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## Parking problems could cause rise in rent

**PAVING THE WAY:** Tech officials, SGA looking to partner with local apartment complexes to pay Citibus.

By April Tamplen/Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association and Texas Tech in collaboration with Citibus and local apartment complexes are trying to find a way to re-evaluate transportation on and off campus.

Currently, apartment complexes on Indiana Avenue and 4th Street do not have to pay a fee to have buses pick up students at their complexes. Tech students pay for these off-campus buses through student services fees.

Channon Cain, outgoing external vice president of the SGA, said apartment complexes are getting free advertising from Citibus through their brochures so the apartments are making money from the bus routes.

"Right now, the service is provided to the apartments for

free, but the money comes out of student service fees," he said. "We want to make things better; we do not want to raise the student service fee."

Cain said the issue came to the attention of the SGA because apartments are getting business from the free route and are not contributing financially.

Leigh Mauer, incoming external vice president of the SGA, said the SGA has contacted local apartments and the apartments realize there is a problem.

"We told them the buses have been a free service, and we wish they could continue to be a free service, but now, it is time to give back," she said.

Cain said the main problem is a funding issue. Citibus receives a total of \$950,000 from student service fees; \$400,000 of this total goes to off-campus bus routes.

Max Hinojosa, director of operations at Tech, said there are a number of solutions for fixing the problem.

Hinojosa said Tech has run out of parking on campus.

"We discussed options from becoming partners with the apartments to dropping the service and expanding the parking lots," he said. "One thing is for sure. Tech is providing one

heck of a service to these apartments."

Hinojosa said a forum was held at the beginning of the year to discuss options with the apartments.

"It is more feasible for apartments to raise rent \$1 or \$2 for a few students than for Tech to raise student service fees across campus," he said. "But it is up (to) the apartment complexes to raise the rent."

Tammy Walls, director of operations at Jefferson Commons, located at 4th Street and Frankford, said her business will be affected if the change is implemented.

"The bus stops are a benefit for Tech and the students," she said. "We will pay for it one way or another."

Walls said Jefferson Commons uses the West 4th bus route in advertisements.

"If selling tickets to the students as passes to get on the bus is the way to go, then I guess I can see that. But I do not think it is productive," she said.

Johnny Flores, Citibus supervisor for the Tech campus, said changing the relationships between apartment complexes,



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THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT Association and Texas Tech in collaboration with Citibus and local apartment complexes are trying to find a way to re-evaluate transportation on and off campus.

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## Changing SCENES



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS FOR Lee Lewis Construction work on the top level Jones SBC Stadium on Thursday. Stage I of the Jones SBC Stadium project, which involved partial remodeling of the stadium as well as north end-zone seating is complete.

### As construction projects near completion, new projects planned

By Justin Matthews/Staff Reporter

As construction continues on campus, students find themselves intertwined with giant trucks, looming cranes and the booming sounds of construction.

With more than 15 projects under way and a total of \$240 million being spent, students are beginning to wonder when a final product will be seen.

Ben Moses, a junior construction engineering major from Big Spring, said he believes the construction is becoming a burden.

"I really don't mind it much, but it's getting old having to maneuver around all of it," Moses said. "I'm just ready to see them finish with some of them, especially the football stadium and the UC."

Four of the 15 sites are nearing completion and already are being used by some students.

Stage I of the Jones SBC Stadium project, which involved partial remodeling of the stadium as well as north end-zone seating is complete. Crews were faced with some minor problems involving concession equipment in the beginning but have since worked them out.

Along with the completion of stage I

of Jones SBC Stadium, some students have witnessed the grand opening of the expansion of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center, the tennis/softball complex and the marquee at the intersection of 19th Street and Flint Avenue.

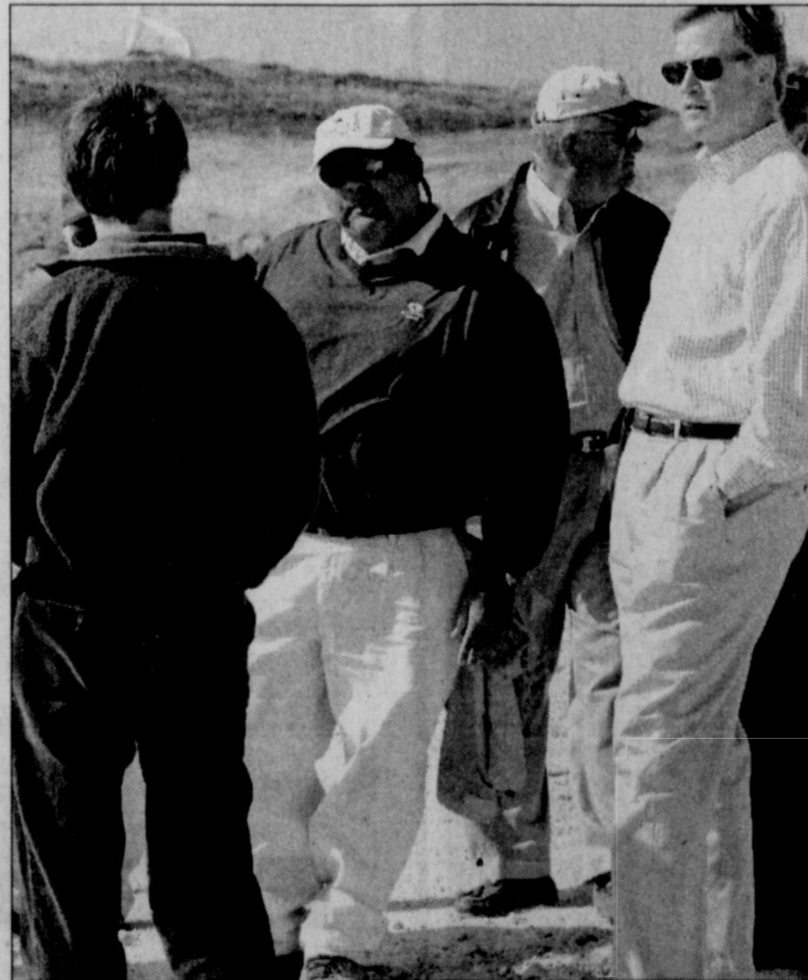
Crews encountered problems with the construction at the tennis court when the courts began to crack after completion. The Tech Regents raised concerns about the problem at the Board of Regents meeting in Odessa on March 1.

"One Regent said she thought it was a structural problem, and I agreed it is a structural problem," Ellicott said. "We have resolved the issue that was causing the cracks, and so, we are going to wait until the end of the season; if there are any visible cracks, we will, at that time, cosmetically repair them."

On March 28, construction crews, administrators and university representatives broke ground at the site that will later house a new Experimental Sciences Building.

Ellicott said the building will be a cutting-edge research building.

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DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

JERRY RAWLS (RIGHT), speaks with golf course designers and Tech officials about the progress of the Jerry S. Rawls Red Raider golf course being constructed north 4th Street and Indiana Avenue.

## Senate discusses bicycle safety, bells

By April Tamplen and Natalie Worthen/Staff Reporters

The prospect of bicycle lanes on the Texas Tech campus were discussed at the Student Senate meeting Thursday night.

Max Hinojosa, director of operations at Tech, said bicycle lanes are mentioned in the Tech master plan.

"We do not intend to solve anything right now, but we want to show you the plan," Hinojosa said to the Student Senate. "The university adopted a master plan that suggested trails and bicycle paths."

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HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer  
KELLI STUMBO, A junior public relations major from Flower Mound, initiates her last Student Senate meeting of the year as Senate president.

## Speaker says role of religion plays into war

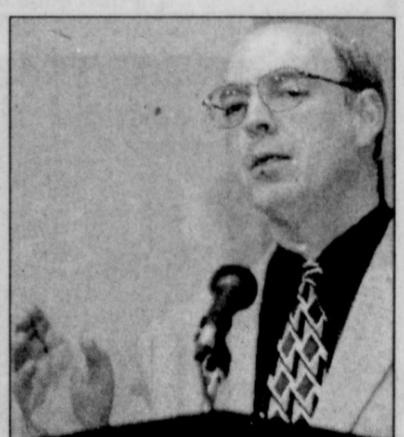
By Preston Files/Staff Reporter

Paul Martin, a U.S. Department of State religious freedom officer, visited Texas Tech's International Cultural Center on Wednesday and gave a presentation titled "Democratic values and the war against terrorism."

Martin said religious freedom is important in combating terrorism.

"I hope I made some comments to the notion that promoting religious freedom must be a part of our campaign against terrorism," he said. "That effort to seek out everyone around the world who is persecuted for their religious beliefs is something that all of us, whatever our faith, can be proud of as Americans."

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WILL REID/Staff Photographer  
PAUL MARTIN, A representative from the U.S. Department of State, gives a speech on the "War against Terrorism," Wednesday at the International Cultural Center.

## Economists declare recession over; help-wanted signs return

By Leigh Strope/Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ever so slowly, help-wanted signs are starting to replace the layoff notices.

Nurses and teachers are in short supply. Home furnishing stores are hiring, as are hotels, amusement companies and other recreation-type businesses. And temporary employment agencies are being asked to fill more jobs.

The increased business at the nation's temp firms is significant as the country begins to recover from recession. Businesses, hesitant to hire new, full-time employees, turn to temporary hires.

"It's not the tidal wave that we're waiting for and that we'd like to see,"

John Boone, chief executive of the Portland, Ore., temporary staffing firm Employment Trends Inc., said recently. "But the tide is rising."

U.S. businesses started adding jobs in February for the first time in seven months, helping push down the unemployment rate to 5.5 percent. Economists declared the yearlong recession over.

Temp firms were hit especially hard during the recession as they lost almost 500,000 jobs. Demand for workers in health care, finance and manufacturing started picking up for Troy, Mich.-based Kelly Services in February. Boone's Oregon company saw activity last month in most fields.

"We started getting a broad base of

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# Up 2 Date

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## Quote of the Day

"But if you're going to skip class, you might as well come watch us play some tennis and cheer us on."

— KENDALL BROOKS, Red Raider tennis player, on Texas A&M attendance. Please see AGGIES, page 8.

## Tech Notes

**Tech-Lubbock Community Day** will take place beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Student Union Ballroom.

Students will be involved with beautification, renovation and other charity projects around the Lubbock com-

munity. For more information, contact Channon Cain at (806) 742-3631.

## The Rundown



### Border bridge closed after car shooting

HIDALGO (AP) — A Mexican national riding in a car was shot by a Mexican military officer Thursday morning while crossing an international bridge to the United States, prompting officials to temporarily close the bridge.

George Ramon, director of the McAllen-Hidalgo-Reynosa International Bridge, said the bridge was closed for at least 30 minutes because of the "heightened alert" placed on all international border crossings since the Sept. 11 attacks.

INS spokesman Art Moreno said the man, a legal U.S. resident, was wounded in the hand, arm and leg and was taken to McAllen Medical Center.

Ramon said the driver, an 18-year-old U.S. citizen, wasn't hurt but was also taken to the hospital, where both men are under guard.

### Washington's no-fly zone hard to secure

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pilots have flown through the prohibited airspace protecting the White House at least 94 times over the past decade, illustrating the challenges of thwarting a terrorist airstrike on the nation's capital.

Even with military jets patrolling the skies, four commercial airliners and a medical helicopter have crossed into Washington's no-fly zone since the Sept. 11 suicide hijackings, Federal Aviation Administration officials say. The latest was on Monday.

In most cases, pilots who violated the airspace protecting the White House, vice presidential mansion and Capitol have gotten penalties less severe than a parking ticket, an Associated Press review of FAA enforcement records found.

### Oil workers held hostage in Nigeria

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — Villagers stormed a boat servicing a drilling rig off Nigeria's southern coast, taking hostage the 10 international and Nigerian oil workers aboard, Shell Oil said Thursday.

The 10 workers — one American, four Ghanaians, one Filipino and four Nigerians — were captured Tuesday by 40 young men from the village of Amatu, Bayelsa state, Shell International spokesman James Herbert said in London.

The hostage-takers demanded employment, oil contracts and other help from Shell in return for the workers' safe release, Herbert said.

The captives, whose identities were not disclosed, are employed by a company contracted to Shell, Tidex Marine, Herbert said.

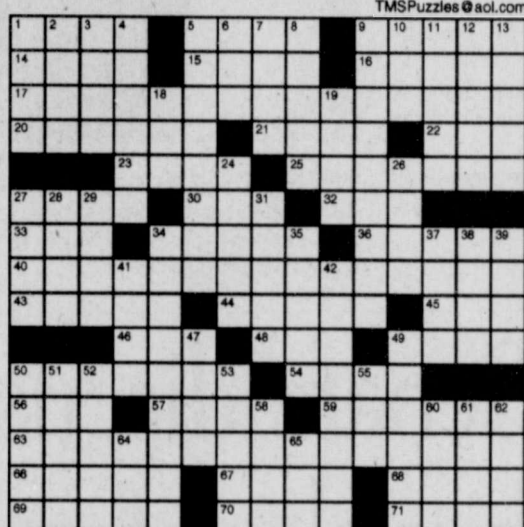
The youths, ethnic Ijaws, were apparently angered by the destruction of several boats during an armed standoff in January between Nigerian security forces and Ijaw villagers who had briefly captured another Shell boat, local newspapers reported Thursday, citing an official with Shell's Nigeria subsidiary.

## THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By James E. Buell  
Edgewater, FL

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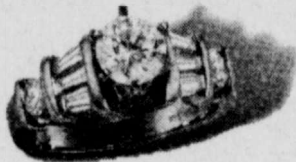
### Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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## Correction

In Wednesday's issue, the article titled, "Provost candidate prepares for last interviews," *The UD* erroneously reported that Viola Florez-Tighe's open forum would take place in Room 169 of the Human Sciences building. The forum will take place in the Matador Room in the Student Union. William Marcy's forum will also take place in the Matador Room. *The UD* regrets these errors.



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What: 2002-2003 Try-outs

When: Saturday April 27, 2002

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How: Information and applications can be

Friday April 19, 2002: Applications due by 5:00

Wednesday April 24, 2002: Try-out clinic

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# Agriculture college to host regional FFA event

By Preston Files/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and the student Ag Council are hosting the Area FFA Career Development Judging Contest on Saturday at the Livestock Arena. More than 1,600 high school students from about 150 West Texas schools will participate in the Area Judging Contest. Matt Baker, chairman and professor of agriculture education and communication, said the event is designed to reinforce instruction in the classroom with

competition. Events to be judged include livestock, meats, poultry, horses, dairy cattle, dairy foods, land, range and pasture and agricultural mechanics. A \$200 scholarship will be awarded to the top student in each event. Baker said the contest is application oriented. Competitions will run from 7:30 a.m. to noon followed by an awards ceremony, which will take place around 2 p.m. in the Livestock Arena. The Red Raider Extravaganza is

scheduled for noon Saturday in the Livestock Arena. The extravaganza includes a free hot dog lunch for all the participating students, as well as games, music, T-shirts and a special appearance by the Masked Rider. "This is a great recruiting event for the College of Agricultural Sciences," said Melissa Aguillard, coordinator of student and career development. "We hope that this new format will draw a bigger crowd and allow the area high school students to get a feel for what Texas Tech and the College of Ag Sci-

ences has to offer." Baker said the event is a competitive activity in which students train in a specific area of agriculture and use such things as problem solving, decision-making and critical thinking to evaluate an animal using certain criteria. Steve Frazee, associate professor in agriculture education and FFA coordinator of career development, said the event is a training mechanism for students learning a specific agricultural skill. Baker said the event is important because it emphasizes food security rea-

sons. He said being involved in these competitions makes these students much better consumers. "When the students leave high school, they become better consumers of food products," he said. "It is extremely import to know where this food comes from and the quality of it; these are skills they can use for life." Baker said Texas hosts the event for recruiting purposes. "The event lets us showcase our programs and beautiful campus Tech has to offer," he said. "For many of them, this is

the first time they will be at our campus, and we want them to leave Lubbock with a 'wow' feeling." Frazee said the opportunity to have 2,000 potential students on the Tech campus will be wonderful. "Hopefully, Texas Tech will benefit from the event by using it as a recruitment tool where high school students can get a look at the university and College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources," he said. The Livestock Arena is located at the 18th Street and Indiana Avenue.

## Dickson named next editor of La Ventana

By Jeremy Smith/Staff Reporter

The Student Media committee selected Vanessa Dickson as editor of *La Ventana*, Texas Tech's yearbook, for the 2002-2003 school year Thursday night.



Dickson

Dickson, a junior English major from Fort Worth, has been on the *La Ventana* staff since Fall 1999 when she began as a spirit and service section editor. During the past two years, Dickson worked as managing editor for the publication.

Dickson ran against Jessica Ingram. "It was a win-win situation; both candidates were excellent," said Susan Peterson, the director of Student Media. Dickson said despite the long selection process, she is eager to get to work. "It is kind of exciting and overwhelming at once because we have to start work on the new *La Ventana* before we even have this year's finished."

The candidates were interviewed by the Student Media management staff, who in turn gave evaluations to the Student Media Committee who is made up of professors, students, staff and Tech alumni. In addition to a lengthy application, the edi-

tor candidates were privately interviewed by the Student Media Committee, who made the final decision. Brandon Formby, editor of the 2000-2001 *La Ventana* and current editor of *The University Daily*, said Dickson is qualified for the job. "Vanessa is an extremely intelligent and creative woman. She has worked hard for the yearbook the past three years and understands what it takes to create a permanent record of a year in the life of this university," he said. "I'm excited to see what changes and ideas she brings with her. The book she creates will undoubtedly be awesome." Carla McKeown, editorial adviser for *La Ventana*, said both Dickson and Ingram, a sophomore journalism major from Lubbock, were qualified for the job. "Both Vanessa and Jessica are very enthusiastic and experienced with *La Ventana*, and I'm sure we'll have a great yearbook next year." *La Ventana* has been in publication since Tech's inception and has received several awards. The 2001 volume won the Silver Crown award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, a national award given to collegiate publications. It was selected as the best yearbook in Texas from a four-year school by the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association.

## Construction

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It will have 40 research lab modules, a plant stress lab, an imaging center with microscopes, a conference center, administrative offices and a virtual reality cave. "It will be an interdisciplinary research center," Ellicott said. "It won't be like a biology building or like a chemistry building; faculty will have to apply to be in that building." Four projects are approaching completion.

Tech's \$46-million English, Philosophy and Education complex, located on Akron Street north of Hulén/Clement offers 46 classrooms, including two large lecture halls and is scheduled for completion in July. The building will open for class beginning in Fall 2002; furniture will be moved in toward the end of May.

The parking facility, located south of the English, Philosophy and Education complex on Flint Avenue, will provide students, faculty, staff and visitors with an additional 780 spaces of paid parking and will be available for use by Fall 2002.

The facility reveals about a fourth of the final product, which will reach to 19th Street.

"The shortage of parking is on the south part of campus so the next parking garage that's scheduled is going to go over by Drane and Doak

hall along University," Ellicott said.

Phases II and III of the Red Raider bonfire site, located near the south entrance of the rec center is scheduled for completion in May. The site includes the addition of a patio and brick wall.

Construction of the Pfluger Fountain, located in Memorial Circle, is complete.

Students could have seen the fountain running a week ago, but the water is shut off now due to faulty jets and a problem with a pump. The fountain is now drained and will be refilled soon.

It was previously scheduled to be dedicated on Arbor Day, but due to setbacks, officials are now unsure if a dedication ceremony will take place during Arbor Day.

Tech officials recently announced plans for the construction of the Marsha Sharp Center for Student Athletes, which will begin in the fall.

The 13,600-square-foot center will honor academic achievements of student athletes and provide academic, classroom and computer laboratory space.

Completion of the building, which will be located west of the athletics training facility, will use the space currently used by athletics department administrators and staff for parking and is scheduled for completion in 2003.

Marsha Sharp, head coach for the Lady Raiders basketball team, donated a significant amount for the center.

Also included in the projects scheduled for completion in 2003 is the recently renamed Student Union.

The Student Union, formally the

University Center, is receiving expansions and renovation at a cost of \$38 million.

Included in the construction will be the addition of a two-story Barnes & Noble bookstore with a Starbucks coffee shop and sandwich place, a small casual dining area, a movie theater, a gathering pavilion, new offices and seven new franchised vendors.

The Jerry S. Rawls Red Raider golf course is scheduled to open May 2003.

Construction on the championship-level course is under way; crews have completed three holes: 14, 15 and 16. During construction rews have excavated one million cubic yards of dirt.

The course, which will meet NCAA standards and will be capable of hosting both conference and national tournaments, will be the fourth in the Big 12. Kansas State University and Oklahoma State University have courses and Texas A&M is building one.

The Red Raider course will include a state-of-the-art practice facility, a clubhouse, a pro shop, a snack bar, locker rooms, equipment buildings, parking lot and access roads.

There will also be a practice driving range and a short-game practice area. The design style also includes landscaping features including rolling hills, trees and a lake.

Stages II and III of the Jones SBC Stadium project are also scheduled for completion in 2003.

## Citibus

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Tech and Citibus will not affect Citibus in a negative way.

"The thing is we have a contract with Tech," he said. "We do whatever Tech orders us to do."

Flores said 3,000 students ride off-campus buses most of week, with 2,800 students riding on Fridays.

Currently, there are six off-campus bus routes. Four run along 4th Street from 7:05 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Two routes run on north Indiana Avenue from 7:20 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Flores said Citibus would like to have more buses run off campus on west 4th and north Indiana.

"The two buses on north Indiana are killing us because they are in demand," he said. "We have to have more buses."

On campus, there are 15 buses: six Green Route buses, seven Red Route buses and two Business Administration routes. These buses run from 7:00 a.m. to 6:55 p.m.

Flores said 15,000 students ride the bus on campus.

"We keep all the on-campus buses pretty packed," he said.

Cain said Citibus wants to work with Tech to fix the transportation problem.

"Citibus has really shown how much they actually care," he said. "They want to work with us to better the service students are provided now."

Hinojosa said key decisions will be made in May when the apartments, Citibus, Traffic and Parking and Tech have their next meeting.

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Perspectives



# As the end nears, nothing is clear

COLUMN



BRANDON FORMBY

So graduation is barely more than a month away. I've taken the classes. I've done what I was supposed to do. Here I am at the end of the road, and well — this is not how I pictured it at all.

I guess you watch one too many savings and loans commercials and you automatically get duped into the conclusion that once you get to this point in your life, you have all the answers, you know what you are doing and the world is just laying at your feet for the taking.

Screw all that. First of all, the world could not care less about a bunch of college graduates. Life is already used to a whole crop of fresh-faced twenty somethings showing up on doorsteps every May looking for glory and fortune.

All we really can do is show up, get in line with the masses and pray for the best.

Another thing is, once you get here, not only do you not have all the answers but you're left with more questions than you started out with.

What's a 401k? Is a bigger job in a smaller market better than a smaller job in a bigger market?

When should I start saving for retirement? Am I going to be single forever? Where do all the left socks really go?

Does my ass really look like that? I have come to the steadfast conclusion that when you have all the answers, one of two things happen: the rug is swept out from under you, and the rules change, thus negating the validity of any conclusions you have come to hold as truth, or you die.

No one really knows what they are doing 100 percent of the time, anyway. Half of life is just holding on for the ride.

I'm beginning to understand these truths more and more as I continue to aimlessly fumble my way through life. Graduation does not bring some clear knowledge of how the world operates. If anything, it only makes you realize what little you actually do know compared to what you thought you would.

Do not let me give you the impression that I am dragging my feet. I am ready to leave. God, having hours of class, long work nights, projects, papers and tests on top of rarely successful attempts to hold down some semblance of a social life will most definitely not be missed.

Maybe if I already knew where I was headed, though, my subconscious would stop griping me out for the uncertainty that lies ahead. Which brings us to graduation myth No. 28: There is no job waiting for you when you graduate.

Now, this does not mean every job under the sun has already been snagged. What it does mean is don't expect anyone to come knock down your door to offer you a corner window and phat benefits package. You actually have to get out there and find something.

If I sound disillusioned and flusterbated right now, I do not even know which word to use to describe my parents' state of mind. While at home over Easter, they asked if I wanted to move back home on graduation day or wait until the next day.

For some reason, their memories have failed, and they are under the impression that moving back into my old bedroom (which now serves as little bro's living room) is a life decision I'm leaning toward.

It's as if they assume my move to Lubbock was more about getting an education and less about getting out from under their roof.

The way they have it planned, Dad's just going to have to back the truck up to the United Spirit Arena so the minute I shake hands and get the diploma I can run and jump in the back and be off on my way back to Plano.

The nervous breakdowns are probably the highlight of this whole coping process. One day I'm excited. The next I don't know how I feel. It

changes from minute to minute and leaves my friends suspecting I'm going through menopause.

Actually, at this point, a hot flash sounds a lot more appealing than the who-am-I, where-am-I-going, why-don't-I-have-all-the-answers mental fits I tend to go through.

I guess part of the problem is I had erroneously figured that this semester was going to be the fun and easy one, like a coast down a hill.

Of course, destiny had to get involved and stomp all over that dream. Which reminds me — never assume anything about the future because that just gives God a chance to have a little fun with you. And what a sense of humor that guy has.

The upside to all of this is the excitement of beginning your life. I've waited 23 years for this time in my life, and I guess I'm just ready for it to be here already. I'm stir crazy and ready to start making decisions and deciding where I'm going to steer this life.

I've sat in classrooms and listened. I've gotten all the experience I possibly could. Now I'm just ready to get out of here and apply it. I know I'm going to get knocked on my butt a few thousand times, but I'm ready for what life is ready for me to have.

In some ways, graduation seems like two seconds away. In others, it seems like it will never get here.

Maybe if I could just decide whether or not I'm scared or excited or happy or sad or mad or anxious, I'd be able to handle this emotional roller coaster a lot better.

Maybe I'm just in denial that I'm all of these things at once, which is what makes it such a big deal and makes me human, which at times is OK to admit. I just don't know which direction to take or how to feel about any of this.

But I'm not really supposed to have the answers anyway. Thank God.

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# Long distance relationships risky but have their pluses

COLUMN



RACHEL RICHMOND

OK, so I often write about relationships. An acquaintance told me "relationships are worthless." But, for some reason, they interest me. They are the basis of communication between a person and a friend, an employer, a professor, family members and yes, significant others.

Relationships can be good or bad, easy or challenging, nerve-racking or complete bliss. However, all relationships require energy, whether it is physical, mental or emotional.

The type of relationships that holds the title for most challenging, in my eyes, has to be the long-distance relationship. I believe long-distance, significant-other relationships have to require the most energy possible. They are both challenging and emotionally straining. So, are they really worth it?

Long-distance relationships require strong communication, physical restraint and discipline. It is difficult to not have the ability to hold that person because they may be 1,000 miles away.

So, one must rely on the emotional and mental aspect. Strong communication skills are a necessity. Long-distance relationships are a great way to get to really know the person. They allow the opportunity to fall for the person they truly are. Sure, you lack knowing the mannerisms and habits, but it can be refreshing to know that person emotionally and mentally inside and out.

I used to think long-distance relationships were not worth the time or effort — until I found myself in the middle of one. It was difficult, but I can honestly say it was worth it. I knew the guy for one day before I left to start my college career. The initial physical attraction was there so we continued communication.

We wrote letters, e-mails and called each other several times a week. At times there were months before we would be in the same city. But, when we saw each other, there were no uncomfortable silences and no useless words spoken because we knew everything about one another. It was comforting knowing that he did not want to just get into my pants but more to get inside my head. But, all good things must come to an end. So, we eventually broke it off and he continues to be one of my best friends.

Another good aspect of a long-distance relationship is the inability to be consumed by everyday relationship details.

Basically, one can actually still get things done. Responsibilities are not replaced with boyfriend-girlfriend time. The significant other is not constantly in your face; therefore, you can remain on top of schoolwork, work and fun time with friends. This type of relationship is ideal for the busy bee that wants a relationship.

Long distance relationships can also be rather inexpensive. You don't have to pay for dinners or movies. That alone can save your checkbook. E-mail is free and stamps are rather cheap (although I heard the post office is raising the price, yet again).

Sure, the phone bills can rack up, but a lot of cellular phone companies offer free long distance. Plane tickets are expensive, but Southwest Airlines is cheap and so is having a friends-fly-free deal. So, have a relationship with someone within Southwest Airlines flying range and bring a friend to split the cost.

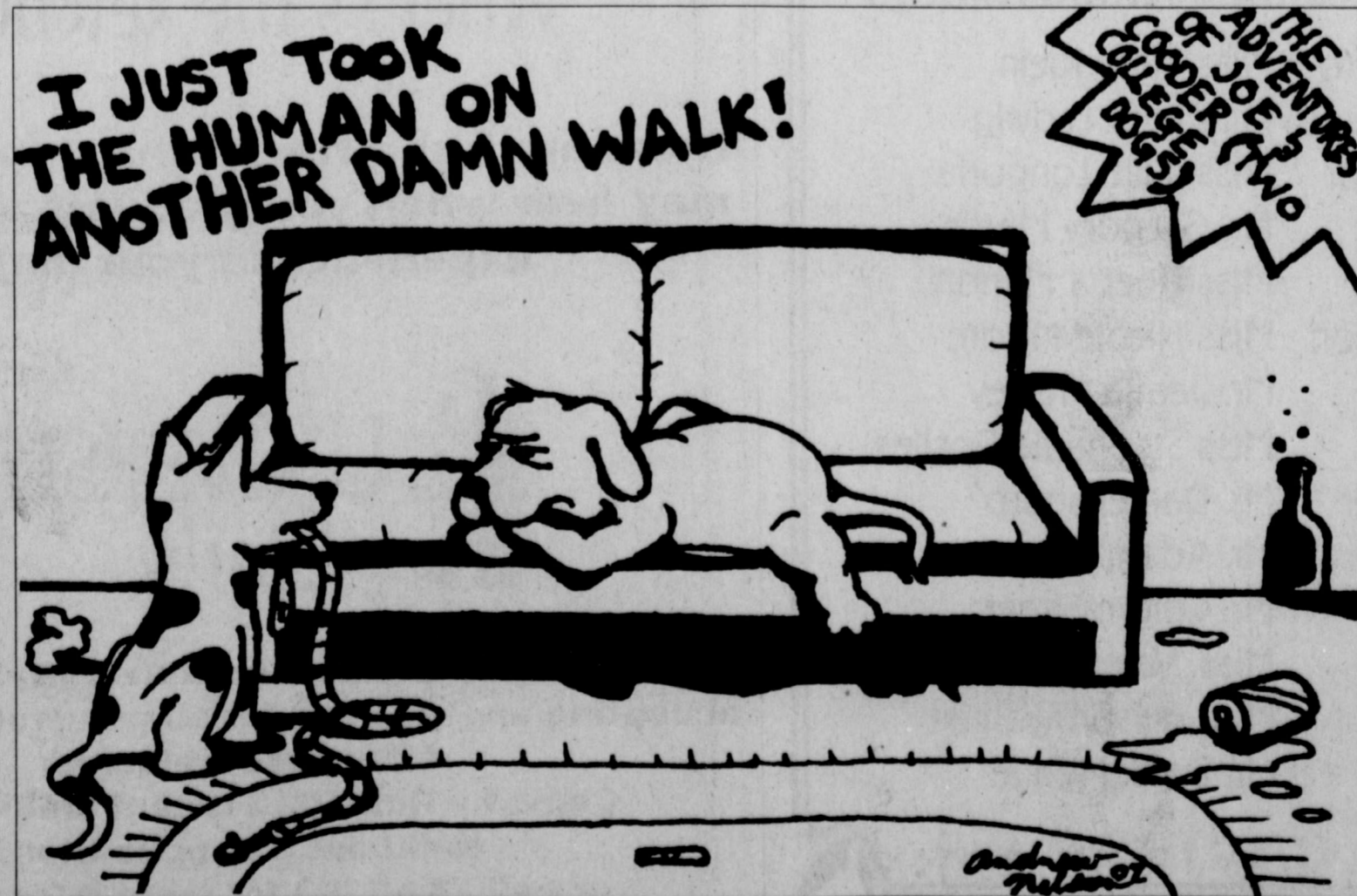
A long-distance relationship can prove whether it is meant to be quicker than an everyday relationship as well. It requires a different type of effort.

So, it depends how up you are for a challenge. If it is not a match made in heaven, it will eventually fizzle off. No worries. But, if it is in the cards for the couple, then it will be proven over time. Patience is virtuous, yet again.

Long-distance is not always a bowl of cherries. It is a relationship based solely on trust and faith in the other. How much do you trust your partner? Trust is a difficult thing to gain and maintain. But, if the relationship is solid, there should be no worries.

So, long-distance relationships are not so bad — but they are definitely not for everybody. They are challenging but have their good points. Would you go the extra mile for the one you love? Someone recently told me that love has no distance. I'm not sure if he is right. I guess it all depends how bad you want to be with the other person, the relationship ... and the phone bills.

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**Lecture**

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Martin said the United States and its allies are not fighting against Islam but are fighting a war to protect human rights and religious freedom, including the practice of Islam.

Martin said his goal was to spread the word about the United States government's strategy and efforts to promote religious freedom around the world.

The presentation was part of a pilot project between the State Department and the United States League of Women Voters. Susan Barrick, president of the League of Women Voters in Lubbock, said the project is a wonderful opportunity for State Department representatives to talk in local communities about what is going on nationally.

Martin said one of his goals is making people aware of his office.

"The office of international religious freedom is working on their behalf to promote religious freedom around the world," he said. "I wanted to describe some of the things we do to do that."

Martin said the office works to promote international religious freedom by compiling an annual report on religious freedom covering every country in the world.

The last report was distributed in September. Martin said the report has gained international recognition as the most comprehensive and generally most objective source of religious freedom in the world today.

A more convenient version of the religious freedom report can be found on the State Department's Web site,

www.state.gov.

"The office is designed to stop persecution so religious believers can freely practice, live and express their faith so long as they do so peacefully," he said.

Lubbock citizen Vanessa Sikes said she was interested in Martin's background and hearing the dialogue about religious freedom.

"I didn't realize that the government had a department on religious freedom and that it published an annual report about every country in the world. I plan to look that up on the Internet; that was interesting," she said.

Before his presentation, Martin hosted a forum to discuss international careers and careers in the U.S. Foreign Service.

Idris Traylor, executive director of the office of international affairs and director of the International Cultural Center, said the career counseling was a tremendous help and opportunity for the students.

Martin said the U.S. State Department is going to increase hiring during the next few years.

"There are going to be more opportunities, so we are trying to promote interest among people who would make a positive contribution," he said.

**Senate**

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Each trail will be 10 feet wide and shared with pedestrians.

Hinojosa said putting in the bicycle lanes possibly could cut into residence hall parking lots.

"To continue the proposed bike paths to go off pavement, we'd have to go into the (residence hall) parking lots. And I'd rather put a gun to my head," he said.

Kelli Stumbo, outgoing internal vice president and incoming president of the Student Government Association, said student safety is a top priority on campus and students are getting injured more often on campus while riding bicycles.

Hinojosa said the proposed bicycle lanes will get more bicycles off the streets and keep pedestrians safe.

"We need to learn how to safely incorporate bicycles with motor vehicles," he said. "That takes space, and space takes money."

A proposed victory bell to specifically be used in the United Spirit Arena was presented to the Student Senate.

John Kleifgen, a representative from the Saddle Tramps, said the presence of a bell

would boost spirit at basketball games and get more involvement from the crowd.

The proposed bell will weigh 280 pounds, Kleifgen said. The bell will eliminate four student seats behind the cheerleaders and in front of the band.

Stumbo said this victory bell will be a smaller version of "Bangin' Bertha." The victory bell will be allowed in the United Spirit Arena during home basketball games and other sporting events.

Discussion was also held about the process it takes to join Freshman Council. Stumbo said the Senate is looking at creating an interview process for students interested in joining Freshman Council.

A resolution concerning the consolidation and public display of the campus master plan was passed at the meeting.

Stumbo said the point of displaying the campus master plan on campus is so students can be aware of the coming changes to the campus and review the proposed campus layout.

Students would have the opportunity to comment on changes exhibited by the United Spirit Arena, Carpenter/Wells complex, the English/Philosophy/Education complex, new clock tower, the parking garage, Memorial Circle renovation, Student Union renovation and Jones SBC Stadium renovations.

**Economy**

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orders from all different clients," he said. "We've been waiting for this for a long time."

The end of the recession and payroll increases do not mean jobseekers are in the driver's seat. Economists say companies will remain skittish about hiring back workers until a full economic recovery has appeared, possibly at year's end or next year.

That means the unemployment rate still could rise before leveling off, some analysts say to 6 percent or more. Analysts are forecasting a 5.6 percent rate for March and 50,000 new jobs; the indicator is being released Friday.

New claims for unemployment insurance shot up last week by 64,000 to 460,000 — the highest level since the beginning of December, the Labor Department said Thursday. But the layoffs picture was distorted by a federal deadline for people to seek extended unemployment benefits.

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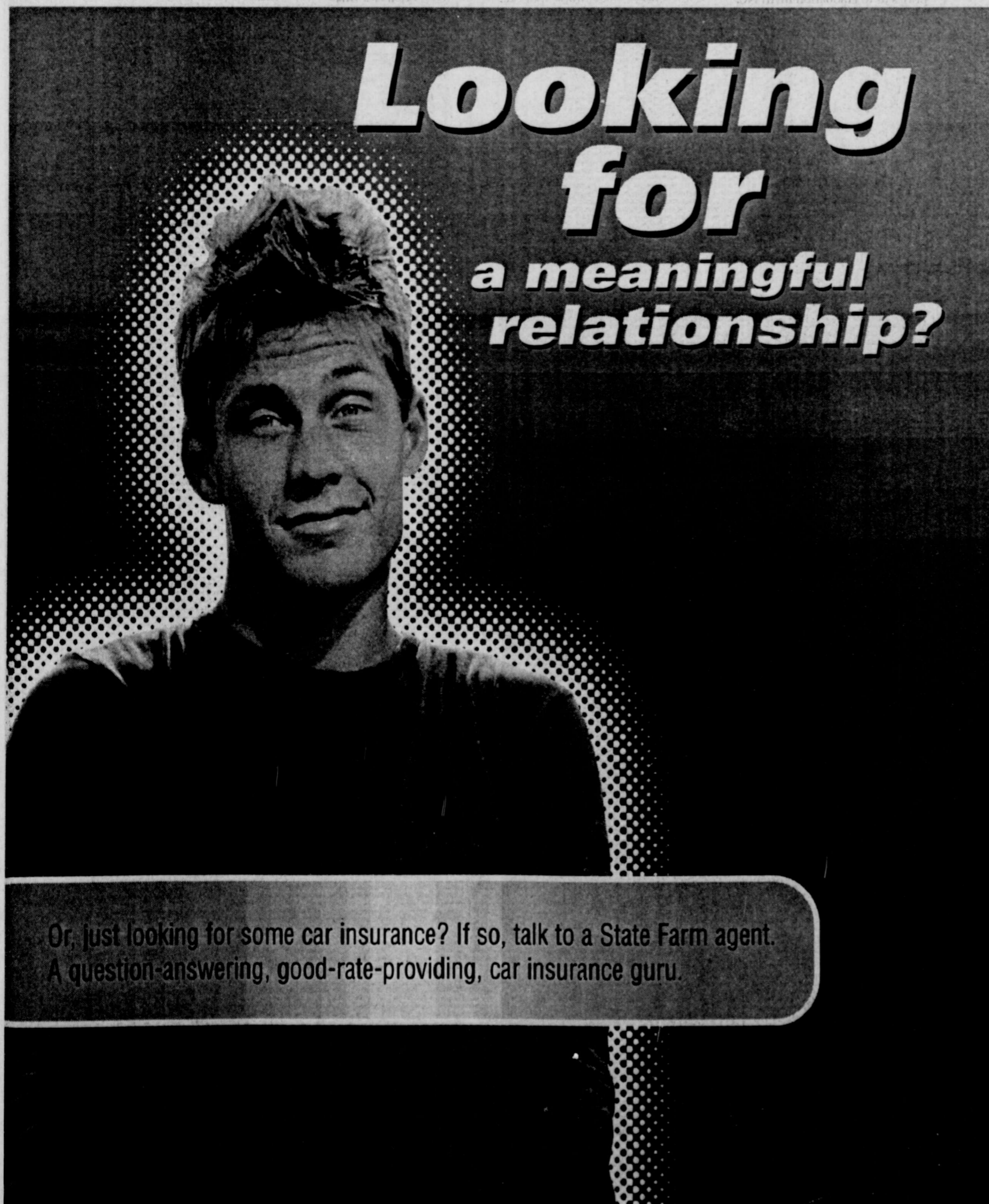
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## Soccer Tournament to benefit charity



By Whitney Wyatt/Staff Reporter

Chi Omega will host its first Chi-O Cup, an all-

Greek soccer tournament benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation at 11:45 a.m. Saturday at the Burl Huffman Field.

Kristiana Hines, the community service director for Chi Omega, said the organization will donate 50 percent of the proceeds to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and 25 percent to both the philanthropies of the fraternity and sorority that wins the tournament.

"More than anything, our goal is to raise awareness (about the Make-A-Wish Foundation) and get all the Greeks

involved," said Hines, a junior fashion design major from Sugarland.

She said teams consist of six players. Ten teams are currently registered. It costs \$10 per player, she said.

The tournament works like a bracket, she said.

"You continue to progress in the tournament until you get beaten," Hines said.

Both the fraternity and sorority winners will be presented with a check to their respective philanthropies. They will also be presented with a trophy, which was donated by Cleveland Athletics.

"The Lubbock community has shown their support (of the soccer tournament)," she said.

Billy Backcock, president of the Lubbock Soccer Association, donated the soccer fields and time of referees for the

Chi-O Cup, she said, and Charles Kellogg put together the soccer brackets for the tournament.

Hines said it is important for the Greek community to come together because each sorority and fraternity shares the same goals. The goals focus on philanthropy, whether it is scholarship or social events.

"It's a natural step to come together in philanthropy," she said. "Community service is something we really value."

Uniting the Greek community is another goal Hines said she has for the Chi-O Cup.

"For us all to come together, would be great," she said.

Depending on how the inaugural event goes, Hines said, she hopes the Chi-O Cup becomes an annual event for Chi Omega.

## 'Lord of the Rings' releasing special DVD's with features

"The Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring" has recently crossed over the \$300 million mark at the box office, joining "Harry Potter" as one of the biggest grossing films of 2001.

Following the film's four Oscar wins, the studio has released a bonus ending of "Fellowship" which is still in theaters.

Patrons who are up to repeated viewings will find that at the end of the feature, there is now a new trailer for the second installment of the series entitled "The Two Towers."

The trailer comes just after the final shot of Frodo and Sam descending into the valley. The preview for the new film lasts around four min-

utes and gives fans a glimpse at key features in the next film.

The trailer was composed at the request of director Peter Jackson through the fan-site TheOneRing.net, which ran a poll asking fans to give input on what they would like to see in the new trailer.

In other "LOTR" news, details have been announced for the DVD release of "LOTR: FOTR." According to TheOneRing.net, New Line Cinema will release three versions of the film

for DVD. First, on August 6, the theatrical version of the film will be released as a two-disc special edition with a few featurettes to accompany.

On November 12, the studio will release an R-Rated version of the film incorporating 30 minutes of previously

unseen footage into a four-disc set, two discs for the film and two for the extra features. Finally, a collector's box-set edition will be released. This will include the extended cut of the film and a National Geographic documentary on "LOTR."

The 30 extra minutes of footage will give more character development and also include extended scenes from scenes already in the theatrical release. The studio representatives said the film could feasibly be ready for the theatrical DVD release sooner than August, but they recognize that summer months June and July are not rental-friendly months due to vacations and the like.

Bonus footage, featurettes and documentaries are still being shot and edited. However, true fans of the film and book series may find it worth their while to hold out until the extended cuts are obtainable to buy the DVD's.

"The Two Towers" teaser is now playing following "Fellowship" in local Lubbock theaters.

—James Eppler

## Former 'All my Children' star sues the show

NEW YORK (AP) — Former "All My Children" star Michael Nader has filed a lawsuit for nearly \$32 million, claiming that ABC lied to him and damaged him professionally and financially.

Nader, who played the dashing Hun-

garian Count Dimitri Marick on the daytime drama for nearly a decade, alleges breach of contract and seeks \$1.74 million in unpaid wages, \$25 million in compensatory damages and \$5 million for infliction of emotional distress.

The 57-year-old actor actually was in drug treatment after a narcotics arrest in Manhattan's East Village. The district attorney's office said he pleaded guilty and was sentenced in May 2001 to three years of probation.

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# Smoochie not death to comedy

MOVIE REVIEW



JAMES EPPLER

Director Danny DeVito is most certainly an acquired taste. His twisted and dark sense of humor has come to the surface in such films as "Throw Momma From the Train" and "The War of the Roses." Now comes "Death to Smoochy," a bizarre and twisted inside look at the world of children's television.

Robin Williams stars as Rainbow Randolph, a tap-dancing clown who, behind the scenes, is a sick and demented man that takes payoffs from parents to put their kids close to the camera. He is busted by the FBI, and in their embarrassment, the network yanks his show off the air.

The network sends one of their executives, the ice queen Catherine Keener, and digs up a guy named Sherman Mopes (played by the talented Edward Norton). Sherman has a character he created called Smoochy, a big guitar-playing purple rhinoceros — not to be confused with a big purple dinosaur. Smoochy is a clown-for-hire, performing gigs at birthday parties and smack rehab houses. He has an entire library of songs he uses for each occasion, including one called "We're gonna get

you off that smack."

The studio signs Smoochy to a television show and airs it in Randolph's old time slot. Randolph becomes insanely jealous and begins to find ways to smear the sweetly innocent rhino. Randolph is so determined to bring down this "bastard son of Barney," that he goes to some hilarious extremes to accomplish his wicked mission.

Meanwhile, Smoochy is becoming a big hit with his feel-good dialogue with the kids and songs like "My step-dad's not mean, he's just adjusting." Mopes himself is a purist. He wants to dissuade kids from fatty foods, and when approached by his agent Mr. Burke (DeVito) to do "Smoochy on Ice," he adamantly refuses.

As a present, Burke gives Mopes a handgun telling him that it is a necessity in this business. Charity services are viewed as the mafia of the kiddie TV world. If one doesn't consent to give profits to charity, they may find their legs unwontedly amputated.

Only actors as talented as Williams and Norton could make this film work. Their performances make the material somewhat likeable. Many critics are muttering "Death to DeVito" over this film, and the low box office opening only proves this film is having trouble finding an audience.

But for my money, "Death to Smoochy" is one of those films that is so howling bad, it's good. Obviously a bad movie, it's strange that I can recommend it for those with slightly skewed senses of humor. I laughed in spite of myself. It's a film that can make one laugh at a

man being beaten and shot to death and be slightly happy about it because he was an obnoxious character anyway. Am I sick? Possibly. But I blame screenwriter Adam Resnick and DeVito for forcing me into such a position of delirium.

One can't help but wonder what attracted such big-name actors to this film, but after watching it, one gets the impression that this was just a chance to do something different. Anyone with a squeaky-clean perception of Robin Williams' image will have their notions violently tarnished. Norton, on his part, is overly cheesy to perfection. The film would not have worked at all with lesser actors. So much of it doesn't work at all, but that's almost the point. This film is certainly not for everyone, but those of us with a slight taste for black comedy will find "Death to Smoochy" a harmless guilty pleasure.

EPPLER'S RATING: ★★ 1/2

- ★★★★★ - Flawless
- ★★★★ - Excellent
- ★★★ - Good
- ★★ - Mediocre
- ★ - Awful

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WILL REID/Staff Photographer

JOEL WALKER, A freshman business major from Plano, enjoys a game of Hacky Sack with his friends.

# Miramax acquires the rights to 'Pokemon' sequels

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Miramax Films has acquired the distribution rights to the next two "Pokemon" movie sequels, both in North America and internationally outside of Asia.

The movie company, which is owned by the Walt Disney Co., completed the deal late Tuesday but no financial details were disclosed. A

source close to the negotiations told the Los Angeles Times that Miramax paid \$1 million up front and promised the rights holders a 75 percent share on back-end profits.

The deal gives Miramax the theatrical, home-video and television distribution rights and the option of releasing "Pokemon" films in

the future.

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# Aggies enter McLeod Center, Raiders ready



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer  
TEXAS TECH TENNIS player Ben Gudzelak hits a forehand during the UT-San Antonio match. Tech faces Texas A&M at 2 p.m. today and Nebraska at 1 p.m. Sunday.

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

Although he does not wear a helmet or shoot a basketball, Texas Tech tennis player Royce Ramey always wants to beat Texas A&M. He may not compete in a major sport like football or basketball, but the senior co-captain said tennis is no different when it comes to Aggies against Red Raiders.

On Friday, the men's squad and the women's tennis team will renew the rivalry on the tennis courts when they both face the Aggies today at the McLeod Tennis Center.

The Tech women (7-10 overall, 3-5 Big 12) will begin at noon against No. 25 Texas A&M, and the men will start at 2 p.m. The Aggie men are ranked 12th.

The Raider men (10-7, 1-2) are coming off of a sweep of UT-San Antonio on Saturday, and Tech athlete Royce Ramey said this is a big match for pride.

"In competition with Texas schools, you always try to establish yourself as the best school in the state," Ramey said. "It's no different in tennis."

The men dropped to No. 74 in the national rankings this week, but now, they can hang with upper-level teams because of strong performances against Baylor and Texas two weeks ago.

"A&M is a Top 10 team," Tech coach Tim Siegel said. "We know how we did against Baylor and Texas proves we can play with these teams."

Tech has yet to lose a match at the McLeod center.

Ramey said keeping its perfect home record is important, and he said the Raiders

have a good chance of doing that.

"The Texas match was so close. Now we've got A&M at home, and we're undefeated at home this year," Ramey said. "Hopefully, we can get a lot of fans out there and take it to them."

The women have won two matches in a row, both against ranked opponents. Kendall Brooks said Tech would like to continue their quest of not losing the remainder of the season and said doubles will be a crucial point to win.

She said the team knows it can win; the players just have to do their job.

"We're definitely capable of beating them," Brooks said. "It's not a question of can we, but will we? If everyone shows up to play, we definitely have a shot."

Beverly Dawson said doubles will be more important this match to set the tone for singles.

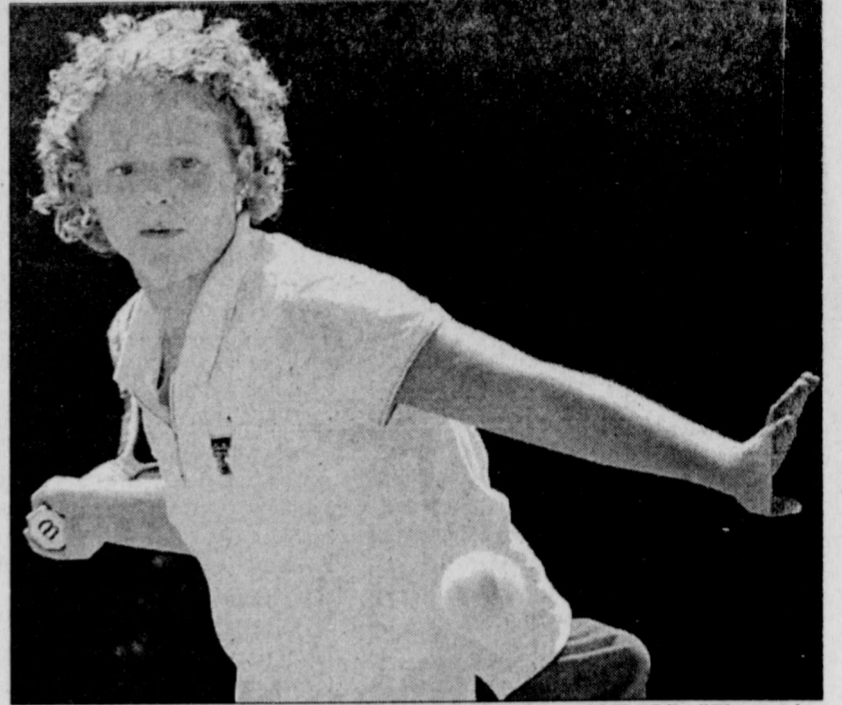
"We can do it, but the big match will be the No. 1 doubles," Dawson said. "That will be a big one to see who goes to nationals and who will win the doubles point."

Dawson and Irina Tereschenko are the No. 29 doubles tandem in the nation. Their opponents Jessica Roland and Ashley Hedberg are ranked 18th.

Tech coach Virginia Brown said the difference in Tech's recent wins has been the team attitude.

"Everyone had been winning at different times. We had a win from everyone at one time," Brown said. "We played as a team and had fun out there, and hopefully, we can play very well against A&M."

Both teams would like to see a large crowd at McLeod to watch both matches.



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer  
TEXAS TECH TENNIS player Noel Ruiz winds up to hit a forehand during the Oklahoma loss on March 26 at the McLeod Tennis Center. Tech faces Texas A&M at noon today at the McLeod. The Red Raiders are coming off of two consecutive victories.

Brown said a large crowd would be nice to see Friday afternoon.

"I would like to see the High Riders out here. Three of our girls are in sororities, and I would like to see their sorority sisters come," Brown said. "We need everybody to come and make some noise for us."

Ramey said if fans come out, it will be more inspiring to win for them, and with both matches going on, it will be exciting.

"I think it will be a good atmosphere

and a fun day filled with tennis," Ramey said. "I would love to see this place packed. The louder they get, it's better for us."

Because the matches begin early in the afternoon, Brooks said it may be difficult for fans to come out, but they should come if they can.

"I don't know how many people will come because it's Friday afternoon," Brooks said. "But if you're going to skip class, you might as well come watch us play some tennis and cheer us on."

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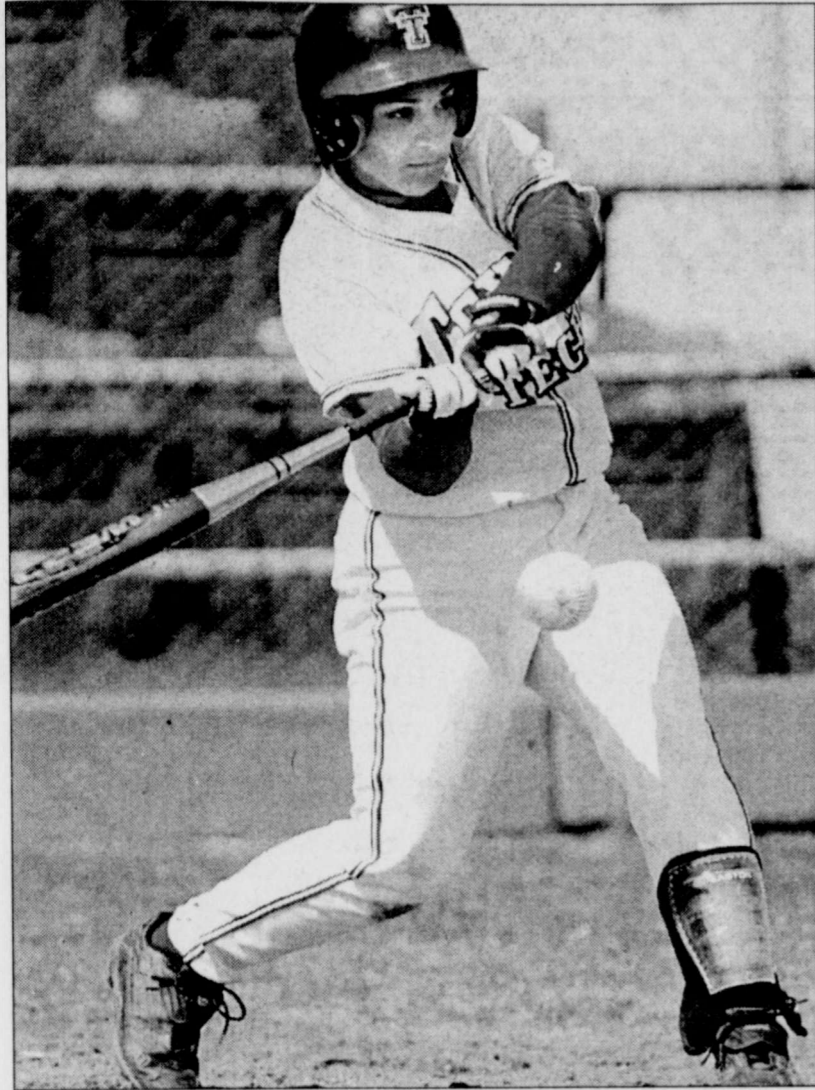
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# Softball squad hopes to build on Wednesday's win



TEXAS TECH'S BRITNEY Stolle swings during Tech's double header against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on Wednesday. Tech faces OSU this weekend at The Rock.

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

After winning its first game in 13 tries, the Texas Tech softball team (11-27 overall, 0-6 big 12 play) will play host to Oklahoma State (22-12, 3-4) in a two-game series Saturday and Sunday at Rocky Johnson Field.

The Red Raiders will throw the first pitch at 2 p.m. Saturday and noon on Sunday for the finale.

Prior to the Raiders' win against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, the players said they had a lot of confidence because of a close series with Oklahoma. Tech shortstop Kristi Robles said the win Wednesday gave them even more confidence to bring with them this weekend.

"We're ready to play (Oklahoma State)," Robles said. "The team is up from the win (Wednesday). We feel good, and we feel confident about this weekend. I think the win helped us get ready even more."

Tech coach Bobby Reeves said the series with OSU should be exciting and his team should be ready to see some tough pitching.

"Oklahoma State is a heck of a ball team," Reeves said. "They've got a tall, left-handed pitcher from Canada that throws even harder than the girl we saw (Wednesday)."

Hitting has been a weak point for the Raiders this season as centerfielder Esmerelda Perez is the only player with a batting average of .300.

The bats woke up from their hibernation as the Raiders broke out with four hits when they were needed most — with

runners on base. The win was not the only first for the Raiders in a while. First baseman Carmen Grindell broke out of a 0-29 hitting slump and Eva Harshman got her first hit in 24 at bats. Third baseman Andrea Joachims was in a 0-13 skid before snapping the Islanders on Wednesday and faying their streak.

Pitcher Maggie Ayres threw the team's second shutout of the season to turn things around for the pitching staff as well.

Tech pitching gave up more than five runs in 10 of its last 13 games and had not shut an opponent out since Feb. 23 until Ayres held the Islanders scoreless in seven complete innings.

Robles said to continue this success, the team will have to play just like it did in its second game against A&M-CC.

"In the second game against Corpus Christi, I think that was the best we've played in any game all year," Robles said. "We played stable and consistent the whole game. I'm pretty excited about this weekend because I think we can do well."

Ayres said the win Wednesday got rid of Tech's bad luck and said the Raiders know what it takes to win again.

"We came out on top, and we got some luck from somewhere," Ayres said. "We have a good opportunity this weekend because we know what we need to

do now."

Reeves echoed that the team learned from Wednesday's victory, and he wants to take its knowledge to the OSU series.

"We figured out how to win, and we gained a lot of confidence from it," Reeves said. "Hopefully, we can carry that into the weekend with us."

Reeves was optimistic about this series because his players were so happy with breaking their losing streak.

"I think it will be a good series," Reeves said. "They all had a smile on their face, and I haven't seen that in a while."

And for Reeves, he hopes the smiles continue for his squad.

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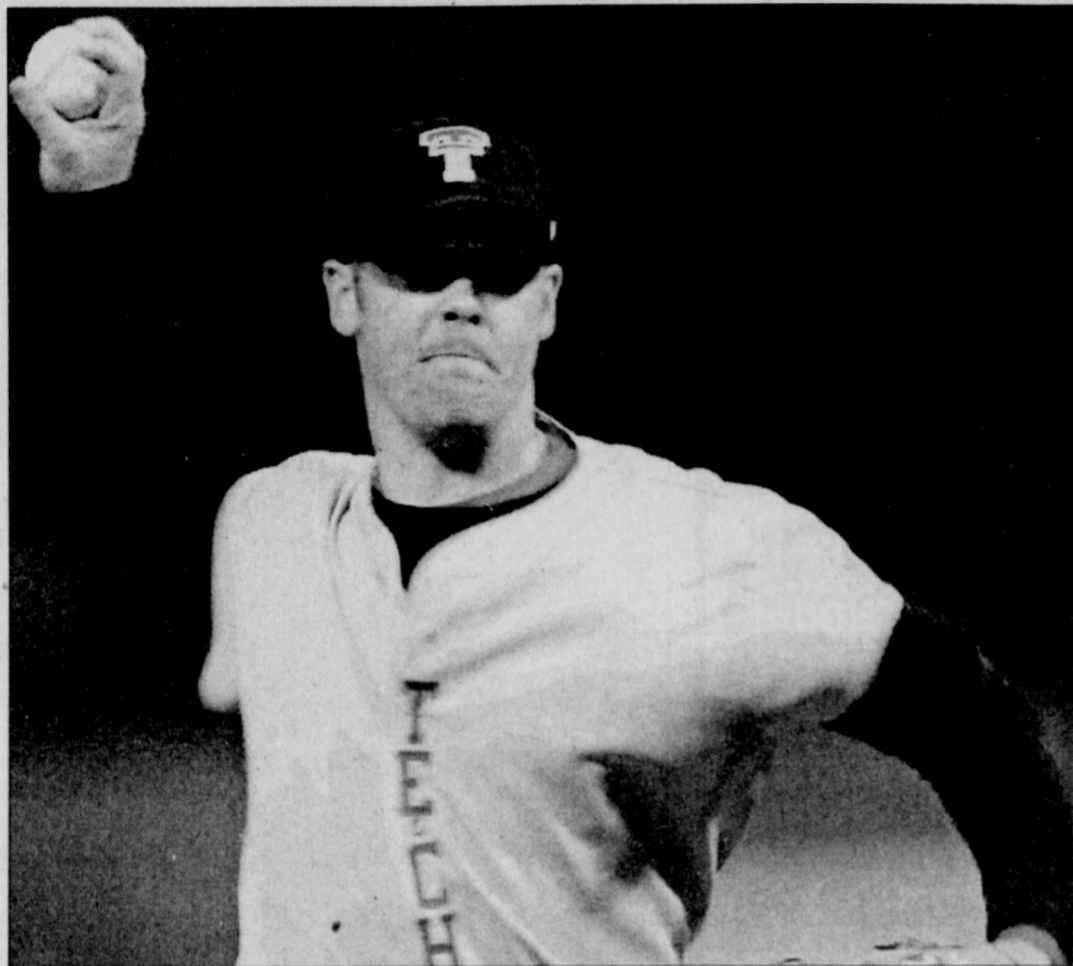
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## Raider bats look to tame Wildcats at The Law

TEXAS TECH PITCHER Chris Phillips winds up to throw a change up last Friday against Missouri. Tech will face Kansas State three times this weekend with game one beginning at 7 p.m. today at Dan Law Field. Phillips will be the Red Raiders starting pitcher today.

JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Photography Editor



By Matt Muench/Sports Editor

Texas Tech catcher Willie Durazo said the Red Raider baseball team has two advantages entering this weekend's three-game series against Kansas State at Dan Law Field.

No. 1: Texas Tech will be playing at home where they are 14-3 this season.

No. 2: The Wildcats have yet to play a road game within the Big 12 Conference this season.

To top it off, Kansas State has never won at The Law in six appearances.

"We will have all our fans and the hecklers," said Durazo, who leads Tech in hitting with a .394 batting average. "Home field advantage is big. It is a lot more comfortable to play here. And our goal is to jump on them and keep them down."

Game one is set for 7 p.m. today followed by a 2 p.m. Saturday start and a noon finale on Sunday.

Other than dominating the Wildcats at home, Tech (24-13 overall, 7-8 Big 12) has handled Kansas State (16-12 overall, 3-3 Big 12) with ease in the past by winning 13 of the 15 meetings.

Tech right-hander Chris Phillips, who will take the mound today, said the key to winning is simple — jump on them early.

"With them not (used to) being on the road, they might not know what to expect," Phillips said. "If we can get out and jump on them early, we might be able to keep them down the whole series."

However, Phillips (4-2) said he knows the Wildcats are hungry because of Tech's dominance against Kansas State.

"I think in any Big 12 series teams are going to come looking for blood. We kind of beat up on them in the past so they might be looking for a little bit of blood."

Durazo said Tech is at a point where it needs some big wins.

"We are in the middle of the hunt," Durazo said. "A sweep will be really big for us."

But to sweep in the Big 12, Durazo said, is difficult. Tech has yet to do it in Big 12 play this season.

"Every team has a good pitcher," he

said. "And sometimes their pitcher does a really good job, and it is tough to hit well every game."

Tech is coming off a non-conference Tuesday victory against Howard Payne and a 2-1 series win last weekend against

Missouri, while Kansas State enters the series off of a 2-1 series win against last year's Big 12 champion Nebraska.

"They can play a little bit," Phillips said. "We know they can play because they beat a pretty good Nebraska club, and we will take all the advantages we can playing here."

Tech is in eighth place in the Big 12 but not far from first place Oklahoma State, who is 6-3 in Big 12 play.

Durazo said this weekend is critical for Tech and its run for the top of the Big 12.

"We have to win every game," Durazo said. "Even if we take two out of three the rest of the way, that one loss can still hurt us."

*We kind of beat up on them in the past so they might be looking for a little bit of blood.*

— CHRIS PHILLIPS  
Texas Tech Pitcher

## Major League Baseball players break \$2 billion barrier; Yankess lead all clubs with \$126 million payroll

NEW YORK (AP) — Led by Texas shortstop Alex Rodriguez at \$22 million, baseball salaries topped \$2 billion for the first time this year.

The New York Yankees led all clubs with a record payroll of nearly \$126 million — \$92 million more than last-place Tampa Bay.

The figures are the result of a study by The Associated Press of contracts for 849 players on opening-day rosters and disabled lists.

Players will earn \$2.023 billion, up from \$1.934 billion last season. Owners, however, did slow the increase during a troubled offseason in which baseball unsuccessfully tried to eliminate two teams.

The average salary of \$2,383,235 was up 5.2 percent from last year. That was less than half of the 13.9 percent increase of 2001.

"It goes up every year," New York Mets manager Bobby Valentine said. "The only time they didn't go up was in

the collusion years."

While the average salary has increased 126-fold from 1967, when it was \$19,000, the Consumer Price Index has gone up only five-fold since then. And while baseball players average \$13,000 a day during the season, the average annual household income in the United States is \$57,045, according to latest figures from Census Bureau. That's about, four days' average pay for someone who wields a bat and wears a glove.

Still, baseball's average is almost half the NBA's \$4.2 million last season, according to figures compiled by the league. The NHL's average was \$1.43 million last season and the NFL's average was \$1.1 million, according to their unions.

Just behind Rodriguez are Toronto first baseman Carlos Delgado (\$19.4 million), Los Angeles pitcher Kevin Brown (\$15.7 million) and Boston outfielder Manny Ramirez (\$15.4 million). Barry Bonds, who hit a record 73 homers for San Fran-

cisco, is tied for fifth with the Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa at \$15 million.

Figures include salaries and prorated shares of signing bonuses and other guaranteed income, and for some players parts of salaries deferred without interest are discounted to present-day value.

With high-revenue teams adding stars, the gap between rich and poor increased for the seventh straight season since the 1994-95 strike.

The Yankees were No. 1 for the fourth

straight season and sixth time in seven years at \$125.9 million. Boston was second at \$108.4 million, followed by Texas at \$105.3 million and Arizona, which ended the Yankees' run of three straight World Series titles, at \$102.8 million.

"You just go out there and play," said the Yankees' Jason Giambi, whose \$120 million, seven-year contract was the richest of the offseason. "We had one of the lower payrolls when I played in Oakland and we did well."

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