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 Wednesday's closing figures

## Tech defends Montford's \$10,000 move

by Kelsey Walter  
 Staff Writer

The move covered a distance of less than 2.5 miles and lasted fewer than three days. It took nine people and only 21 hours to complete, but still it cost almost \$10,000.

Two weeks ago, Texas Tech spent \$9,818.40 to move Chancellor John Montford and his wife from their former home at 19th Street and Slide Road to their new residence at 19th Street and Flint Avenue. The house, adjacent to the Tech campus, cost the university \$830,000 when it was purchased November.

Armstrong Moving and Storage conducted the move, which Montford said was originally as high as \$12,000.

After calling the company and getting the price down to \$10,000, Montford said he felt the price still was a bit much but agreed.

The price breakdown includes: contain-

ers and padding, \$82.50; packing, \$3,100.50; unpacking, \$530.40; labor, \$4,305; and insurance, \$1,800.

Two trucks were used in the move, and insurance covered about \$300,000 worth of items.

The Montfords plan to personally pay \$2,500 of the bill, Montford said.

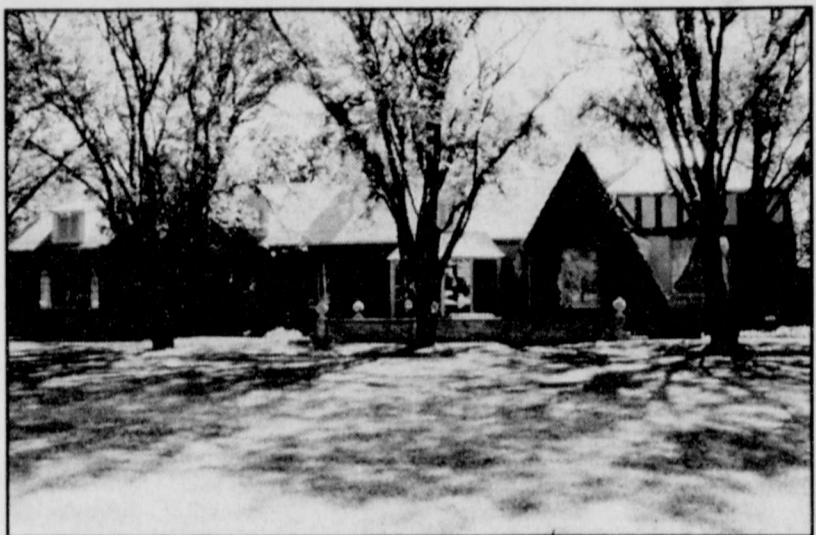
After talking to his wife, Montford said they decided the price still was too high and that paying some of the costs themselves would be best.

"I was agreeable to pay the costs of the insurance, and then I just added a little to it," he said. "I always intended to pay part of the bill."

Montford said he feels he has contributed as much as his ability will allow.

"This is not a big issue," he said.

Tech Chief Financial Officer Jim Brunjes said he thought the price was reasonable. Brunjes said when considering all things that the movers did and the rates they charged, it



Tech spent \$10,000 to move Chancellor John Montford to his new home on Flint Avenue and 19th Street. Montford said he will pay for \$2,500 of the final bill. Tech officials defended the cost, saying some estimates ran as high as \$12,000. File Photo/The University Daily

was not a bad price at all.

Tech chose Armstrong over Wheaton World Wide Moving. The two companies were the final two chosen by the Health Sci-

ences Center, which was in charge of the selection process.

While Brunjes said he was unaware of how see **MOVE**, p. 3

### STATE NEWS

**Experts say Texas needs new system for young criminals**

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas needs new laws and new institutions to accommodate violent children younger than 10 years old, juvenile justice experts told legislators Wednesday.

"It would be inappropriate to try to put these kids in the juvenile system," said Robert Dawson, a law professor at the University of Texas and an expert in juvenile law.

The Senate Committee on Juvenile Justice is considering whether to place violent offenders younger than 10 into the juvenile justice system or create a new system to handle them.

At present, Texas lacks policies for dealing with killers still in elementary school, like the Michigan case where a six-year-old shot a classmate Feb. 29, the lawmakers were told at a hearing.

It is hard to say how many violent youths are in Texas because the Department of Public Safety does not collect data for crimes committed by children 9 years old or younger, Dawson said.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Mentally ill man convicted of subway shove murder**

NEW YORK (AP) — A schizophrenic man was convicted of murder Wednesday after his second trial for shoving a woman to her death in front of an oncoming subway.

Andrew Goldstein faces 25 years to life in prison when he is sentenced in April for the second-degree murder of Kendra Ann Webdale. He likely will serve the sentence in a state prison that can give him psychiatric care.

Goldstein's first trial ended with a deadlocked jury.

He showed no emotion after the verdict was read, but members of Webdale's family wept and hugged each other.

"It's been such a nightmare that I wouldn't want to use the word happy, but I feel like jumping for joy," said her mother, Patricia Webdale.

"I have no comment," Goldstein's attorney, Kevin Canfield, said as he left the courtroom.

### WORLD NEWS

**Energy Secretary says OPEC to increase oil production**

PARIS (AP) — U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson expressed confidence Wednesday that oil-producing nations will increase production in a move likely to reduce soaring oil prices.

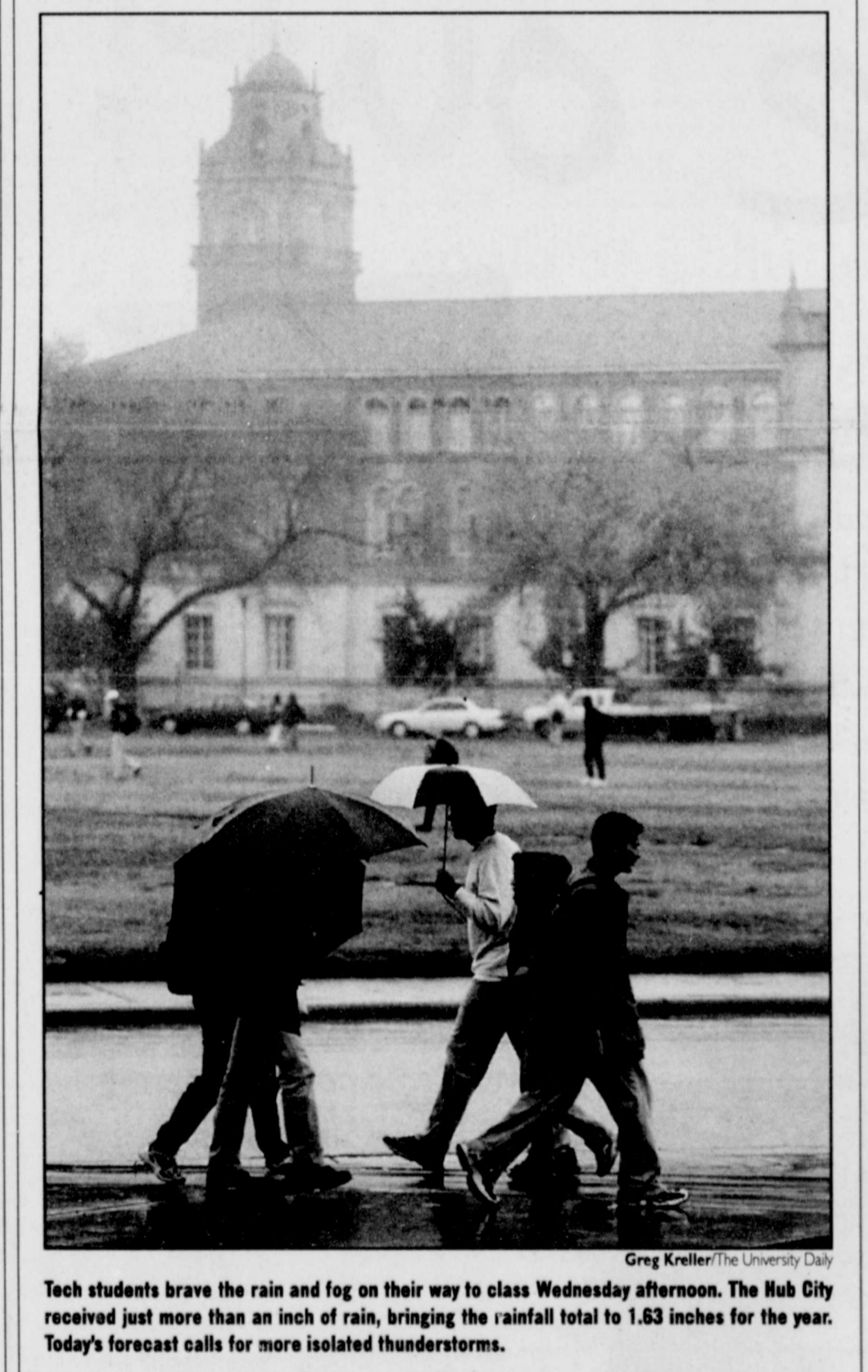
"One month ago, most said that an increase in oil supply was not needed," Richardson said during a break in talks with representatives of OPEC nations. "Today, most say that there is a need to increase output."

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries meets March 27 in Vienna.

OPEC cut production by 4.3 million barrels a day more than a year ago after prices plummeted to below \$11 a barrel. Since then, prices have soared as high as \$34 per barrel.

In response, Richardson has embarked on a grueling schedule of meetings with oil-producing nations. He already has met with representatives from all OPEC countries, apart from Iraq, Iran and Libya, with whom the United States has no diplomatic ties.

## Wet Wednesday



Tech students brave the rain and fog on their way to class Wednesday afternoon. The Hub City received just more than an inch of rain, bringing the rainfall total to 1.63 inches for the year. Today's forecast calls for more isolated thunderstorms.

### Tech graduate student dies in car accident

Texas Tech student Karen Ann Baker, 23, died Saturday as the result of an automobile accident.

Baker, a physical therapy graduate student in the Texas Tech School of Allied Health, was a lifelong resident of Amarillo.

Baker, born Sept. 6, 1976, attended Tascosa High School and was a member of the Tascosa volleyball team and a three-time all district soccer player.

Baker is survived by her parents Doug and Connie Baker of Amarillo; sister Sheila Smith of Amarillo; and brother Aaron Baker also of Amarillo.

Services were Tuesday at Westcliff Bible Church in Amarillo.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Texas Tech School of Allied Health.

The flags at Memorial Circle will be lowered in Baker's memory on Monday.

## Home basketball game attendance increases during arena's first year

by Ryan Burns  
 Contributing Writer

The lights have been turned out, and the roar of the crowd has silenced.

The inaugural basketball season at the United Spirit Arena has come and gone, and officials are calling it a success in many ways.

"There's always bumps in the road when you move from a facility half the size, but everything went pretty smooth," said Russell Warren, assistant athletic director in charge of ticket operations.

Tech's men's team drew an average of 10,546 paid attendance fans per men's game in its new home. The previous year in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum, the men averaged 7,482 paid attendance fans a game.

The Lady Raider basketball team also saw attendance rise. The ladies average paid at-

## To know or not to know

### History questions stump some students

by Jennifer Bailey  
 Staff Writer

Betsy Ross was a Hollywood madam, Abraham Lincoln was our first president, the yellow rose is Texas' state flower and Tom Landry is the new coach for the Dallas Cowboys.

These answers may be more than a little off, but they are actual responses given by Texas Tech students in a recent poll conducted by *The University Daily*.

Students may want to sit up and listen more in class as recent national and local surveys raise questions about what college students know.

The American Council for Trustees and Alumni released a report stating 81 percent of college seniors surveyed last December received a grade of D or F on history questions drawn from a basic high school curricula. The survey was an effort to call attention to the lack of rigorous core curricula in American colleges.

So, how do Tech students compare to the results of the national survey?

A cross section of 250 Tech students representing undergraduate, medical and law school students were asked a series of 16 questions covering local and national news, sports, history and pop culture.

Results from the national survey showed that 34 percent of the students questioned said they knew George Washington was a general at Yorktown and the first president of the United States.

Of those Tech students interviewed, 40 percent knew Washington was the first president of the United States.

Eighty-nine percent knew George W. Bush was the governor of Texas. Only 61 percent could complete the phrase, "Remember the Alamo." Forty-two percent knew Betsy Ross sewed the first U.S. flag.

Benjamin Newcomb, a Tech history professor, said the general history questions asked are things that should be common knowledge.

"The questions are things taught at an elementary and high school level," Newcomb said.

Pop-culture questions received the most correct responses than any other category.

Ninety-eight percent of those surveyed knew Mike Myers portrayed Austin Powers, while 99 percent knew Beavis and Butthead appeared on MTV.

When it came to Tech trivia, 82 percent knew who Chancellor John Montford was, 63 percent knew Mike Leach was the new head football coach, 92 percent answered James Dickey as the basketball coach, and 97 percent knew Marsha Sharp was the women's basketball coach.

However, only 52 percent knew the first line to the Tech fight song.

Daniel Krejci, a graduate political science instructor, said the results of the survey are not surprising.

"People are generally knowledgeable about things that interest them, which explains the high number in the pop-culture category," he said.

Krejci also said although the number surveyed is relatively small, it may show a trend in the decline in quality of education.

"I'm not pointing a finger, but the results could be indicative of the education system as a whole, not individually," he said.

**NOT SO COMMON KNOWLEDGE**

UD question	% answered correctly
Who was the first president of the United States?	40%
What station did Beavis and Butthead appear on?	99%
What actor played Austin Powers?	98%
Who is the chancellor of Texas Tech?	82%

\*250 Tech students were polled

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**1999-2000 UNITED SPIRIT ARENA AVERAGE ATTENDANCE**

men's games 10,546  
 women's games 12,815

**INAUGURAL SEASON**

attendance was 12,815 a game. Last year in the Coliseum, the team averaged 8,051 a game. The United Spirit Arena holds about 15,000 fans, while the Coliseum holds about 8,000.

Students played a major role in the increase of attendance, Warren said.

"The seats for students were great, and they really appreciate the sports (ticket) pack," Warren said. "We have had no major problems and no complaints from the students."

Students were able to purchase tickets to all the men's and women's basketball games for \$30, or they could purchase a sports package that included tickets to every sporting event at Tech for \$100.

There was a huge increase in the sales, as students purchased 5,000 ticket packages this year, as opposed to 2,800 packages last year, Warren said.

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# Tech bikers fight for lanes on campus

by **Michael Denton**  
Staff Writer

For many Texas Tech students, bicycles are their source of transportation and from class. Recently, students have begun to voice their opinions about bike safety and what Tech administrators could do to fix the problem.

"Riding along with traffic is good for safety, but bike lanes would help out more because it would make drivers more aware of the bikers," said Gabe Aguilar, a senior general studies major from San Antonio.

According to the Texas Tech Bicycle Laws, students are required to

ride as near to the right curb as possible, except when turning left, and to make sure to ride in single file along the curbs.

Tech also forbids riding bicycles on sidewalks, and students must walk their bikes up to the building or bicycle racks.

"They should get rid of that rule because Tech is not really that over populated, and I don't see how it makes it safer walking my bike to the bike rack," Aguilar said.

Recently on March 11, there was an accident involving a student riding a bike who was injured by hitting a van. The student was transferred to the University Medical Cen-

ter emergency room.

"It's dangerous, and if someone got injured, then something should be done because

if one person can get hurt, another person can get hurt," said Tiffany Nolder, a freshman nursing major from San Antonio.

Andreas Schneider, an assistant professor of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work, recently sent a let-

ter to the editor to *The University Daily* discussing bike safety and bike lanes.

**"... I don't see how it makes it safer walking my bike to the bike rack."**

**Gabe Aguilar**  
Tech student

Students can be fined up to \$500 for riding their bikes on curbs or side-

walks at Tech and also can be fined for riding their bikes on campus at night without a working headlight.

"The fine is horrible," Aguilar said. "I mean, they already screw you with fines for riding at night with no headlight. Some of the racks are not even close to the streets."

Some students said constructing bike lanes would not only benefit bikers but other kinds of transportation.

"We also might think of the concept of multiuse paths where pedestrians, people in wheelchairs, bicyclists and skaters can be sheltered from motorized traffic," Schneider wrote.

## Hostages say they drugged kidnapper to end 100-hour ordeal

BALTIMORE (AP) — After four days as hostages, a couple managed to escape suspected killer Joseph Palczynski by putting sleeping pills in his iced tea, then slipping out of an apartment window as he dozed.

Police stormed the apartment Tuesday night to rescue the couple's 12-year-old son, then shot Palczynski to death when he was startled awake.

Police said he had three guns within reach.

It was a dramatic ending not only to the ordeal of the three hostages, but also to a three-week spree of violence by Palczynski.

He was arrested March 4 for allegedly beating his ex-girlfriend, Tracy Whitehead. After getting out on bail the next day, he kidnapped White-

head and killed three people who tried to help her, police said. Whitehead escaped on March 6, but Palczynski killed a woman and shot a child in the face while trying to steal a car, police said.

The 31-year-old unemployed electrician eluded police for almost two weeks, allegedly fleeing to Virginia and then forcing a man to drive

him back to Baltimore at gunpoint.

On Friday night, Palczynski forced his way into the apartment of Whitehead's mother, Lynn Whitehead, and held her hostage along with McCord — her boyfriend — and their 12-year-old son, Bradley McCord, in the suburb of Dundalk.

McCord said he and Bradley barricaded themselves in a bedroom

while Palczynski shot about 50 rounds through the door. They escaped injury, however, and endured 100 tense hours with Palczynski in the apartment.

The standoff trapped many residents of the working-class neighborhood in their homes and transfixed the area. Palczynski enjoyed seeing himself on TV, and even spoke to a reporter at a local station and left a message on another's answering machine.

On Tuesday, Palczynski told Lynn Whitehead, "Today is the day you're going to die," McCord said.

So the couple came up with a plan. According to police and McCord, Whitehead ground up two Xanax pills, a prescription drug often used as a sleeping aid, and slipped them into Palczynski's iced tea.

When he fell asleep in the evening, she and McCord jumped out a first-floor window and alerted police.

Jim McGee, one of the negotiators, said the negotiating team wanted to keep Palczynski alive but was most concerned about rescuing the boy. He also defended the couple's decision to leave the boy behind when they fled.

"They were being tortured, relentlessly tortured, for days on end," McGee said. "The negotiators, including myself on the phone, could hear them begging for their lives in the background."

After all, police Lt. Melvin Blizzard Jr. said, Palczynski had no intention of surrendering. "We felt the ultimate goal was suicide by cop."

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# The UD Pop Quiz

- answered correctly ✓
- Who was the first president of the United States? 40%
  - Who is Bill Clinton? 93%
  - Who is the head football coach at Tech? 63%
  - Who is the head men's basketball coach at Tech? 92%
  - Who is the head women's basketball coach at Tech? 97%
  - Who is the new head football coach for the Dallas Cowboys? 51%
  - Finish this Texas saying, "Remember the ..." 61%
  - Say the first line of the Tech Fight Song. 52%
  - What is the state flower of Texas? 48%
  - Who is the current governor of Texas? 89%
  - Who is the president of the United States' daughter? 91%
  - Who is Betsy Ross? 42%
  - What actor played Austin Powers? 98%
  - What network did Beavis and Butthead appear on? 99%

\* A University Daily poll of 250 Texas Tech undergraduate, medical and law school students.

1. George Washington 2. The president of the United States 3. Mike Leach 4. James Dickey 5. Marsha Sharp 6. Dave Campo 7. Alamo 8. "Fight, Raiders, Fight" 9. Bluebonnet 10. George W. Bush 11. Chelsea Clinton 12. She sewed the first American flag 13. Mike Meyers 14. MTV

## Race to benefit food bank, runners needed

by Shannon Davis  
Staff Writer

The Lubbock Dietetic Association is sponsoring a race to raise money, and the organization is encouraging Texas Tech students to participate.

Nutrition on the Run is a 5K race and one mile fun run/walk, and the proceeds will benefit the South Plains Food Bank.

"We are doing this to celebrate National Nutrition Month and to raise nutrition awareness in the Lubbock community," said Gina Jarmin, co-chairwoman for National Nutrition Month at the Lubbock Dietetic Association. "We would love and encourage the community as well as Tech students to register and participate in this event."

The event will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at Mae Simmons Park located at 19th Street and Weber Avenue. Registered participants will be entered in a drawing to win prizes to restaurants and workout

facilities.

Medals will be given to the first-, second- and third-place finishers in each age group in the 5K race.

The Lubbock Dietetic Association is


sponsoring this event to increase awareness of the importance of nutrition. The campaign is designed to focus attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits.

The first 100 runners to register will receive a race T-shirt and a goodie bag filled with free lessons to Pittman's Academy of Martial Arts, recipe books, drinks, sports bars, first aid kits, Band-Aids and

other items.

Prizes include two round-trip tickets from Southwest Airlines and a \$50 gift certificate from South Plains Mall.

• 5k race and 1 mile fun run/walk  
• Mae Simmons Park  
• March 25 at 9:00 am  
• Benefiting South Plains Food Bank



Other gift certificates will be given away from World Gym, Pyramid Fitness, Gym X, BodyWorks, Christmann Academy of Dance, Pittman's Academy of Martial Arts, Continental Di-

vide, Bless Your Heart and Zoo-Kini's.

"I am donating lessons so people have an incentive to participate and then become more aware of nutrition," said Clay Pittman, former Tech student and

owner of Pittman's Academy of Martial Arts. "I believe in the importance of the food bank, and I want to promote what I teach, Brazilian jujitsu."

The slogan for 2000, "Food & Fitness: Health for a Lifetime," reinforces the importance of nutrition and physical activity as key components of a healthy lifestyle.

"I am really grateful they have selected us to receive the proceeds," said David Weaver, executive director at the South Plains Food Bank. "We have been working with them, and we were honored they chose us."

The American Dietetic Association, with almost 70,000 members, promotes optimal nutrition and well-being.

Interested runners can register by phone by noon Friday or from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. the morning of the race.

For more information or to register, call 725-8081.

## WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP

### Queen Elizabeth visits Aborigines

**BOURKE, Australia (AP)** — After meeting local Aborigines on Wednesday, Queen Elizabeth II praised efforts to heal the rifts that once led this remote community to be branded Australia's most racist town.

On the third full day of her visit to Australia, the British monarch devoted most of her attention to Aboriginal affairs, inspecting an indigenous radio station and learning about efforts to ensure the survival of a local language.

She also visited Bourke Primary School, where Aboriginal culture is taught to help defuse the tension between black and white communities.

In a brief speech, the queen said she was "interested to learn that the rich aspects of Aboriginal culture are present in all the school's programs."

### Twelve rescue workers killed in coal mine

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Twelve rescue workers were killed in a methane gas explosion at a coal mine in central Siberia while they were fighting a fire in the shaft, Russian news agencies reported Wednesday.

According to the ITAR-Tass news agency, the emergency workers had safely evacuated 460 miners from the Komsomolets mine Tuesday evening after a fire broke out in the shaft.

But 10 hours later they still hadn't gotten the fire under control, and were buried in a methane explosion, according to the report.

The bodies of the 12 rescue workers were recovered Wednesday morning, the news agency said. Officials at the mine, located in Russia's coal-rich Kemerovo region, were looking into the accident.

In another Kemerovo mine accident Wednesday, a rock fall killed one miner and injured two others, the Interfax news agency said. The accident at the Zenkovskaya mine happened when specialists were putting explosives into previously prepared shafts, Interfax said.

### Clinton's India trip soiled by pollution

**AGRA, India (AP)** — President Clinton marveled at the wonders of the Taj Mahal on Wednesday but lamented that pollution has blemished the gleaming white marble walls of India's treasured monument in a way that wars, invasions and natural disasters could not. He urged India, one of the world's poorest nations, not to sacrifice the environment for the sake of economic growth.

"Give us a chance to work with your scientists to prove you can achieve even greater economic growth and make the environment cleaner," the president said.

The president toured the Taj Mahal after addressing the Parliament in New Delhi, urging India to forgo nuclear weapons and resume a dialogue with Pakistan despite bitter tensions.

### Police arrest 3 in '93 killing of black youth

**LONDON (AP)** — Police cracked down on racial intolerance, arresting three men in connection with the 1993 killing of a black teen-ager, and picking up 100 suspected racists in separate raids around the capital Wednesday.

The brutal murder of Stephen Lawrence, 18, by a gang of white youths and the failure of the police to investigate adequately prompted a national debate on racism and how police handle such crimes.

Five white youths were identified as suspects after the April 1993 killing in east London. None has been successfully prosecuted.

The two new arrests Tuesday night came as Lawrence's family appealed on a British Broadcasting Corp. program for anyone with information about the slaying to contact police. A third man was arrested on Wednesday, and all three were released on police bail. Their identities were not made public.

### MOVE, from p. 1

many firms were looked at by HSC officials, he said they picked the two that looked the best.

"This move was not bid on," Brunjes said. "We used the base that the Health Sciences Center has used in the past."

Armstrong Moving and Storage officials would not comment on the move they conducted.

A representative from Wheaton said many variables must be taken into consideration before a move of this magnitude is priced.

She said only a certain amount of items can be insured on each fixed load. However, she said it is not uncommon for moves to reach this price range.

"We do \$10,000 moves all the time," she said.

Officials from another Lubbock moving company, American Moving Services, declined to comment on the situation but said that they were not approached about making the move.

Montford said the Board of Regents decided he should move, and it was not his decision.

The purpose of buying the house, Montford said, is to outfit and furnish

a house for the future. He said one of the main reasons the house was chosen is because it lies adjacent to the Tech campus.

A representative from Hub City Movers said it is not common for local moves to cost this much unless it is a business that is moving.

She said the price was reasonable, considering the magnitude of items moved.

### ARENA, from p. 1

not only of Tech students and alumni, but by the whole community is what I will remember about this first season."

Memorable moments during the season included the Red Raiders' loss to Texas A&M. A question-

able last-second decision gave the Aggies a win as they rushed to their bus and drove off claiming a victory before the Tech squad ever left the court during the Jan. 15 game.

The Lady Raiders opened the arena with an undefeated season in their new home. They managed to get

impressive victories against many opponents including the Texas Longhorns, a 73-44 defeat Feb. 3, and a 105-52 victory against Baylor in the Big 12 Conference regular season finale Feb. 29.

The Lady Raiders advanced to the Sweet 16 on Monday in the arena.

"I am very happy with the arena and the way the girls finished the season," Baker said. "The boys struggled this season, but that is understandable with the injuries they suffered. I am looking forward to another great season next year."

## Gas could be polluting one-third of wells in 31 states

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — About one-third of drinking water wells in 31 states may be contaminated with the gasoline additive MTBE, according to a study released today. The federal government already is acting to ban use of the chemical.

Researchers with the U.S. Geologi-

cal Survey and the Oregon Graduate Institute's Department of Environmental Study found about 9,000 of 26,000 wells looked at were within a kilometer of a leaking fuel tank, head researcher John Zogorski said.

But Zogorski said it's likely that not all of the 9,000 wells are contami-

nated with MTBE, or methyl tertiary butyl ether.

"We like to say a significant but currently unknown number of community water supply wells may be at risk," he said. "The number 9,000 is so large that the number of wells that may be affected may well be worri-

some."

The study omitted 19 states, including California and Texas, because they lacked needed information on well sites. The study was posted in the online edition of the journal *Environmental Science & Technology*.

## Study: Genital herpes can spread during 'symptomless' outbreaks

People infected with genital herpes can spread it even between flare-ups, when they have no symptoms, new research suggests.

Previously, patients and even most doctors thought people with herpes were unlikely to be infectious when they had no symptoms, which can include painful, oozing blisters, ulcers and fissures and tingling and burning.

In a study disapproving several myths about the incurable, widespread virus, University of Washington researchers found the virus present in genital secretions even when patients didn't notice any symptoms.

"The message from this study is first to encourage people who might be at risk for genital herpes to be

tested and, No. 2, they should abstain during outbreaks and use condoms at all other times," said Dr. Anna Wald, an assistant professor in the department of medicine and epidemiology.

The study was reported in Thursday's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Genital herpes, usually caused by the herpes simplex virus type 2, lurks in about one-fourth of U.S. adults, although only an estimated 20 percent of them know it.

Herpes is spread through sexual contact when it enters the body through tiny passages in the skin. The virus lies dormant in nerves at the base of the spinal cord until something triggers an outbreak. Flare-ups generally last for a few days.

There is no cure, but drugs can reduce the severity and frequency of flare-ups.

While herpes isn't fatal, the sores can make it easier to be infected by AIDS. Without precautions, it can be transmitted during childbirth, infecting the baby and sometimes causing brain damage or death.

Wald's team studied 53 men and women who were unaware they had the virus until it was spotted in a blood test on a routine visit to a medical clinic in Seattle.

Those patients then were asked to participate in the study, along with another 90 clinic patients with a history of symptoms.

**Notice:** Today at 1 p.m. in the University Center Lubbock Room, architects will present updated models of the University Center expansion. The models will be available for viewing and a presentation will be made.

# KAPPA DELTA

## FAST

48 Hour

### See - Saw - A - Thon

### Friday - Sunday

### (March 24-26)

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## Lubbockites drive at our risk

I think Lubbock has unique driving laws of its own. Have you ever noticed that no one in Lubbock drives the speed limit? Lubbock drivers seem to be split between the college and high school students who drive 20 mph over the speed limit while the actual residents of Lubbock tend to drive 20 mph under the speed limit.



**Jay Hudec**  
Columnist

Didn't we all have to take a driver's test? Henceforth, I will attempt to enlighten some of my driving-challenged friends out there. Brownfield Highway and Loop 289 are 55 and 60 mph, respectively. Please try to keep up. If you are going 10 mph under the speed limit in the left-hand lane and I start to tail-

gate you, do not give me a dirty look. It's your own fault that I'm there. If you were going the speed limit, I wouldn't have to tailgate you. Just pull over to the side of the road where you belong and let the normal drivers through.

Just because you don't have a green arrow doesn't mean you can't turn left on a green light. I'm tired of sitting behind people who sit at green lights even when there's a huge enough gap for me to drive a Sherman tank through (and for the record, I'm not really adept at driving Sherman tanks, so that says a lot). The other drivers are not going to speed up to 100 mph just to hit you, so get moving.

If you are turning right at a red stop light, you do not have to wait until all three lanes are clear. Your car will fit perfectly fine in just one lane, it always has. Of course, what's even worse are the drivers who check to see if traffic is clear when they have a green right-turn arrow.

When you see an accident, please keep going and just be thankful you weren't involved (yet). It's not like you were actually thinking of getting out and helping, so slowing down does no good. It only causes more problems.

A little piece of advice for the guy in front of me trying to hit on the girl in the next lane: the light is green, you don't have a prayer, so just get moving. I doubt she's all that im-

pressed with the ground effects and mag wheels on your '74 El Camino anyway.

Just because you have a big hoss truck doesn't mean you have to take up two parking spaces. Your F-150 fits perfectly fine in one space. Driving a big truck does not give you some special privilege, no matter how proud you are of your big ol' Confederate flag sticker on the back.

If your SUV sits perfectly spotless in your parking lot, you do not deserve it. I hate it when I park my often-mud-caked sedan next to some sparkling all-terrain vehicle that's never known a dirt road.

When driving, please do not talk with your hands, use a cell phone, read a newspaper or attempt to put on makeup. These are all grounds for justifiable homicide.

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And, finally, the left lane is reserved for me. If I'm not there, feel free to use it as much as you want. Just be sure you get out of my way when I show up. You will recognize me because I will be the car trying to go faster than you with the driver looking rather pained and irritated.

*Jay Hudec is a second-year medical student from Plano. He is honking his horn loudly behind you as you ironically read this article in your car.*

# Thoughts at the political mirror

**M**irror, mirror on the wall, Who's the best candidate of them all? Is it Bush? Is it Gore? Who should be president until 2004?

How about neither, that's also a choice. Oh, what will be the verdict from the people's voice?

Bradley and McCain are no longer in the race? Hmm, let's pause and give an idea a taste.

Say Bush and Gore win their parties' nominations, Then they'll need to pick a running mate with the same party affiliation.

Would McCain or Bradley want to fill such a spot?

Maybe yes but most likely not.

So now what are Bradley and McCain to do?

Ah yes, there's an independent party that exists, too.

The Independents would be wise to hold their cards for a while

Rather than rush to find someone with the "right" profile.



**Andrew Schoppe**  
Columnist

For if they wait just a bit to avoid some mishaps,

The most potent party ticket might just fall in their laps.

McCain and Bradley already have made it clear,

One of their main goals is to reform some things around here.

Campaign finance reform is an issue both want to address,

And in New Hampshire, they tried to do what was best.

They put party ties aside and stood together united

To show they're committed to get this ship righted.

People like the two because they seem to be straight-shooters,

What a nice alternative to the barrage of butt-smoochers.

They'll let you know what they think and say what they want to say,

For these two men, getting things done always is the order of the day.

Now, try this one on for size. Would you be for it or against it?

How about Bradley and McCain together on the Independent Party ticket?

Right now, the Independent Party lacks a true identity.

So they could benefit greatly if they adopted this highly-attractive entity.

Together McCain and Bradley would attract voters longing for real solutions,

'Cause everyone knows there's lots of areas needing a good ablution.

Thanks to the Independent Party's arrival, this possibility exists.

So since it's here, let us not be remiss.

Just something to consider while chatting with the mirror,

Oh, what a way to mark this historic year.

Andrew Schoppe is a senior broadcast journalism and business management major from Houston.

## Write a letter to the editor

Drop it by 211 Journalism, have your Tech ID; or e-mail it to UD@ttu.edu include your social security number and phone number.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Going, going ...

**To the editor:** FOR SALE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER: One slightly-used law school. Includes: 30-plus years of distinguished graduates and nationally-recognized bar exam passage rates, as well as all faculty and students. Ask for Frank.

Dean Frank Newton of the Texas Tech School of Law has offered to sell our law school to Mr. Wayne Reaud for about \$12.5 million. Who is Mr. Reaud? Mr. Reaud is a personal injury lawyer, a.k.a. a "dog bite" lawyer, "ambulance chaser," etc., who made a lot of money suing people. In exchange for a "gift" of somewhere around the aforementioned sum, Mr. Reaud gets to rename the Texas Tech University School of Law to the Wayne A. and Dana Reaud School of Law.

Dean Newton is lobbying the Board of Regents to adopt a policy that would open the floodgates to the open-market selling of Tech's colleges and schools. There is a Texas law that prohibits the naming of public buildings after living financial donors. The Legislature passed this law several years ago in response to what was becoming an ugly trend: rich donors outright paying to have a building named after them.

Dean Newton wants to resurrect this practice by doing an end run-around the law and selling the name of the actual school. This is a patently shameful attempt to suck up to rich egomaniacs who have no legitimate reason to have anything named after them other than the fact that they have bloated bank accounts. Dean Newton sugarcoats his plan by calling this money "gifts." A more accurate description would be "grafts."

The law school is the first victim: your school or department could be next. This is an outrage for several reasons.

First is the basic moral repugnance of auctioning off institution names to anybody who has a fat checkbook. Would we rename the medical school the Jack Kevorkian School of Medicine or the music department the Spice Girls School of Music if they wrote a large enough check? If Dean Newton has his way, that will be the case.

Sure, those examples are exaggerated, but the premise is the same: once you let-



gitimize selling the name of an institution, it's only a matter of time before we end up looking like a collection of Major League Baseball parks: the 3Com School of Communications, the Slim-Jim School of Agriculture and the Lego College of Architecture.

It is one thing to name buildings after famous graduates or area pioneers. I, for example, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy where all of the academic buildings and residence barracks are named for famous graduate military leaders. Such honor and memorials are fitting tributes for a lifetime of service or nationally-monumental accomplishments. But it is a far different and worse thing to pawn off the name of an entire institution, which is what Dean Newton wants Tech to start doing. Such conduct reduces people to dollar signs, and the ones with the most zeros after their names get to see their names etched in stone.

Second, Dean Newton's arguments justifying these sales fall under scrutiny. Dean Newton compares renaming the law school to renaming an athletic facility. This is fallacious because while people might play at the United Spirit Arena or on Spike Dykes Field or whatever, people do not graduate from athletic facilities. On the other hand, the students and faculty that graduate and teach here have to carry the name of their alma mater with them forever.

Furthermore, Dean Newton says selling names is "tradition" and that "every other school is doing it." Slavery and forbidding women to vote also were tradition for a long time, too, but that doesn't make it right. And the "everybody else is doing it" excuse didn't convince our parents when we were growing up, and it doesn't convince us now. While we're on that point, why should Tech care what

other schools do? Just because they want to prostitute themselves out doesn't mean we should necessarily follow suit. Dean Newton's argument that other states' schools are doing it is inapplicable to Tech because of the aforementioned law prohibiting naming buildings after donors. He attempts to persuade us by saying other schools name their buildings after donors, when in fact, he wants to rename the entire school, not the school building.

Third, little or no consideration has been given to those who have true, legitimate interests in name changes: the students and teaching faculty. The two people who stand to gain from this are Dean Newton and Reaud. Dean Newton looks good for the regents because he lands a fat cat donor, so his political stock goes up. Reaud gets his ego stroked and has something to show off to his friends. It's the students and faculty who lose.

The Tech School of Law has become a respected institution over the past 30-plus years because of the hard work of its students, faculty and alumni. It is this continuing tradition of excellence that helps graduates find jobs and helps faculty members get increasingly prestigious jobs. All that will change.

In short, this name change puts Tech law graduates and faculty at a distinct competitive disadvantage because nobody knows what the hell or where the hell the Wayne A. and Dana Reaud School of Law is. And once it happens to the law school, it will be the same for Tech's other colleges and schools. Not if, but when.

J. David Leamon  
first year law

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## Tech receives dose of Adams

by Sebastian Kitchen  
Staff Writer

Patch Adams has been creating a playground of medicine for 30 years. A crazy doctor of happiness and healing, Adams shared his stories and ideas with the Lubbock and Texas Tech community Wednesday at the University Center Allen Theatre.

With red, white and blue streaks in his long hair, Adams walked onto the stage wearing baggy orange pants, a paisley shirt with a rainbow of colors hanging from his necktie and different colored socks — one orange, one blue. "This is the conservative me," he

said. "At the airport, when you are flying to Lubbock, Texas, you don't want to stick out."

During his talk, he shared his ideas about passion and persistence. Adams and fellow workers at his clinic paid to practice medicine for 29 years. The hit movie about his life changed the future of his practice — making his happy hospital even more of a reality.

Wednesday, no one could have missed him. He mixed humor with philosophy and poetry.

A man of compassion, Adams loves people and making them smile. His favorite hobby is being a clown. He has humored orphans in Russia, soldiers in Bosnia and men on death row, two days before they were hung. "I am fun if you want fun," Adams said. "If you don't, I can be a damn nuisance."

The unconventional doctor is all

### nightlife review

about persistence. Adams sleeps just two to five hours a night so he can get everything done.

Although his long-term goal of world peace and a happy world population are distant ideas, his dream of a happy hospital available to patients for free will be obtained in the next three to four years.

The groundbreaking for his silly hospital will be later this year.

"Patch Adams," the movie, brought the attention he wanted and has provided more financial help to make his dream come true.

During his career, he has applied for 1,400 grants and has been turned down. His first donation came 14 years into the project. People used to not answer his letters. He said "they sure answer them now."

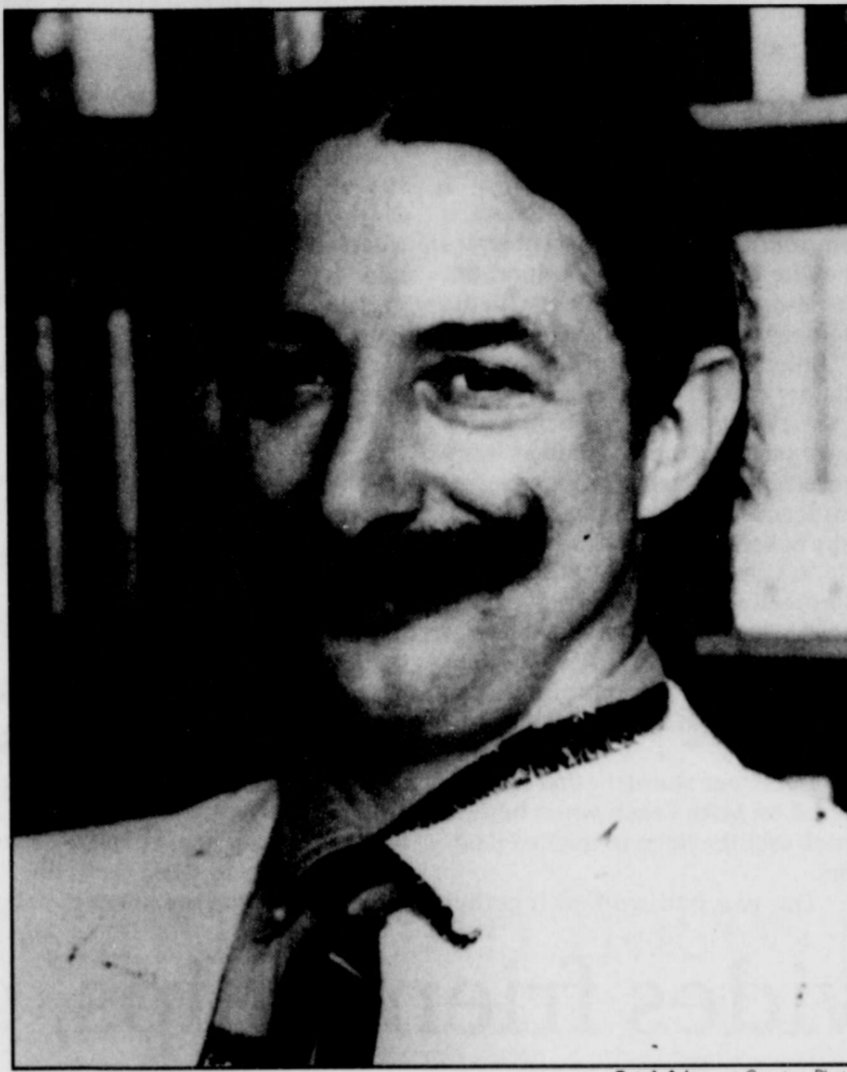
"I have worked on the project for 30 years," he said. "People think it will never happen. How long do you have to do something before they say it happens? People are amazed we stuck out the project."

Passion is what has kept Adams going well into his 50s.

"Loving something, wanting

**"It's true — I'm crazy. But I made a decision to serve humanity and not have another bad day. And I have not had a bad day for 30 years."**

**Patch Adams doctor**



Patch Adams • Courtesy Photo

something, desiring something is what I'm talking about," he said.

Adams lives at his Gesundheit Institute in West Virginia. His patients live at the clinic and become friends. He corresponds with 1,600 of those friends with hand-written letters.

"Patch Adams," which starred Robin Williams as Adams, made a few artistic changes to the story. Adams

was checked into a mental hospital, but he was 17 and was not having a midlife crisis as the movie portrays. He did want to die.

"It's true — I'm crazy," he said. "I am a lunatic on the loose. But I made a decision to serve humanity and not have another bad day. And I have not had a bad day for 30 years. I am a pretty happy maniac."

## Getting into college only half the battle

CHICAGO (AP) — In the next few weeks, Dorothy McClain will find out whether she can count herself among an elite few.

The black teen-ager grew up in a run-down public housing high-rise on Chicago's impoverished West Side. Her high school is on academic probation.

Now she wants to be the first in her family to go to college.

"You feel so excited to be the first one," the 17-year-old said, beaming from beneath the brim of a tan baseball cap. But, she admitted sheepishly, "If you want the truth, I'm scared."

She has reason to be.

Like other students from similar urban public schools without an array of advanced placement classes, widespread Internet access and the most sought-after teachers, McClain is clearly at a disadvantage.

At her nearly all-black school, Crane Tech, the graduation rate hovers below 60 percent.

Out of a graduating class of 140 last year, only 20 were admitted to college. Just 12 found the money to go. Once in college, they faced a new set of obstacles.

"Their level of readiness is a critical concern," said Joyce

Payne, who tracks enrollment at historically black colleges for the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges.

"Some students won't be exposed to research skills and trigonometry" in high school.

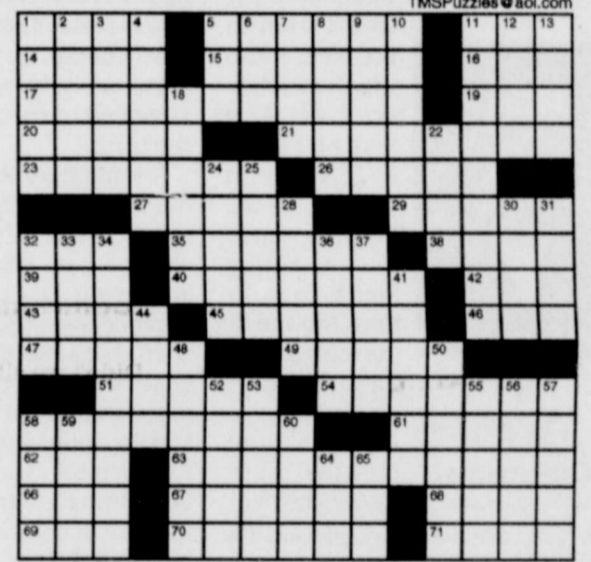
Adds McKinley Dillingham, a guidance counselor at DuSable, another low-performing Chicago school with a large minority population: "A lot of them drop out because it gets rough on them academically. It's not always the money — it's a matter of being able to really handle it in the classroom."

The college graduation rates for minorities are on the rise, but they still lag behind those of whites. In 1997, 40 percent of blacks and 45 percent of Hispanics left college with a diploma within six years. For whites, the rate was 58 percent.

"It's a different league," said Latisha Bennett, a classmate of McClain's who has been admitted to Tennessee State in Nashville. "I'm worried that I might not pick it up as fast as other people and professors might not break it down like they do in high school."

### THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Robert H. Wolfe  
North Woodmere, NY

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8:00	Mystery! Encore	Frasier *PG	Battery	-	Millionaire	Awards
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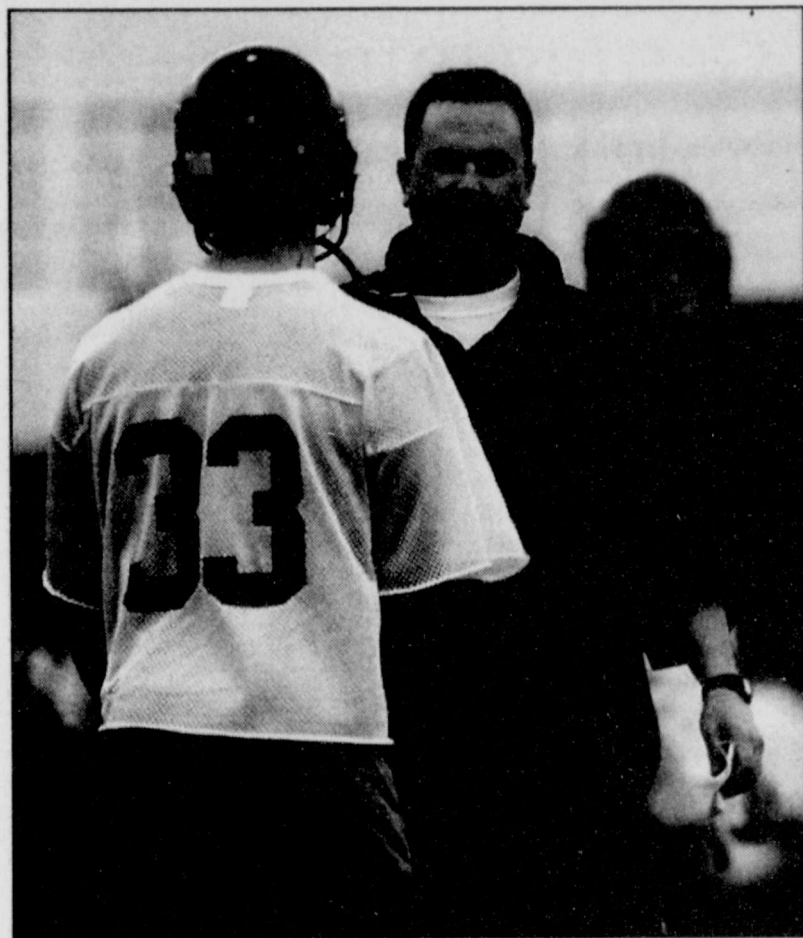
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Texas Tech wide receivers coach Sonny Dykes returns to Lubbock after graduating from Tech in 1993. He was tight ends coach at Kentucky last season.

## Dykes tradition continues at Tech

by Patrick Gonzales  
Sports Editor

Before getting hired, all the new coaches on the Texas Tech football staff were given a tour of the campus and its facilities.

However, there was one coach who did not need a tour. Not only was he sure about taking the position, but he also was already familiar with the football program. The coach is Daniel "Sonny" Dykes, son of former Red Raider coach Spike Dykes.

A 1993 graduate of Tech, Dykes now serves as the Red Raiders' wide receivers coach after serving as tight ends coach last season at the University of Kentucky.

"It's great to be back at Tech, and I'm really excited about it," Dykes said. "There is no one who loves Texas Tech more than I do. I grew up watching the football program, and I think this is going to be a great opportunity for me."

Dykes was one of the first coaches hired by Mike Leach when he first took over the helm of the Red Raiders.

The two had worked together

once before in 1997 at Kentucky, and Dykes said they always planned on reuniting sometime down the road.

"We talked about working together somewhere down the line, whether we get a job at the University of Alaska or California or wherever," Dykes said. "It was a hard decision in some ways, but it was an easy decision in other ways."

While at Tech, Dykes was a two-year letterman for the Red Raider baseball team playing first base.

However, make no mistake about it, football always has been his favorite sport.

"I had a chance to play some small college football, but I wasn't a real good player — not good enough to play (at Tech)," Dykes said. "Playing baseball was

easier for me, and when your dad is the coach here, it's kind of a no-win situation. I kind of wanted to do my own thing."

And since graduating, Dykes has concentrated on football, spending the past six years coaching at high school, junior college and Division I college levels all over the country. As a result, he said he could only attend, at the most, one Tech game a year. He will be attending all the Red Raiders' games this season but might have more pressure on his shoulders than if he was just a fan.

In Leach's new pass-oriented system, Dykes said the wide receivers are a major component in the new offense, making his job an im-

portant one. However, Dykes said the players are adjusting well to the system.

"They're a lot further along at this point than I thought they would be," he said. "They've really done a great job of paying attention to what we taught them. They're a talented group, and they've been a blast working with."

However, the person teaching the new material also plays a big part in learning quickly. Just ask senior wide receiver Dee Jackson, who has been with the Tech football program since 1997.

"Last year, everything was like 'Do this, do that,' and coach Dykes is a lot more relaxed," Jackson said. "He's helping us out a lot, and I think he's great for the team."

The only question now is how long Dykes will remain on the Tech staff.

"I am going to stay here as long as I can, and we're going to try to win as many championships as possible," he said. "Eventually, I'd like to be a head coach, and I think this is a great system, and Mike (Leach) is a great guy to learn how to do that after."

**"I am going to stay here as long as I can, and we're going to try to win as many championships as possible."**

**Sonny Dykes**  
Tech wide receivers coach

## Practice squad provides friendships, good seat

It's hard to believe that nine months ago I was living in St. Louis, undoubtedly the best sports city in the world. I had seen Mark McGwire hit his famous 62nd home run in September 1998, and I was there when the Rams were the worst team in the NFL. I also was there when Wally Szerbiack, Mateen Cleaves, Eduardo Najera and Tubby Smith were in town for one of the regionals of the 1999 NCAA Tournament.



**Jesus Arenas**  
Columnist

Well, nine months later, it's hard to believe that I am living in Lubbock. It's also hard to believe that I am a student at Texas Tech. The one thing that is harder to believe is what I have been doing the past five months. I know that most of you remem-

ber what happened back in September. Cliff Owens had surgery on his ankle and, unfortunately, had to miss the entire season. Moses Malone Jr. broke his foot and had to sit out for a few months. What most of you never heard about were the tryouts that coach James Dickey had in order to have enough guys to practice with. Fortunately, I heard about them, and I decided to try out. Luckily, I made the team.

I remember the first day of practice quite clearly. I was out eating lunch, and I left the restaurant at about 3 p.m. When I arrived at my apartment, I had a message that said practice was at 3:30 p.m. I was so excited that I had to play the message about 20 more times to make sure that it said what I thought it had said. I finally understood the message, and I looked at my watch, and it said 3:25. Yeah, I was late to my first practice. I thought that it was a sign of bad luck, but it turned out to be OK.

From the first day, the guys made me feel right at home. I had played against Andy Ellis in high school, and I also played against Mario "Fran-

chise" Layne when he played at South Plains College, but I never thought that I would be sitting with them in the same locker room.

I had played against Rayford Young in AAU, and when we played them in high school the year he won the state tournament, he beat my team with a last-second shot. Hmmm, I wonder how many times he's done that before? I became Rayford's free-throw shooting partner, and we always competed to see who could make the most. He usually won, but I beat him one time. He claims that he doesn't remember.

One of the best things to do was to make fun of Moses. Of course, he made fun of me, too, but it was the best because we would make everybody laugh.

When I first saw Jayson Mitchell, I

thought that he was one of the meanest looking guys I had ever seen. Instead, he turned out to be one of the coolest guys I have ever met.

Even though I was ineligible to play because of transfer rules, I had the best time. What else could you ask for? I was coached by Dickey, I got to joke around with coach Will Flemmons, who I watched play when he was a player, and I got to be a part of the first team to play at the United Spirit Arena.

Throughout the season, I often encountered one question: "Why do you practice if you don't get to play?" I never answered it because I figured that they wouldn't be satisfied with my answer.

First of all, you have to understand one thing: When you are born and raised in Lubbock, the only thing you

know about is Tech. All you dream about when you are growing up is about being a Red Raider, whether you are a student or a student-athlete. Everyone in Lubbock bleeds red and black, and when you become a part of Tech, you live in red and black. You are simply just born with the utmost respect and the greatest pride for Tech. You should feel privileged to be part of Tech.

When we moved into the arena, I was privileged to have a locker between Brodney Kennard and James Ware, two of the coolest guys I have ever met. I knew that if I was feeling down, all I had to do was sit in my locker and "O.C.B.K." would make me laugh. If he wasn't there, I could turn the other way and Ware would make me laugh.

Throughout the year, I kept hearing that there wasn't a bad seat in the arena. I must agree, but out of all the seats in the arena, I would have to say that the one I had was the best one.

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## Jordan ready for big business

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Jordan, always the scene stealer, is looking for more work behind the scenes.

The former Chicago Bulls superstar who made numerous appearances in commercials for Nike shoes, Hanes underwear, Wheaties cereal and McDonald's burgers was quoted in a Chicago newspaper on Wednesday as saying he was "getting totally out of the endorsement aspect of things" when his current contracts expire.

His agent said he wanted to develop himself as more of an investor and businessman.

"I told the endorsement companies to go ahead and use the commercials I've done," Jordan told the *Chicago Sun-Times*. "But they understand from conversations we've had where my life is headed. They have to gradually work their way into other campaigns."

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## Tech baseball cancels game against TCU

Wednesday's baseball game between Texas Tech and Texas Christian University was postponed due to rain.

The Red Raiders and the Horned Frogs have yet to schedule a makeup game but will meet March 28 for a regularly-scheduled game at 2:30 p.m.

Tech next will be in action at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Nebraska. The three-game series will continue Saturday with a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m.

# Rangers pitcher recovering from surgery

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — The Texas Rangers starting rotation has been set for the start of the regular season and Justin Thompson is not on it.

That was expected with Thompson recovering from off-season surgery but it was just another frustrating moment for the talented left-hander the Rangers are counting on to improve their starting staff.

It's hard to watch, but Thompson knows his place for now is in the dug-out.

"It's a little frustrating sitting back, and watching the others throw and me having to hold myself back and not hurt myself again," Thompson said. "I've got to be smart about it. When I do start pitching I want to be

there and not have any setbacks."

Thompson has a chance to make Rangers general manager Doug Melvin look good for the big off-season trade that sent two-time MVP outfielder Juan Gonzalez to the Detroit Tigers.

The Rangers are looking for something like 1997 when he had a 15-11 record, 3.02 ERA and struck out 151 in 223.1 innings.

But he'll have to stay off the injury list. He's been there four times in the last six seasons with shoulder and elbow problems. He is currently recovering from arthroscopic shoulder surgery.

"I can't work on anything new. I'm just basically trying to get back into the form that I feel comfortable

pitching," Thompson said. "I'm just trying to get my pitches."

Thompson threw 10 minutes of batting practice on Sunday and again on Tuesday without complications.

When Thompson is ready to step into the rotation, it will give the Rangers three left-handed starters joining Kenny Rogers and Darren Oliver.

Rick Helling and Esteban Loaiza are right-handed starters and right-

hander Mark Clark will begin the season at the No. 5 starter and likely step aside when Thompson is ready.

"It's amazing we're going to have three lefties in the rotation," Thompson said. "It's going to be interesting to see how manager match lineups against us. It's going to mess things up."

"I'm usually the only leftie starter. It's going to be fun. I've got Darren and Kenny to talk to. They are veteran guys and it will help."

**"I'm just basically trying to get back into the form that I feel comfortable pitching."**

**Justin Thompson**  
Texas Rangers pitcher

It wasn't difficult for a native Texan to return home to play baseball.

"From the start, I was happy that I was coming home," Thompson said.

"Everybody likes to come back to his home state and play for the home team or at least the home state."

"It was a little bit sad, too, because I'd been with Detroit nine years so I had the mentality that I'd be there forever. But these days, you don't see that happening."

His new teammates are happy to see him on the roster.

"He's a close as you can get to an ace when he's healthy," said first baseman Rafael Palmeiro. "We have a stronger pitching staff this year and he's a big reason for it."

## Former Aviators coach trades hockey gear for bunker gear

ABILENE (AP) — Jeff Triano spent the better part of his life seeking the rush of adrenaline on the frozen pond. After 20 years of hockey pucks, slapshots and fights, the man who guided the Abilene Aviators to a division title in their inaugural season is turning to a new climate a much warmer climate for his rush.

Instead of standing on the bench in a hockey rink coaching a team to victory, Triano will be standing in the midst of a burning building with his colleagues as an Abilene firefighter.

After receiving word that his services were no longer needed by the Aviators owners, Triano was faced with a critical decision. He and his wife, Melissa, bought a house in Abilene shortly after Jeff landed the coaching job with the Aviators. The plan was to have the family, which includes their son Riley and newest son Dakkota (born last January) settle in the Key City as Jeff continued to coach Abilene's first hockey team.

"My opinion was the decision was

Jeff's as to whether he wanted to further his career in hockey or become a firefighter, either way I was going to support him," Melissa said. "The one important thing to me was I wanted us to settle down for Riley (who is 6) so he could get in a school and have some stability in one place."

Other teams called Triano after the Aviators fired him to see if he would be interested in coaching elsewhere.

"We came here to stay for at least two years and after the success of the first season, we thought there might be an extension," Triano said.

"We bought a house, we liked the town and we were happy staying here. When the ownership group didn't honor our two-year agreement, that was a curveball and I had to see what was best for my family. I had moved around quite a bit with my hockey career, and we were faced with weighing all our options."

The question Triano asked him-

self was "What is more important, my family or my dream?"

The answer was simple.

"The decision to get out of the game was a major decision and a huge step for me because it was my job and a dream I had chased for the last 20 years," Triano said.

"But I applied for the fire department the second day they accepted applications because I think things happen for a reason. I think there is a reason they were hiring this year and they were hiring as many as they did and the deadline for age requirement was what it was. Everything pointed toward this."

Captain Tony Keefer said approximately 400 people applied this year to participate in the Fire Academy. Of those applications, the field was narrowed to 17. The training began in December and will conclude the first week of May. An applicant could not be older than 35 and Triano will turn 36 on April 11.

An extensive background check was done on each applicant. Following the check, each member was given an oral interview, followed by a physical and a physical agility test before gaining acceptance into the academy.

Keefer said Triano has done well

thus far in his new career.

"He's blended in real well," he said. "He's a little older than some of the guys and so some may look to him as a leader. When all the guys come in he pretty much fits in as one of the recruits."

When he was with the Aviators, Triano's daily routine varied, depending on the time of year and whether or not the team had a game.

Now, he wakes up at 4:30 every morning to study for a daily test given at the academy. He spends most of the day in a classroom on Buffalo Gap Road learning from Keefer and the other firemen at Station No. 8.

"We teach them everything from fire signs to hydraulics to using the hose and ladders," Keefer said. "They learn about ventilation and they go through an EMT course. We talk about hazard materials and self-contained breathing apparatus. There's a lot to learn."

Triano said a day doesn't go by

without him thinking about or missing hockey. He made it his career for 20 years as a player and coach but his dream really started around 30 years ago when he laced his first pair of skates. Still, he doesn't regret his decision.

"I would make the same decision today if I had to," he said.

"I put a lot of pressure on myself to do this because it's not something I just want to try, it's something I want to do. The academy is very tough and it's the most challenging thing I've done in my life. I put the pressure on myself because I want to prove that I can do it."

"I want to earn the respect of all the cadets who have gone through this process and I want to earn the respect of all the Abilene firefighters and prove that I belong. This is a very rewarding career, and if you talk to them, they take a lot of pride in what they do. It's important for me to earn their respect and the respect in the community."

## San Angelo terminates lease with hockey team

SAN ANGELO (AP) — The minor league hockey team in San Angelo has through the end of the week to use the city's coliseum before San Angelo terminates the team's lease—making team members outlaws on their home ice.

The city has terminated its lease with the company that owns the San

Angelo Outlaws hockey team, claiming the team is \$22,000 behind on payments for ice time at the San Angelo Coliseum.

Dick Moore, president of San Angelo Pro Hockey, sees the move as an attempt by the city to run him out of town.

"That's the implication," he said.

"It doesn't sound like the red-carpet welcome to me."

City Manager Tom Adams says the team owes the city based on accumulated \$50-an-hour charges for ice time for youth hockey and visiting team practice sessions. Team officials say the Outlaws are up-to-date on all payments, as provided for in the

lease, which allows for 800 hours of ice time and public skating.

"The city has invoiced us for those charges and we have refused those invoices," Moore said. "We are 100 percent current on all of our payments."

San Angelo Pro Hockey has filed a lawsuit disputing the charges.

## Devil Rays get burned by Astros

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Houston beat Dave Eiland on Wednesday, yet hardly damaged the right-hander's chances of winning a spot in Tampa Bay's starting rotation.

Eiland, who had not given up a run this spring, allowed an RBI double to Matt Mieske and Rich-

ard Hidalgo later homered off Chad Ogea to help the Astros beat the Devil Rays 3-0.

Chris Holt, Doug Henry, Kip Gross, Trevor Miller and Jose Cabrera combined on the shut-out for Houston.

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