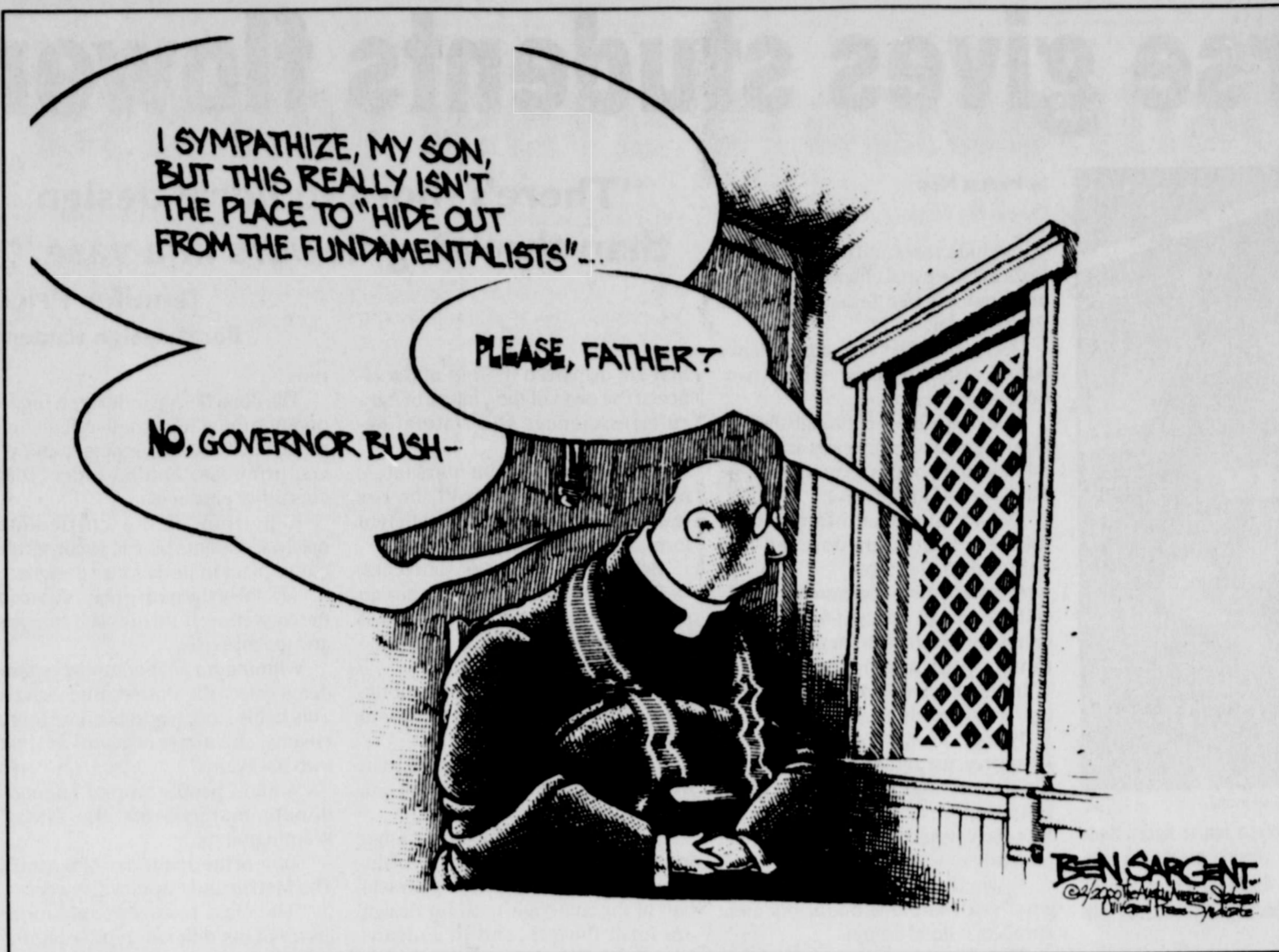
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# FORUM



## Setting the record straight

Fellow students, rarely do I ever respond to letters addressing things I have said in past columns. And also very rarely do I ever take issue with what a fellow *The University Daily* columnist says in his or her column.

But after reading Mr. Joseph Colley's editorial in Tuesday's *UD*, I feel that I have to redress some balance here.

Mr. Colley wrote about his feelings regarding the police officers of this country. First, he starts off by somehow qualifying himself as an expert on the subject because he knows a few police officers. Then wasting no time, he begins to call them names such as "jackass" and the all-time favorite, "pigs" or "piggies."

If he is not calling them names, then he labels them as uneducated lazy oafs. Just an aside here, folks, but this is typical liberal tripe. A prime example that your typical liberal is unable to argue intelligently and thus resorts to name calling.

But I truly digress.

I want to take time today, even though I know this is the Friday before Spring Break and hardly anyone is on campus, to defend the men and women who wear the badge.

I have done this before in these pages many times, and I suppose that I am the only one on this campus that gives a damn about these people and the job they do each day.



**Cameron Graham**  
Columnist

So to Mr. Colley, and all others of his ilk, I implore you. Practice what you preach and listen to others and don't be so damn judgmental.

For those of you who don't know, yes, I am biased in favor of the police. And if you want to know why, it is because my father is one of these supposed lazy, uneducated, racists pigs.

And I for one am getting tired of Mr. Colley's, and others of his like, obnoxious views. To me, I feel I have just been insulted. I was raised by a cop. I was raised around other cops.

Does this make me an expert on them? No, because unless one is ready to put on a uniform and badge and go out in the public and become a target to every criminal, one cannot profess to be an expert.

But Mr. Colley seems to think he is. Well, all I can do is counter his asinine statements by using the best example of a policeman I know, and one of my heroes, my father.

First of all, education. According to Mr. Colley, police officers are uneducated. Well gee, Mr. Colley, my dad graduated as valedictorian of his high school class. Then after his military service, he went to Wayland Baptist College where he got a degree in criminal justice. You know, I think somewhere in that course of study you are made to read the U.S. Constitution.

Next, Mr. Colley said cops are generally lazy. Hmm, I can recall my dad working double shifts to help make ends meet or doing off-duty security in department stores. Even before he joined the force, my dad worked in a number of physically-demanding jobs. But Mr. Colley knows all, I suppose.

And finally the racist thing. Mr. Colley, I guess my dad was being a typical West Texas rednecked bigot when he ran into a burning house trying to save an elderly man who couldn't speak English who passed out in his bed from the smoke. Never mind the fact that my dad had to spend some time in the hospital for smoke inhalation.

I could go on, but I really don't see what the point is. We live in a very anti-police society. Sure, we want the police around when someone attacks us or robs us, but let a cop pull us over for speeding and all of a sudden we get pissy about it.

Case in point, a few years ago a police sergeant was shot and killed in the line of duty trying to apprehend a MHMR patient who spazzed out. The man was hardly buried a week before our esteemed City Council tried to reduce police officer benefits and insurance.

With actions like this and with the attitude of people like the wise Mr. Colley, it's a wonder we have people who even want the job to begin with. Yes, folks, there are such things as bad cops.

But think about this: You never hear of all the good things cops do; that is not newsworthy to the liberal-controlled media.

But just one bad thing, one bad cop and every cop everywhere is labeled as, as Mr. Colley did, a pig. Something you liberal ACLU types should think about.

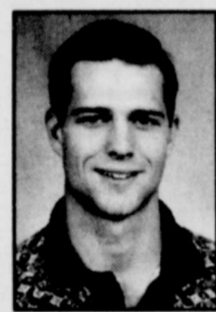
To the men and women who call themselves police officers, I say this to you: I may not be much, but at least you have one person, me, standing in your corner.

Cameron Graham is a senior history major from Lubbock, with only 64 days until his father proudly watches his son get his diploma. After all, uneducated oafs breed others don't they, Mr. Colley?

## Thoughts from the saddle

Have you ever saddled up before day light, eaten a honey bun for breakfast and rode away from the horse corral as the sun peaked over a ridge to the east? If you have done this, then you will know exactly what I am talking about, and if you have not, then these words are for you.

There always has been a special bond between man and Mother Nature. We each experience this undefinable, invisible connection in our own way. Some people sniff the breeze as they line up their putt on the green at the seventh hole. Some people take their dog for a walk in the park. Some people stalk the big buck for miles in silence just waiting for a shot. Sadly, but truly, there are



**Cody Nash**  
Columnist

some people who say they are just too busy to enjoy the beauty of Mother Nature.

What does this have to do with agriculture? Everything. Agriculture is Mother Nature, and Mother Nature is agriculture. I started thinking about this concept while preparing for this week's column.

Too often we get caught up in the words, the description, the message that we completely forget about the subject. I am not saying it is not important to communicate and promote agriculture products because a lot of people make a living doing just that. However, I think they sometimes miss the boat. I agree our society thrives on conflict and deception, but the most appealing part about agriculture to the people who make a living in agriculture is not what people say about agriculture; it is simply Mother Nature.

There is something almost sacred about watching a toddler chase chickens around the barnyard on a Sunday afternoon, knowing they will grow to care for all animals. There is something magical about seeing the first growth of a crop that you have toiled over for months in preparation, knowing that it will feed a hungry person. There is something mystical about watching a first-calf heifer lick her new born calf clean, then nudge him to a stand still on his wobbly little legs, especially if it happens in the middle of the night. While all of this sounds pleasant and peaceful, there is another side to the story.

There is something frustrating about a 2,000-pound herd bull that will not load in the stock trailer, knowing your words mean nothing to him. There is something unnerving about watching a crop be demolished by the

extreme weather, knowing all you can do is watch. There is something disgusting about the smell of manure on your work clothes at lunch time, knowing that some people think you stink. There is something frightening about riding a young horse to check fences when a lightning storm hits, knowing if you get bucked off, it's a long walk home. But every farmer and rancher knows, you take the good with the bad.

When it comes to working with Mother Nature, you usually have to play by her rules. When it comes to agriculture, we all too often forget to think about Mother Nature. But hey, I guess stories about genetically-altered food and the rising costs of finished products sell more space than the simple peace that Mother Nature can provide.

As we approach this well-deserved break from school, we will each have the chance to escape the rat race of our daily routines. I challenge you to take a few moments to enjoy Mother Nature. Take a walk, play some golf, don't tell anyone if you go deer hunting and remember that agriculture is Mother Nature, and Mother Nature is agriculture.

Y'all be safe, and if you need me, I'll be in the saddle and out with the cows.

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

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### My point is ...

To the editor: We have enough trouble promoting Texas Tech from the outside to have someone inside bashing the university, too. Such promotion in Tech's own paper doesn't deserve a platform. If a student doesn't like Tech, get out. Tech isn't for everyone. That's a freedom of choice thing — you can choose another university. (You obviously already know law so well from your petition of the First Amendment).

However, if you stay, I want you to do so for your good, your future and all around good! If you think they can do better at giving, teaching, coaching, training, counseling, administering, promoting, etc., then get a degree from Tech and put it to use for the better of Tech and all society.

If you're far from doing so, put your energies toward constructive work while you're there — volunteering, boards, cheering, participating, supporting, expressing ideas that are beneficial (constructive criticism is very good and necessary for the insight that it provides).

Put yourself to use and quit whining that you could do a better job, and you don't need anyone to help and that it's your right to say anything you want and that it's your paper.

Do you have a conscience or ever think before you speak? Ask yourself: why am I printing this? What good or bad am I doing? What's it good for? Does anyone care? As opposed to "the newspaper is mine" and "I can do what I want." Those questions are as good as the facts — who, what, when, why and where.

You say you're serving your community by printing the news. I say you're full of bull! You're not serving us — you're serving yourself to a platform on which you are too selfish to use for the better of anything!

How about printing my thoughts? The

opinions I've read recently have been so demeaning against the administration, the athletic directory, the coaches, the residents of Lubbock, the alumni, the police force, the Saddle Tramps. If I want to hear bad news, I'll watch my evening news or watch the political campaign as you suggested. Let me hear how people are creating platforms to improve these situations, working toward change and improvement, etc., instead of being told that it's only going to get worse. What good are you doing toward bettering anything?

I'm not asking to read good news, necessarily, but good, constructive works of news! Prove to me that you're worthy of your education.

Many alumni give endless amounts of time (and some of that time is worth a lot more than the amount student's pay for a credit hour), money to support both scholastic endeavors such as scholarships (so today's youth can attend such institutions and not pay) and athletics (so students can learn, train and the university can be competitive and well promoted).

We, alumni, don't express our opinions and give our support to encourage that Tech remains the same university it was "when we were at Tech" but to improve on those areas where we believed the university could be better supported.

This is an ongoing work of the heart for me, something that really means a lot to many people — teachers, ex-students, friends, co-workers, parents, Legislature, etc.

Your idea of support in such a manner is baffling. If you think you're bettering America and the use of the First Amendment, the Constitution by supporting such promotions, shame on you. You'll waive a banner because it's something new to you not because you've put time, effort, thought and heart toward building something — America, the First Amendment, the Constitution or the school newspaper for the better. Get it?

Nancy Howell  
Class of 1989  
Houston

#### Day of observance

To the editor: Today marks the fourth annual

National Day of Appreciation for Abortion Providers. Initiated in 1996, the purpose is to create a positive climate for abortion providers.

This date was chosen to commemorate the anniversary of the death of David Gunn, the first physician to be murdered by an anti-abortion extremist, and to honor all abortion providers for their dedication to women.

On this day, we want to publicly thank our local providers for their heroism, perseverance and commitment to women in the face of terrorist acts of violence and constant harassment. Abortion is one of the most common outpatient surgical procedures among U.S. women. Each year, more than 1 million women have abortions.

Despite this need, there is a severe shortage of doctors willing to provide abortions: 86 percent of the United States and 96 percent of Texas counties do not have a single abortion provider. Doctors emerging from medical schools and residency programs are not being trained in the procedure. Only 12 percent of U.S. ob-gyn residency programs require routine training in first-trimester abortions.

Abortion is more than a political issue and medical procedure and must be included as a standard part of medical education. As members of Medical Students for Choice, we are working to change the statistics.

Prior to the 1973 *Roe vs. Wade* Supreme Court decision, the No. 1 cause of maternal death in the United States was from self-induced abortion. Our group is dedicated to ensuring that the next generation of physicians will be able to provide women with the full range of reproductive health services, including access to safe abortion care.

We want to ensure that the memories of the last generation — of botched, self-induced abortions — do not become the reality of the next generation.

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# TECHlife!

## Class builds more than computers

Read *The UD* online: [www.ttu.edu/~TheUD](http://www.ttu.edu/~TheUD)

by Kevin McEwen  
Staff Writer

Some of the people who make computers today do not have college degrees. They do not have a high school diploma either. Some have not even gone to high school yet.

But a group of 16 eighth-graders from O.L. Slaton Middle School have each built a computer from scratch through the Build a Computer program developed at Texas Tech.

The program was designed by John Chandler, director of technical engineering for the College of Engineering. The program, originally designed for Upward Bound students, changed directions after officials at the middle school asked for help.

"We had been doing this with Upward Bound students in the summer time," Chandler said. "O.L. Slaton

contacted Dean Fontenot about developing an after-school program, and we thought about this one because it worked so well."

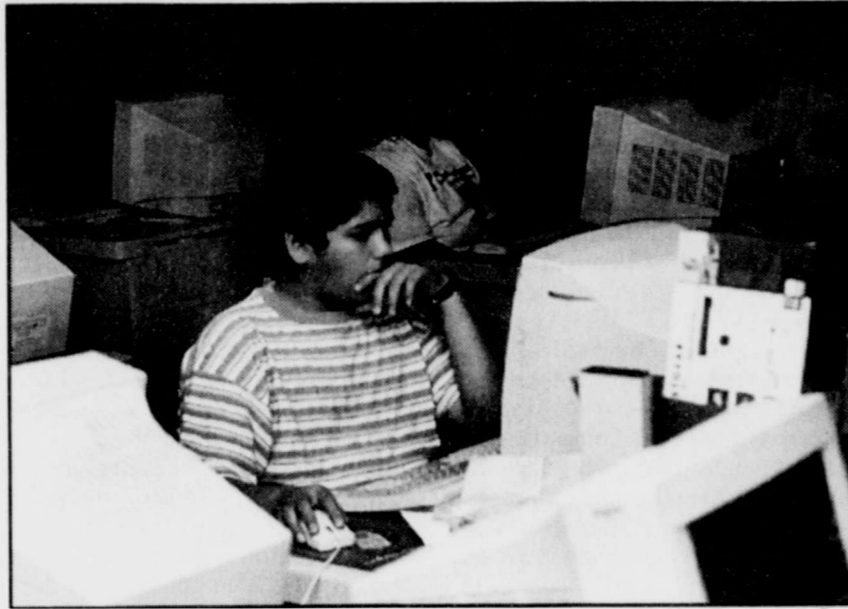
Chandler, along with Fontenot, managing director for engineering projects, and volunteer engineering majors now meet with 10 teachers and 16 students from O.L. Slaton and their parents each Thursday and Saturday evening.

"We wanted a family ownership," Chandler said. "As they learn more things, they'll show one another and help one another."

Fontenot said the bonds are not just staying within the families.

"We're seeing the community develop," Fontenot said. "They're working together and building a community. There's a real sense of pride, not only about what they're doing but about their neighborhood."

see **COMPUTERS**, p. 6



Miguel Avila, an eighth-grade student from O.L. Slaton Junior High, attends a computer class in the Byron Martin Center on Thursday. A group of 16 eighth-graders each have built a computer from scratch through the Build a Computer program.

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# Students anticipate spring break

By Amy Curry  
Staff Writer

## 2 0 0 0 SPRING BREAK

In the final week before Spring Break, the thought of sandy beaches or just the image of being at home with nothing to do has left many students squirreling in their chairs, wishing they were anywhere but class.

Kevin Graham, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Tuscola, said this has been the longest week of his life.

"I'm just ready to get out of Lubbock," Graham said. "It's been pretty hard to focus this week, knowing we're about to get out on break. It hasn't helped that I've had three mid-

terms."

Students will be venturing out all over the United States in search of a good time during Spring Break. However, Jeremy Ormsby, an undeclared major from Borger, said he is just ready for a little R&R.

Although Ormsby said he would like to go somewhere exotic for Spring Break, his finances do not permit him to do so.

"I'm broke all the time, so I'm gonna go home and take it easy,"

Ormsby said. "It's been a tough week, and I'm just ready to get out of here."

Rose Dunn, a sophomore business major from Hobbs, N.M., said today after class, she is leaving for Las Cruces, N.M.

Dunn said she plans to go to the state basketball tournament and party the week away with her friends who attend New Mexico State University.

She said she has anticipated the break but managed to maintain her focus and attend all her classes this week.

"I'm so sick of school right now," she said. "I need a break. I've really looking forward to the time off but not so much that I forgot about school completely. It's funny because

this week, I've actually gone to all my classes for once."

While many Tech students will be traveling far and wide in the name of a good time, travel plans can be costly. However, some students planned far in advance and saved the necessary funds so they could make the most of their Spring Break vacation.

Charles Henkel, a freshman business major from El Paso, said he and a bunch of friends are going to South Padre Island to hit every keg party on the beach and then head over to Mexico at night.

"I'm can't wait to go to Padre where it's hot so I can get a tan," Henkel said. "I want to come back hung over and sun burned."

"We got more interest than we could accommodate," Chandler said. "We told the school to pick the ones who needed it the most."

From there, Stator faculty had to pick who would join the program. Randa Knoble, eighth grade English teacher at Stator, was one of the faculty members who got to select the students.

"We chose from eighth grade students in the At-Risk program and economically couldn't afford computers," Knoble said. "They have to maintain a 75 or above grade average, and they all have (maintained) it."

Chandler said despite any financial depositions, students still should want to learn more about technology.

"I hate to generalize, but some people with lower economic status don't really see education as a viable alternative or profession," Chandler said. "What we want these kids to realize is career paths in science, technology or engineering are very possible, and the choices they make in eighth grade could really put them on those career paths."

### Music festival to showcase local, international talent

The South by Southwest festival will bring thousands of people to Lubbock every spring for music, film and interactive festivals and showcases. The event often falls during the Spring Break of most Texas universities, so hundreds of students attend the event each year.

The highlight for most students will be the music festival. The 14th annual SXSW Music and Media conference and festival starts Wednesday and runs until March 19.

More than 900 bands will perform on 47 different stages, many of which are clubs, bars and other music venues in the downtown Austin area.

Bands from all over the world will arrive in Austin for the event. Live music will be everywhere from the airport to clubs, parks and record stores.

The 17th annual Austin Music Awards will kick off the festival today. Artist performances will include Kelly Willis, Terri Hendrix, Ray White Hubbard and more.

The rest of the SXSW week will be filled with hours of different genres of music from across the globe. Country, hip-hop, rock, metal, punk and techno are among the styles of music that will be represented at the festival.

Some of the highlights of the festivities will include showcases by Cypress Hill, Sebadah, Modest Mouse, Los Lobos, former Led Zepplin bassist John Paul Jones, Robert Bradley's Blackwater Sunrise, the Nixons, Gomez, Elliott Smith, Gov't Mule, Tenacious D and several surprise guests.

One possible surprise show will be the first public show by Stone Temple Pilots since lead singer Scott Weiland was released from prison. Other surprise and special guests have not yet been announced.

Badges and wristbands allow the holder to enter all of the venues during the event, unless the venue already is at capacity. Wristbands cost \$95 at all Austin-area Star Ticker offices. The walk-up registration fee for badges will cost \$495. The badge allows the bearer into conference and lecture parts of the festival.

For more information on the festival, search the Web site at [www.sxsw.com](http://www.sxsw.com). The Web site also has information on the interactive and film portions of the festival.

### Padre to host career expo over break

Fortune 500 companies such as IBM, Prudential, Universal Studios and Motorola will be sending representatives to one of the most popular Spring Break spots in Texas — South Padre Island.

March 14-15, college students will have the opportunity to talk with recruiters from more than 40 companies at Spring Break Career Expo 2000 while taking in the sand and sun of the beach.

Students can drop off their resumes and gather information about prospective companies in a relaxed environment.

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Spring Break Career Expo has gained national attention from ABC, CBS, CNN and NBC.

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# Tech Weekend in Sports

## Track and Field

The Texas Tech track squad will have a pair of athletes competing in this weekend's NCAA Indoor National Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

Leigh Daniel qualified in the women's 3,000-meter and 5,000-meter races, while Yossef qualified in the mile run for the men.

## Tennis

The Texas Tech men's tennis squad will take on the Texas Longhorns at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Lubbock High School tennis courts. The matchup marks the first Big 12 Conference contest for the Red Raiders, who have a 4-5 record.

The Tech women also will be in action this weekend as they host Baylor and Kansas State at the Athletic Training Center. The Red Raiders will face the Wildcats at 10 a.m. Saturday and the Bears at 10 a.m. Sunday.

## Softball

The Texas Tech Red Raider softball team will be back in action this weekend when they travel to Fresno, Calif., for the Bulldog Classic.

The tournament begins today and continues through Sunday.

The Red Raiders are 7-16 overall and 5-6 under interim coach Carla Marchetti, who took over the duties of Renee Luers-Gillispi. Luers-Gillispi resigned two weeks ago.

The Red Raiders will face UCLA, Fresno State, Cal Poly, Ole Miss, Illinois State and Florida State in the tournament.

## Football

The Committee for Champions and the Texas Tech Letterman's Association will host a reception honoring former Tech football coach Spike Dykes from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the County Line Restaurant.

The reception is open to the public, and there is no admission charge.

# Red Raiders hit road again

## Tech baseball faces Aggies, looks for fifth-straight victory

by Patrick Gonzales  
Sports Editor

If the Texas Tech baseball team wanted to know how much they have improved during their four-game winning streak, the next five days should provide a good enough test.

During that time, the Red Raiders will play six games on the road, beginning at 7 p.m. today when they face Texas A&M at Olsen Field in College Station.

They will continue the three-game series at 7 p.m. Saturday and at 1 p.m. Sunday before heading to Edinburg to engage in another three-game battle with University of Texas-Pan American on Monday and Tuesday.

The last time the Red Raiders hit the road this season, they finished with a 1-5 record, including four-straight losses — their longest losing streak of the season.

However, Tech center fielder Marco Cunningham said this time, the road trip will be different.

"That was earlier in the year, and I feel like we are a totally different team from when we came back from California," he said. "The last time we hit the road was the first time all season that we had gone anywhere. I feel this time that we are more confident, and if we can keep that up, we can pull off the victory."

And Tech should have reason to be more confident, winning six of its last eight games, including its first series sweep of the season against

San Diego State last weekend.

The Aggies (10-10 overall, 3-3 Big 12) enter the contest after upsetting the No. 10-ranked Houston Cougars on Tuesday, 9-5.

Texas A&M leads the all-time series 74-36 and have lost only 10 games to the Red Raiders in College Station.

Cunningham said Olsen Field is one of the toughest fields to play at, but the squad is ready for the challenge.

"We know how it is to play in front of a crowd because we have one of the best crowds in the nation," he said.

"We're just going out there and just focus on playing baseball the best we know how to. It's in their house, but that shouldn't really mean much if we play sound baseball."

Their matchup with the Aggies marks only the second Big 12 Conference opponent for the Red Raiders.

Earlier in the season, Tech lost two of three games in their conference opener against Missouri at Dan Law Field.

"Losing a conference game at home is tough because you have to make it up on the road somewhere," said Tech coach Larry Hays. "That's why this weekend's series is important for us."

In their sweep against the Aztecs, the Red Raiders received what Hays called the squad's best pitching performance of the year.

Overall, Tech used only four



Ginger Hurst/The University Daily  
Tech first baseman Mark Austy and the Red Raiders hope to continue their winning ways against the Texas A&M Aggies today in College Station. They will play six games in the next five days on the road beginning with A&M at 7 p.m. Friday.

pitchers throughout the series, with two of the hurlers throwing complete games.

Kevin Tracey was one of the pitchers who finished with a complete game, his third of the season.

Tracey said the pitching staff's performance last weekend was encouraging, and they hope to continue against the Aggies.

"We have guys out there who just have been pushed into their roles, and they've adjusted really well," he said. "I think our team has all the confidence in the world in those guys, including me."

However, pitching has not been Tech's only improvement during its winning streak, the offense also has

played a big role.

In their last four contests, the Red Raiders have averaged more than 12 runs, outscoring their opponents 49-21.

Leading the offensive charge is designated hitter Chaz Eiguren, who leads the Big 12 with a .474 batting average, seven home runs and 40 RBIs.

Eiguren said he hopes to continue his offensive tirade during the road trip.

"I'm just going to continue to hit the ball hard and see what happens," Eiguren said.

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# SPORTS

## Tech squads eliminated from Big 12 tourney

### 'Horns upset Lady Raiders

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Let Texas Tech worry about Edwina Brown. That just opened things up for JoRuth Woods and Brown's other Texas teammates.

Woods scored 17 points Thursday night and three other players reached double figures as sixth-seeded Texas continued its run of upsets in the Big 12 Tournament with a 68-50 semifinal victory over No. 6 Texas Tech.

"I think it all comes down to the word 'team,'" said Texas coach Jody Condradt, whose team earned its second victory over a ranked opponent in as many days. "This is what you dream about as a coach."

"I think the thing that I am happiest about is that this team finally believes in themselves," Condradt said. "I have to probably say that there are a lot of other people that believe in them now, too."

Texas (21-11), which beat No. 18 Oklahoma, 71-68, in Wednesday's quarterfinals, plays No. 10 Iowa State in Saturday's championship game. Prior to this year, no sixth seed had even made the semifinals.

The Longhorns are trying to become the first team to win four tournament games since Colorado in 1997, the Big 12's first season. They're also trying for their first conference tournament championship since 1994, when they beat Texas Tech, 71-69, for the Southwest Conference title.

"Coming into this game, I thought we might be a little winded or get a little tired, but I think our adrenaline was going too fast to even think about being tired," Texas forward Tracy Cook said. "That really carried us, and I think it will Saturday."

Brown, who came into the game averaging 21.6-points-per game, was not shut out Thursday night. She offset eight turnovers with 14 points and nine assists.

"I wouldn't say that I mapped it out this way, but I knew my time had to come and it showed up at a good time," Brown said. "This caps my career."

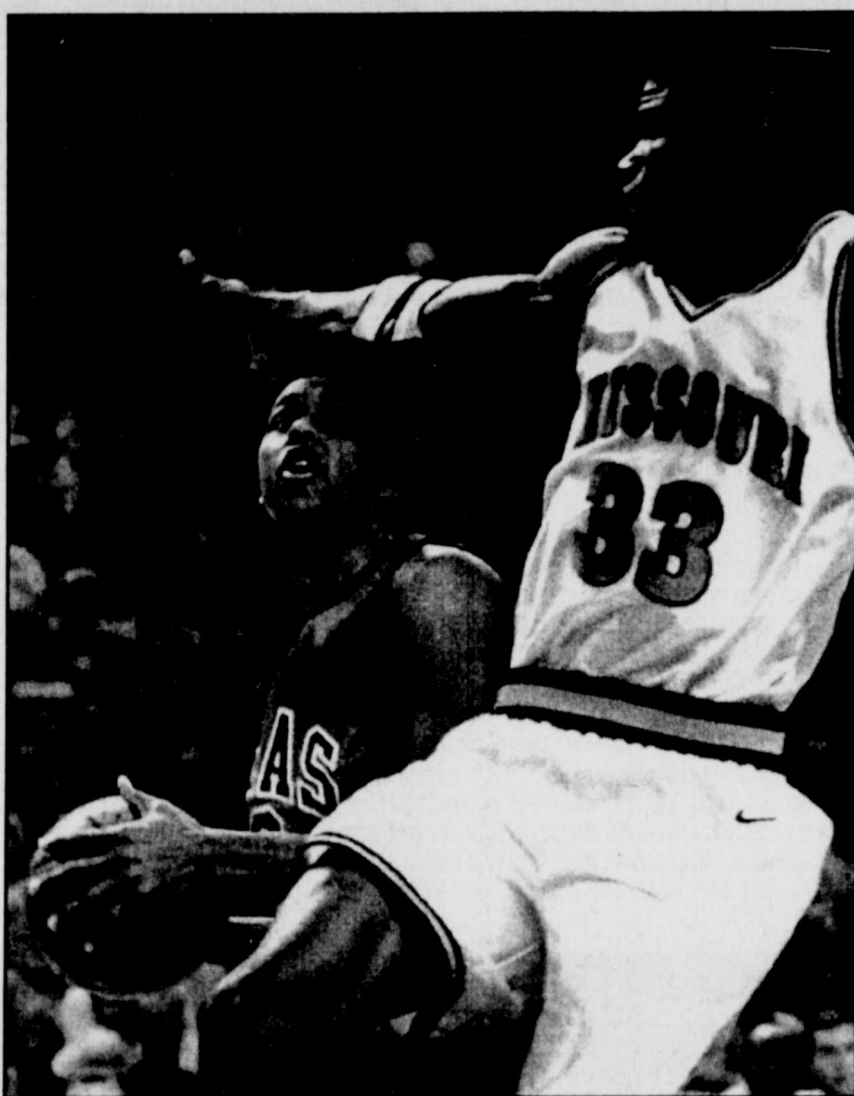
Tai Dillard added a career-high 13 points and freshman Alisha Sare had 10 for Texas. Dillard also had eight rebounds, another career high, as Texas outboarded the second-seeded Red Raiders 41-25.

"It's (rebounding) something we've always relied on," said Keitha Dickerson, who led Texas Tech with 19 points — 13 in the first half — and eight rebounds. "We usually do a better job of boxing out and grabbing rebounds, but they had the edge and it showed."

Texas Tech (25-4), the two-time defending tournament champion, shot just 34 percent (17-for-50) from the floor and managed only one field goal in the final 12-1/2 minutes.

The Longhorns shot 30-for-60, 50 percent.

### Missouri overpowers Red Raiders, 80-47



Tech forward Brodney Kennard looks for the shot during the Red Raiders' 80-47 loss to Missouri on Thursday at Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Mo. The first-round loss eliminated Tech from the Big 12 Conference Tournament for the third consecutive year. The Red Raiders finish the season with an overall 12-16 record.

by Jeff Keller  
Assistant Sports Editor

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Texas Tech men's basketball season came to an abrupt end Thursday as they were eliminated from the Big 12 Tournament by Missouri, 80-47, at Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Mo.

The loss dropped Tech to 12-16 overall on the season while the Tigers improved to 18-11.

The Red Raiders controlled the opening tip and grabbed their only lead of the ball game at 4-2 on a made layup by senior guard Rayford Young.

Young finished the contest with 14 points, with all of those points coming in the first half.

Young said his last game did not go the way he planned it.

"My career has gone by fast," Young said. "This wasn't the way I wanted to play my last game. But I can't go back and do anything about it. But I can't say that I wasn't ready to play, I was pumped up."

Tech lost to the Tigers by only 10 when the two teams met in the regular season, and Young said the Tigers' intensity had improved which was the reason they were able to win by a greater margin this time around.

"They were more intense this time than the first time we played them," he said. "I found myself getting caught in a lot of traps tonight and that wasn't the case the first time."

After falling behind early in the contest, the Tigers were able to rebound and battle back to lead by as much as 17 points at 33-16 with 4:24 left before halftime.

Tech was able to cut the lead to 14 at 43-29 at the break. Part of the reason Missouri was able to build such a large first-half lead was the shooting of guard Clarence Gilbert.

Gilbert had four 3-pointers in the first half and six in the game en route to a game-high 26 points.

Gilbert had 12 points in the second half alone, helping Missouri to push its second-half lead to 76-40 with 6:25 left in the contest.

Missouri shot 46 percent from the floor in the game and 46.9 percent from the floor in the second half.

Tech guard James Ware also played his last game as a Red Raider against the Tigers and led Tech in scoring with 17 points.

Ware said Missouri's ability to hit open shots was key in building a large lead in the second half.

"I think they started getting open shots in the second half," Ware said.

"They're an excellent shooting team. They have a lot of 3-point shooters, and once they get going, they're tough to stop."

Tech was able to close out the game on a 7-to-4 run, but it was too little too late.

The Red Raiders exited the Big 12 Tournament in the first round for the third straight season.

Tech has only made it to the second round of the tournament once.

The Red Raiders' 12-16 record is the worse they have suffered in nine years, and Tech coach James Dickey said the past three seasons have been trying ones.

"They're all tough when you lose," said Dickey of the losing seasons. "I don't know that one was any tougher than the other. The one when Cory Carr was a senior was tough. The last three have been tough."

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