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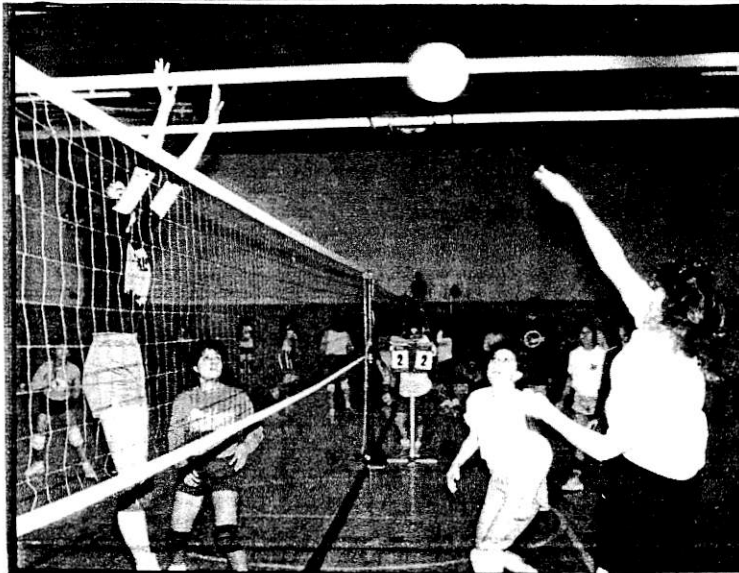


Photo by George Zamora (NMTPIO)

On Feb. 7th the New Mexico Tech girls beat Los Lunas in the 14th Annual Volleyball Tournament. Cool.

## Tech's ROTC : Follow Me

by Brett Liggett

If you are not content with the oftentimes monotonous lifestyle Tech has to offer, or with going to the same classes every semester, and you are willing to get out of the mainstream of activities around here, broaden your opportunities, develop the qualities particular to you, and have a good time backpacking, running, shooting, and crawling through the bush, the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) may be what you're looking for.

A lot of potential candidates for this program are unwilling to give it more than a thought because they think they will be committed, from the start, to the U.S. Army. The ROTC is not an enlistment into the Army, rather, it is a chance to earn an officer commission in the Army, National Guard, Army Reserve, or regular Army, while earning a college degree. The first two years of the program require no obligation and con-

sist of courses that familiarize students with fundamental soldiering skills, Army organization, and leadership fundamentals. Advanced courses, requiring a commitment to one of the above branches, place further emphasis on leadership development and teach battle tactics and Army professionalism, law, and ethics.

The important thing to keep in mind is that ROTC offers an opportunity to become familiar with the military without making an immediate commitment, a chance to learn interesting skills, and have a good time while doing so.

The ROTC program here at Tech is relatively small, and because of this, offers some unique advantages over programs at other colleges. Everyone involved has the opportunity to participate fully and be recognized for their individual accomplishments. Participants can make an impact on the quality of the program.

Close student/staff interaction enables training topics to be emphasized according to group interests. These factors will continue to improve the quality of the ROTC training at Tech.

The training format for ROTC consists of lecture, lab and weekend field training exercises (FTX). Labs and field training exercises teach such things as first aid, land navigation, radio and wire communications, mountaineering, light weapons familiarization, rifle marksmanship, and nuclear/biological/chemical warfare defense, while giving students a chance to apply Army principles and methods learned in the classroom. Most importantly, labs and FTX provide an environment for building teamwork and practicing leadership skills.

An ROTC graduate has the opportunity to work in the more challenging and responsible positions the Army offers, and is more marketable in the civil-

## Amphitheatre and VLBA : New Toys for Tech

by Rachel Homer

A new amphitheatre is being constructed that will benefit students, faculty, and people living near Macy Center. Just across from the Physical Plant's facilities on the south side of campus, work is in progress on a new "toy" for "techies." According to Greg Miller, student liaison for the P-Plant, the new amphitheatre is "99.9%" to the benefit of everyone involved. The amphitheatre is intended to house events too noisy or rowdy for Macey Center, including concerts, and possibly this year's 49'ers.

About a year ago, many people living near Macey Center wrote to Tech president Larry Lattman complaining about the noise caused by some activities held at Macey. After investigating the situation, President Lattman agreed that there was, indeed, a problem, so he approved \$100,000 in funds for the project. To date about half of that is spent. The funds are solely Tech's and not taken from students in any way.

The work, which is being done by P-Plant, is expected to be completed by Spring break. An earlier completion date had been hoped for, but progress was hampered by bad weather.

The amphitheatre has two concrete stages, one at ground level and one just above it. The

stages will be surrounded by sod for seating, and there is a possibility that portable bleachers will be brought in. A roof will be put over the stage for rain and sun protection, and the amphitheatre will have electricity and restrooms.

Activities at the amphitheatre will be open to Tech students as well as people from Socorro and surrounding communities. Although the location isn't exactly convenient, but the fact that it faces M-Mountain with no residences in between will allow for noisier gatherings and the peace of mind for those people living near Macey Center.

Also under construction is the Very Large Baseline Array (VLBA). It is being constructed on the north side of Macey Center, and will be used as a Very Large Array (VLA) operations center. The approximately two million dollar budget is being covered exclusively by the VLA. No completion date has been set.

The land VLBA is being built upon was approved by the Tech Regents. Ironically, VLBA is shaped like the VLA triangle. It has garden terraces, and a basement. There is a possibility that the VLBA will employ Tech students, but nothing has been confirmed to date.

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ian market. Companies find prospective employees more attractive if they have had management experience in addition to a college education. Technical education tends to neglect areas of personal development

such as human relations and leadership, which are critical to management. Training to become an Army officer will show you how to work with people, organize them, and lead them as a team.

## Petroleum Source-Rock Project Encourages Enthusiasm

NMTPIO

Oil and gas exploration usually rises and falls in accordance with the price of oil. But even now, with the industry at a low ebb, a cooperative program between the petroleum exploration industry and various New Mexico agencies are identifying and evaluating likely sites in the state where crude oil and natural gas may be found.

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# News

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The Petroleum Source-Rock Project is a venture begun in 1986 by the New Mexico Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources (NMBMMR), a division of New Mexico Tech, in cooperation with the New Mexico Research and Development Institute (NMRDI) and the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) in Santa Fe. The state-wide program seeks to incorporate geochemical analyses of petroleum source-rocks into a comprehensive, unified database, and to make the information available to anyone interested.

The initial result of the cooperative project is a series of open file reports containing the basic data of organic geochemical analyses. These analyses are performed on rock samples selected from drill cuttings and outcrops of stratigraphic units considered rich enough in organic materials to have been sources of oil or gas. Most of the drill cuttings came from the NMBMMR Subsurface Library. The open-file reports are available through the NMBMMR Publications office, New Mexico Tech.

Funding for the program is a cooperative venture as financial contributions from petroleum companies were matched on a 50% basis by the NMRDI. So far, contributions and matching appropriations have approached a total of \$90,000.

Roy Johnson, the senior petroleum geologist with the OCD, spearheaded the effort to inform the petroleum industry about the project. Questionnaires were sent out to companies asking not only for their monetary contributions, but also for advice as to what type of information should be gained from such a project. The response, considering the cautious nature of a slumping oil industry, was "very, very good," Johnson maintains.

Frank Kottlowski, director of NMBMMR at New Mexico Tech, points out, "Twenty-two companies have participated in the program, bringing in over \$56,000, and one-half that amount is matched by [the NMRDI] in Santa Fe." He adds, "Some of the companies even dug into their own files and gave us previously confidential reports on their wells. We put them on open-file."

"With the oil industry being down, the first thing that gets left out is research," observes Johnson. "We felt the most important thing we could do during this time was to continue with research. We're trying to keep the research level about where it was five years ago."

Some of the wells selected to be analyzed are in producing fields. Data from them are useful to confirm, for example, that a black shale is indeed the source of oil and gas found in an underlying sandstone reservoir. Most of the wells selected are wildcat-exploration wells drilled in areas that haven't previously produced oil or gas. Data from them are useful in evaluation of source-rocks in frontier prospects, where a discovery of a new oil or gas field would give an economic boost to the area and encourage further exploration.

After competitive bidding, GeoChem Laboratories, Inc. of Houston was chosen to run the analyses. A small quantity of rock chips selected from each interval of drill cuttings was sent to them to be analyzed.

Johnson, who has played an instrumental role in the project since its inception, predicts that the cooperative program for petroleum source-rock data "will bridge the gap created because of the lack of research going on in this area." He says that the state will also reap benefits because "we'll be able to get more oil companies to look at New Mexico. Conversely, these same oil companies can make sure their drilling dollars and exploration dollars are used to the best advantage in New Mexico.

Johnson maintains, "The project will provide the companies with the data to support the future exploration they're going to be doing in this state."

This phase of the project will be completed by the end of March. GeoChem Laboratories has already made a proposal to state officials that would usher in a new phase of this cooperative program for petroleum source-rock data. If the proposal is accepted, the lab will computerize all the information from the project and make it available on floppy disks or magnetic tapes.

## Senator Dave's Senate Report

The first meeting of the Student Association Senate for the Spring, 1988 semester was held on Monday, January 18th. This was before the special election of six new senators, which was required to fill vacancies left by those who did not return from last fall. The election was intended for seven more senators, which would have resulted in the maximum (as defined by the Constitution) of 20 senators in office, but the seventh position was tied. Thus there are 19 senators now in office, including myself, and I have volunteered under my own initiative to write up an informal bi-weekly report of what goes on in these meetings so that nobody can claim that they have been left in the dark about Senate proceedings. These meetings, incidentally, are open to all and are well-publicised with posters and with notices in SCOPE.

Getting back on track with the first meeting, in it Chris Buchwald was voted in as new Vice-President after Brian Airy's absence left the office of the President open and former Vice-President Brian Voigt became President. The possibility of the International Student Association having a representative present in the senate as does the Graduate Student Association was discussed. This is a difficult and somewhat controversial issue, and any decision in the matter was postponed until the next meeting. The Investigative Committee chairman announced that the yearbooks for which many people paid in advance last semester were to be completed and distributed sometime later this semester.

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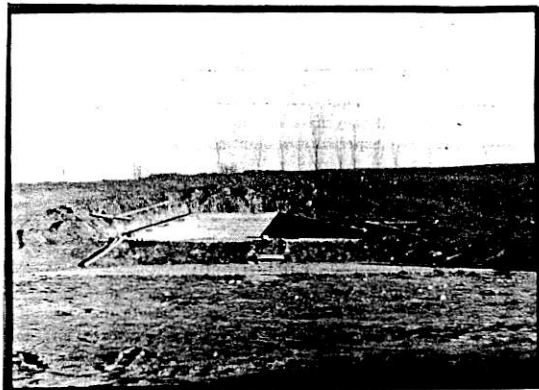
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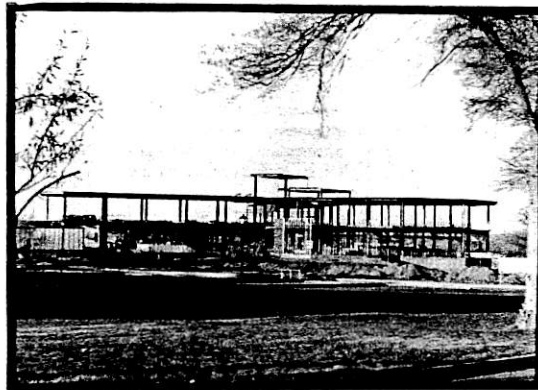
Let's face it, we are all college students, and college students are generally poor people. In order to stay alive on a limited budget we are sometimes forced to subsist on food a lot of bugs would refuse. This includes people living off campus in the adobe slums, and the weekend chefs cooking soup with a curling iron in the dorms. What this column would like to do is offer you tips on how to make your meals inexpensive and somewhat edible.

To many college students, macaroni and cheese is a staple food (and why not at 25 cents a box?). To many others however it is a curse. They wake up screaming in the night with those three words on their lips. And with good reason. The hellish orange paste mock-

ingly referred to as "cheese" by the manufacturers has occupied my nightmares on occasion. But no more. I've found that if you throw the stuff back in the pot after you've mixed the milk, butter and orange powder together and simmer it for five minutes or so (making sure it doesn't stick to the bottom of the pan), a remarkable transformation occurs. The sauce actually begins to resemble a cheese-like substance. Heating it probably denatures the milk proteins, and a substitution reaction on the phenyl group of FD&C yellow #5 probably adds to the effect. At any rate, you should try it, that little Scotchman on the box need not haunt your dreams any longer.



The Amphitheatre



V.L.B.A.

# News Leisure

## Senator Dave's Senate Report

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The second meeting was held Monday, February 1st; this was the first meeting which the new senators attended. The ISA representative issue was again unresolved, simply because there was nobody at the meeting to speak on behalf of the ISA, and because many of the senators felt that more time was needed to be devoted to investigation of the issue anyway. Important events at this meeting included Senate approval of pay raises for the individuals holding the positions of Treasurer and Secretary. This was in no way a pay increase for the positions by themselves. A majority of the senators felt that these two officers deserved a raise just like anyone else doing a decent job deserves a raise at the beginning of the semester.

New senator David Coker

was elected Chairman Pro-Tempore of the Senate. His duty is to preside over the Senate as Chairman in cases where the Vice-President is not acting as Chairman. He would then not vote in Senate decisions, except to break a tie. These are facts obtained from the Constitution of the SA, which is being reworked by the Constitution Committee to eliminate ambiguities and outdated portions and to improve smooth operation of the Student Association. One major change is the way that senators will be elected and the elections themselves. The final draft of the Constitution should be ready for a general student body vote sometime in early April.

But I digress. Also in the meeting the Senate approved a \$120 loan to the Society for Cre-

ative Anachronism which club president Tim Grandi requested so that they could attend a gathering in Arizona. This was necessary since the club budgets for the spring semester were not yet approved. The loan would come out of the general SA fund and would be repaid from the SCA budget after club budgets had been established. This is usually what is done in these situations, as I am led to infer.

The next Senate meeting on Monday, February 15th will already have taken place by the time you read this. I will have a report on it in the next issue of *Paydirt*. The way things are working now, there is almost a three-week gap between the meetings and the report in the paper, because unfortunately the meetings and newspaper deadline fall on the same

day. Maybe spring break will skew things so that a better schedule results.

If you have any questions or complaints or suggestions for the Senate, by all means attend a meeting, stop by the SA office in the SAC during most weekday afternoons, or drop a note to any one of the senators listed below. A handy listing of Senate Committees and their members as well as all clubs in the SA and their presidents are posted on the bulletin board outside the SA office. Remember, we're here to serve you, so please help us to do so.

The number in parentheses refers to the campus post office box.

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Packed with swine parts and nitrates, nothing satisfies like a pan full of steaming weenies. But be careful, hot dogs are the ~~promise land for thousands of opportunistic~~ pathogens just waiting for a tired, stressed out college student whose immune system is reeling from weekends of Dionysian revelry to eat them. My advice: cook the hell right out of them. You have nothing to lose and a bit to gain by overcooking these tasty tube steaks. As a rule of thumb, blacken them good and give an extra 5 minutes for every week they've been sitting in the refrigerator. In case you may have a particularly hardy mutant strain of bacteria in your package, smother the dogs in the hottest chile you can find. It won't keep you from getting sick, but if you have bad enough heartburn you might not know the difference.

About 2 billion people in the world live mostly on rice, but that's because they don't have Scotch Buy mac 'n' cheese in their stores. You can mix your rice with Cream o' Chicken soup for a change of pace; it's about the cheapest thing you can eat that doesn't taste like a college student made it.

Here's another tip: most of the store brands taste just like the big name stuff, but check the labels for nutritional value. Nutritional value? I've yet to meet a college student who gave a damn about nutritional value, but if you do, check the labels.

College students don't have to live like animals just because they behave like animals on the weekends. Beer and potato chips have gotten me through some rough times, it's true, but they only go so far. Please send any particularly helpful recipes, tips, or related matter to Pay Dirt, and if we use it, we'll print your name. Oh boy.

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prising, considering his fast-talk marketing schemes.

The development will consist of the amusement park, a theatre, and a hotel. Needless to say, replicas of sights from the "Holy Land" will be the center of this latest venture. Hopefully, parents will think twice before taking their children to this "monstrous" amusement park. Keep in mind, however, that California is the state that has brought us such well known personalities as Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan, what's to keep them from stopping at Bakker?

I do have to give Bakker one for persistence and devotion to his demented cause. It must be pretty depressing to fall from the throne of a multi-billion dollar empire into relative poverty, but if Jim and Tammy are anything, they are definitely tenacious, grasping with claws and teeth (and Jim has plenty of those) at anything that comes their way. Is this really a virtue, or are these the death throes of a once mighty vulture about to be picked to the bones itself? On the other hand, maybe he is sincere this time, only time will reveal his motives. As Jim would say: "The Lord works in mysterious ways."

Good luck Jim, just remember, when your time comes you won't have any big name lawyers to cover up your earthly crimes.

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# Forum

## Editorial

This is, obviously, the part of the paper where I introduce myself as the new editor, promise you a bunch of stuff that doesn't matter, and basically project a lot of enthusiasm for the paper, the school...open a vein of bullshit, so to speak, and let it bleed all over the pages. Hmmm...

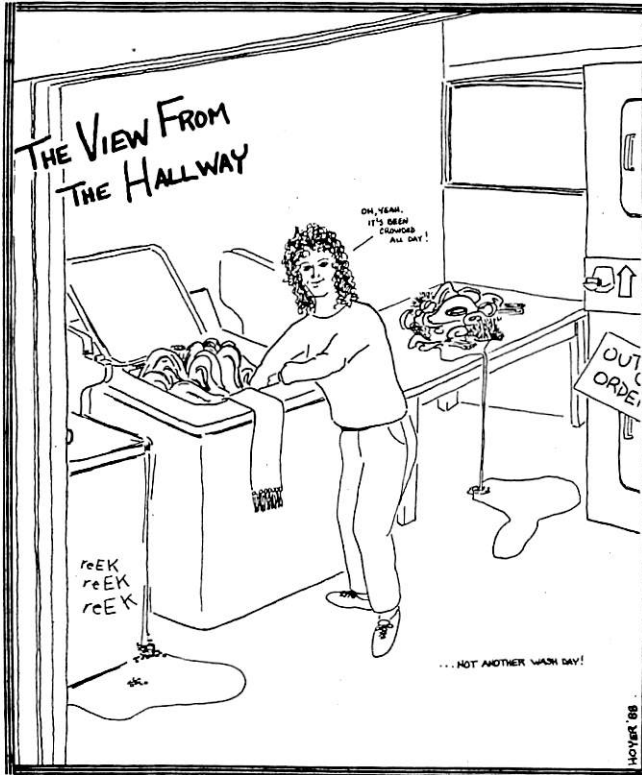
The paper will come out every two weeks pending no major problems. The paper won't be anything like it has been ever since I've been here. I won't say it'll be better, it just won't be a vehicle for campus politics like it has in the past. I got so confused about those *really important* issues, like P-Plant can't water the mud or show a movie to the Captain so Brian and Brian should resign because Jeff Leary can't cook. My intelligent reply was always: so what. The political arrangements here are important, and they do have their place, but sprawling derisive diatribes all over the paper every two or three or four weeks was beating a dead horse.

There's not much I can do to see that the paper is good, but ideally it won't carpet the trash cans like the Hinkleley ads (that's the enthusiasm part). There will be a few running columns (Panning For Dirt, Dirt Cheap, etc.), and various news items. There will also be more photos and I hope it will look better than before. Aside from that, I guess we'll just have to wait and see how people respond to it.

As usual, we will accept any freelancing you may care to contribute. Be it photos, writing, or art, the pay isn't bad, even if the contribution is. Right now I don't know exactly what the rates will be, but it will probably be big bucks.

Anyway, so much for an intelligent editorial, the next one will be as exciting probably. Oh yeah, guys, thanks for the fudge.

—David Fiddler



## Commentary

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## Frats at Tech?

by Grelber

It has come to my attention that certain members of our fine college community feel that what we need is a fraternity. We're all educated, socially responsible people, right? Do they want a community service fraternity like Sigma Phi Epsilon? No, they want a social frat, like Lambda Chi Alpha...think Animal House. We already have one of these, it's called West Hall. West is actually a nice place to live, in spite of the cinder block construction and the rugby players downstairs, who are really delightful people save for the fact that they must wear athletic supporters to each others' parties (for obvious reasons) and think that starting a bonfire outside someone's door is pretty neat. What this college needs is not another organization for people who think a fun time is to see how many times in one night you can throw up, but an organization that will encourage people to help move appliances for little old ladies and help make this town a better place to live in for the four years people are here. I've nothing against throwing a party and getting drunk. I've been known to do both at least once or twice in my life. But should we be inviting in an organization that will encourage this more than it already is? You tell me.

## Eulogy

by J.P. Suchoski

This is a eulogy to a once fine school. A school which lived in the hearts of many people, one which inspired the imagination of others.

Alas, poor Tech!--I knew it, Techies; a school of infinite jest, of most excellent fancy: it hath intoxicated me a thousand times, and now, how abhorred in my imagination it is! my gorge rises at it. Here stirred that fun I knew not how oft. Where be your green painted streakers now? your flashes of merriment? Your gambols? your songs? that were wont to set the whole of the world on a roar? Not one now, to mock your own grinning? quite chap-fallen?...  
Hamlet (sort of), Act V, Sc. II

How right poor Hamlet was. What has happened to the place I once held so dear? I am, of course, referring to such recent occurrences as the attempt of some to get fraternities at our once beloved Tech. This is not a place for the frat. There has never been one here, and if reason is on our side, there never will be.

What do we need one for? To have fun?

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# panning for dirt

by Matt Jarpe

Some of us, being American citizens and all, have a certain important decision to make in the coming year about the leadership of our country. Simply voting in the November election, however, is a little like doing just enough work to get a "C" in a course. It's doing what you have to do, but just barely. Voting in the primaries is important too, as you can see from recent history where the Democrats in the last election put a loser like Fritz Mondale up against the Great Communicator himself, and we were stuck with Reagan's screw ups for another four years.

In order to avoid a similar mistake we all have to become informed. Unfortunately, it's easy to be apathetic in an American college in the '80's, especially one as (ahem) academically demanding as this one. So for those of you who can't find time to follow NBC's "Decision '88" segments like I can (or for those who find them incredibly boring, which I can understand), I'll sum up the show for you so far. (Oh, if you want to label me first so you understand where I'm coming from, I'm an anti-conservative pseudo-Republican on temporary leave due to the Reagan revolution.)

First, the G.O.P. candidates:

—Robert Dole: More or less the co-leader with George Bush. He's been attacking Bush relentlessly for his possible involvement with last year's Iran-*Contra* crap. So far, all I've heard out of him is criticism of other candidates, and nothing positive about himself. He strikes me as a real asshole.

—George Bush: No party should ever run a VP for president. Bush has very little charisma, no ideas of his own, and also nothing positive to say about himself. He should ignore Dole's vindictive sniping, but instead he's spending all of his time refuting these claims. His slogan so far seems to be: "Vote for me, I'm ignorant."

—Jack Kemp: He's so conservative he makes Reagan look like a Greenpeace volunteer. Probably a member of the KKK.

—Pat Robertson: A loony TV preacher who is dangerously close in the polls. If there is a God, I hope he doesn't let this wacko into the White House.

So much for the Republicans. The Democrats are a little better:

—Jesse Jackson: He keeps quoting inaccurate statistics and telling stories and parables that aren't quite true. I like his ideas, but he has proven himself to be a lousy administrator ("I'm a tree shaker, not a jelly maker"). I'd like to see him as Secretary of State, but I think a president should make his own jelly, rather than let the Ollie North's do it.

—Dick Gephardt: This guy is a chameleon. He campaigns by appealing to the people he's talking to. This is working great in the homogeneous states like Iowa and New Hampshire, but get him in a checkerboard state like New York and it'll all fall apart.

—Paul Simon: If he can find someone named Garfunkle to be his running mate, he's got the election in the bag. Simon is a real nice guy, though, so he's probably unelectable. He has appeared on *Saturday Night Live*, though, a definite plus. His economic policy is like a real life version of Reaganomics. (Reaganomics is where you give a tax break to big cooperations in the hopes

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I have been to frat "social" events, and also to non-frat "social" events. The difference, the frats were (objectively speaking, I hope) not as fun as a regular, down home, "get together and socialize" type of event (right here in Socorro), where it was O.K. to show up late or leave any time you wanted.

Some people might say "Well, most other colleges have fraternities, why not Tech?" Most people come to Tech because it is different than other colleges and universities, not because it is the same. This is a trait called *individuality*, a quality which is poorly lacking in a slew of people these days, let's hope



## Jim and Tammy in the Holy Land

by John Bender

The dynamic duo of television morality is back, this time with a plan to build yet another religious theme park. Of course, I'm talking about the illustrious Jim and Tammy Bakker. Obviously these two have no sense of decorum: just last year, Jimmy lost his Heritage U.S.A. park in South Carolina after the sordid details of his after hours sex life became public knowledge.

Of course, the sex scandal was just the tip of the iceberg. We must not forget about the bribery, the cover-ups, and the fraud present at the upper levels of his administration. At Heritage U.S.A., he routinely overbooked space in his luxurious, high-rise hotel, and misled contributors about how their contributions would be used. During all of this, the hypocrite was broadcasting wholesale morality from his private television studio.

Tammy, meanwhile, was raking in a bundle from her designer cosmetic collection. Why anyone would purchase cosmetics from a woman who looks like a character from the movie *Brazil* is beyond me; but, somebody must have found her attractive (obviously not her husband). Oh well, there's one born every minute.

In the near future, the residents of Coachella, California, will be able to witness the great preacher at work. According to an Associated Press report, town officials are enthusiastic about the \$2 billion "Holy Land" theme park project. Bakker says that he has arranged for financing the project, which really isn't sur-  
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that they will reinvest in America. The cooperations took the tax break and took it to Korea. Korea's economy is doing quite well.) Simon's giving a break to everyone and making sure it goes back into America. His foreign policy is a little goofy. Besides, a president shouldn't wear a bow tie.

—Mike Dukakis: He's standing behind his record of keeping Massachusetts, one of the most economically sound states in the country, from going under. Kind of like putting your hands against the Hoover Dam and telling people you're keeping it from falling.

—Gary Hart: We've all heard this guy's story. Like the song says: "He can't even run his own life. I'll be damned if he'll run mine."

—Albert Gore: Just plain too young.

—Bruce Babbitt: So far, Bruce is my choice. He's the guy who looks like Tom Poston from *The Newhart Show* and who stutters and stammers through his speeches. He has realized that there is a problem in this country called a deficit, and the only way to solve the problem is to increase revenues and decrease expenditures. In other words, to fill up a bucket you have to pour more water in than you let dump out. It sounds simple, but most of the other candidates don't see it that way.

Simon, as well as most of the Republicans, are pulling money out of a hat. Dukakis has never had to deal with a sick economy. I really don't like the idea of a 5% federal sales tax, as Babbitt proposes, but we may have to do it to pull the country out of debt. We need to get back to the "Ask not what your country can do for you" mentality of the Kennedy years. It is our country, and if it's going broke, we need to remedy the situation. This includes all of us: rich (by paying fair taxes, keeping businesses in the country, and buying American), poor (by staying off welfare unless they really need it), students (by graduating and getting jobs in this country to increase the G.N.P.), and workers (by working). Babbitt is prepared to solve the problem of the unbalanced budget, but it's no magic trick. Incidentally, Babbitt has also appeared on *Saturday Night Live*.

I'm not known for my involvement in politics, but if I have helped a little in avoiding another national mistake like the one that put Ronald Reagan in the Oval Office, then I think I've done my civic duty.

Besides, if Pat Robertson is elected, I'm leaving the country.

## Op/Ed

that those who are left don't disappear into the hands of a fraternity.

The only reason to become fraternized is to allow elitists to "throw up with their own kind." You know how it is: Innocent Freshman looking for friends, Innocent Freshman says, "Hey, I'll try the fraternities, they looked like fun in that John Belushi movie." Our Innocent Freshman is soon accepted into the frat, and soon finds out he was right, it is exactly like the movie, but it is not John Belushi he has turned into, but one of the clones of Douglas Neidermeier. (If you don't know who he is, I suggest you study *Animal House*.)

From this cloning we get segregation of

the school population, because Big Senior in Frat says "Don't hang out with him," or "Don't hang out with her." When Innocent Freshman asks why, the reply is because "He isn't in the frat," or "We don't like him/her because he/she is a (choose one): dweeb, punk, pinhead, physicist, geologist, biologist, etc." In other words, Innocent Freshman, he is not like us.

Do we want this sort of segregation? I don't, and I think most of you don't, either. Tech is just too small to start separating people by who and what they are. In a school of just about one thousand people, there is no room for cliques, no room for people to be told who to like, not to like, and, most importantly, there is no room for those silly little

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# Sports

## Snowboard the Southwest

by Neal Pederson

What the heck is it? Is it hard? How long does it take to learn? Where can you do it? These are just a few of the questions I am constantly asked while trying to work my way up the lift lines at ski areas in Colorado and New Mexico. The questions are about snowboarding, and here are some of the answers.

Snowboarding is a fairly new sport and is slowly becoming one of the most popular winter sports around. It is certainly one of the funnest. A snowboard is a single board about 163cm long and about 25cm wide. It is shaped like a monoski, but has more of a slalom cut to it for added maneuverability. Usually it will have an upturned end, making it easy to go backwards. The stance (binding placement) is similar to standing on a skateboard or a surfboard. Most bindings are made so they can adjust to whatever stance a person is comfortable with. Some people stand with their right foot forward (goofy footed), and some with their left foot forward. You can wear two basic kinds of boots. A soft, Sorel type boot is good for freestyle tricks because it is easier to tweak in the air and maneuver through the bumps. Ski boots may also be used, which are better for support and control when going fast on icy, hard-pack snow.

The first snowboarding experience can be an awkward one. It helps to have some skateboarding or surfing experience, but it is not necessary. Snowboarding is similar to these sports, as you turn by carving an edge into the snow and leaning one way or the other. It differs, however, because you have to swivel your back foot back and forth for successful turning. Fresh snow helps here; you don't have to worry about anything else except carving, and it hurts less when you fall. Powder is awesome. It's a lot easier to snowboard in deep powder and with a little practice you can blow away just about any skier. The sport doesn't take much more than a day or two to get the hang of, and you'll improve much faster than you would at

skiing.

There are many places to snowboard. In the past, snowboarding was outlawed on ski areas, so most snowboarding was done on back country runs. The recent popularity and technological advances being made in equipment have changed that, and now almost every ski area in Colorado allows them. Some of New Mexico's ski areas, including Sipapu, Angel Fire, Rio Costillo and Cloudcroft, allow snowboarding, and ideally most of the other ski areas will soon follow suit. Sipapu is one of the best places because they rent boards, and the lift tickets are only \$18.

Snowboard technology is quickly gaining on that of skiing. Some boards are still laminates, and these seem to be the most flexible on the market. Their main problem is that they break easier than the newer carbon center or fiberglass boards. Some of the big names in snowboarding are Sims, Burton, Gnu, Barfoot, Avalanche and Snowtech. I own a Barfoot and think it is one of the best boards for freestyle, but it is not stiff enough to be very controllable at high speeds. Sims makes a good freestyle and giant slalom board. They make the lightest boards and have the best reputation on the market, but they cost more. Burton probably sells the most boards, but I haven't heard much good news about them.

The average price for a snowboard ranges from \$250 to \$400. K2 and Rossignol ski companies currently have prototype snowboards in the works, and will probably be on the market within a year. In Albuquerque, Mountain Sports sells and rents Sims and Burton equipment. Rental can also be found at Purgatory in Colorado and at Sipapu in New Mexico.

### Volleyball Team Scores Big in Tournament by Tracy Hathoot

The New Mexico Tech girls volleyball team competed in the 14th annual Volleyball Tournament held here at Tech on February 7th.

There were eighteen teams in the tournament. There were four pools with five teams in each pool. The matches were one game to fifteen. The top two

## Club Profile : The Climbing Club



Tech climber Donn Goodhew bouldering the Streambed Traverse, Box Canyon

New Mexico Tech offers many clubs that not only offer an outlet for any extracurricular energy you may have, but legitimate excuses to blow off those annoying afternoon labs. One of the not-so organized clubs here is the Tech Climbing Club.

The club has only been established for a little over a semester now (it began in the Fall of '87), but it is earning a good reputation for itself. Vice President of the club, Scott Paul Anderson, emphasizes that the club is open to anyone interested, and in spite of the club's short existence, they've already been to Hueco Tanks, Texas, twice, and are planning something for this Spring break, possibly to Joshua Tree, California.

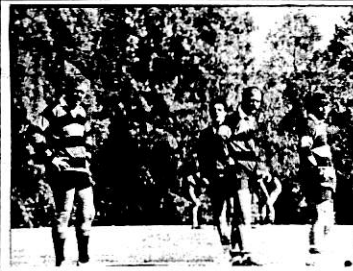
If geography is a blessing, Tech's climbers certainly have it, as they are the "locals" of a well known and visited climbing site: Box Canyon. Nestled about 7 miles out of town on highway 60, Box Canyon offers

some exemplary climbs ranging from 5.7 (easy) to 5.12c (very hard). Just recently another discovery was made, too, by Tech climber and climbing instructor, Bertrand Gramont: The Enchanted Tower, in Datil. About 60 miles west of Socorro, The Tower is still being explored and features a 150 foot volcanic tuff tower, Humpty Dumpty, a 5.13a climb, one of the hardest in the state. It's also accessible from the road, and oftentimes offers more favorable weather than Box Canyon does.

So, if you are interested in clinging to the side of a mountain 30 feet or so above ground, get ahold of either club President Carter Grotbeck at 835-4795, or Scott, at 835-6346. The philosophy is "learn as you do," and limited equipment is available to club members from the gym. And, Scott adds, "When it warms up you'll see us out on the side of South Hall."

## New Mexico Tech Rugby

Photo by The Camera Crew



Last Sunday the New Mexico Tech Pygmies played the Chiles from Las Cruces. The game was rough and they played hard, yet they still lost. Bad. All good clean fun.

teams from each pool went to the A-division tournament play, while the last three teams went into the B-division tournament play.

New Mexico Tech took 1st place in their pool. The 1st round was the best 2 out of 3, games were to 11. Tech won. The semi-finals went all the way to 3 games to 15 against a team from Los Lunas. Tech won again. (These women are amazing-ed). In the finals, Tech came up against a tough team from Western New

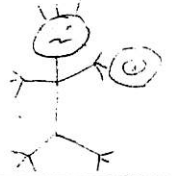
Mexico University. The first game went 16 - 14, and the second game went 15 - 2, Tech kicked butt.

After fourteen years Tech finally managed to win a volleyball tournament. Prizes were turquoise-and-black long sleeve shirts with the logo "New Mexico Tech Volleyball."

Congratulations to: Lorie Baker, Nancy Noble, Bev Gonzales, Tracy Hathoot, Andrea Peralta, and Stephanie Stowe.

# KTEK


## 88.7 FM



### KTEK Schedule: your guide to what's when

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7AM	Sean Dougherty	Bryan Young	Sean Dougherty		Sean Dougherty		
8	Laura Buxton		Laura Buxton	Kim Floyd		Shawn Flaherty	Steve Smoogen
9	Matt Jones	Dan Selders		Bob Broilo	Joan Riddle		
10		Laura Buxton					
11	Dan Bonjorni	Carol Morgan	Bill VanNewkirk	Chris Tincu			David Oakes
12PM				Robert Mace & Wendy Weiss	Jason Covington		
1			Matt Smith				Leann Giebler
2	Bryan Young & Bert Peters	Joan Riddle	Eddy Efsic	Matt Jones	Joel Dolinski		
3					Devin Bryant & Miguel Romero		
4				John Mauritz			Bill VanNewkirk
5	Pat Macrol	KTEK New Musik Hour	Alan Kerr	Jim Kough & Tami Beutel	Mark Jenson	Lee Jackson	
6		Kendal Emery & Peter Alexander	Kim Robichaud & Jay Cabrales				Bob Bolton
7	Charone Bonner	Tim Jorgensen	Jay Cabrales	Dave Lampner	Rob Jose	Craig Hier	Randy Groves
8			Sean Dougherty			or	Robert Mace
9	Kathryn Woodbridge	Brian Deen & Susie Lamphere		Radio Dave Show!	Sean Coates	Matt Jones	
10			The King Don Show				Robert Solomon
11	Abe Franklin						
12AM							

D.J. Name, "Title of Show," (type of music played)  
 Chris Tincu, "Bettie's Milk Shoppe" (classic rock)  
 Kim Floyd, "Hrs of Noise" (various)  
 Lee Jackson, "Dimension 4" (various new wave/new age)  
 Kendal Emery & Peter Alexander "Elevator Muzik" (Christian rock)  
 Mark Jenson, (new wave)  
 Craig Hier, "This Show Has No Name" (anything!)  
 Matt Jones, "Matt the Deaf D.J."  
 Bob Broilo, "3-way Early Morning Jungle Hour" (industrial/new wave)  
 Dan Selders, (new wave/old wave)  
 Kim Robichaud & Jay Cabrales, "Flipside" (new wave, rock)  
 Shawn Flaherty, "The Morning Show" (?)  
 Sean Dougherty, "Sean's Music Shoppe" (free-form)  
 Jim Kough/Tami Beutel, "The Jim or Tami Show" (retro-new wave)  
 Robert Mace & Wendy Weiss, "The Bob & Wendy Show" (new wave & stuff)  
 Bryan Young, "The Rock of Love" (Christian rock)  
 Matt Smith & Joel Dolinski, "Chemically Insane" (classic rock, heavy metal)  
 Sean Coates, "Destination Midnight" (that scary new stuff)  
 Robert Solomon, "The Other Side of Reality" (industrial/new wave)  
 Abe Franklin, (various underground, classic rock)  
 Eddy Efsic, (artists' libraries)  
 Carol Morgan, "Official Business" (industrial/new wave)  
 Robert Mace, "This Realm Savant" (industrial doom)  
 Paul Tomasack & J.P. Suchowski, "The King Don Show" (classic rock)  
 Pat MacRoberts, (anything but country)  
 Radio Dave "KTEK New Musik Hour" (new records at KTEK)  
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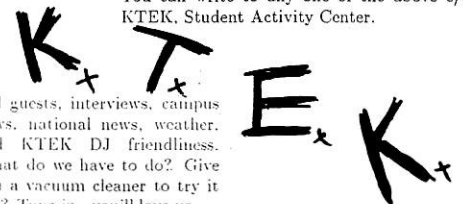
Freeform radio dead in New Mexico? No way!! Not if you are hooked into KTEK via campus campus cable. KTEK has been sitting at 88.7 on the FM dial for a year now, and we've progressed quite a bit since our first infant yowls over the air. Our disc jockeys get to play the music they want to play which ranges from hard

rock to soft pop, new wave to new age, and punk to classical. Just check this schedule out and tune in.  
 In order to tune in to New Mexico's last outpost of freeform, you have to live on campus and you have to be connected to cable. If you have the know how to hook up, do it. If you don't, give a call

at -5265 to set an appointment for the KTEK "Mod Squad" to hook you up. You won't regret it. And hang on to that phone number (-5265) because you can make requests!! Yes sir, Call up a DJ and have them play your song! (It's exciting, truly!)  
 Not only do you get fine music from Tech's homegrown radio station, you get spe-

cial guests, interviews, campus news, national news, weather, and KTEK DJ friendliness. What do we have to do? Give you a vacuum cleaner to try it out? Tune in...you'll love us.

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Right now I have fun with just about everybody I know, whether they are engineers, scientists, "cool" people, nerds, dweebs, and yes, even those in West. I don't want my friends assigned to me by a bunch of stuck up wieners who have superiority complexes because they belong to a frat.

For me, my friends are everyone, and my frat, as it were, is the Cap. Let not poor Hamlet be right. Do not let the fraternity lead to the downfall of a fine institution

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