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## Lubbock car chase ends with crash, arrest

**POLICE PURSUIT:** Citizen takes officials on 29-minute flee in Southeast Lubbock on Monday.

By Kelly McAlister/Staff Reporter

A 29-minute car chase ended Monday afternoon with the arrest of a 34-year-old man after he crashed his vehicle into a telephone pole located at 58th Street and Avenue V.

Police were preparing to execute a search warrant at a residency located on 53rd Street for suspicion of containing narcotics when two men exited the house and got into ve-

hicles, Lubbock Police spokesman Bill Morgan said.

James Rogers, 34, and his brother William Rogers, 40, left the house and drove away in separate vehicles.

William Rogers, who drove a blue Chevrolet Blazer, stopped while James Rogers continued to flee in a white Ford pick-up.

The car chase began at 3:08 p.m. and

ended at 3:37 p.m., Morgan said.

While leading police through Southeast Lubbock, James Rogers frequently drove the wrong way on streets such as Interstate 27, Loop 289 and Avenues A through N near 50th and 52nd Streets, Morgan said.

Police Cpl. Les Melugin said the vehicle allegedly contained narcotics.

"The vehicle supposedly had something to do with methamphetamines," Melugin said.

Police found 5 grams of methamphetamines in James Rogers' truck and a methamphetamine lab in the bed of the pick-up,

said Police Sgt. Gregg, who refused to give his first name.

The search at the brothers' residence produced another substance police believed to be methamphetamine in a liquid form, Gregg said.

Police charged both men on charges of possession with intent to deliver, Gregg said. "If they were (taken to the hospital), they will be treated and released," Gregg said.

Both William Rogers and James Rogers were to be held at the Lubbock City Jail. At press time, the arraignment had not been set because the paperwork had not been pro-

cessed, Gregg said.

James Rogers is being held on charges of possession with intent to deliver, possession of chemicals used to manufacture, evading arrest, deadly conduct, parole violation and unlawfully carrying of a weapon.

William Rogers also is being held on charges of possession with intent to deliver and possession of chemicals used to manufacture as well as carrying a prohibited weapon.

They will be transported to and arraigned at the Lubbock County Jail at an undetermined time, Gregg said.

## Forum showcases SGA candidates

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

Students can get a first glimpse at those vying to run the Student Government Association next term when the SGA executive candidates hold a public forum at 1 p.m. today in the Student Union Courtyard.

Current SGA President Kelli Stumbo and *University Daily* managing editor Courtney Muench will moderate the forum.

There are three candidates for president, five for internal vice president and four for external vice president.

Stumbo said the forum's purpose is so students can see who should and should not be considered for the job.

"The executive candidates will have to show they are ready to respond to anything because that is how this office works," she said. "They need to be educated on issues, and it will be a testing ground."

The way the forum will work is the candidates will have about 2 minutes to give a monologue and tell prospective voters who they are, what they plan on doing while in office and why they should gain the student body's votes.

After their speeches, they will field questions from Stumbo and Muench. Students also can get into the action and submit questions the two moderators will ask.

"We will ask questions based on their individual platforms and current issues going on," Stumbo said. "You get to see true blue colors of your candidates. I think it allows students to see who is running for the position for the title as opposed to those who want to make a difference."

Election Commissioner Adviser Bill Brannan said candidates need to focus on the main issues because they

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## Tech football coach takes job with 49ers

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

For Greg McMackin, the decision to walk away from Texas Tech was one of the hardest he's ever had to make, but he said in the end, it was a no-brainer.

McMackin, who has been Tech's defensive coordinator for the last three years, took a new job as the associate head coach for defense for the San Francisco 49ers.

"Career-wise, it was a must," he said. "Lubbock means so much to me. This community and university have been so good to me and my family. It was just an opportunity I couldn't pass up."

McMackin will coach the line-

backers in San Francisco, where he will be reunited with several faces from his past including new 49ers head coach Dennis Erickson.

Erickson and McMackin coached together at the University of Miami and with the Seattle Seahawks.

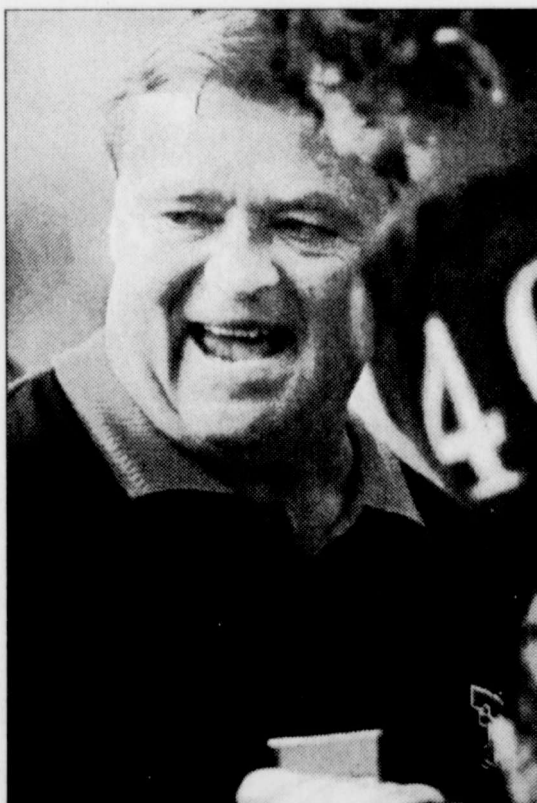
McMackin expressed much excitement about the opportunity to be a part of the 49ers to be reunited with Erickson.

"He's the best coach in the game," McMackin said. "We're looking forward to competing for the world championship."

McMackin will also join former Tech safety Kevin Curtis, who was San

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TEXAS TECH'S FORMER defensive coordinator Greg McMackin talks to a Texas Tech football player during a Tech vs. Mississippi football game. McMackin recently accepted the job of associate head coach for defense with the San Francisco 49ers. JAME TOMÁS AGUILAR/ File photo The University Daily



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer  
CASEY MINOR, A senior business major from South Lake, throws a flying disc to score during a Frisbee golf game with friends at Mackenzie State Park on Monday.

## Red Raiders respond to fee, tuition increase

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech student Emily Hanson does not ride the bus, go to athletics events or use the library resources. What she does do is write a check to Tech every semester, and she said she is not happy about seeing a possible 19 percent increase in tuition and fees beginning this summer.

"I walk to school, hate sports

and don't see the use of the library because I own a computer and have Internet," the junior human sciences major from Corpus Christi said. "It is outrageous that we have to support the library, we have to support athletics, and now we may have to support CitiBus. I don't even get help from my parents."

Hanson is one of many students upset about Monday's public release of the global fee document that will

be proposed to the Tech Board of Regents Feb. 27 for final approval.

The proposal calls for about a \$400 increase in tuition and fees per semester.

The main topics of concern Monday were the 200 percent increase of the library fee, the new \$7 per credit hour student business services fee and the \$50 optional transportation fee.

Tech administrators say the increases have to happen because of the

recent 7 percent budget cuts enforced by the government. If Tech did not hike tuition and fees, services for students would decrease both in and outside of the classroom.

"Unfortunately, it is necessary," Vice President of Fiscal Affairs Lynda Gilbert said Friday. "Our long-term strategy has always been to minimize costs. But we are having to do this

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## Combest secures \$10 million for research projects

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

In a declining economy that has left many wondering where the money has gone, U.S. Rep. Larry Combest found some funds that will benefit Texas Tech.

Combest secured almost \$10 million for fiscal year 2003 for various research projects in fields of study including agriculture, horticulture, history and health care.

"This is actually one of our best years ever in federal funding," Chancellor Dr. David Smith said. "This is an incredible shot in the arm for our research projects."

The largest chunk went to the Wind Disaster Mitigation Research Center, which got \$2.5 million. The National Institute for Standards and Technology provided this grant.

"It perpetuates the life of the research center," said Chad Morris, as-

sociate director of Wind Science and Engineering Research Center. "Without these types of funds coming in, we would be unable to have programs like these."

The program's function is to inform the government and the public on how to reduce structural, financial and human loss caused by high winds, Morris said, such as hurricanes, tornadoes and thunderstorms.

This grant, which is a multi-year

grant, will enable the researchers to collect real-time data and also perform full-scale research on actual buildings, instead of the testing they are doing on models.

The Center for Biological and Geographical Information Systems, which will be housed in the Experimental Sciences Building, received \$225,000 for its program. Carleton

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The Rundown



Budget cuts to slash higher ed programs

AUSTIN (AP) — An estimated 5,000 students would be denied free college tuition promised to them by the state because of cuts designed to ease a projected \$9.9 billion budget shortfall, lawmakers were told Monday.

Texas Higher Education Commissioner Don Brown told members of the House Appropriations Committee that budget cuts would mean the Texas Grant scholarship program would not be able to provide aid to all of the estimated 80,000 students who will be eligible in 2004-05.

Because of declining sales tax revenue and rising expenses, state agencies were asked to cut their budget requests by 12.5 percent so the next state budget could balance without new taxes.

Retired officers call for affirmative action

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some of the nation's best-known retired military officers and former top Pentagon officials will file a Supreme Court brief supporting affirmative action admissions at the University of Michigan.

Former Army undersecretary Joe Reeder, announcing the legal action, said Monday that service academies and ROTC programs need affirmative action to maintain a highly diversified officer corps.

"It is absolutely essential to our fighting force," Reeder said. "You can't get there yet without taking race into consideration."

Tuesday is the deadline for briefs in the Michigan case, which will be argued before the Supreme Court on April 1.

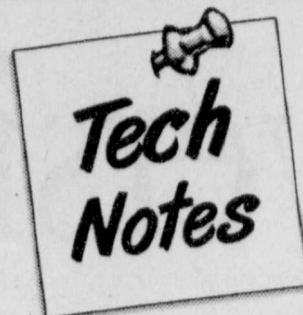
EU considers 'last chance' plan for Iraq

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The European Union was trying to agree Monday on a plan to warn Iraq that it faced a "last chance" to disarm peacefully, according to a draft proposal.

The surprisingly strong proposal being considered by the leaders of the 15 EU states. It said force should be used only as a last resort but that U.N. weapons inspections could not continue indefinitely.

"Baghdad should have no illusions. ... The Iraqi regime alone will be responsible for the consequences if it continues to flout the will of the international community," the proposal said.

The proposal gave strong backing for the U.S. and British demand for swift action to disarm Iraq.



Texas Tech Circle K International is providing free pizza at its

member orientation at 6 p.m. today at the Lutheran Student Center across from campus at 19th Street and Boston Avenue. For more information, visit [www.lkfamil.org/ttu.htm](http://www.lkfamil.org/ttu.htm) or call (806) 549-3330.

Institutional Advancement is hosting a reception to honor SBC scholars at 4 p.m. Thursday in the second-floor foyer of the west wing of the Education building. For more information, contact Sharmila Kirwin at (806) 742-1638.

The Native American Student Association will be hosting a free viewing of the film "Atanarjuat" (the fast runner) at 8 p.m. Saturday in Room 001 of the English building.

The application deadline for the Health Sciences Center's Summer Pre-medical Academy is March 1.

For more information or to access the online application, visit [www.ttuhs.c.edu/medicine](http://www.ttuhs.c.edu/medicine). Those interested also may contact Linda Prado at (806) 743-2297.

21 dead in Chicago nightclub stampede

CHICAGO (AP) — Hundreds of screaming guests rushed the exits of a crowded nightclub Monday after someone used pepper spray or Mace, and at least 21 people were crushed to death or smothered in the panic, officials said.

Firefighters had to use sledgehammers and pry bars to open locked or blocked doors that prevented some club-goers from fleeing, Fire Commissioner James Joyce said at a late morning briefing.

"There are people trying to get out that could not get out," Joyce said. "Locked and blocked doors are a contributing factor. We can't explain how management or ownership would allow that."

All but one of the exits were locked or blocked, in some cases by bags of laundry from the first-floor restaurant.

The locked doors are a fire code violation, Joyce said.

Twenty-one people were confirmed dead in the tragedy at the Epitome Night Club, Chicago Police spokesman Pat Camden said. Hospitals reported treating at least 53 for everything from critical injuries to asthma-like symptoms.

"Everybody smashed; people crying, couldn't breathe," said club-goer Reggie Clark. "Two ladies next to me died. A guy under me passed out."

Some witnesses reported that panic broke out after the guards used pepper spray or Mace to break up a fight, but authorities did not immediately confirm that. Police Commissioner Terry Hillard said investigators are trying to sort out conflicting stories about the source of the spray and were retrieving a video from inside the club.

"We will get to the bottom of this," Hillard said. "Right now our investigation is at full tilt."

Authorities initially reported as many as 1,500 people were in the nightclub, but Joyce said he could not confirm that number. He said the first floor had an occupancy placard for 327 people, but the second-floor did not have a placard.

"It appears a disturbance from within led to a mass chaos where people headed for the door. Most of the fatalities appear to have been crushed or had injuries due to suffocation," said police Officer Ozzie Rodriguez.

The club is located in the Near South Side, a commercial district near the McCormick Place Convention Center. Cory Thomas, 33, went to the club to pick up two friends. As he waited out-

side, he saw people inside the club start to back up against the glass front door.

"You could see a mound of people. People were stacking on top of each other, screaming and gagging, I got from the pepper spray. The door got blocked because there were too many people stacked up against it," he said.

"I saw them taking out a pregnant woman," Thomas said. "She was in bad shape. I saw at least 10 lifeless bodies."

Kristy Mitchell, 22, was one of the people trampled on the stairway.

"People were stomping my legs," she said. "When they pulled me up, I was dizzy and I couldn't breathe."

Amishoov Blackwell, 30, was checking his coat on the second floor when people started rushing past him. The flow of the crowd pushed him back down the stairs and he fell on top of several people, he said. He was trapped on top of the others until firefighters rescued him about 30 minutes later.

"It wasn't nothing but two girls fighting," Blackwell said. "Why'd they have to spray Mace?"

Hours after the disaster, Chiquita Rhodes was still searching for her 19-year-old sister, Charita.

"I've been to every emergency room," Rhodes said. She was told by officials to return to the medical examiner's office around noon, when the bodies would be available for relatives to identify.

She said Charita was holding onto a friend, but they were separated in the crush. A firefighter found Charita's cell phone, she added.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson arrived at the scene early Monday and urged community members to help each other.

"We are asking area ministers to go to hospitals," Jackson said. "My people are overwhelmed with the suddenness of this. At a time like this, you have to lean on your faith."

The president of a Chicago entertainment agency who has booked acts at the club said access to the building was unsafe for large crowds.

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# Lubbock, U.S. gas prices continue to rise

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

As the weather cools down, gasoline prices heat up, but not for the reason most people think.

While many Americans blame the possible war in Iraq, the Lundberg Survey determined the primary cause of the decrease in oil in the United States is the industry strike in Venezuela.

Texas is not without its own oil controversy. At a time when the average national price for a gallon of gasoline is \$1.48, Gov. Rick Perry and Attorney General Greg Abbott issued a warning to Texas businesses that increase their gas prices without cause.

"Texas has always had a very competitive oil and gas market, and we encourage that," Abbott said in the news release. "But we will not tolerate underhanded business dealings intended to reap big profits by exploiting the national mood of uncertainty."

According to the survey, the United States gets about 12 percent of its oil from Venezuela, which equals about 2 million barrels a day.

Earlier this year, OPEC nations agreed to import an additional 1.5 million barrels to offset the results of the Venezuelan strike, but Americans will not see immediate relief, said Trilby Lundberg, the publisher of the survey.

Other reasons cited by the survey were the cold weather snap in the nation, especially in the Northeast, and the possibility of a war in Iraq, although the potential military action is not a large factor in the prices.

In 2002, the biggest exporter of oil to the United States was Canada, with almost 2 million barrels of oil a day. Saudi Arabia was second with about 1.5 million barrels. Mexico and Venezuela combined for 3 million barrels a day, while Iraq was sixth in line, with about half a million barrels, according to the Office of Transportation Technology.

Gas prices in Lubbock are higher

than most customers would like as well. At Rip Griffin on the Idalou Highway, unleaded is \$1.65 a gallon, while the highest grade is \$1.85 a gallon. Diamond Shamrock at 7008 University Ave. has the same gas at \$1.59 a gallon and \$1.78 a gallon, respectively.

Thomas Steinmeyer, an economics professor at Tech, said the higher gas prices would have a typical effect on the economy. Because people are spending more on gas, they will spend less on other goods and services.

Robert Kelly, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Abilene, said he has watched gasoline prices flip-

flop for months.

"I think it's been going back and forth for a long time now," he said, adding the prices were lower over the summer and climbed again during the winter months.

Kelly said the last time he filled up his vehicle with gas, he paid \$1.69 a gallon. He said he considers the prices to be unreasonable, but there may be economic reasons behind the higher prices that he is unaware of. But the cost still does not make him happy.

"For me as a consumer, I don't think that's right," he said.

Bridget Locke, a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Argyle, en-

countered somewhat cheaper prices the last time she filled up, saying she paid about \$1.46. She also recognized there were causes behind the scenes for the increase in price but said those in the business should have dealt it with better.

"There should probably be a different way to handle it so prices wouldn't have to go up," she said.

Lubbock gas prices are in the middle of the national range. According to Gas Price Watch, the highest gas price is \$2.07 in Kailua Kona, Hawaii. Tacoma, Wash., residents pay the least, with gas priced at \$1.17 per gallon.

## Forum

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do not have the floor for a long period of time.

"They don't have a lot of time so they have to get to it real quick," he said. "This is a good time to see all the candidates in the same place and hear their viewpoints about issues facing the student body."

External candidates will speak first, followed by internal candidates and finally the presidential contenders.

On the ballot this year for president are current SGA Internal Vice President Jeremy Brown, Louis Constancio and Carrisa Noel Nichols.

Brown said the forum would be a good chance to see if the executive candidates are serious about the posi-

tions and if they are knowledgeable about Tech.

"It gives students a chance to see if a candidate is saying something they can do, but they can't, they will be called out by (Muench) and Kelli (Stumbo)," he said. "It is a great opportunity to see if the students know how Tech works."

Internal vice president candidates are Chris Carr, Darbara Daily, Don Dildy, Jacque Steinmetz and Wesley Stephens.

The winner of that position will be the president of the Student Senate and will handle on-campus issues.

Running for external vice president are Colton Batchelor, Megan Brock, Sara Floerke and Charles Lair. That position will handle the duties of city-related problems.

Students can cast their votes beginning Feb. 25 and ending Feb. 26.

## Reaction

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because the state is unable to afford the services for the students. Our need is to fill the in the structural gap."

Here is the explanation for the library and student business services fee.

The money allotted to those two departments has been rerouted to academics to cover the state's budget shortfall, and to help with adding faculty and courses to maintaining the same level of service at the library and student business services.

So now, students will pay to support the two services.

"Here we go again," said Hector Avila, a senior psychology major from Nacogdoches. "Whenever this school gets in a budget bind, they

always look to us. I understand it is not all Tech's fault because of the budget cuts. But 19 percent?"

Avila said he is disappointed that he will now pay \$225 (the cost for a 15-hour load) for the library fee instead of \$75 a semester, but will not see money change the library.

"At least give us some free coffee," he said.

Student Government Association Internal Vice President Jeremy Brown said he understands it will be rough financially for the majority of students. On the other hand, he said he realizes the state is in financial trouble.

"I hate the fact that it has to happen," he said. "And I understand why it has to happen. We have great services at Texas Tech; and if we want to continue, the money has to come somewhere, and at this time, the state doesn't have it. We have a great university here, and it doesn't come cheap."

science, is attempting to predict what could realistically happen if there was a nuclear explosion of some kind or if a dirty bomb was planted in a metropolitan area, Phillips said.

"(The grant) will enable us to build a much stronger infrastructure in Ukraine to do this work," Chesser said.

The research is being conducted both at Tech and in Ukraine, where scientists are studying the results and

SGA External Vice President Leigh Mauer said she is upset the transportation fee will be optional. Although she realizes more money would add more burden, she wonders how many students will actually pay for the fee, how they will regulate who rides the bus, and if not enough people pay the fee, how there will be a solid bus system to accommodate more than 27,000 students.

"Not enough people are going to option out to pay for the fee," she said. "It has to be mandatory or we won't have buses. They are missing the big picture here. They say they are focusing on academics and getting more faculty and classes. But how will students get to classes?"

Hanson has an answer.

"Walk," she said. "George Washington didn't have the luxury of CitiBus. He made it out OK."

Matt Walker, a freshman biology major from Lubbock, said he supports

the transportation fee.

"I use it every day, and students need it every day," he said. "I'd rather pay \$50 more a semester to have buses. Not having a bus system next year will throw off routine patterns."

Students can voice their opinions and get more clarification of the increases at a forum at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Student Senate room in the Student Union building.

The forum will last about 30 minutes prior to the Senate meeting, and Brown said the length of the forum would determine how the questions are coming in.

"We want to see what all students think and also clarify some things," he said. "I am hoping at this forum we can get a lot of feedback from students. A lot of times when students attend these, it causes them not to be so angry because they get more understanding of the fee increases."

## Research

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Phillips, assistant vice president for research and a professor in biological science, said he appreciated the seed money.

"We need millions, but we're not ungrateful," he said.

The center will have technology that will allow both students and fac-

ulty to do difficult calculations involving geography and biological information. The focus is to be able to track outbreaks of disease in a geographical setting, such as visualizing the spread of rabies or bubonic plague through animals.

Phillips said they would use this grant to develop the hardware and software for the facility.

"There just isn't really software sitting on a shelf someplace that can do

this kind of job," he said.

The Chernobyl Research Project, which Phillips is a part of, also received \$1 million.

"We're trying to understand the flow of radioactive material," he said. "What we'd like to do is visualize how radioactive clues move through a city."

The research team, made up of Phillips, Robert Baker and Ron Chesser, all professors of biological

patterns of radioactive material on an actual city.

The additional funding will allow the project to further the on-site research, as well as allow the research team at Tech to hire more people and improve molecular genetics research.

The Virtual Vietnam Project, which is an initiative of the Vietnam Archive Center, received a \$400,000 grant. Justin Saffell, system adminis-

trator for the archives, said the project's goal is to digitize all of the information in the archives and put it on the Internet.

This is the third grant the project has received since its inception two years ago, Saffell said. It is a four-year project, so they are in the middle of the process.

"Every year we have to put in for funding again, and if we don't get it, that's the end of the project," he said.

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# Censorship is ultimate hypocrisy

There is a movement in place by some students here which flies in the face of logic. Two proposals have been made regarding our beloved First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

First, they want to expand the free speech zone. This makes sense and has my full support. I think the world is a free speech area. It sounds hypocritical to designate or confine an area for an idea of liberty, but maybe that's just me.

But the second proposal is one to begin sending articles printed in our student-run *University Daily* to student organizations to make sure no one's toes get stepped on. But remember, the First Amendment is a freedom OF speech, not a freedom FROM speech.

There is a great movie out there called "P.C.U." If you haven't seen it, I suggest renting it and sitting down with a loved one, or yourself, and taking it all in.

Basically, it is about a school that has tried to become liberal by catering to any and every demographic that humanity has self-segregated itself into. Everyone wants a voice, no one wants to be offended, and hilarious

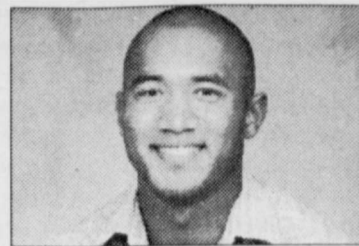
situations ensue. But the point is a good one. Everyone wants their cake, and they don't want to share.

We all should have the right to say what we want. This is what expansion of the free speech area is for. So it makes absolutely no sense to turn around and say *The UD* cannot do the same.

For those of you who don't realize it, or take it for granted, this paper is unique. It is free from the constraints of the wagging finger of Tech administration. Students write for it; students edit it; students make it what it is. Letters from students are put in it every day.

Whether you agree with them, this is the premise on which our freedom of press is based. But we will be in trouble as soon as it is required to ask permission from anyone and everyone who may be the focus of an article or column if they got their feelings hurt. This is the proposal laid out by this progressive coalition.

Many infamous groups have had an idea of what is good for everybody. Legal paternalism is a term to describe when a group of people in power, usually a government, start telling people



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*I am under the belief that is hypocritical for people to champion freedom of speech while trying to gag anything which can be viewed and skewed as offensive.*

what will be good for them and what will cause them harm. You may think book burning is for just for Nazis, but another form of literary homicide is

still alive today. It's called censorship.

Any time someone tells you that you can't say this or print that, it is censorship. Mild amounts are justified by many in the cases of inflammatory remarks meant to stir up for malicious reasons. But this is what real progress is about. It is about letting dissenters speak and letting those who hear them make up their own minds.

The problem with many liberals today is they have a skewed sense of "liberation." They say those whose views fall out of the category of capitalism, conservatism or traditionalism are trampled on. But at the same time, they themselves are being close-minded to any who disagree with them.

The facade of open-mindedness in most people is one of "we are right to be so free-thinking; you are wrong because you aren't us." This is the popular belief now because no one wants to be seen as close-minded anymore. You are automatically termed "prejudiced" or a "chauvinist." Hello Mr. Pot, I'm Mr. Kettle.

Believe it or not, I'm not an anal, hippie-bashing fascist pig. I may reluctantly turn down the occasional invi-

tation to tie-dye parties, but I'm definitely not anal. I am under the belief that it is hypocritical for people to champion freedom of speech while trying to gag anything which can be viewed and skewed as offensive.

One of the best examples of courage against censorship is the author Salman Rushdie. Fourteen years ago, he wrote one of my favorite books, "The Satanic Verses." This novel stepped on some Islamic toes, enough to have an un-recallable \$3 million price put on his head. The current Iranian government is not encouraging the bounty but because of the nature of the edict, is powerless to cancel it.

The scope of what you read in *The UD* pales in comparison to a best-selling novel, but the concept of intellectual and opinionated freedom is the same. Until that dreaded day that we all lose any shred of personal identity and individuality, people will feel offended by other people.

Don't cry out for your own freedom if you don't want to offer it to someone else. They say they want an "alternative" newspaper that supports free speech. What do you think is in your hand right now?

# Social awareness lacking but valuable in TV age

Like most people of my generation, I have, for lack of a better term, reality issues.

Growing up under the glow of television, you inevitably develop a sort of schizophrenic worldview. That is, unlike our pre-1950s forebears who were confronted with a unified, uncontested reality of which to make sense, we exist in a confusing crossroads of two equally compelling worlds: reality and TV-land.

Where once upon a time, a person knew what to expect in life by looking at the people around him, the children of the television age look to make believe people living sexy, entertaining make-believe lives in carefully crafted scenarios created by people trying to sell you things. A striking characteristic of the modern psyche is that everybody has come to expect for themselves something that doesn't exist for anybody.

Television is the yardstick to which I compared my life. I witnessed thousands of intimate encounters before my own first kiss. Professionally rendered acts of scripted intimacy

coached me for years prior to my first clumsy foray into physical romance, all the while wondering if I was doing it correctly, "like on TV."

I judged my family's beach vacation a mild failure because, after all, Kevin Arnold had met a pretty young girl on his vacation, whereas I had not.

Hanging out with my friends seldom featured the engaging banter and interesting problems had by my TV peers. Why couldn't I go to a high school with funny, eccentric characters presided over by a bumbling but endearing Mr. Belding? I felt slighted.

Imagine how I felt when I got to college. The disappointment of realizing you aren't entering a brave new world of effortless, consequence-free sex is a disappointment like none other.

I suppose I should have known by then to discount my television-borne expectations; but I really thought that along with my room key, I'd be given the names of seven or eight beautiful girls who would be mine for the remainder of the voyage. I didn't know you have to pledge and pay dues for



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that kind of thing.

Lately on our campus, we've witnessed some rare occurrences: students, faculty and visitors congregating publicly to express a common opinion, variously regarding African-American issues and our government's push for war with Iraq. Happening upon these protests and never one to pass up a spectacle, I stood by and observed the speeches, the chanting and one rather feverish tag-team argument.

I like a little diversion from our campus's usual button-down, all-business atmosphere. I suppose I'm a romantic, but I enjoy the democratic openness present in public manifesta-

tions of joy or disappointment.

What struck me was the reaction of many non-participants I spoke with afterward, who regarded the whole scene alternatively as pointless, masturbatory, childish, vain or, my personal favorite, unpatriotic. A few took issue with the opinions of the protestors, but by and large, the gripe was with the medium of protest itself. This all brought to mind a naive, television-based expectation I had of college that was long ago set straight by reality.

I, like everyone else who bought the television image, believed the university setting to be a catalyst of progress; a place where the future-builders learn to critically examine the past and the present, hopefully using the knowledge for the betterment of the future (and picking up some job skills along the way).

The reality, as I quickly learned, is that among American college students, cynicism and futility long ago hijacked our youthful positivity. So we see any kind of social activism as a silly distraction from our real purpose here: to learn to sell insurance or appraise

real estate, whatever. We're already stodgy and middle-aged at age 18.

I'm not concerned that most students aren't socially active, but that so many feel so much disdain for those who are. The real problem is not that too many students are wasting their time protesting this or that, but that too many couldn't possibly care less about this or that.

The two issues at hand that Friday, race and war, are, historically and today, the two gravest issues to confront our society. Our nation has been stretched to the brink of destruction by these critical issues, so I don't think it is altogether out of place to publicly debate them. The problems of race and war are far from solved, and it's at our peril that we dismiss them as irrelevant and passé.

In reality, a healthy, sustainable democracy can only exist as long as people care about the issues that confront it. Some people protest, some write letters, others participate in philanthropy, others vote. Whatever. No matter its manifestation, social awareness is valuable for its own sake.

## Letters to the Editor

### Protest against war does not support Iraq

I woke up Thursday to find that Joe Biles thought it necessary to point myself and several other patriots out in his article in *The UD*. Well kudos to you for making an attempt of printing your own opinions as fact while claiming our opinions were wrong just because you don't agree with them.

I would like to direct you to a few articles that support my opinion of the deaths associated with sanctions imposed on the Iraqi people. Created by the United Nations, the United Nations Children's Fund reported that at least 500,000 Iraqi children died from economic sanctions in 1998.

Let's not forget the statement released by Denis Halliday after he resigned from 34 years of experience at

the U.N. as their Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq. He pointed out all of the terrible conditions caused by the economic sanctions in Iraq. He had seen enough.

And as for my comment about human life, I still hold that statement dear to my heart because I can't bear to see children dying because of an "oil for food" program, which the Iraqi people have had to swallow for the past 12 years. So yes, America has had interests in oil for a while now.

I would like to say that just because we protested against the war with Iraq, it doesn't mean we support Saddam Hussein. We don't want to see thousands of people killed just because they were in the wrong place. I don't want to see anyone killed in my name. That is why we fight for the people's right to be heard and say "no." That wouldn't happen if we didn't have the opinion articles to poke and prod us.

Another comment I have is in re-

### Students should learn from opinions

Kelli Stumbo hit it on the nail when she said, "The point of a college newspaper is to express opinions and stir up issues that are debatable" ("SOAC Addresses controversy, fees," Feb. 14).

That's journalism. Wouldn't it be boring if we read the paper and felt no emotion at all? I wouldn't even bother to pick up one if that were the case. Why waste my time reading it if I'm not going to read anything that stirs my mind?

Also, why do we have to look at this as a negative? I'm impressed that organizations and individuals are stepping up and saying, "This is who we are, and we are proud!" That wouldn't happen if we didn't have the opinion articles to poke and prod us.

Another comment I have is in re-

gard to the students Chris Mitchell referred to in the article. First of all, the student who was kicked out of his house, that's not his fault, and I'm very sorry that happened. As for the student who left the university and students who have attempted suicide, that is a problem from within themselves—not the articles printed in *The UD*. They are calling it quits, not standing up for themselves.

When people announce something about themselves they know is a controversial issue in the world, they have to be prepared to hear it all. They have to know some people are not going to understand and some people are not going to share their opinion, and just like they have the right to voice their beliefs and feelings, the people who do not agree with them also have the same right to voice their beliefs.

People have to be confident, strong and stable with themselves be-

fore they can speak out so they can stand up against opposing opinions and not get beaten down.

There's the saying "nobody makes you feel anything; you do that yourself." That's the truth. If you read something or hear something and it totally beats you down, then that's your fault.

You should be able to say, "That's their opinion, but I still believe what I believe, feel what I feel, I agree to disagree, and I'm going to move on with my life." That builds you up, not tears you down. You should still stand up and let people know that's how you feel, but you shouldn't whine and say, "That's not fair!" The world is not fair—get over it!

In summary, all I have to say is I'm proud to see the articles and reactions coming from *The UD*, and my advice to students is Be strong and confident!

- Kathryn Gilbreth is a graduate student studying chemical education.

Please look online for letters to the editor and guest columns that do not appear in print.

E-mail all letters and columns to [ud@ttu.edu](mailto:ud@ttu.edu).





## Honoring EXPLORERS

Display to detail contributions of five African Americans to space program

By Sara Schroeder/Staff Reporter

Space is sometimes considered the final frontier. Many people have made outstanding contributions in the name of science to bring more information to others about the broad horizons of the astronomical world, but many are unaware that some of these contributions came from African Americans.

As part of the 2nd Annual African-American History Month Program, five people will be honored for their contributions to space science.

The exhibit of their accomplishments and current works will be displayed at 5:30 p.m. today in the Formby Room of the Southwest Collections building.

Dean Fontenot, senior director for the SBC Clear Program, said this exhibit is brought to Texas Tech by the College of Engineering.

"The College of Engineering contacted the dean from the Ohio Space Grant Consortium for a display on five African Americans," she

said. "It's important for the students to see role-models and who has made an impact."

The five African Americans who will be exhibited on a 9-by-7 foot poster include Data Norman, Gibor Basri, George Carruthers, Mercedes Richards and Beth Brown.

Each individual has made an important contribution to the world of space science.

Steve Ekwaro, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, said he is impressed with the contributions these people have made.

"They are quite a range of people who chose outstanding career paths in space science," he said. "They have accomplished a lot and are still contributing today."

Norman, who is part of the NSF Astronomy, researched large-scale dark matter in the universe.

Basri, a professor in the astronomy department at the University of California-Berkeley, was the co-investigator for the NASA Kepler Mission to detect terrestrial planets.

Brown, an astrophysicist for the NASA/

Goddard Space Light Center, researched the multi-wavelengths of elliptical galaxies.

Carruthers, a scientist for the Naval Research Laboratory, invented the Far Ultraviolet Camera/Spectrograph for the Apollo 16 mission.

Finally, Richards, a professor of astrology at the University of Virginia, is an expert in Doppler tomography.

The exhibit will begin with James Smith, dean of the College of Engineering, presenting a background of the five people, followed by a viewing of the display and a reception.

Marie Alford, assistant director of admissions and co-chairwoman of the African-American History Program, said this event is designed to show Tech students the contributions of these men and women.

"This display showcases the achievements each African American has made," she said. "The contributions are interesting because of their diversity."

Fontenot said the College of Engineering also will be supplying additional information

at the exhibit.

"We will also be supplementing print-outs and books about African-American astronauts in space," she said.

The College of Engineering is proud to be a part of the African-American History Month and able to make a contribution to the event, Fontenot said.

"I love the fact that the College of Engineering is playing a significant role in Black History Month," she said. "It gives us a chance to work with other entities on something that's important for diversity on campus."

Alford said the event is for everyone.

"These people are role-models for students," she said. "This is an exciting and necessary part of African-American History Month."

Ekwaro said this exhibit will make people more knowledgeable to the contributions African Americans have made.

"This display tells the untold story that people have to be made aware of," he said. "These are tremendous accomplishments by these individuals, which are exciting to show people."

*It's important for the students to see role models and who has made an impact.*

— DEAN FONTENOT  
SENIOR DIRECTOR FOR THE  
SBC CLEAR PROGRAM



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(FAR LEFT) ASSISTANT Area Coordinator Bart Talley and Assistant Area Coordinator Gretchen Kellett grab sticky notes available for students to write down what their dreams are Monday. The notes are to be posted on the board in the Student Union Courtyard.

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The poster competition will be held on the afternoon of Friday, March 28. Exact time and location of the competition will be provided as soon as scheduling details are complete. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Chad Davis, research competition chair, at [chad.s.davis@ttu.edu](mailto:chad.s.davis@ttu.edu) or 742-7338.

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# Conversations about CONTROVERSY

Forum addresses correct way to deal with hot topics on a university campus

By Harvey A. Mireles/Staff Reporter

Controversy is a timeless concept. Including art, freedoms and ideas, one can see many of these issues are still thought of as controversial today. "Taking Risks in Academia," an educational forum, will feature faculty from various disciplines of the university discussing the risks and choices involved in handling potentially controversial issues. The event will take place at 7 p.m. today in the Lubbock Room, located in the Student Union building.

The event is in conjunction with the Tech Department of Theatre and Dance production of "Angels in America, Part One: Millennium Approaches."

Richard Privitt, audience relation specialist with the Department of Theatre and Dance, said discussing academic freedom is very important to create a good learning environment.

"Unless we teach people to question the perspectives and what is the point of education?" he said. "Do we teach ideas or do we teach people how to think?"

Privitt said he hopes those in attendance will be able to form their own opinions about the play and other controversial issues, and will go away with a sense of participation.

"We look at what we do in academia and what they do in academia as important and worth questioning," he said. "We've got to examine and tear apart and find out why we do the things we do. Hopefully, this will expand people's vision and give them a perspective on the world."

*"The world is a world of controversy. There are bound to be clashes of ideas when radical ideas are compared to other people's ideas."*

— JOHNATHAN MARKS  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF THEATRE AND DANCE

Tech Vice Provost Elizabeth Hall will be one of the panelists in today's discussion.

Hall said she hopes to address the responsibilities and obligations universities have to providing a forum for addressing issues that may be controversial.

"We're going to talk about handling issues that may be controversial that are part of the academic experience," she said. "We have to remember there are at least two sides. Without the two sides, it wouldn't be controversial."

Hall said she hopes students who come without an idea of understanding and great appreciation.

"We want students to understand the university as a place to try out ideas," she said. "Professors may ask to verify, but this is an opportunity how the university can serve as a forum for

addressing controversial issues or ideas."

Johnathan Marks, associate professor of theatre and dance, will join Hall as a member of the panel.

He said the focal event of the panel is the production of "Angels in America."

"We'll be putting it into context of doing research and publication work of issues that may be controversial," he said. "The answer to (whether they are controversial) is 'yes.'"

Marks said each person on the panel will give presentations. This, he said, will give different takes on the subjects and angles.

"The world is a world of controversy," he said. "There are bound to be clashes of ideas when radical ideas are compared to other people's ideas. The question is 'what is the place for these people?'"

Marks said many people who have original ideas are seen as "kooks," and the world sees it as the individual versus everyone else.

"If you're in an atmosphere that stigmatizes ideas just because they are minority ideas or ideas held by a small minority, you are in an atmosphere that does not foster progress," he said.

Marks said he hopes students who attend the discussion will leave with an appreciation for some of the questions the university faces when dealing with controversial issues.

"Not all professors understand the idea of a university risk," he said. "I believe a university is about dealing with a range of ideas and finding out which idea is the right idea."

The panel also will include Gary Elbow, associate professor of geography, and Edward Steinhart, associate professor of history.



JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer  
MICAH KARBER, A junior family and consumer sciences education major from Perryton, hangs ceiling tiles painted by children at the Children's Hospital in the University Medical Center on Friday.

### THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- 14 Person, place or thing
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- 46 Female voice
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- 52 "... Well That Ends Well"
- 53 Whale school
- 54 Concluding passage
- 55 Clan plan
- 56 "...friendly"
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- 60 "Misbehavior"
- 61 Exploit
- 62 Passover feast
- 63 Ransom of early cars

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# Emmett, Valdez sit in 77-65 loss

Without its top player and Big 12 Conference scoring leader Andre Emmett, the Texas Tech Red Raiders lost to No. 4 Texas 77-65 Wednesday night at the Erwin Center in Austin.

Although reports said Emmett and reserve guard Nick Valdez were suspended before the game for missing an 11 a.m. shoot-around, Knight said the two did not deserve to play.

Tech's (14-8, 4-7 Big 12 play) offense without Emmett's presence struggled the entire game, and early

foul trouble by the Red Raiders' second-highest scorer Kasib Powell did not help Tech offensively either.

Tech showed early signs of an upset when the score was tied at 18 with 10:38 remaining in the first half. However, Texas (18-4, 9-2) surged for a 24-8 run during the next nine minutes to take a commanding lead. During the run, Longhorn guard James Mouton hit five 3-point shots.

The run led to a 44-31 lead at halftime.

Tech never showed signs of a comeback in the second half. With Tech down 11 points three minutes into the second frame, Texas went on another big run. Sparked by guard T.J. Ford's fade-away jump shot, the Longhorns went on an 11-0 run to take a 60-38 lead on its way to a victory.

The Longhorns were led by Mouton and Ford, who scored 21 and 15 points, respectively.

Tech was led by center Robert Tomaszek, who finished with 14

points.

The loss for the Raiders puts a dent in their NCAA Tournament chances.

With only five games remaining on the schedule, Tech most likely has to win four of those five games to reach the Big Dance.

Next up for Tech is Texas A&M at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena. The Aggies won the first meeting in College Station earlier this season.

# Orioles pitcher dies

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)—Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler died Monday, less than 24 hours after complaining of dizziness during a spring training workout.

Team officials said the 23-year-old prospect was pronounced dead at Northridge Medical Center, where he had been in intensive care overnight. His wife, Kiley, due to deliver the couple's first child in April, was at his bedside.

The 6-foot-2, 239-pound Bechler was pale and feeling lightheaded Sunday while completing his final conditioning run at Fort Lauderdale Stadium. The initial diagnosis was heat exhaustion and dehydration, but his condition worsened after he arrived at the hospital by ambulance.

William Goldiner, the Orioles' team physician, said doctors who treated Bechler believe he died of "multi-organ failure due to heatstroke." He said Bechler's body temperature reached 108 degrees.

"He would rebound at times. They thought they were getting ahead of it, and then another organ system would fail," Goldiner said at a news conference at the stadium.

Bechler, a third-round draft pick in 1998, made his major league debut last September, going 0-0 with a 13.50 ERA in three relief appearances. He was expected to begin this season with the club's

new Triple-A affiliate in Ottawa.

He spent most of last season at Triple-A Rochester, going 6-11 with a 4.09 ERA in 24 starts.

Bechler was said to have reported to camp overweight. When asked about the pitcher's conditioning, manager Mike Hargrove was quoted as saying it was "not good."

Goldiner said he wasn't aware of any evidence that Bechler had been taking a dietary supplement such as ephedrine, an amphetamine-like stimulant that has been linked to heartstroke and heart attacks. Ephedrine has been banned by the NCAA and NFL but not by Major League Baseball.

"We're going to wait to find out more about what happened," baseball spokesman Rich Levin said.

The case was referred to the Broward County medical examiner's office.

"Steve was a tough guy; he was a competitor," Hargrove said. "I didn't know him that well, but I knew him well enough to know he loved the game and loved to compete."

The players were briefed about Bechler's condition during a clubhouse meeting before Monday's workout. They were summoned inside a short while later and told of his death.

"They told us about the situation, and everybody was in shock," Orioles pitcher Rodrigo Lopez said.

# Maddux signs richest one-year contract

ATLANTA (AP) — Greg Maddux is used to setting records. On Monday, he claimed another.

The four-time Cy Young Award winner avoided an arbitration hearing by agreeing to the largest one-year contract in baseball history, a \$14.75 million deal with the Atlanta Braves.

The previous record for a one-year contract was pitcher David Cone's \$12 million deal with the New York Yankees in 2000.

Maddux became a free agent after winning 16 games last season, but failed to draw much interest in the open mar-

ket. He accepted the Braves' offer of arbitration in December, binding him to the team for the 2003 season.

Maddux had asked for \$16 million and the Braves countered with an offer of \$13.5 million.

The two sides split the difference, agreeing on a contract right in the middle and avoiding a hearing that was scheduled for Thursday in St. Petersburg, Fla.

"Greg called me (Sunday) and told me he had indications from the team that they wanted to make a step toward settlement," said Maddux's

agent, Scott Boras. "He directed me to look at that, which was 37."

Maddux, who will be 37 shortly after opening day, went 16-6 with a 2.62 ERA last season. He tied Cy Young as the only pitchers in baseball history to win at least 15 games in 15 consecutive seasons.

"We're delighted this issue is resolved and that we can now focus on his stature as a pitcher and his production for our team," Braves general manager John Schuerholz said.

Maddux is coming off one of his toughest seasons. Nagging injuries

(back, calf, neck, side) limited the right-hander to just 199 1-3 innings — fewest since he was a rookie with the Chicago Cubs in 1987. He averaged only 5.9 innings per start and failed to pitch a complete game for the first time in his 16-year career.

Maddux was the first pitcher to win four consecutive Cy Young awards, a feat he accomplished from 1992-95. Arizona's Randy Johnson tied the record last season with his fourth in a row.

In 2002, Maddux made \$13.1 million in the final season of a \$57.5 million, five-year contract.

# McMackin

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McMackin will also join former Tech safety Kevin Curtis, who was San Francisco's fourth-round pick in the 2002 draft.

The former Tech coach talked Monday about how he would fit in with the 49ers. San Francisco has retained Jim Mora Jr. as the team's defensive coordinator.

"Jim Mora has done a great job there," McMackin said. "I'm excited to get to work with him. I'm going to be heavily involved in strategy, but I also get a chance to work with individuals."

As for his old team, the Raiders are left with one more coaching vacancy to add to the four coaches that have already left Tech this season. Art Briles, Ron Harris and Dave Aranda left for the University of Houston, and Manny Matsakis left to become the head coach of Southwest Texas State.

The mass exodus of Tech assistants is something Tech athletics director Gerald Myers said spoke volumes about the Red Raider program.

"We had two coaches leave for college head-coaching jobs and one assistant head coach in the NFL," Myers said. "That says a lot about the quality of our staff."

Although the team has had to deal with many coaching personnel decisions, head coach Mike Leach believes his coaching staff should be solidified quickly.

Leach said he has several candidates in mind and is excited about finishing out his staff.

Although there have not been any candidates listed by Tech, Myers said Leach should have several good candidates to choose from.

"I'm confident a lot of coaches will be interested in this job," Myers said. "This is a very good university and program. I think it's a job that would appeal to a lot of people."

One person who was quick to talk about potential candidates was

McMackin, who made a case for Tech defensive assistant Ruffin McNeil.

McMackin said McNeil was heavily involved in helping the coordinator with Tech's defensive strategy.

"Ruffin has been a defensive coordinator before," McMackin said. "He was my right hand man as far as strategy, and I think it would be an easy transition."

McNeil expressed an intense interest in the possibility of being the defensive coordinator.

"I would love to be the defensive coordinator here," McNeil said. "I love my players and this team, but that's up to coach Leach."

No matter who becomes the new defensive coordinator, the process might not be as fast moving as McMackin's move to the 49ers.

McMackin described the transition of the past week as a quick process, as the coach was not able to speak to his former players before Monday. He was contacted Tuesday about the 49ers job and accepted the position Thursday.

McMackin talked Monday about his meeting with the defense and two members of the 2003 recruiting class, Jamaal Jackson and Brock Stratton. The coach said he had no regrets of luring the players there before taking a new job.

"This is a great university and a great town," McMackin said. "I did them a favor getting them here."

McMackin also talked about how prepared his former unit is for next season and said next year would be a breakout year for the Tech defense.

While thoughts of the Tech program are gradually turning to next season, there is talk of how missed McMackin would be around the Tech facilities.

Myers said McMackin meant much to Tech as a coach and as a man.

"He meant a lot to the department, the fans, the community and the coaches," Myers said. "He's an excellent coach, and beyond that, he's a great man. I'm sad to see him leave, but I'm happy for him because this is

an advancement in his profession."

The loss of McMackin also hit hard on the coach's former colleagues. McNeil said he would miss McMackin not only as a coworker, but also as a friend. He said he knew McMackin would miss Tech, too.

"I know it's tough for him to leave," McNeil said. "He loves his players and his school. Plus, his entire family is here. But it's a great opportunity and a storied franchise."

Although McMackin will leave soon for the new city and team, he will not be leaving completely. The coach said he would keep his Lubbock residence and use it as his family's "home base."

McMackin's daughter and her two children as well as his mother live in Lubbock and will remain in the city. His daughter owns two local businesses.

# Baseball

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Raiders are still in good shape, but they need to correct the problems now.

"We're 8-2," he said. "We've played some pretty good games. Hopefully, we can stop the bleeding right here and get back on track."

First baseman Doug Beck said the Raiders have not been blown out in either of their losses, which is a bright spot.

"We haven't been out of a game yet," Beck said. "That's reassuring."

Beck also said he does not know what kind of game to expect from TCU.

"I have no idea," he said. "No scouting reports; we don't know anything about the pitching, but we'll see them a bunch, so we'll get to know them pretty well."



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# Horned Frogs come to Law to test Raiders

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

Following Sunday's 8-5 loss to the University of San Francisco, which gave Tech a 2-1 victory in the series, the Red Raiders (8-2) are back in action at 3 p.m. today versus the Horned Frogs of Texas Christian University at Dan Law Field. Following today's game, Tech will travel to TCU for a weekend series. TCU will return to Lubbock once more March 11.

San Francisco beat Tech 8-5 Sunday, and the Raiders now need to rebound one more time. When the Raiders dropped their final game in the series against New Mexico, they

came back and defeated West Texas A&M the following Tuesday.

Head coach Larry Hays said he would not mind seeing Tech duplicate that feat against TCU today.

"We'd better," he said. "We've got a good team coming in. This will be a tough four-game series we've got coming up, with one here and three there. We need to be ready to play."

Junior second baseman Josh Haney said the Raiders can expect a more quality opponent this time around.

"We need to come out here and battle," Haney said. "TCU's going to be a lot better than West Texas A&M.

We just need to come out here and approach it like any other game."

Senior starting pitcher Dusty Buck said one of the factors in the team's struggles is its inability to execute the details of the game.

"(Sunday) we didn't do the little things," he said. "I guess it was a little mental. The little things are mental. We're still trying to find our identity."

One of the aspects of the roster that Hays said he is still sorting out is the top of the batting order. Tech has had a variety of players in the top three positions.

"We're searching," Hays said. "We've kind of stuck with 4 through 9, but we're

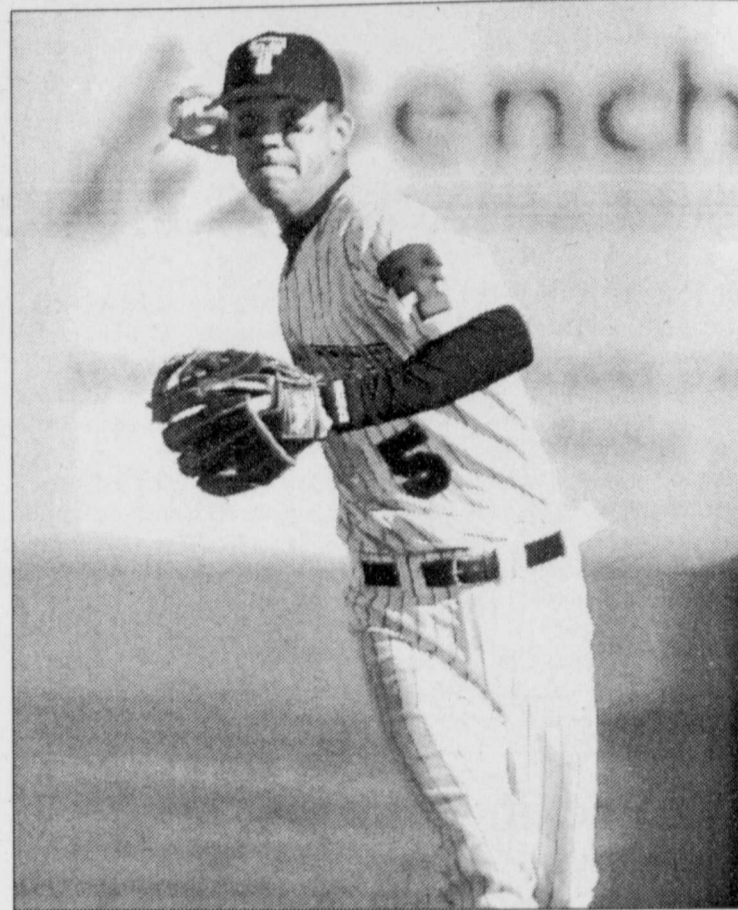
messing around with the front of it."

Buck said the Raiders have to play better ball because the Horned Frogs are a tougher team.

"We're going to come out and try to take care of the game a little bit better, play a little cleaner baseball and do the little things," he said. "TCU's going to be a good team. They always are, and they always battle us close every year. It's going to be a good game, not one that we're going to be able to coast through."

With Tech's record, Buck said the

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The Red Raiders returned home with an 11<sup>th</sup> place finish after their performance this weekend.

Leading the way for Tech was Mark Hull. Hull played consistent golf to put himself in an

eighth-place tie in the individual standings.

Also posting good scores for Tech was Brooks Kelly who shot a final round 73 to put himself in the top 20 at 16th.

Tech will take some time to prepare for its next tournament March 10-11 at the Louisiana Classic in Lafayette.

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