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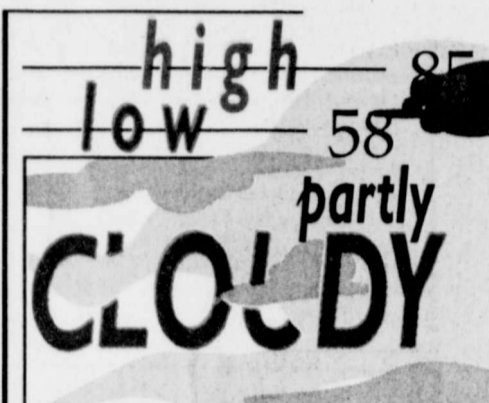
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## STATENEWS —

### Body of missing 6-year-old found in Dallas home

DALLAS (AP) — Police found the body Thursday of a missing 6-year-old boy in a Dallas home where officials a day earlier discovered a slain elderly man and woman.

Authorities identified as the victim as the couple's 6-year-old great-grandson, Corinthian Ransom, who has been missing since Monday. The body was found Thursday afternoon in a closet, hidden behind some clothes, said Dallas Sr. Corp. Cheryl Convery.

Investigators apparently returned to the home Thursday to make sure they had not missed anything during their initial investigation.

Ransom's mother, Indira Silas, discovered the bodies of her grandparents — 77-year-old Manuel "Dusty" Gillens and 73-year-old Nellie Faye Gillens — on Wednesday. The Gillens, who reportedly kept a large sum of money in their house, also were robbed, police said.

## NATIONALNEWS —

### Boeing says rivets must be replaced in 27 jumbo jets

SEATTLE (AP) — Boeing Co. has warned airlines that reinforcing rivets need to be replaced in 27 747-400 jumbo jets.

A mechanic at Boeing's Wichita, Kan., plant discovered that as many as 1,000 of the wrong kind of rivets were installed on each of the planes, 10 of which are in service.

Boeing spokeswoman Shannon Myers said the rivets used on the upper deck and main deck of the jumbo jets do not pose a flight safety risk.

Myers said, however, that the rivets help reinforce part of the plane's structure and that those used cannot handle the stresses involved.

She said about 300 to 1,000 rivets on each plane were at issue — a small number given the tens of thousands of rivets used in each aircraft.

This is the eighth instance of manufacturing and parts problems Boeing has faced since the beginning of the year.

## WORLDNEWS —

### Pressure on arms deal clouds Chinese president's visit

JERUSALEM (AP) — Caught between a traditional ally and a powerful new friend, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak made it clear Thursday that Israel values Chinese market potential too much to risk it by renegotiating on a defense deal with China.

U.S. pressure on Israel to cancel the planned sale of a surveillance plane to China has overshadowed President Jiang Zemin's high-profile visit here, the first by a Chinese president. The speaker of the Israeli parliament criticized the sale — just one in a long history of controversial arms deals — and called on Israel to stop winning friends by selling them weapons.

The sensitivity of the issue was evident at a Barak-Jiang news conference Thursday evening. Barak twice intercepted questions about the deal addressed to Jiang after the two leaders consulted at their podiums.

"We relate the highest importance to our relationship with China and to our credibility," Barak said.

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# Bush, Gore debate health care issues

by John Dorff  
Staff Writer

Texas Gov. George W. Bush recently announced a plan to increase the number of community health centers across the country.

Community health centers are medical clinics that offer one-stop services for prevention care, free vaccines, dental, prenatal and general primary care for children and adults.

Bush's plan calls for \$3.6 billion in federal funding to boost the number of centers nationwide from 3,000 to 4,200.

Bush said community health centers save Americans billions of dollars in medical expenses each year.

"Our society resolved long ago to provide a safety net for those in the most desperate circumstances — a safety net that includes income supplements, housing assistance and health services," Bush said during a



speech in St. Louis on Wednesday.

He said he believes community health centers are a wise investment and said the centers save the health care system an estimated \$6 billion each year by giving patients options other than expensive emergency room visits, specialty care and hospital stays. He also said the centers can treat each patient for around \$350 per year, which is less than \$1 a day.

Michael Sullivan, spokesman for the Lubbock Community Health Center, said he agrees community health centers are very

important.

"There is a real need for the services provided by health centers," Sullivan said. "We serve a lot of people who are either uninsured or underinsured ... we don't turn anyone away."

The Lubbock Community Health Center locally has four sites. The center, which receives federal, state and local funding, has served at least 45,000 patients since it opened in 1993.

Kathleen Begala, communications director for Vice President Al Gore's presidential campaign, said she questions Bush's credibility on the issue of health care. Begala added the Texas governor has been silent on the health care issue up to this point.

"Health care centers are fine; we've been talking about them for months and months," Begala said. "The main difference is that our plan was put forth in October, and it's a full and complete plan. Instead of focusing on

health care centers, why not make sure all kids are insured? Remember, the rate of uninsured children in Texas is 49th of the 50 states."

Begala said as president, Gore would implement a step-by-step plan to provide access to health care for all children and millions of adults by 2005, a comprehensive prescription drug benefit under Medicare and a Patients' Bill of Rights. Begala said the plan would cost about \$300 billion.

Bush campaign spokeswoman Mindy Tucker said Bush has improved Texas' health care system, something Gore has been unsuccessful with on the national level.

"While Gore has been in Washington talking, Bush has been working on health care here in Texas," Tucker said. "He has passed tough patient protection laws here in Texas that Gore has failed to get passed nationally."

Tucker also said during the Clinton/Gore administration, the national uninsured rate has risen faster than it has in Texas.

## Tech HSC professors receive \$380K grant

by Shannon Davis  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech Health Sciences Center faculty members have been awarded a \$380,000 grant for research on the effects of diabetes who quit smoking.

Tech School of Medicine faculty members Donald Wesson, chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine, and Jan Simoni, research assistant professor in the Department of Surgery, put together the grant's proposal.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board under the Minority Health Research and Education Grant Program awarded a grant of about \$190,000 each year for two years. The coordinating board received 94 applications from 22 state institutions, and nine grants were awarded, including the proposal from Tech.

This program was established with proceeds from the Texas Tobacco Lawsuit Settlement. The grant was awarded for the fiscal year 2000 and 2001, and the research will hopefully begin in June, Wesson said.

"The proposal is designed to look for ways to reduce the chances of kidney failure in ethnic groups with diabetes who quit smoking," Wesson said. "This will be an inexpensive way by which it can be done with a large group of people."

The study will consist of recruiting 150 patients who will stop smoking and then will be tested to see if the risk of kidney failure is reduced, Wesson said.

"African Americans are an important group to study because they are a high-risk group," Wesson said. "There have been studies for the past 40 years, but no one knows the reason for this."

The proposal's hypothesis states the risk for kidney failure will be improved if smoking is stopped, Wesson said.

"Simoni is an expert on the measurement of urinary protein," Wesson said. "His main role is to measure the levels throughout the research."

If the level goes up, there is an increase in the risk, and if the level goes down, then the risk goes down, Wesson said.

"The research will employ the newest laboratory techniques and will be able to demonstrate the devastating effects of tobacco smoking on kidneys," Simoni said. "This will perhaps convince people to quit this deadly habit."

## Behind the mask

### Gilbreath follows in sister's shoes as Masked Rider

by Stephanie Armstrong  
Contributing Writer

Lesley Gilbreath, the 2000-2001 Masked Rider for Texas Tech, officially will be handed her reins at 3 p.m. today at Jones Stadium during the Transfer of Reins Ceremony.

The Transfer of Reins Ceremony is a time-honored tradition at Tech, dating back to 1954. The ceremony gives a new beginning for the horse and incoming Masked Rider, while acknowledging the dedication of the outgoing rider.

Travis Thorne, the 1999-2000 Masked Rider, will hand over the reins to Gilbreath, a junior finance major from Flower Mound, at the ceremony.

"I was the Masked Rider for only one year, but it will benefit the rest of my life," Thorne said.

As Masked Rider, Gilbreath will be involved in several events ranging from football games and rodeos to visiting children's hospitals.

"I am very proud to be the Masked Rider for Texas Tech," she said. "All my life I have gone to football games hanging over the rails of the stadium like many other kids, trying to pet the horse."

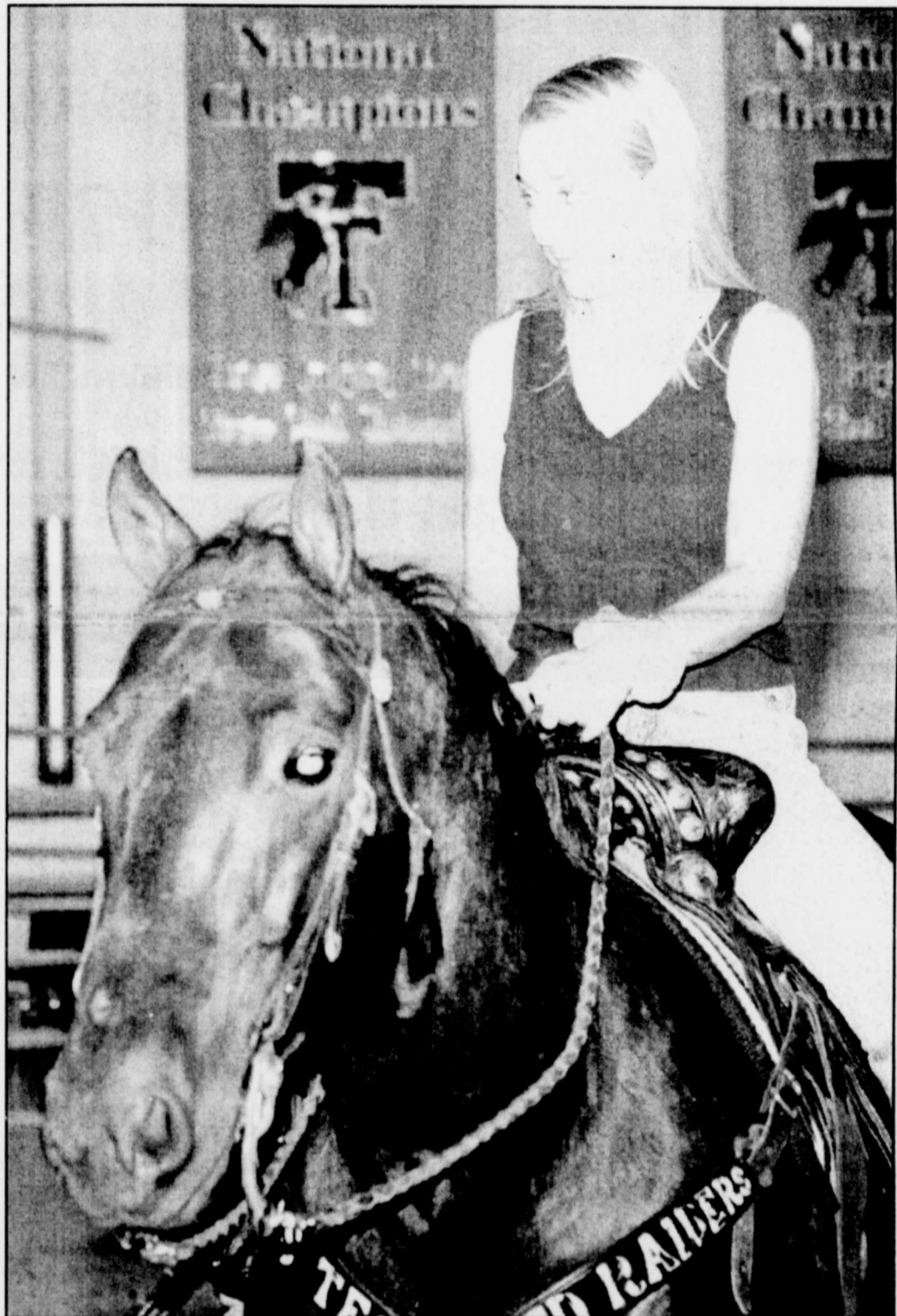
This is a unique year for the ceremony because Gilbreath is a familiar name to the legend of the Masked Rider. Lisa Gilbreath Nichol, Lesley's sister, was the Masked Rider from 1993-1994.

This is only the second time siblings have carried on the tradition, and it is a first for sisters to carry it.

Brothers Donald "Polly" Hollar and Douglass "Nubbin" Hollar were the first siblings to achieve the honor. Polly Hollar was Masked Rider in 1957-1959, while his brother, Nubbin, was Masked Rider in 1963-1964 and in 1966-1968.

"I feel proud to carry the tradition as my sister did," Gilbreath said. "It is special to hold such a special title with her."

During the ceremony, while family and friends of the outgoing and incoming



Lesley Gilbreath, a junior finance major from Flower Mound, rides Black Phantom Raider on Thursday at the Livestock Arena. Gilbreath has been chosen as the 2000-2001 Masked Rider and will officially take the reins during halftime of the Red and Black game Saturday.

Masked Rider look on, Thorne will be given a chance to speak of his time as Masked Rider. He will make his closing remarks and give out awards to the people he would like to recognize during his reign as Masked Rider.

Gerald Myers, Tech athletic director, will recognize Thorne by giving him a letter jacket.

To officially introduce the new Masked Rider to Tech, Thorne will make his last ride on Black Phantom Raider around the stadium. Then, he will hand over the reins to

Gilbreath where she will make her first ride.

"The Masked Rider is the most visible icon for Texas Tech," said Sam Jackson, assistant professor of animal science and member of the Masked Rider committee.

Jackson said many people associate the Masked Rider with the university, and it is what they remember.

"I feel the Masked Rider gives Texas Tech nationwide name recognition," he said.

## Financial planning team places second in contest

"Part of me is disappointed we did not get first place, but I am still proud of the team."

Wendy Wuenshe  
Tech Financial Planning Team member

by Charlie Milling  
Staff Writer

At the West Texas Financial Planning Association Banquet on Thursday, the Texas Tech Financial Planning Team was presented with a \$5,000 check for its efforts at the inaugural American Express Planning Invitational last week.

The team placed second overall out of six teams that competed in New York.

The team members are senior financial planning majors and include Wendy Wuenshe from Lubbock; Lindsey Griffin from Snyder; Matthew Peck from Levelland; and Laura Smoot from Tyler. John Hopkins, Tech assistant professor of financial planning, served as the team's coach.

Hopkins said the \$5,000 check will go to the financial planning scholarship fund.

"I feel Texas Tech has the best financial planning program in the nation," said Eliza-

beth Haley, dean of the College of Human Sciences. "I am very proud of the team and everyone who made this possible."

The competition in New York was separated into two parts.

Tech placed first in the financial plan portion but second in the oral presentation, which had a quiz-show type format.

"The team had mixed feelings," Hopkins said. "We were leading in the quiz show up until the last question, but we missed that

one. It was a tough loss. I personally am honored by the team's performance. Every member should be proud of themselves."

Wuenshe said she does not regret placing second.

"Part of me is disappointed we did not get first place, but I am still proud of the team," she said.

Wuenshe said she learned many things on the trip which did not necessarily deal with financial planning.

"One of the biggest things I learned was not to sit back as much and not say how I feel," she said. "I learned how to better say my own opinion."

In addition to the \$5,000 check, each team member was presented with a \$350 check from the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.

"That is a tremendous amount of money, and I am very grateful to NAIFA," Wuenshe said.

Guy Cumby, president-elect of the National Financial Planning Association, was the keynote speaker at the banquet and congratulated the team for their efforts.

"The team serves as a good example of what students can do," he said. "Texas Tech should be very proud of the team."

Tech competed against teams from Kansas State University, Minnesota State University, San Diego State University, Western State University and the University of North Texas.

# Tech department awarded for excellence

## Plant, soil sciences receives first-ever honor from Teaching Academy

by Charlie Milling  
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Teaching Academy recently announced that the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences has received the first-ever Teaching Academy Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award.

The department, part of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, will receive a cash prize of \$25,000, and members of the department will be honored at a luncheon at noon Saturday in the Formby Room of the Southwest Collection.

The award is designed to recognize a department or other academic units that have developed a teaching culture emphasizing a commitment to the students.

"The faculty from the department have done an excellent job with the students," said John Abernathy, dean of the CAS-NAR. "It is a tremendous honor to have the department recognized with the first-ever departmental teaching achievement award."



The Department of Plant and Soil Sciences uses many methods to encourage excellence among faculty. For instance, new faculty members are paired with experienced faculty members for mentoring.

The department also encourages faculty members to visit each other's classes and provide feedback.

The award was established last year by the Tech Teaching Academy as part of its mission to demonstrate, support, promote and recognize teaching excellence at Tech.

Applicants for the award were reviewed by a selection committee comprised of members from the Teaching Academy.

In a written statement, Daisy Floyd, chairwoman of the Teaching Academy's executive council and associate dean at the Tech School of Law, said, "The selection committee had a difficult time choosing the award recipient because all the applications for the award were very impressive."

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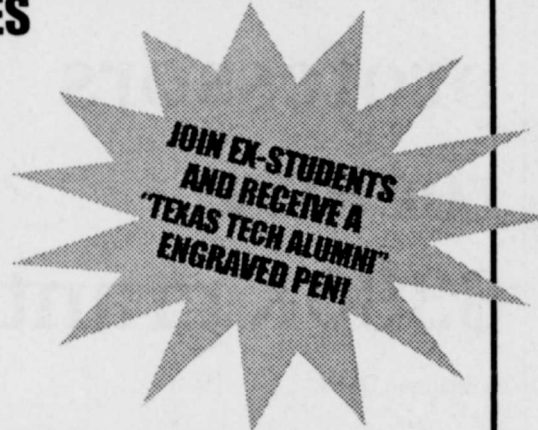
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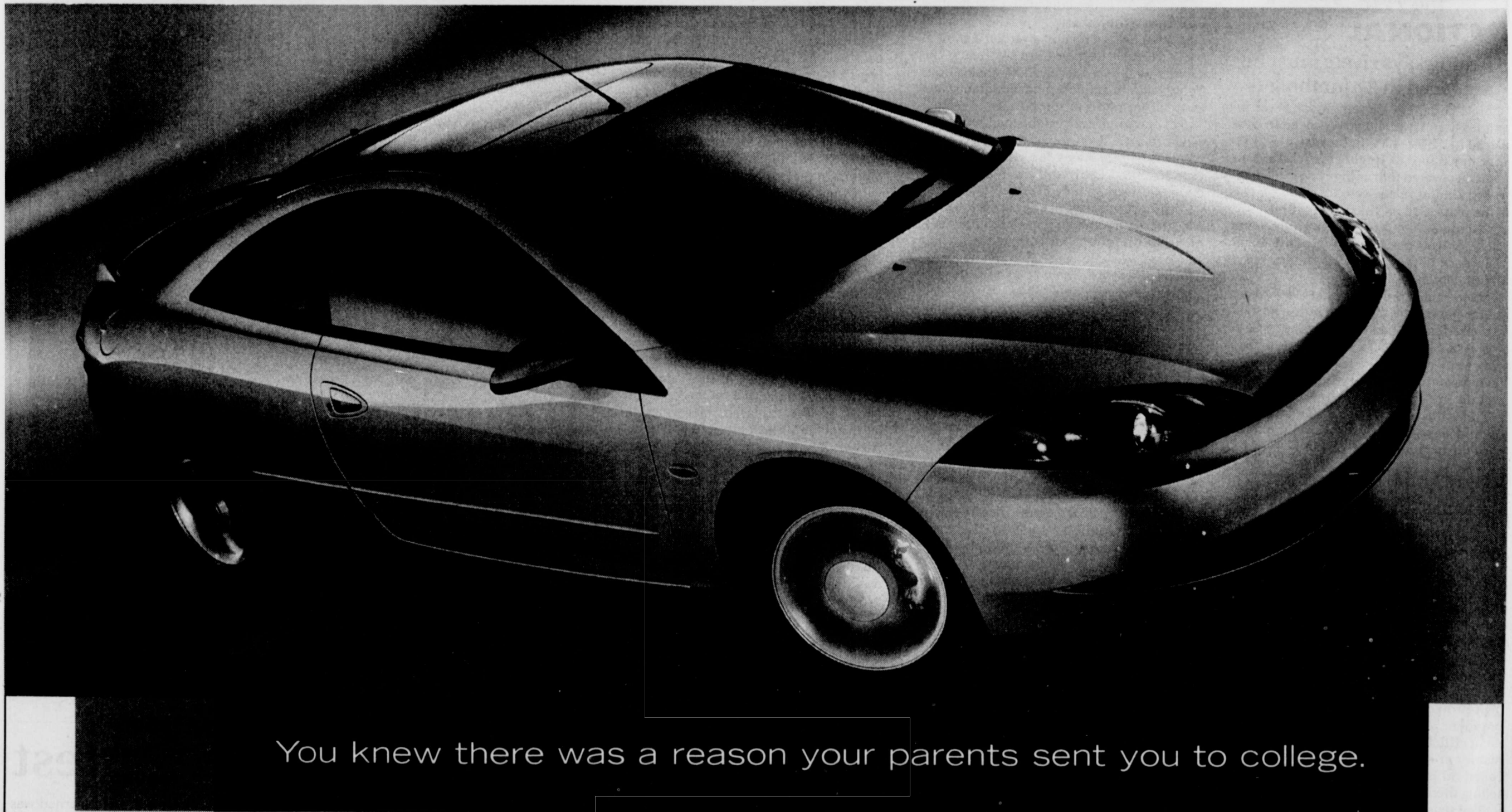


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# Researcher: know all facts when taking supplements

by Shannon Davis  
Staff Writer

Many people are confused about dietary supplements and their safety.

One Texas Tech doctoral student is trying to make the picture clearer for people concerned about the short and long-term effects of dietary supplements.

Jerald Foote, a doctoral student and instructor in human sciences, is conducting research on the effects of dietary supplements and what people should know before taking them.

This diverse group of supplements include herbs, vitamins and hormones. Some of the products Foote will be working with are chamomile, echinacea, garlic, St. John's Wort, ginkgo, androstenedione, creatine and other products.

"People do not understand that these products are regulated differently than food," Foote said. "Many

think that supplements are always safe, but that is not necessarily true. I want to teach people about how to develop skills to decipher through supplements and find the best products for that person."

Foote has developed skills to weed through products and determine what type of product is safe for a certain person.

"I am looking at the microbiological quality of these supplements," he said.

People considered in a high-risk group have been found to be more susceptible to experiencing side effects from taking dietary supplements, Foote said.

Studies have shown the high-risk groups are those with immune disorders, some diseases, elderly, young children and those who have chronic diseases.

"Medicinal herbs are imported from all over the world, and so we as Americans have no idea of what kind of conditions these supple-

ments are produced in," Foote said. "We have no idea where they are harvested, shipped or processed because there is little regulation."

In these products, people may find bacteria and other harmful micro-organisms that can hurt or even kill some people who take them, he said.

"There is an increasing interest in the population of dietary supplements," said Leslie Thompson, associate professor in the Department of Animal Science and Food Technology. "This research is very timely because we are looking at the microbiological quality of the supplements and the effects that they are causing."

Foote is completing his disserta-

tion and research under the supervision of Thompson and Elizabeth Fox, associate professor in the Department of Food and Nutrition.

Androstenedione is a drug Foote is investigating, and it has been shown to have adverse side effects. Mark McGuire has taken this drug, Foote said.

"Androstenedione may cause a person to have more acne, aggressiveness and mood swings by people who take it," he said. "This hormone should not be taken unless prescribed by a doctor."

A study showed that 10 to 20 percent of males who work out at the Ewalt Student Recreation Center are taking androstenedione.

"There are no good side effects

with this drug, and we are unsure of the long-term side effects, but they could possibly be cancer, heart disease and liver damage," Foote said.

Echinacea is a herb that is commonly used to battle colds and flus.

"This product has been found to be one of the safer experimental drugs, but those who are in a high-risk group still need to be careful when taking it," he said.

These observations should be known and considered before taking dietary supplements, Foote said.

It is important to consult a medical physician when using and taking supplements. Do not take herbs when pregnant, nursing a child, for a serious illness, with a known toxicity, for a long period of time or remedies that have been stored for years and do not give to infants or young children.

It is important not to collect herbs in the wild and understand the potential for contamination. Do not assume the product is safe un-

less bought from reliable source.

Use special care with multi-level products, and only take one herb at a time. Follow the directions without exceeding the amount recommended, and stop taking the product if there is any problem or side effect.

Make sure the label is read and keep the label and packaging if problems arise. The label should include precautions, list of ingredients, name and address of manufacturer, batch or lot number, date of manufacture and expiration date.

Acknowledge the lack of quality control in the supplement industry and know that these are drugs may lack scientific study.

"I want to make sure that people understand, they want to take a dietary supplement to improve health, not increase chance of illness," Foote said. "There are products in the market that are safe and effective if they are found and used correctly."

**"People do not understand that these products are regulated differently than food."**

**Jerald Foote  
Tech doctoral student**

# Doctor claims man charged in restaurant shooting competent

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Doctors who evaluated black man charged with killing three white people and wounding two others in a shooting spree said he was competent to

stand trial, prosecutors said Thursday.

But Allegheny County Judge Jeffrey Manning still must rule on Ronald Taylor's competency.

Taylor, 39, is accused of fatally shooting a maintenance man March 1 at his apartment building in Wilkinsburg, east of Pittsburgh, setting his apartment on fire, then

shooting four people — two fatally — at fast-food restaurants.

The doctors' finding that Taylor is competent to stand trial could clear the way for prosecutors to try

him on three counts of homicide and other charges, said Mike Manko, a spokesman for District Attorney Stephen Zappala Jr.

Police said Taylor became enraged last month over a broken door at his apartment. He surrendered to police during a hostage standoff.

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# Students beware, looks can deceive

I have decided that if I should ever write a book about my college life, I am going to include a chapter on "Appearances Can Be Deceiving." If you stop and think about it, that is what leads one into trouble or, in some way, provides a life lesson. You have to be careful in life and always be on your guard. Otherwise, you might wind up paying for it.

Take a job assignment I had a few months ago. I was to sit in a local McDonald's restaurant and ask the customers questions about what streets they took to get there and what part of town they came from. The idea being that such information would give people an idea about where to build the newest "Golden Arches."

Now since I was going to spend at least eight hours in the restaurant, I was able to partake of as much free McDonald's fare as I wanted. This sounded like a pretty good deal, especially when you consider what I was being paid

to do this in the first place. But after about three days, all I had to show for it was a sore backside and a bad case of heartburn. I should have learned then and there about appearances and how they can deceive you. My only defense is that, as a college student, it is unheard of for one to turn down things being offered for free — especially if it is food.

Now, I mentioned college students. It has always been a focus of my columns that I should write about things that concern the Texas Tech student. I feel you should all be aware that things are not as good as they sound. Knowledge is power, and there is no telling how many things are going to be offered to you, told to you or mailed to you that will try to convince you that you should listen.

**... one should be on one's toes when it comes to dealing with things that on the surface sound good ...**

The average college student spends about five years in school. Many things will come your way. Credit card companies are the chief perpetrators.

Before I started college, I couldn't get a credit card to save my life. Then once I became a Tech student, I was being mailed credit cards; not just applications, mind you, but actual credit cards. All I had to do was call a toll-free number and say I will accept the card. Little did I know that I was being suckered into a card that had all kinds of fees and other little bells and whistles that will come into action if I don't keep my payments up.

You see, credit card companies know that college students are always short of money, and they are able to gain big bucks in interest rates and overdue fees. But all the student sees is the flashy card and the knowledge that they can go to the local mall and spend themselves into a coma.

I always thought that school officials are here to help students. Most of them are helpful, don't get me wrong. But it always seems to be those few that I always wind up having to deal with that cause me frustration.

I go into some Tech departmental office. I need some kind service from them. Now, I see a person behind a desk or counter, and they have a little badge on, and they are furiously typing away at a keyboard. I think to myself, this person can help me. But again, appearances can be deceiving.

I wind up getting frustrated, and before long, I am traveling the path from one person to another to find the answers I need, and nine times out of 10, it is the person who runs the office.

I also have come to find out that it is during the time closest to graduation in which one needs to be on one's guard. I have already touched on this in a previous column. But I must repeat it again, beware of beads and bobbles that may be offered to you.

Even in the so-called real world, one should still be on one's toes when it comes to dealing with things that on the surface sound good but deep down, really are not.

Now then, one last word on how appearances can be deceiving. If there is one thing I have tried to drill into the heads of those who read my columns is to think for yourself. Of course, I have told you about "how" you should think of things but never "what" you should think.

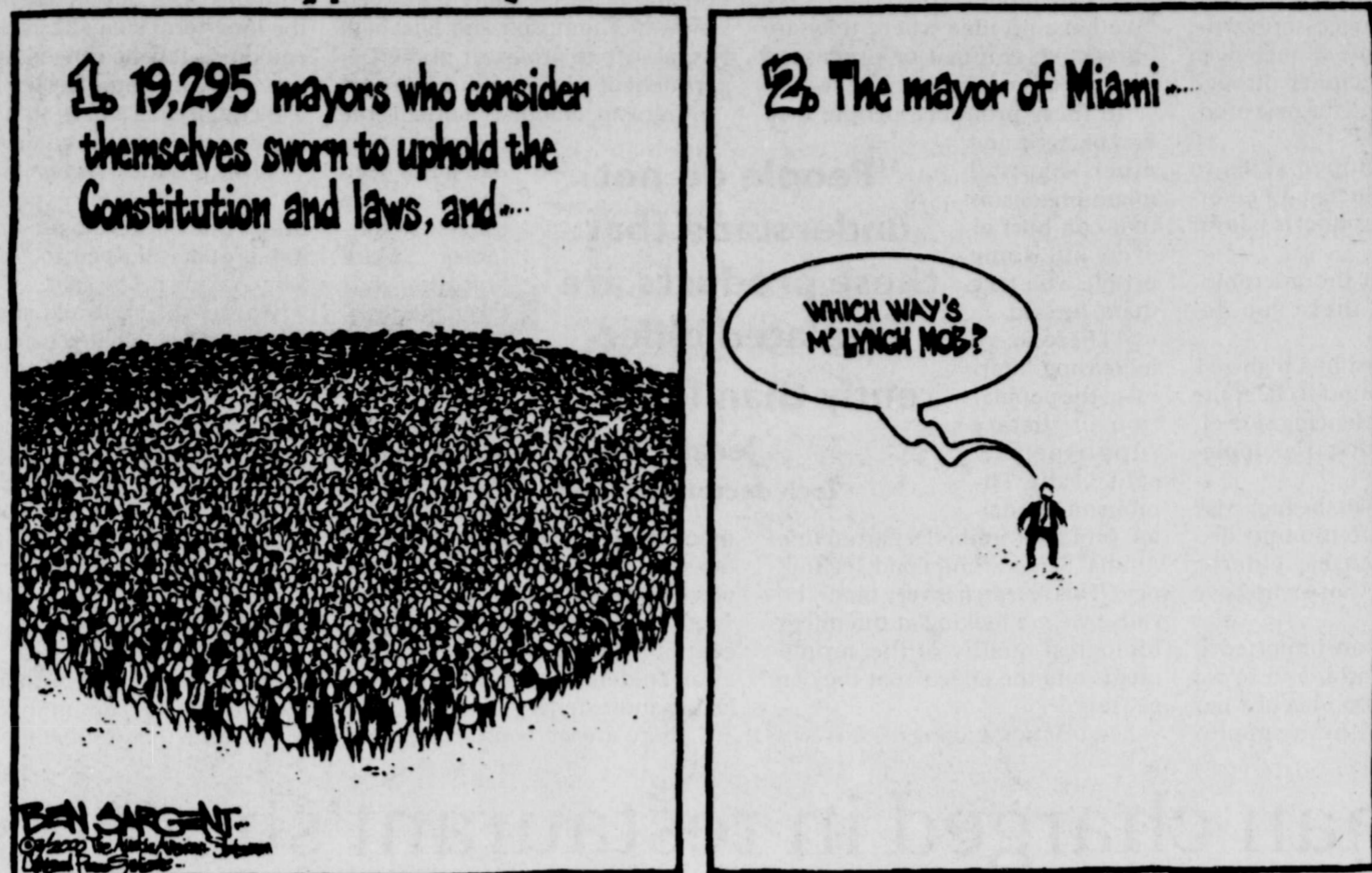
Am I as honest and sincere as I sound? Well, you be the judge.

Cameron Graham is a senior history major from Lubbock, who, with only 29 days until his graduation, hopes his potential employers will be pleased by his appearance.



**Cameron Graham**  
Columnist

There are two types of mayors in America...



# Quit picking on the poor

Capitalism, as we all know, is a dandy system for creating wealth, but it doesn't do squat for social justice. No reason to expect it to — that's not its job. Its moral imperative is: "Buy low, sell high."

Of course, there are corporate chieftains with social conscience, and many companies do a great deal of good in their communities beyond providing employment and making good widgets.

But as we are so often reminded by heroes like "Chainsaw Al" Dunlop, a CEO's job is to increase corporate profits on behalf of the shareholders, period.

Unregulated capitalism is not a pretty sight, which is why we have labor laws, environmental regulations, health and safety standards, unions, much-eroded consumer protection laws and other checks on the system.

Barring a few glitches, like the fact that corporations keep buying our government, this is not a bad deal for lots of us, and it's not capitalism's job to help those who don't have enough power to deal with the system.

It would be helpful, however (from a PR standpoint if nothing else), if corporations would quit picking on poor people in particular.

The latest example of this practice comes from the drug industry, which is charging higher prices to uninsured customers than to people with insurance. President Clinton released a study Monday showing that elderly people without insurance — that's half of all seniors — pay 15 percent more than people with insurance for the same medicine. Furthermore, this gap has doubled in the past four years.

Clinton is pushing for Medicare coverage of prescription drugs and so plans to hold a big-deal conference this summer about how pharmaceutical companies set their prices.

The drug industry could stand investigation on several fronts, including its charming practice of contributing enough money to members of Congress to get them to ex-

tend the patents that allow the companies to charge ridiculous prices; but that's another story. What we're concerned with here is the practice of preying on the poor.

"The Poor Pay More" is the title of an old book about such abuses, and as Ralph Nader observed recently, the title is just as true today as it was when the book was written 30 years ago.

In fact, the financial industry is so given to preying on the poor that Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan, of all people, made a speech last month against predatory lending.

Greenspan, Boy Populist. Good grief. Predatory lending is practiced by mortgage and home-equity companies that seek out low-income borrowers and then charge them excessively high fees and interest without disclosing what those rates are.

The result is that the borrowers end up with unaffordable payments, they lose their equity, and the banks foreclose on their homes.

Another form of legal robbery is "payday lending," a practice that makes mob loan sharks look good.

The Public Interest Research Group and the Consumer Federation have been bird-dogging this industry; they report that the payday lenders are charging interests rates of 300 percent or more.

Not only that, but they are stepping up their lobbying efforts to weaken state laws preventing usury by forming alliances with national banks.

In Texas, where payday lending is prohibited, the lenders are partnering with banks and thrifts that claim they don't have to comply with state interest-rate ceilings.

Nationally, the average APR is 474 percent for a two-week loan, according to the report. Most payday lenders interviewed for the report either failed to quote an APR, denied that an APR applied to the loan or wrongly quoted the low two-week rate rather than the correct annual rate.

In a typical payday loan, a consumer writes a personal check for \$115 to borrow \$100 for two weeks — until payday. The APR on this loan is 390 percent.

At the end of two weeks, the consumer often "rolls the loan over," or pays an additional \$15 to carry it for two more weeks, thus paying \$30 for a \$100 loan.

It's not just big business that rips off poor people. An oldie but goodie is practiced by furniture and appliance stores that sell to people who cannot pay cash. They "rent to own," often charging two or three times the cash price for a refrigerator or a sofa under exorbitant lease agreements.

A newie but goodie is auto title pawn, where a car owner pawns the title to the car in exchange for cash.

The interest rate on this pawn can be astronomical — sometimes more than 900 percent APR. Naturally, if the consumer falls behind on the monthly loan, the car will be repo-ed, no matter how much has already been paid on the loan.

Another revolting development lies in arbitration clauses. According to the National Consumer Law Center, "Creditors and merchants are increasingly inserting clauses into the fine print of their contracts that prohibit consumers from filing lawsuits, and force all disputes to mandatory arbitration hearings."

Arbitration clauses are carefully drafted to stack the deck against the consumer: They allow companies to select the arbitrators, arrange for the arbitration in places convenient for the companies but not the consumer, forbid class actions, limit discovery and prohibit recoveries such as punitive damages and attorney's fees."

There are many other examples of this kind of legal ripping off of poor folks. If our legally corrupted legislatures allow it to continue, it's all going to give capitalism a very bad name.

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Baseball pride

**To the editor:** The smell of the ballpark. The hot dogs, the burgers, the ice-cold drinks. All of this and a quality opponent to play. This weekend, Texas Tech will take on the University of Texas Longhorns in baseball. Oh yea, the No. 3 in the nation Longhorns.

On top of the hatred most Techsians feel toward the 'Horns, would it not be so nice to see them go back to Austin with a bitter taste in their mouth? The 2000 baseball team has had a rough go of it the first part of the season. What do you expect with the loss of three starting pitchers and the temporary loss of the right fielder? Well, the boys are getting a little more consistency. The baseball team has won five of the last six games it has played. Not enough you say? The Raiders also have swept the last two Big 12 opponents to come to Dan Law Field (the place Tech baseball plays). One of them being the No. 6 Baylor Bears.

They need our support. There is still enough time to become a fan. We will have around 1,000 to 2,000 Texas fans here for the games. Let's not let them show us up. See you at the ballpark.

Jason Ward  
junior  
advertising

### In defense

**To the editor:** I will make this brief as I am sure we are all tired of this discussion. Was my previous letter acting upon a rage or was I merely pointing out political inconsistencies within Mr. Blakemore's poem? Was I regurgitating stereotypes toward Mr. Blakemore or was I using metaphors to illustrate that life really isn't all that bad?

I myself have taken more than 30 credit hours of Latin American history and Spanish and lived in Mexico last summer. But is that really relevant to the issue? Or the fact that Amnesty International, as noble a cause as it might be, is incapable of understanding a feud which has been ongoing since Cortez decided to extend the Kingdom of Aragon and Castille to include Mexico? But let us not forget Subcomandante Marcos, always vigilant against "the American SS," did not deem it such a crime to apply for a grant from the U.S. government (NEA) to publish one of the many essays, the likes of which Mr. Blakemore was referring to.

In conclusion, I ask who then was acting in rage? Was it I, with my metaphors, or was it Mr. Blakemore's unwillingness to accept a critique?

Andrew Seger  
junior  
history

### Bike lessons

**To the editor:** Even when properly signaling, it is not uncommon for a bike to be compro-

mised by their four-wheeled brethren. In order to alleviate any further confusion, everyone (two wheels and four) should re-familiarize themselves with the accepted hand gestures to be used by bicyclists and recognized by drivers:

All gestures occur with the left arm — no exceptions. An extended left arm with the elbow locked straight to the left is an indication that the bicycle is about to turn left. This is not an indication to following cars that the rider wishes them to speed by, so this would be an inopportune moment to pass.

An extended arm with the elbow bent at 90 degrees with the forearm raised toward the sky is an indication of an impending right turn. This is not a "power to the people" sign and thus does not warrant a honk in response.

An extended arm with the elbow bent at 90 degrees with the forearm pointing downward is an indication that the rider is, or will soon be, applying the brakes. Here it would be a good idea to slow down since spandex can really gum up a radiator.

An extended middle finger is an indication of immaturity and ignorance and is utilized frequently by both riders and drivers alike. Hopefully, careful attention to the first three signals will drastically cut back on usage of the forth — but if not, better to smile and wave and continue on your way.

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# Annual engineering short course successful

by Cory Chandler  
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Department of Petroleum Engineering and the Petroleum Industry of West Texas sponsored a short-course conference to help raise money for scholarships.

The 47th annual Southwestern Petroleum Short Course attracted more than 500 engineers from across West Texas and the Permian Basin to the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center earlier this week, and 37 companies

participated in the event.

Wendy Storbeck, programs chairwoman for the Short Course, said part of the money raised by the conference will go to fund scholarships in the petroleum engineering department. However, she said Thursday, final dollar amounts raised had not been calculated.

Storbeck said this was the largest turnout ever.

"We can credit the organization of our volunteers," she said. "They did a good job of increasing our

publicity."

She said the rise in oil prices also was a contributing factor to the conference's success.

Fifty lectures were given by different authors during the two days. A tour of oil fields and equipment in the Permian Basin near Lubbock also was provided.

Storbeck said the Short Course is a good way for companies to gain insight on new advancements in the field.

"This is an opportunity for people

who wouldn't normally see each other to get together and share ideas," she said.

Fred Newman, owner of UniTrak Analysis Services, said this was his first time to participate in the conference and said he found it a good way to gauge the responses of potential clients.

"We're not here to sell anything at the moment," he said. "We have new technology, and we are looking for feedback on how we can improve on it."

Storbeck said the short course helps companies learn how to reduce costs and work in a low-cost environment.

"Companies that are fine when oil costs \$20 a barrel need to learn how to work efficiently at \$15 or \$10 a barrel," he said.

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## Judge to hear arguments in agriculture case

AUSTIN (AP) — A state district judge will hear closing arguments Friday in a case in which *The Associated Press* has been prohibited from using information obtained from the Texas Department of Agriculture regarding a state-funded loan program.

Lawyers for the news organization said Thursday that a temporary restraining order halting publication of the information was unconstitutional prior restraint on press freedom. Lawyers for the company that obtained a state-guaranteed loan said the information could divulge trade secrets and should be kept private.

At issue are Texas Agricultural Finance Authority documents about a state loan guarantee for Permian Sea Shrimp and Seafood Ltd. of Imperial. The agriculture department gave them to an AP reporter who requested them under the Texas Public Information Act.

Permian raises shrimp in West Texas in Pecos County, about 200 miles northwest of San Antonio. The agriculture department released its staff summary of the proposed loan guarantee for Permian Sea, which was reviewed when the Agricultural Finance Authority was making its decision.

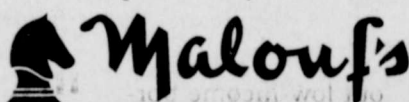
The company and its lender, the First National Bank of Monahans, contend that trade secrets included in the documents might give a competitor an advantage.



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## Changes to highlight 2000 Crawfish Festival

### New-look Nixons to headline festival, local bands also showcased

by Sebastian Kitchen  
Staff Writer

The Nixons have always been a live band. Recording an album was just something the band

did so the guys could get back on the road. With the band's new album, *Latest Thing*, things were different. "We wanted to dig a little deeper," said lead singer Zac Maloy. "I feel like this is the best thing we have ever done. We wanted to really work and really write."

With more than 50 songs to choose from, months writing the album and more time in the studio made the process for *Latest Thing* a change of pace for The Nixons.

Since the album was released Tuesday, the band is taking to the road for a three-week tour.

Fans will get a chance to hear some of the new music at the 11th annual Crawfish Festival on Saturday. The festival, sponsored by Tau Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Chi fraternities, begins at 12:30 p.m. and runs until 7

p.m. at the Big Backyard, 904 E. Broadway.

The Nixons are headlining the concert and will be joined by Blue Sky Black, Alligator Dave, Uncle Cyrius and Falling Jupiter. Tickets cost \$15 in advance and \$20 at the gate. Advance tickets are being sold in the University Center, Select-A-Seat locations and all pre-party locations. Tonight, the pre-party is at The Library, 2216 Interstate 27.

Admission to the Crawfish Festival includes all-you-can-eat crawfish. A BYOB policy is in effect as long as people do not bring in glass. In addition to glass, kegs or couches also will be prohibited. Lawn chairs, coolers and blankets are allowed. Proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics and the Children's Miracle Network.

"Lubbock is like a second home to us," Maloy said. "The radio, the crowds, the journalists — they support us every time we are in Lubbock. It is a blast. It is a great town for music."

In late May or early June, The Nixons will hit the road for a longer, full-blown tour.

*Latest Thing* has been ready for months, but complications at a higher level kept the album on the shelf and away from fans.

"This has been a longtime coming," he said. "It has been a long process, and it is exciting to know it is going to be released."

For the first time in years, The Nixons experienced a significant lineup change. Original guitarist Jesse Davis and drummer John Humphrey were replaced, but bass player Ricky Wolking remained in the

band with Maloy.

"I love them," Maloy said of the new band members. "They are great players, great guys. They are a part of the family."

The Nixons first hit radio airwaves with the hit song "Sister," which helped carry the album *Foma* to gold status. "Sister" was a top 10 alternative and active rock single. The single "Baton Rouge" from the band's self-titled album worked its way to No. 2 on the Rock Radio charts.

The band's first single from *Latest Thing*, "First Trip," has been receiving major air play on Dallas radio stations for months. *Latest Thing* was produced by Stephen Haigler, who has worked with such artists as Fuel, Jimmie's Chicken Shack and Oleander.

Recently, Maloy brought the music

closer to home by building a studio in his backyard. He can spend more time writing and working in music with the studio nearby, and he might want to spend more time at home since his wife gave birth to a baby boy this year.

With the new addition to the family, Maloy said he will try to make life on the road a family affair.

"They will visit me on the road," he said. "Touring is what I do. It will be a family affair. The wife and baby will be on the road a lot."

The Nixons will perform at EdgeFest in Dallas with a smash lineup of bands including Everclear, 311, Mighty Mighty Bosstones and many more. Before The Nixons leave for a long tour, fans can see the band with new songs and a new lineup in Lubbock.

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## Safety concerns spark security policy for Crawfish

by Michael Denton  
Staff Writer

For the past 11 years, the Texas Tech campus has experienced a little cajun fun with the Crawfish Festival, but this year's will be a little different.

New regulations have been implemented for this year's festival in an effort to make it safer.

The festival will be from 12:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at 904 E.

Broadway, across from Mackenzie State Park. Tailgating also will not be allowed inside or outside the event.

"This year, there will be no couches, kegs or glass allowed into the festival, and it is also BYOB," said Brandon Day, coordinator for the Crawfish Festival.

Glass items will not be allowed for safety reasons, since a bottle can be broken or thrown and hurt a band member or a festival attendee.

Kegs will not be allowed in an at-

tempt to control how much alcohol is consumed.

"We aren't allowing kegs because of problems at past concerts, i.e. bad car accidents after the Chili Cookoff," Day said.

Also, after couches were set on fire during last year's Easter Bash, Crawfish Festival coordinators decided to not allow furniture to be brought on the premises.

"People brought in couches, and after the concert was over, they set

them on fire, and people were falling into the fires, and the Lubbock Fire Department spent a lot of time putting them out," Day said.

Handling security at the event will be South Plains Security and 12 sheriff's officers. The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission also is expected to attend the event.

"We are going to have 20 guards posted all over the area that will be checking IDs, checking coolers, watching over the band area and di-

recting traffic," said Cindy Lancaster, representative for South Plains Security.

Guards from the security firm are trained to check for fake IDs, and although guards will not have any legal authority, sheriffs also will be on hand and will be checking IDs.

"Our guards will not hold anybody, but if they do find a fake ID, the person will be given a wristband to show that they are a minor," Lancaster said.

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## Perez to perform 'Dona Rosita's Jalapeño Kitchen' on Saturday

As part of the Texas Tech Graduate Student/Faculty Conference on Latin American and Iberian Languages, Literature and Cultures, Ruby Nelda Perez will perform "Dona Rosita's Jalapeño Kitchen" on Saturday at the University Center Allen Theatre.

The show will begin at 5 p.m.

and last about 80 minutes. Admission is free.

The monologue was written by Rodrigo Duarte-Clark, the artistic director and founding member of the Teatro de la Esperanza. One of his plays, "Brujerias," was made into a film in the 1970s.

Perez is a soloist and comedienne

from San Antonio who combines Spanish, English and Spanish in her performances throughout the United States and Mexico.

Grants through the Texas Commission on the Arts and the Lubbock Arts Alliance will sponsor the event. Other sponsors include Fiestas Del Llano, Inc., United Supermarkets, POWER

106, the West Texas Hispanic News, Cefiro, Sigma Delta Pi, the Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literature, the Latin American and Iberian Studies Program and the Tech Graduate Student/Faculty Conference on Latin American and Iberian Languages, Literature and Cultures.

## Day Break to host Tech trio, friend tonight

A trio of Texas Tech students and a friend will perform tonight at Day Break Coffee Roasters, located at 4210 82nd st.

Tech students Robert Moore, Matt Mills and John Ford have joined forces with percussionist Ricky Cross to create a Southern classic rock feel with Christian lyrics.

The band will perform with Perchance to Dream and Refuge. Admission costs \$1. For more information, call Day Break at 799-1995.

## Pumpkins upbeat despite low sales

CHICAGO (AP) — Smashing Pumpkins leader Billy Corgan says the band remains upbeat even though its latest album has been dropping on the charts.

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# Artists hope to enlighten Hub City with art exhibit

by Alicia Field  
Staff Writer

Artists from around the country will arrive in Lubbock this weekend for a not-so-ordinary art show at the Wheeler Brothers Studio, 1416 Texas Ave. Admission is free, and the show begins at 7 p.m.

With a variety of artwork in a carnival atmosphere, "Ulterior Motifs II" will address issues such as religion and nudity, said studio owner and Tech alumnus Jeff Wheeler.

"This will probably be one of the most controversial art shows in Lubbock," he said.

Wheeler and his brother, Brian, a graduate student at Texas Tech, said the issues that will be raised are ones in which both native Lubbock brothers have questioned throughout their lives.

"It's a way for people to see images in a different context," he said.

Local bands Watermelonfastbass and the Brazos River Boys will play at the exhibit, and free refreshments will be served.

"We wanted to throw a big party and invite all of our favorite artists from around the country," Wheeler said.

Seven artists will have their work on display, such as oil paintings and sculptures, and artist Jim Johnson will be debuting his animation pieces.

Artist Franklin Ackerley from Seattle also will be available for autographs.

"These artists are shown all over the country," Wheeler said. "We're arranging images so the viewers can create their own story."

Wheeler said a wandering magician, a dance troupe and a saddle demonstration also will be a part of the exhibit, adding to the carnival-like atmosphere.

"We feel like it shouldn't be like a

## artshow

regular art show," he said.

Local artist B.C. Gilbert will be creating a room for the exhibit entitled, "The Greasy Box Cafe."

Gilbert said he aimed for a sense of familiarity in the atmosphere of his work, one that Lubbockites can easily relate to. "I want to appeal to the educated individual as well as the blue-collar workers — open opportunities," he said. "I knew I was an artist when I was a child... I was creative with the way I looked a life."

Gilbert also said his work aims to confuse the typical gallery viewer and intrigue curiosity.

Combining different materials, Gilbert's work encompasses installation art with individual pieces of paintings and mixed media that blend together.

"I'm a contemporary artist reinventing the image of the Western stereotype," he said.

The purpose of "Ulterior Motifs



Courtesy photo

"... but are you air conditioned?" a piece by Franklin Ackerly, is one of the paintings that will be shown at the Wheeler Brothers Studio this weekend. The studio will display the "Ulterior Motifs II," an art show focusing on issues such as religion and nudity.

II" is to make art fun for the public, as the artists depend on the public for support, Gilbert said.

An after-show party will be at Hub

City Brewery, 1807 Buddy Holly Ave., and will begin at 10 p.m.

Live music will be provided by Kent Mings of the Texas Bellaires and

Wade Parks Banks.

For more information on this weekend's art exhibit, contact Wheeler at 744-9803.

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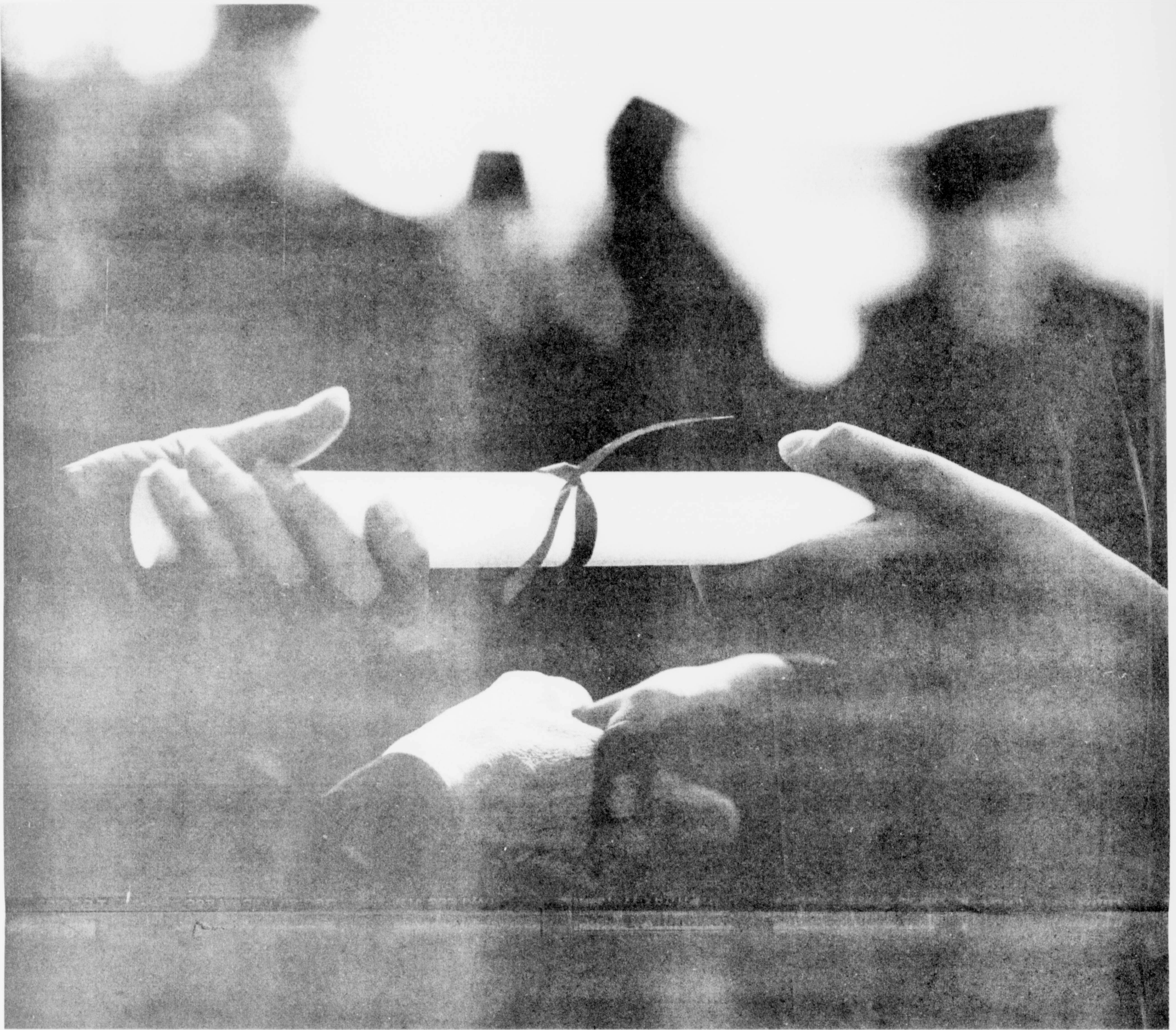
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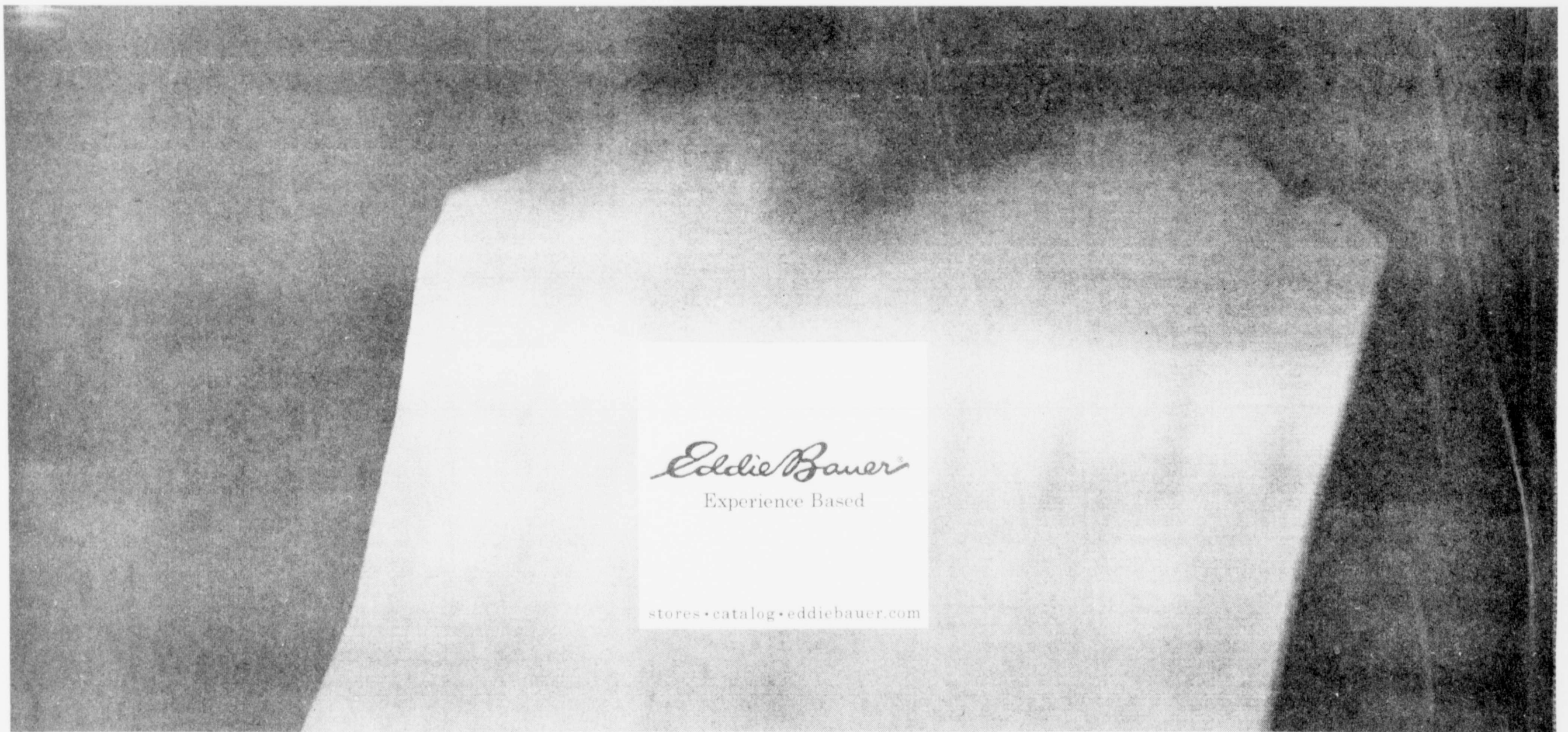
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# Redskins, Jets, Browns expecting good draft

NEW YORK (AP) — The Washington Redskins are expecting Saturday's draft to propel them to the Super Bowl. The New York Jets are hoping it makes them a contender for years. And the Cleveland Browns hope they'll draft a player to make them respectable in their second season.

The other 28 teams? They're just trying to find the best player in a draft heavy on receivers and running backs but short everywhere else.

Three things are as certain as things can be at draft time:

1) Two of the first three players to be chosen — linebacker LaVar Arrington or defensive end Courtney Brown — played together at Penn State. But where No. 1 will go is unknown. Cleveland has the first pick, but is willing to trade it for a passel of draft choices. The Jets have four first-rounders, two of them acquired this week in the trade for Keyshawn Johnson.

"We truly haven't made up our minds," said Dwight Clark, Cleveland's director of football operations.

2) The Redskins will get two high-quality players to add to a team that won the NFC East and made the second round of the playoffs. They reached their draft position with a series of trades centered around the one at last year's draft that sent Ricky Williams to New Orleans.

The Redskins will take Arrington or Brown and probably offensive tackle Chris Samuels of Alabama, with an outside shot for wide receiver Peter Warrick of Florida State.

3) For all the evaluation and re-evaluation, half the 31 players taken in the first round might be disappointments, and quite a few later-round choices will be stars. Jevon Kearse of Tennessee, who had 14.5 sacks and helped the Titans win the AFC title, was taken 16th overall last season.

"I'm no genius," said Indianapolis

Colts president Bill Polian, who has been depicted as one for taking Peyton Manning over Ryan Leaf two years ago and Edgerrin James over Williams last year, propelling the Colts from 4-12 in 1998 to 13-3.

"The draft is not brain surgery," Polian said. "You evaluate, evaluate and evaluate, study scouting reports and film and then go with your gut feeling. You also need some luck."

Luck is always a key word, particularly in this draft, in which a lot of high-profile players carry question marks.

They include Warrick, whose stock wasn't helped by his two-game suspension in a year when citizenship counts; Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne of Wisconsin, who's considered too heavy or too slow or too injury prone and is ranked third or fourth among running backs, and Florida State kicker Sebastian Janikowski, who might have been a first-rounder but misbehaved in New

Orleans at the Sugar Bowl.

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**Bill Polian**  
Indianapolis Colts president

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All of the above, warts and all, probably will go in the first round —

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# Oklahoma up next for Tech softball



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Tech second baseman Briana Nietert and the Texas Tech softball squad will try to knock off the Oklahoma Sooners this weekend in Norman, Okla.

by Matt Muench  
Staff Writer

Confidence is a key factor in most sports.

When the Red Raider softball squad (14-28 overall, 3-4 Big 12) meets the Oklahoma Sooners at 3 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday in Norman, Okla., it will be looking to sweep the Sooners and regain some confidence going into the last leg of Big 12 Conference play.

"We have some confidence going into this game," said outfielder Eva Harshman, who leads the team this season with seven doubles. "Last year, (Oklahoma) was ranked No. 1 in the Big 12, and we went down there and came out with two wins."

This year, the Sooners' successful ways haven't changed as they sport a No. 6 national ranking and sit atop the Big 12 Conference with a 7-0 conference record and a 43-5 overall record.

"We know they are good," interim coach Carla Marchetti said. "Everybody is beatable, but Oklahoma is by far the best offensive team in the Big 12."

The Red Raiders are used to playing ranked teams as they have a 2-8

record against ranked opponents. The two wins came against Texas (Feb. 12) and Oklahoma State (Mar. 25).

Pitcher Amanda Renfro was on the mound for both games and picked up both victories.

Renfro, who was named Big 12 Pitcher of the Week last week, is nursing a sore right shoulder going into this weekend's game. She reinjured her deltoid muscle in her shoulder Tuesday against Texas and remains questionable for Oklahoma.

She leads the Big 12 in ERA (1.15), strikeouts (224), innings pitched (194) and complete games (25).

Marchetti said she doesn't plan on pitching her ace both contests, and depending on how Renfro feels,

Marchetti isn't sure if she will pitch Renfro at all in the series.

Tech Pitcher Dana Yocum will start at least one of the contests.

On the opposing side, the Red Raiders will face Jennifer Stewart, the winningest pitcher in the Big 12 this season with 21 wins.

Stewart is one of the few left-handers in the league, but Harshman said it is no different from facing a right-handed pitcher.

"You still have to watch the ball come off the hip," Harshman said.

"Stewart is a good pitcher, and I know they have a bunch of other good ones."

Harshman said if the Red Raiders can execute and put everything together, they can sweep the Sooners.

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**Eva Harshman  
Tech outfielder**

## MCI Classic sports tough conditions

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — The Masters was last week. That's what champion Vijay Singh and the rest of the Augusta National contenders discovered Thursday in the MCI Classic.

Singh, applauded at every grandstand he passed, finished with a 1-under 70, four strokes behind leader Dan Forsman, who spent last weekend watching the Fiji native on TV.

Almost none of those who chased Singh at Augusta could handle the windy, cold conditions at Harbour Town Golf Links.

Ernie Els, second in the Masters, had an eagle and birdie through his first five holes but couldn't gain any more shots to end at 68.

Davis Love III, a Harbour master with four MCI victories, was tied with Forsman on the 18th hole. However, he sailed his approach into the marsh bordering the green and took a double-bogey 6 to drop into a tie with Els.

## Foul weather hampers senior golfers

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Japan's Seiji Ebihara shot a 4-under-par 68 on Thursday to take the lead during the suspended first round of the PGA Seniors' Championship.

Fifty-two players were unable to complete the round because of darkness after the threat of lightning interrupted play twice for a total of 2 hours, 57 minutes. When play resumed, there was a steady

drizzle for much of the rest of the afternoon.

Doug Tewell, playing his first full season on the Senior PGA Tour, was 4 under through 15 holes on PGA National's Champion course.

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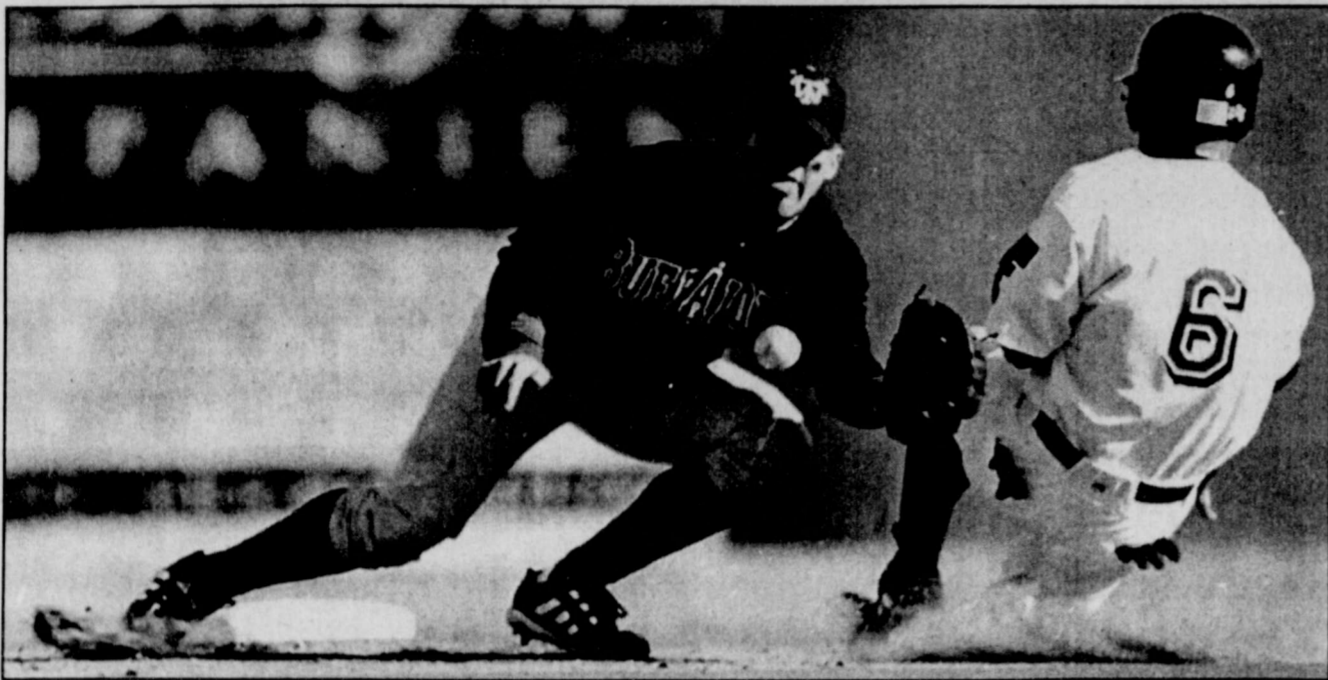
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# Raiders try to stay hot against Longhorns



by Jeff Keller

Assistant Sports Editor

The No. 3-ranked Texas Longhorns baseball squad will visit the confines of Dan Law Field this weekend for a three-game series against a Red Raider squad that has won nine out of its last 13 games.

Action will start at 7 p.m. today, and the teams also will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday and will close out the series at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The Longhorns are atop the Big 12 Conference standings with a 32-7 overall mark and a 14-3 mark in conference action. Tech is 22-17 overall but is not far behind Texas in conference play as the Red Raiders are in third place in the Big 12 with an 11-7 conference mark. The Red Raiders have not played since last weekend's 2-1 series win against Iowa State in Ames, Iowa.

Tech was scheduled to play a mid-week game against West Texas A&M, but rain storms forced a cancellation

of the contest.

Red Raider center fielder Marco Cunningham said he was disappointed Tech did not get to face West Texas A&M before the Texas series.

"I think we needed to play this week," Cunningham said. "It helps us with the bats a lot when we get to play during the week. I was kind of disappointed in the weather, but hopefully, we will get some good weather this weekend to make up for that."

Cunningham said with the conference schedule winding down, this series is the biggest one of the year thus far for the Red Raiders.

"This is definitely the biggest series of the year," Cunningham said. "This is the No. 1 team in the Big 12 versus the No. 3 team in the Big 12. There is no better place to play them than at home. Dan Law Field is a tough place for teams to come in and beat us. It's going to be a fun series for everyone to come out and watch and see us beat the Longhorns."

The Longhorns have used a solid

all-around team effort to earn their 32 wins this season. They are batting .300 as a team, and Longhorn pitchers boast a 3.04 team ERA.

Tech coach Larry Hays said he will start J.J. Newman on the mound against the Longhorns today.

Hays said pitching will be the key to winning the series against Texas.

"Their pitching is going to be good," he said. "For us to have some success, we had better pitch well. That is going to be the key for us. We've got to pitch."

This series against the Longhorns will be the first for Tech against Texas pitching coach Frank Anderson. Anderson was an assistant to Hays in the Red Raider program from 1990-99.

Hays said competing against Anderson is not on his mind heading into this series.

"Really, you don't think about that," Hays said. "We're worried about their players and not him. We're playing Texas, not Frank."

Tech center fielder Marco Cunningham and the rest of the Red Raiders will try to win the season series against Texas for the second straight year when they face the Longhorns in a three-game series this weekend at Dan Law Field. The Longhorns are in first place in the Big 12 Conference, and Tech is in third place in conference standings.

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## Men's tennis battles for tourney position

by Jeff Keller

Assistant Sports Editor

Fourth place in the Big 12 Conference regular season and a possible trip to the NCAA Tournament will be on the line for the Texas Tech men's tennis team as it ventures to Oklahoma this weekend.

The men will take on Oklahoma State on Saturday in Stillwater, Okla., and Oklahoma on Sunday in Norman, Okla.

The Tech men are 8-10 overall and 2-4 in the Big 12 Conference.

With a sweep of both Oklahoma schools, the Tech men would finish in a tie for fourth place in the Big 12 Conference regular season race, guaranteeing them of at least a No. 5 spot in the Big 12 Conference postseason tournament.

Tech tennis coach Tim Siegel said

the whole season rests on the outcome of this weekend's matches.

"It's all or nothing," Siegel said. "We've got two conference matches left, and we simply have to win them both. These two teams that we will face this weekend are ranked above us, and if we beat them both, we finish in fourth place for the season. So this is important not only to get into the post season but also to do well in conference."

Tech is ranked No. 52 in the nation and is coming off of a 5-2 home victory over Nebraska last Sunday in Lubbock.

In the match with the Cornhuskers, the Red Raiders won the doubles point and took the top three singles matches.

**"... we haven't lost our focus on making the NCAA Tournament ..."**

**Borut Martincevic**

**Tech tennis player**

tests.

"I hope we can carry some of that momentum with us," Martincevic said. "The Nebraska win was an im-

portant one because it was a really close match, and we ended up winning 5-2. That was important because it showed that we haven't lost our focus on making the NCAA Tournament, and we are still positive about it."

Siegel said he is looking for close matches on the road in Oklahoma this weekend.

"Both of these matches will be tough," he said. "I could see 4-3 types of matches. And we've had a lot of those close matches this season. We're 8-10, and six of our losses have been 4-3, so we are used to those close matches."

Siegel said sophomore Jevgenij Cariov will play at the No. 1 position for Tech this weekend.

"Jevgenij is playing the best right now on the team," Siegel said. "He'll get that chance to finish out as No. 1."

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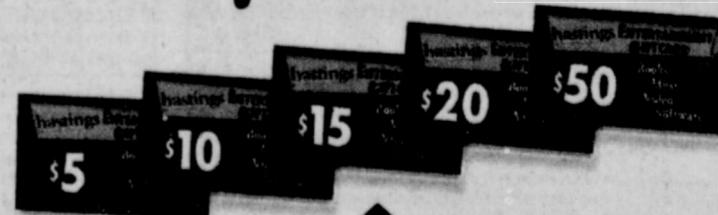
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