

Teacher clicks with students

by Kristie Rieken
Contributing Writer

As a photojournalist, Sean Meyers has covered every thing from serial murder to football games to hot air balloon contests.

As a teacher, he shares those experiences and his expertise with basic photography students.

In his first year at Texas Tech, Meyers teaches two sections of basic photography, and although he has taught for less than two months, he already has made an impression on his students.

"He really cares about his class," said Sheila Elmore, a senior interior design major from Roswell, N.M. "He is always down in the darkroom helping us when other professors are never actually down there to help."

Meyers came to Lubbock after five years at the *Columbia Daily Tribune*, and said he always has been interested in teaching at some point in his career but planned to wait until later in life to begin.

However, when Tech officials contacted him about the position, he accepted with little hesitation.

"I had always wanted to teach," Meyers, 35, said. "I just always thought I would do it later in my career — like when I was about 50 or so."

Meyers graduated from the University of Florida in 1991 with a degree in photojournalism. While in school, he interned at the *Ocala Star-Banner* in Florida. While at the newspaper, he was sent to one of his most unsettling assignments.

"I was a student at Florida during the Gainesville murders in 1990," Meyers said. "The paper I worked for sent me out to photograph the family of one of the victims. I was the only one that got the shot, and the family totally berated me for taking it. I felt bad, but I knew that it was my job and that I had to get the photo."

Meyers always is available to help his students, but he still finds time to do a lot of free-lance photography work as well. He free-lances regularly for *The Dallas Morning News*, the *Houston Chronicle*, the *San-Antonio Express-News* and the Tech sports information department.



Kristie Rieken/The University Daily

Sean Meyers, professor of photography, has made a great impression on his students in the two months that he has taught at Tech. Meyers recently worked as a photojournalist and continues to do free-lance photography for many Texas newspapers.

He recently also finished a job photographing the old Plainview Hilton for *Texas Highways* magazine and has had work published in *Newsweek*.

"He brings professional experience into the classroom," said Lorenzo Einsporn, one of Meyers' students and a sophomore advertising major from San Antonio. "I like that he still continues to work as a professional photographer while he is teaching. I think that makes him a better teacher."

The path that led Meyers to Tech had stops in Ohio and Missouri. Since his graduation from Florida, Meyers has moved and found work near whatever city his wife, Elizabeth Homan, was attending school.

When Homan got a job as a theatre professor at Tech last July, Meyers planned to concentrate solely on his free-lance work.

The offer to teach changed his plan slightly, but Meyers said he was happy for the change because he really en-

joys working with the students.

"I like seeing students progress further in photography," Meyers said. "I like seeing what they take to see what they do right and what they do wrong. Then I can help them learn to do it better."

As for the question of whether being a first-year teacher is a major challenge, Meyers said it has not been thus far.

"I thought it would be because I never did it before," Meyers said. "But I think my immaturity has helped me relate to the students better than if I was 50."

Whether it is his inexperience as a teacher or simply his personality, one of his students was very complimentary on his style of teaching.

"His teaching style is really laid back," said Michelle Demel, a senior English major from Littlefield. "He is really hands-on in his teaching. I think that makes him a really good teacher

for photography."

Meyers said he has had to photograph many dead bodies and has had several opportunities to ride in hot air balloons while covering the United States National Hot Air Balloon Championships. Despite the variety and sometimes exotic nature of these assignments, his preferred subject is sports.

After spending many years working to produce the best photographs possible, Meyers said the most important skill he wants his students to pick up is not unusual.

"I want them to know what constitutes a good photograph — not just a snapshot," Meyers said. "I want them to be able to look in the viewfinder and see what makes the photo appear pleasing."

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house to go to."

The mission serves food and provides a chapel where ministers offer spiritual help. It also is starting to develop a library for the children.

Young said seeing the children at the mission was difficult.

"I was outside carrying boxes," he said. "I looked over by the door, and the first thing I saw was four little kids. Then I started to get emotional. I was expecting bitterness but got nothing except gratefulness."

Deloris Thomas, a senior social work major from Houston, said one family in particular shook her up.

"There was this one family that prayed before they ate," she said. "They passed out their food and really tried to keep the family together."

The mother of that family was not there because she was in the hospital getting tested for cancer.

"That was hard," said Jennifer Martinez, a junior marketing and management major from Lubbock.

"Knowing how much you don't have, and then the fact that you

might lose the one person in life you completely count and depend on to help you get through your day. It was really sad."

The students said they were happy they could do something to help.

At the mission, they prepared and served lunch, cleaned out closets and helped give away clothes.

"I am glad they got that, even if it just four days," Young said. "They have a chance to realize they are human, and people really do care."

The senior center is a complex where senior citizens live and gather to eat, play bingo and dance.

The volunteers served lunch and visited with the seniors.

"Most of the seniors were nice and seemed to open up to us," Thomas said. "With some, it was hard, maybe because they were so into their daily routine or maybe they weren't expecting a group of college students to come visit them."

One resident of the center said he loved visiting with the students, and they gave him a chance to share his experiences in life.

Roberts holds court at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Julia Roberts won an easy verdict from moviegoers as her legal-eagle drama "Erin Brockovich" debuted atop the weekend box office with \$28.2 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The sci-fi rescue thriller "Mission to Mars," last weekend's No. 1 movie, slipped to second place with \$10.9 million.

The horror story "Final Destination" opened in third place with \$10.2 million.

The movie is about a teenager whose premonition about an exploding plane saves himself and other passengers but prompts death to stalk them.

"Erin Brockovich" is based on the real-life story of a California woman who took a clerical

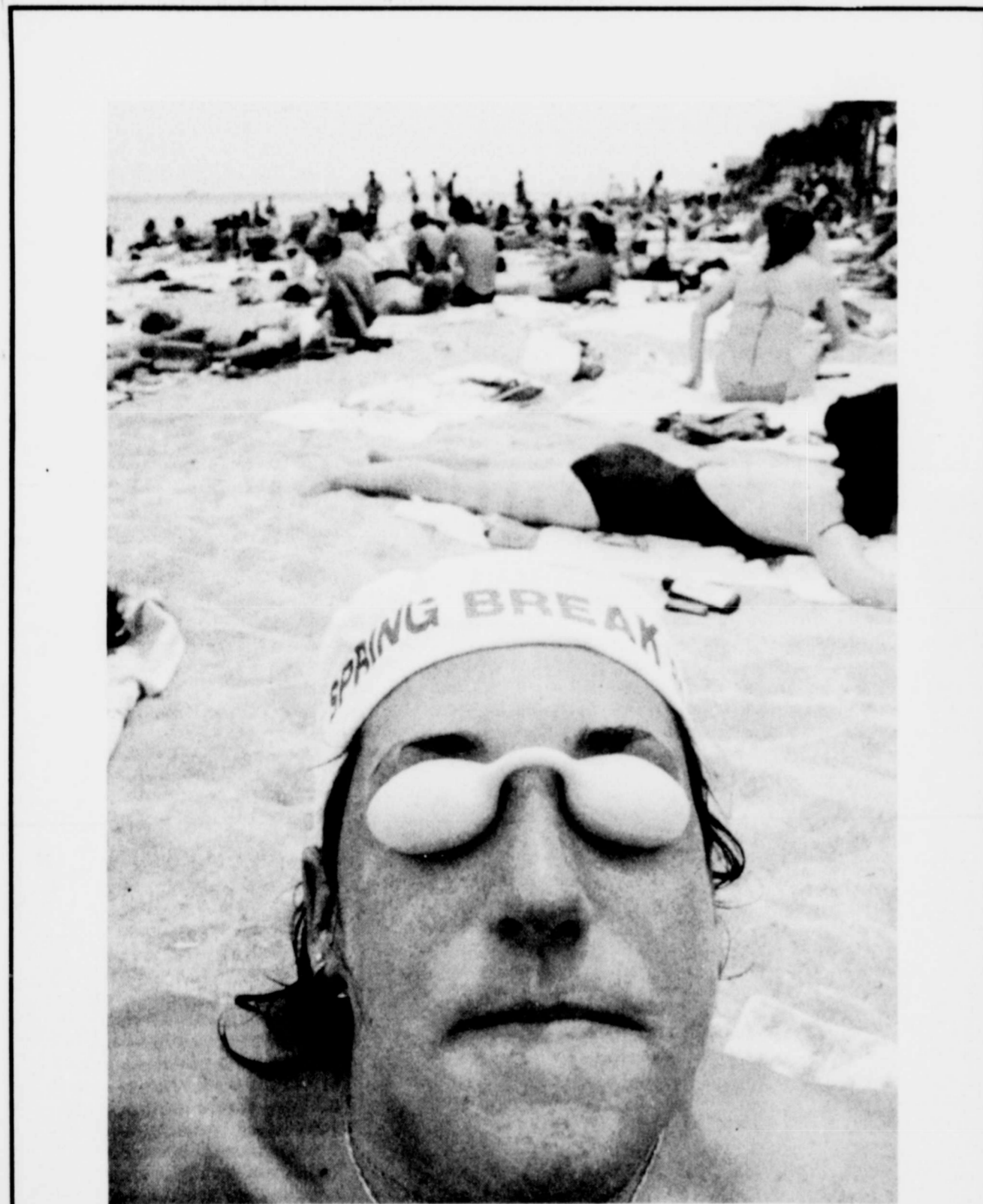
job with a legal firm and uncovered a pollution scandal involving Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

Brockovich led a crusade for 650 residents whose water was contaminated by the utility and won a \$333 million settlement.

The role was a bit of a risk for Roberts.

She has a string of romantic hits, including last year's "Notting Hill" and "Runaway Bride," but has had trouble finding an audience in dramas such as "Mary Reilly" or "Michael Collins."

"Erin Brockovich" drew critical praise and was marketed wisely, with movie ads highlighting the humor and sharp tongue of Roberts' character.



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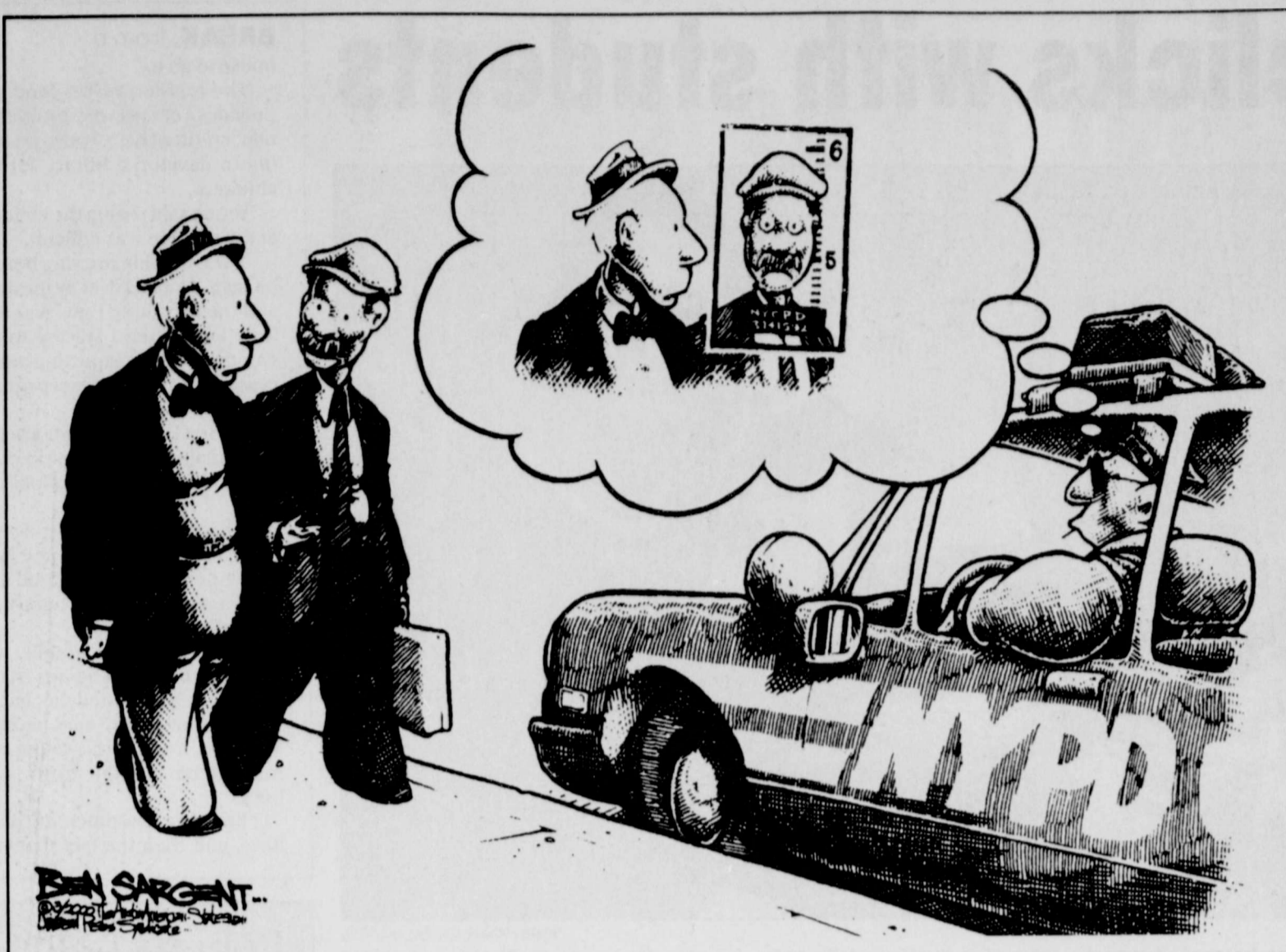
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Look out Oscar

Tech gives run to Academy Awards

Next week's Academy Awards are the climax of awards season. But Hollywood's elite aren't the only people who deserve awards.

Since August, so much has happened on this campus. With all of the news, events, programs, occurrences and happenings that have gone on, it is high time the people and departments on our campus started getting recognized, too.

With that said, I present to you the first annual Raider Awards.



Brandon Formby
Columnist

Given out for outstanding achievements and disgraces on the Texas Tech campus, the Raider Awards signify the best and worst our university has to offer.

Outstanding Use of Departmental Funds: Housing and Dining. Yes, prices are going up next fall. Yes, food in the residence halls isn't exactly gourmet. But H&D deserves props for several things.

When it came time to install fire sprinklers into the residence halls, H&D officials didn't call political friends for the money. They didn't ask students for it. No, they pulled it from their ... savings. Yes, I said savings. As in, "Wow, we have extra money — let's save it!" They actually proved that money can be managed on a college campus. Not only that, but H&D Director James Burkhalter has been working on a deal with College Television Network to install televisions around campus dining halls that will play music videos, news and even feature Tech information. The cost for this program? \$0. Yes, free. It's high time someone did something for students without making them sell their kidneys to pay for it.

Outstanding Use of the Human Body: "Karma." One of the female Tech students who strips to help pay for college. Many people say this is wrong, immoral and degrading for women. They obviously have no trouble paying for college. Look at it this

way, she could be doing worse things to pay for college, like selling crack to children. If I thought I could strip to make more money, I probably would, too. But I think I'd probably get paid more to keep my clothes on rather than take them off.

Scariest Use of a Texas Tech Degree: Half of the registered users of WreckEm.com. A Web site for Tech alumni by Tech alumni is a great idea to keep in touch and informed about campus events from a post-graduate standpoint. However, the topics and postings on this site by some of the users actually make you wonder what life will be like upon graduation.

Outstanding Use of Self-Control: The Tech Student Senate members who wanted to ratify this year's election results. The Senate meeting March 9 was like watching real politicians at work. The meeting was like a Jerry Springer episode: from heated arguments over what ratification actually means to Sen. John Dorff claiming Senate President Carrie Evans was out of order to SGA President Doug Jeffrey acting as a voice of reason and threatening to veto an overly broad proposal. It is beyond me how the pro-ratifiers refrained from throwing things at their whiny counterparts.

Outstanding Use of Expression: Kirk Sears. From letters to the editor to columnists to cartoonists, lots of people appear on this page every day. But what so many people fail to realize is that it truly is a forum of expression for students by students. After the Saddle Tramps took some blows from UD columnists, Sears, the organization's president, took it upon himself to tell his side of the story. Unlike so many people who only gripe or make phone calls when they disagree with someone's opinion, he realized he had an opportunity to express himself in front of the entire student body with his own opinion, and he took it.

Worst Use of Tech Funds: John T. and Debbie Montford. First, there was their trip to Rome to look for art. Then, it took a whopping \$10,000 to move the chancellor and his wife into their new residence — which was only a few blocks away. On top of that, it's going to take \$86,300 to renovate the house. Even if he deems this necessary for the job,

you'd think Montford would be able to move houses without costing the school so much money. But, like any politician will tell you — it's easier to spend other people's money.

Outstanding Use of Patience: The English, philosophy and education departments. OK, where the hell is their new complex? Do they have to wait for the Jones Stadium renovations first?

Outstanding Support for Students: The Tech Parents Association. Though several departments and programs on campus are geared toward helping students during their college career, no department or organization surpasses the hospitality and support offered by this group. Running ads with their phone numbers and offering up their homes for pit stops to students on Texas highways, this group has taken an excellent step in preventing more drowsy driving deaths.

Most Overlooked Demographic: Tech faculty. Caught between a student body that grows more and more diverse every day and an administration that grows more and more greedy every second, our faculty doesn't have it easy. Yes, it is obvious that some professors' reality checks bounced a long time ago, but for the most part, we have a dedicated faculty. With little recognition, these poor souls slave away educating students on a campus known more for its NCAA violations than academics.

Outstanding Use of the Cold Shoulder: The Lady Raiders. After four major players graduated last year, some people thought this wouldn't be that good of a year. They were picked to finish fifth in the Big 12. They tied for first with two other teams. Many people gripe that they steal the limelight from the men's team. One question: how many NCAA championships has James Dickey brought home? Exactly.

Unlike the Oscars, this year's Raider Award winners won't be invited to any fancy parties or have the red carpet rolled out for them. But at the same time, they won't have to listen to Joan Rivers gripe about their outfits.

Brandon Formby is a senior journalism major from Plano. It cost him a quarter of a tank of gas to move. Tech did not reimburse him.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Apologies

To the editor: As your student body representative, I feel I should talk to you about how I reacted to the controversy over the elections March 1. For those who don't know, the Student Senate has final ratification rights over elections held for offices within student government. That night, we decided, and it wasn't easy. I went into the meeting with a clear head and an open mind, needless to say I left four and a half hours later worn out and mentally anguished. I heard many sides of the story and through the course of the evening, lobbied for both. My initial reaction: after hearing that more than 20 percent of voters failed to successfully complete the voting process which was flawed, yes, we know it wasn't perfect, was to hold an additional one-day election utilizing Scantron voting. Before I go on, for the more than 400 students who tried to vote and couldn't, I sincerely apologize. I am sorry, I am sorry, I am sorry. But after a lot of tough and self-exploration, I "re-called" my vote "not to ratify the election." The choice was a tough one and one I will never forget it. I just went back to the ethics of the situation. I did not, and I repeat I do not, think it is fair to make up the rules after the game had been played. Because of this, the only other option for this situation was to hold another election over the Web. This, I feel, would have solved nothing and cause much heartache. To hold an additional election with Scantrons would have violated the rules of the election at the time of the election, and that is just not right. I know by making this change I made many people mad, but when I wake up in the morning, it is my face I see in the mirror. I know the election was considered a failure by some students. To those, I send my deepest apologies — I made the rules, I am to blame. To those that won their elections, congratulations, and please remember to learn from my mistakes.

Michael Wheelock
Student Senator
Graduate School

Kudos to The UD

To the editor: This is a letter in regard to the March 6 edition of *The University Daily* on the exotic dancing article. I would like to first congratulate the editors for having the gumption to print this story. This was a great example of Joe Colley's call for "hell raising." As Karma's former manager at Player's Gentleman's Club, I have a few comments to add to this story.

To start with, I would like to comment on

Aurora McGuire's letter in the March 7 *UD*. First, how is this not newsworthy? This is showing the life of some of Texas Tech's students. Yes, there are more exotic dancers at Tech than just Karma. I can easily think of at least 10. Karma just has the courage to agree to this article and have it printed. Secondly, this isn't exactly a "dirty little secret." She didn't have to "get naked for a living" as you put it. She chose a profession that could be lucrative to her. It is a perfectly legal way of making money in today's society.

Jennifer Bailey's article in the March 7 *UD* was a good follow-up. She took different sides of the issue and compiled them well. Sally Harrison stated there was something wrong with her line of work. I, personally, don't see any problems with what any of the dancers do, as long as they follow the rules of the club. As Wayne Hodgin said, she isn't relying on grants, scholarships or financial aid to get through school.

The reactions of the original article were quite interesting. The female Tech students seemed to disagree with Karma's choice to dance, while their male counterparts could care less after five minutes. A few people approached me in my department after I found out about the article. They were asking me numerous questions about her. My main response was that she was a student here like any other. She is a normal person who has a night job in the service industry like a bar-

Sand, memories linger after SB2K

As I pick the final grain of sand off my body, I also say goodbye to the last remaining physical reminder of the best time I have ever had in my college career.

It was wild, crazy, daring and fun all rolled into one huge blurry wad. Spring Break 2000 in Daytona Beach, Fla., was everything I expected in a crazy final college fling and a whole lot more.

Myself and nine other daring Texas Tech women embarked on a road trip of a lifetime and about 216 hours, and one dog-long car trip later, we walked away with a head full of sand and a week full of memories.

It should have been a sign when we saw our first naked body after only being there for five minutes.



Laura Hensley
News Editor

It was a guy, he was buck-naked, and he didn't really mind it. Our shock turned into excitement, and before we knew it, we joined in with the Spring Break spirit.

We really didn't mind the stench of urine in the stairwell or the vomit in the hall. Heck, the fact that our sliding glass door didn't close didn't really faze us after awhile. We didn't care. We had made it to Daytona and nothing could stop us.

Our days were full of sleeping on the beach. Of course, we brought a Tech flag and let it wave each day. If you couldn't sleep on the beach, you could transfix yourself by picking up small handfuls of sand and letting it sift through your fingers. After that, you could spend hours people watching. I saw it all — girls with strips of fabric so far jacked up there posterior it gave a new meaning to full moon, and guys in Speedos that looked like they were smuggling olives.

After a viperous day at the beach, we headed out for the night. Ten girls getting ready for a night on the town is quite a feat. But we usually finished in a record time of about three hours. Going out, we met quite a few interesting characters. Something about Spring Break wipes away any decency, respect and courtesy that guys possess. They dropped pickup lines even a Georgia debutante would consider uncouth.

Our nights were full of walking miles to clubs, standing in really long lines and dancing with anyone who happened to bump into us in a crowd. Some in the group would top the night off with a "walk" on the beach and return with a sandy back and quarterback breath.

We also found out we were quite a novelty. We became known in our hotel as the girls from Texas. People want to take our pictures and video tape us saying "y'all." The majority of the people there were Canadians, New Yorkers and basically Northerners. We introduced them to Robert Earl Keen, Pat Green and taught a few to two-step.

By the end of the week, our feet were swollen, we had mysterious bruises and scratches covering our bodies, and we had lost our voices. Friday, we dug out our final few articles of clothing that were clean, shook the sand off them, piled in cars and headed West.

This was our first and last true Spring Break, and we made the most of it. In 30 years, I will be able to think back on last week fondly.

Spring Break provides a chance to get away from the stress of school, party every day and have no regrets. So if you see me in class today dosing off, just let me. I'm dead tired, and it was worth every minute of it.

Laura Hensley is a senior journalism major from Gail ... Ghost rider, this is Moonshine signing off.

tender or waitress.

I have just one last comment. If you have never been to a topless bar or strip club, don't criticize the people who work there. I have found that 95 percent of the people working in these places are some of the nicest, most down-to-earth people there are. If you do go in, just remember that most of the people are working for tips, so don't forget about your bartender, waitress disc jockeys and shot girls.

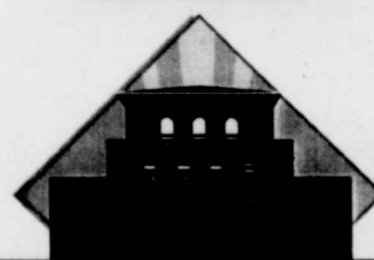
James McConville
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Down with The UD

To the editor: Just because someone has no respect for his/her body is no justification to assault my senses. If I wanted to see topless dancers, I'd frequent their place of employment. The picture of the topless dancer should never have been taken or developed, much less printed in *The University Daily*. Additionally, the advertising for tanning beds also is in very poor taste. These types of activities are insulting their souls as well as mine. I cannot do anything about their choices, but I can mine. As of today, I will not read *The UD* until you remove the offending advertising.

J.L.H.H.
Coordinator of Technology
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GETTING READY



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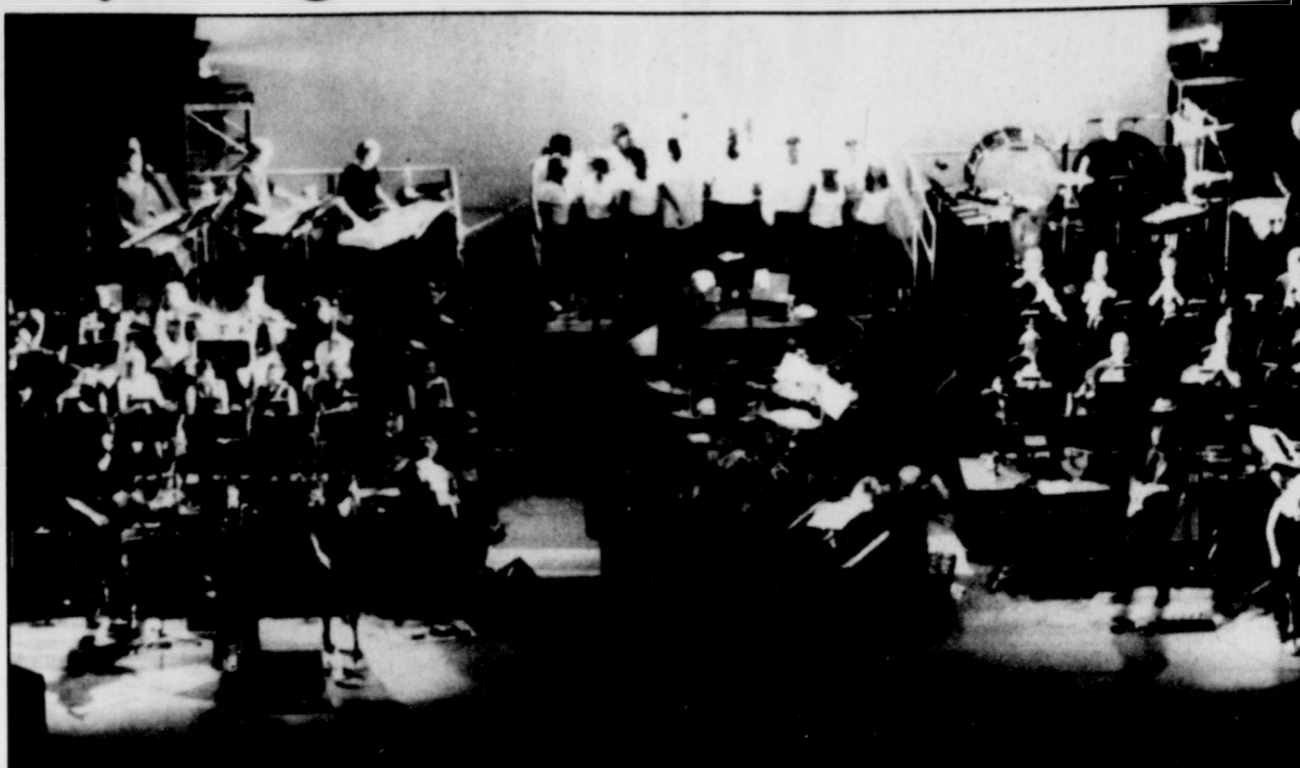
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ductor, arranger and orchestrator Keith Levenson successfully transforms the worlds of rock, pop, Broadway and symphony music.

This year's concert features guest stars Billy Preston, an extraordinary keyboard player; Darlene Love, vocalist; Simon

Townshend, lead guitarist; Alvin Fields, singer, songwriter, producer, arranger; and Jimmy Jewell, composer, producer, arranger.

It's the British Rock Invasion all over again!

The British Rock Symphony will perform at 8 p.m. March 29

in the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium on the Texas Tech campus. For more information, contact the University Center Ticket Booth at 742-3610 or e-mail UCTICKETBOOTH@TTU.EDU. This program is brought to you in part by the Student Service Fee and the University Center Fee.

High Profile

Name: Joey Taylor
Position: Fine Arts Committee chairman
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Advertising
Hometown: Mesquite



Joey Taylor talks with one of his committee members.

"I became interested in SAB the first semester of my freshman year. SAB provided me with a means of becoming involved with activities and projects that are of interest to me. This in turn helped me meet and become friends with people who have similar interests. Even though we share common interests, our background experiences before Tech vary greatly. We have a fun mix of personalities. I have made some life long friends."

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Participants at Tech-Lubbock Community Day '99 take a break from their work at a local shelter to pose for the camera. Applications are still available for TLC Day 2000! Contact Campus Activities and Involvement, UC 228, or by phone at 742-3621 for more info. Deadline to register is Wednesday.

Patch Adams to speak

NightLife presents Dr. Patch Adams on the UC Allen Theatre stage. After earning his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia in 1971, Dr. Adams severed a one-year pediatric residency at Georgetown University in 1971. His strong belief that "healing should be a loving human interchange, not a business transaction" enticed Adams and a few of his colleagues in founding the Gesundheit Institute in Northern Virginia. During the next 12 years, they op-

erated a home-based family medical practice and managed to treat more than 15,000 people without payment, malpractice insurance or formal facilities. Adams' will to do whatever is necessary to help heal, has inspired him to work toward a goal of building a full-scale free health care center that will be available to all. He will speak at 8 p.m. on Wednesday in the UC Allen Theatre.

Call 742-3610 for tickets and more information.

CSL to sponsor forum

Community Service-Learning, a component of Campus Activities and Involvement, is sponsoring Project Impact Health Care Focus all this week. Project Impact is a unique two-part program that enhances service-learning. Service-learning is a concept that ties together learning that is derived from community service.

Community service meets needs through volunteer efforts. Service-Learning also fills that need, but examines the need to learn about one's self and society. Service-Learning allows participants to apply skills and knowledge to real-life situations, while providing participants with structured opportunities to reflect on service experiences.

In the two-part Project Impact program, students, faculty and staff can participate in an educational session that will highlight the issue of health care and then experience it first-hand by working in the health care community.

The education component from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the UC Senate Room. Participants of this session will have the opportunity to listen to the real Patch Adams. Dr. Adams will talk about the opportunities in the health care industry and how you as a citizen can help.

The community service component will take place in the afternoons from Monday through Thursday. Volunteers will help at The Lutheran Home of West Texas and also will have the opportunity to assist with the afternoon activities of the clients. For exact times, call 742-3621.

Advance sign-up is required, so please call Campus Activities and Involvement at 742-3621 or stop by UC Room 228.

Vols needed

Tech students, faculty and staff are needed from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday for a Community Action Day with 19th Street Senior Center. The senior center is a community agency that provides services for the seniors in our community. Volunteers will be assisting with the upkeep of various homes of the clients as well as assisting with needed duties at the center. This is a great opportunity for a student organization! Advance sign up is required. Call Campus Activities and Involvement at 742-3621 or stop by UC Room 228.

Parental notification topic of Contemporary Topics discussion March 30. For more info, call 742-3621.

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Volunteers are needed this Saturday March 25, 2000 from 9:00am - 12:00pm. Volunteer opportunities are available for Students, faculty, staff and student organizations.

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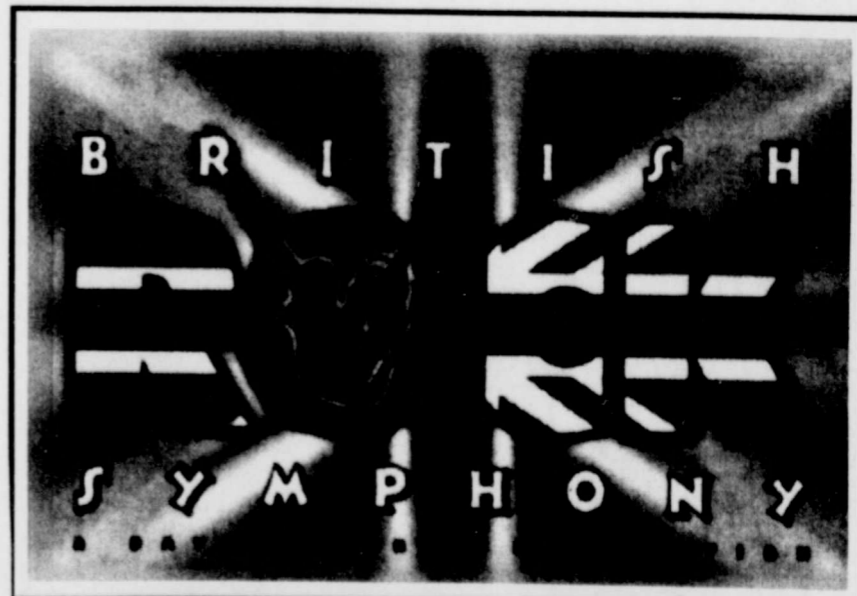
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Lady Raiders start journey into postseason

Tech wins first game, faces Tulane for berth into Sweet 16

by Matt Muench
Staff Writer

After nine days of waiting, refocusing and trying to put the Big 12 Tournament behind them, the Lady Raiders finally had a chance to get back on the court to do what they said they wanted to do — make a statement.

They accomplished their goal with a 83-54 victory against Tennessee Tech on Saturday in the Mideast Regional first-round game at the United Spirit Arena in front of 11,895 fans.

"It was time to come out and prove to everybody that we can play well," said Tech forward Aleah Johnson, who lead the Lady Raiders with 22 points. "It seems like this whole season we've been proving ourselves. So I guess it is going to take six games to finally prove that we can play."

The Lady Raiders took control of the game quickly against Tennessee Tech (24-9 overall), hitting their first

four shots and opening the game on a 17-9 run.

Then, after a seven-minute scoring drought for the Lady Raiders, Tech guard Melinda Schmucker-Pharies drilled a 3-point shot, and the Lady Raiders reeled off a 10-0 run to go into halftime with a comfortable 33-21 lead.

The Lady Raiders opened the second stanza with the same game plan they used in the first half — having a fast tempo game.

"Personally, that's the way I like to score all my points," Johnson said. "Tonight, everybody contributed on the fast-break points."

Tennessee Tech coach Bill Worrell said the Lady Raiders' fast-break points, scoring runs and rebounding were keys to Texas Tech's victory.

The Lady Raiders outscored the Golden Eaglettes, 16-0, in the transition game and out rebounded them, 46-34.

"We were swimming uphill with a bunch of sharks blocking our paths," Worrell said. "I have to give a lot of

credit to Texas Tech, but I also think my team had a great effort tonight."

Tech center Plenette Pierson had 14 of her 18 points in the second period.

It was the freshman All-American's first NCAA postseason game.

"I didn't have many jitters going into the game," Pierson said. "I just wanted to go out there and play like it was any other game. I could say the crowd also helped get rid of the little jitters I did have."

Tech guards Schmucker-Pharies and Amber Tarr ripped up Tennessee Tech's zone defense as they combined to hit 7-12 from beyond the 3-point arc.

"I think some of it had to do with them playing zone," Tarr said. "But a lot of it was by passing it around and getting good shots by being patient."

Tarr finished with 13 points, and Schmucker-Pharies closed out the night with nine points and added 12 assists to the team's season-high 30 dishes.

Defensively, Tech forced 20 turn-

overs by putting pressure on Tennessee Tech's perimeter players.

"I thought we did a good job at following the game plan tonight," coach Marsha Sharp said. "I thought coming in that we needed to make sure we didn't give up any threes and put a lot of pressure on their guards."

The Golden Eaglettes shot 35.2 percent from the floor and had the ball stolen from them nine times.

Tech guard Katriisa O'Neal led the way with five of those nine takeaways.

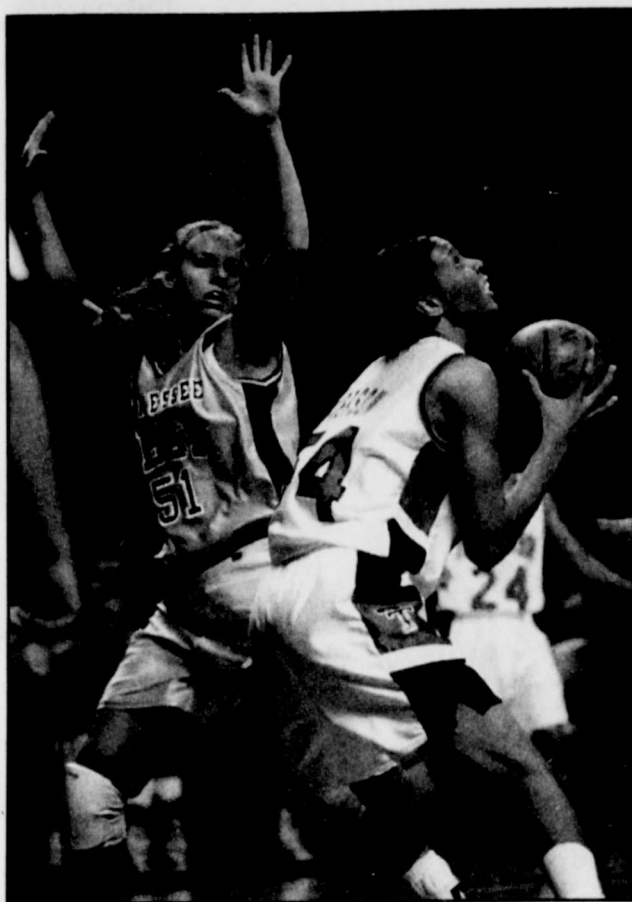
"They did force our guards out farther than we would have liked," said Tennessee Tech forward Diane Seng.

Six more wins would mean the No.11-ranked Lady Raiders (26-4) would be crowned NCAA National Champions on April 2 in Philadelphia.

But for now, Sharp and her team is just focusing on their next game against No.22-ranked Tulane today.

"It will be a great game," Sharp said. "This time of year, you're just thrilled to win and advance to play another game."

Tech post Plenette Pierson eyes a shot in the Lady Raiders' 83-54 victory over Tennessee Tech on Saturday at the United Spirit Arena. With the victory, the Lady Raiders advance to the second round of the NCAA Women's Tournament to face Tulane at 8 p.m. today at the United Spirit Arena.
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Tech baseball returns home, upsets sixth-ranked Baylor

by Patrick Gonzales
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While some Texas Tech students may have dreaded their return to Lubbock following Spring Break, the Red Raider baseball team is probably glad they returned home a few days early.

After losing five out of six road games in five days, the Red Raiders returned to Dan Law Field over the weekend with a three-game sweep against the No.6-ranked Baylor Bears — their first Big 12 Conference series victory of the season.

After winning Friday's and Saturday's contest, 3-2 and 16-11, respectively, Tech made the sweep official, upsetting the Bears, 10-6, Sunday.

"It felt good coming back home after that rough road trip," said Tech catcher Trey Lunsford. "Baylor is a good team that doesn't make too many mistakes, but we just hurt them with our offense."

Overall, the Red Raiders scattered 34 hits during the series, including 10 hits Sunday.

Tech right fielder Chad Landry, who replaced an injured Miles

Durham, led the way for the squad Sunday, finishing the contest 3-for-5 with five RBIs.

He also added his second home run of the series, with a three-run blast in the second inning that gave the Red Raiders the lead for good.

Overall, Landry had his best series of the season finishing 7-for-13 with seven RBIs.

He credited his offensive explosion to being placed fourth in the batting order behind designated hitter Chaz Eiguren, who leads the Big 12 Conference in hitting.

"They are going to pitch around

him, so I'm going to see a lot of fastballs," said Landry, whose home run Sunday came on a 2-0 fastball.

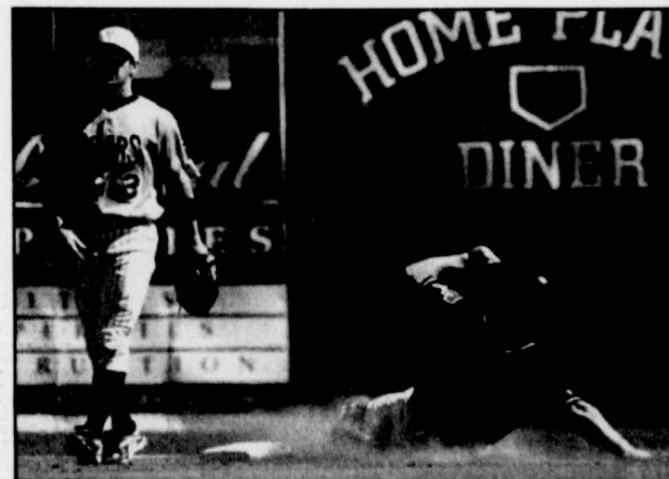
"I think except for one swing that I got, I was swinging at fastballs."

Tech starting pitcher Aaron Tims was taken out in the first inning after giving up three earned runs on three hits.

He was replaced by Matt Harbin, who pitched for the first time since injuring his arm Feb. 18 against Long Beach State.

Harbin got the Red Raiders out of

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Tech first baseman David O'Keefe slides into second during the Red Raiders' 10-6 upset against Baylor on Sunday. Tech won the first two contests to earn the series sweep.
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