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WORLD

Masses support President Yeltsin

MOSCOW (AP) — Tens of thousands of President Boris Yeltsin's supporters surged through the streets Sunday with a spirit that evoked the defense of democracy during the failed hard-line coup of 1991.

Appearing before the throng massed outside the Kremlin, an invigorated Yeltsin declared that "Moscow has awakened at last."

Farmers, workers, intellectuals, priests and politicians were among the estimated 50,000 protesters whose shouts of "Yeltsin! Yeltsin!" and "Down with the Congress!" echoed off the thick Kremlin walls. They marched onto Red Square behind five tractors decorated with pictures of Yeltsin.



STATE

Study examines child poverty level

WASHINGTON (AP) — One in four Texas children lives in poverty — a rate far higher than the national average, according to a study that says conditions for children in the United States aren't improving.

The number of Texas children living in poverty has risen steadily since 1979, the Center for the Study of Social Policy and the Annie E. Casey Foundation said in a report for release Monday.

Where one in five Texas children lived in poverty in 1979, that rate has now climbed to one in four — at a time when the national average is one in five.

"I think the child poverty rate certainly is very disturbing because children who grow up in poverty tend not to do as well in school. They are not as healthy, they are more likely to drop out of school and not have good-quality jobs when they get out," said Leslie Lanham, with the Texas branch of the Children's Defense Fund.

Richards appoints campaign donators

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Gov. Ann Richards has not forgotten big-money campaign contributors while making appointments to state boards and commissions, a newspaper's investigation shows.

Most of Richards' appointments to major boards, including the Parks and Wildlife Commission and the University of Texas Board of Regents, are financial donors, according to *The Dallas Morning News'* computer analysis of records.

The newspaper's analysis of Richards' appointments, detailed in a copyright story Sunday, indicates that she collected more than \$1 million from people she named to the panels that govern universities and state agencies.

But the Democratic governor, after two years in office, has appointed more women, blacks and Hispanics than perhaps any of her predecessors.



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Coming home

Texas Tech Lady Raiders Krista Kirkland and Michi Atkins were greeted Sunday afternoon by fans at the Lubbock International Airport upon the team's victorious return from Missoula, Mont.

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Fans cheer home team's victory, return

The Lubbock International Airport was the site of a mob-like scene as a crowd, estimated by airport security at more than 4,000, arrived to cheer returning businessmen, weary travelers and, of course, the West Regional Champion Lady Raiders Sunday afternoon.

"I wish this had happened during Christmas," said one member of the multitudes. "I could have gone shopping at the mall without having to wait in line

because everyone is out here." As the plane carrying the Texas Tech women's basketball team pulled up to the gate, the masses became restless and the airport loudspeaker played the "Go, fight, win" song, sending the assembly into a tizzy.

The doors to the jet were opened and passengers traveled through the corridor to a waiting area and were cheered by the crowd, which was expecting team members and coaches.

When the squad finally emerged through the doors, see RETURN, page 6

Director links substance abuse to racial issues

by JULIE HARRIS
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

The horrors of racial discrimination and addiction do not differ greatly, recovering substance abuse addict Kenneth L. Osborne told 113 students, faculty and mental health professionals Friday at a workshop in the human sciences building.

Osborne, program director of psychiatric services at the Rosewood Medical Center in Houston, discussed the interrelation of racial discrimination and chemical substance addiction problems during the cultural awareness and sensitivity workshop.

"In recovery, I realized that I had spent the past 20 years wanting to be white, and I never knew it," he said.

Osborne said he and his brothers and sisters were raised without a father figure and were taught what their mother believed to be most important in becoming successful.

"My mother taught us to get an education, to act white and that it was not OK to make mistakes," he said.

"I got tired of that, of thinking that if it was black, it wasn't right or acceptable," Osborne said. "It became clear that if I was having problems about racial situations, it was inside me and not what was going on with others."

Positive changes in discrimination will not occur unless black people stop pointing the finger and white people stop saying discrimination is not their fault, he said.

"Black is an identity, but it must come second to being a human being," he said.

Osborne asked the audience for opinions on the recent racial tensions over the Pi Kappa Alpha/Fashion Board "Party in the Projects" mixer.

"I just wanted to know, where does it stop?" one audience member said. "When I saw the Will Rogers statue wrapped in the African flag colors, I wondered if it would be wrapped in Mexican flag colors the next day."

What came of the mixer was not all negative, Osborne said.

"We got to see two groups come together, so something very positive came out of it," he said.

Parking cost increase to pay for street repair

Board of Regents raises prices of commuter, residence hall, faculty, staff parking stickers

by SANDRA PULLEY
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Texas Tech faculty, staff and students will pay higher prices for parking next semester after the Tech Board of Regents unanimously approved 1993-94 traffic and parking regulations Friday at a meeting in the Regents' Suites.

"There is an extreme cost difference between tearing up a street and repaving it and taking measures to preserve the roads," said Jerry Ramsey, associate vice president for operations.

Several of Tech's roadways and parking lots have reached "almost a critical stage" and need to be repaired or preserved soon, he said.

Revenues generated through the increase will fund improvements in the Tech parking system, which includes parking lots and campus road-

ways. Residence hall parking prices will increase from \$46 to \$51 and individual faculty reserved and staff reserved spaces will rise from \$82 to \$90. Parking for the R-18 and R-6 general lots, which are used for graduate students and employees who work near the traffic and parking complex, will jump from \$43 to \$47.

Commuter prices will increase from \$32 to \$35. Ramsey said the office of traffic and parking sells two commuter stickers for every commuter parking space available, but does not have plans to create new commuter lots.

"We are very sensitive to the green areas on our campus, and we do not want to turn them into blacktop," he said at the board's Thursday committee meeting.

The board also approved the addition of three

bus turnouts on the north side of 18th Street. The \$150,000 project, which will be funded by Citibus and the Higher Education Assistance Fund, is part of a plan to improve the campus bus system.

The turnouts should make bus accessibility safer for students, and shelters may be added at these bus stops at a later date, said Citibus representative Dusty Peters. The bus stops also will have handicap accessibility.

The board meeting was the first for newly appointed Regent Carl Noe, Edward Whitacre and Bernard Harris, who also were appointed by Gov. Ann Richards March 1, were not present at the meeting because of schedule conflicts.

Other board action included the approval of construction projects, including renovation of the agricultural education and communications building.

Network helping educate pregnant women, unwed mothers

by KENDRA CASEY
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Local supporters of the Nurturing Network, a nationwide service for unwed mothers, are working to involve Texas Tech in assisting clients with their educations.

The Nurturing Network was founded in 1986 in Massachusetts with hopes of creating an alternative service for women facing crisis pregnancies. Lawrence D'Souza of Lubbock joined the group of about 14,000 volunteers nationwide last year to extend the network's services to unwed mothers in the Lubbock area.

The network was established for college and career-oriented women who do not want to choose abortion as

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Lawrence D'Souza

an option when dealing with an unplanned or unwanted pregnancy, D'Souza said.

"It's a program where we find meaningful alternatives to abortion," he said. "We're offering her an additional choice."

Network volunteers are trying to involve Tech in a network of universities that accept a student's transfer during pregnancy and child birth, D'Souza said.

Institutions participating in the pro-

gram include Notre Dame, Villanova and Creighton universities.

The network also helps young mothers pay for medical costs associated with prenatal care and delivery, find a job and re-locate to a different university if necessary.

Part of the network's services include providing housing for women who do not have or cannot afford a place to live on their own, D'Souza said.

Volunteer families are screened and

matched with clients. A family atmosphere often is beneficial to expecting mothers, he said.

The service also consists of a network of doctors and counselors to meet the needs of Nurturing Network clients on an ability-to-pay basis.

D'Souza said he is in the process of establishing a "cluster" of doctors, volunteers and corporate sponsors in Lubbock to assist local women facing crisis pregnancies.

"I thought this was a perfect place for it (the network) in Lubbock," he said, adding that the network will work on its first Lubbock case this week.

D'Souza said he thinks the network will benefit students who believe abortion is their only choice

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Safety concerns prevented use of automatic weapons during assault, ATF says

WACO (AP) — Federal agents didn't carry automatic weapons when they raided a heavily armed religious compound last month because they were concerned about the safety of women and children inside, an agent said Sunday.

Four agents were killed and 16 wounded Feb. 28, when efforts by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to arrest Branch Davidian leader David Koresh triggered a fierce 45-minute gunfight.

The agency later said it was outgunned during the shootout in which at least two cult members were also killed.

The month-long standoff that followed remained unresolved Sunday with nearly 100 people inside and authorities saying they haven't talked to Koresh by phone since Wednesday.

"The reason that we did not assault this compound with fully automatic machine guns ... is that we are a law enforcement agency," said David Troy,

intelligence chief for the ATF. "This was not a military assault where a body count was going to be added up at the end. This was a situation where we had women and children inside the compound."

Negotiators said Koresh may be isolating himself from them to get away from the stress of the situation. The FBI said authorities also worry that Koresh may order his followers to commit suicide.

"Various suicide pacts have been proposed by those inside the compound, principally by Mr. Koresh," said FBI agent Bob Ricks.

Later Sunday, about 50 people gathered at a prayer vigil in Waco to call for a peaceful ending to the stalemate.

Ninety-seven people were believed holed up inside the compound Sunday, including 17 children. That number also includes two people who aren't cult members but who sneaked past authorities and into the compound during the last week.

Army extends medical coverage to civilians

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — In an about-face from longtime military policy, Army medical personnel from San Antonio plan to provide limited health services to civilians.

A convoy of Brooke Army Medical Center personnel and equipment from the 41st Combat Support Hospital at Fort Yuma in Houston will provide services.

Starr, a large rural county that is the second poorest in the nation, has a population of 40,500 and a jobless rate of 36 percent, according to 1990 census figures.

Col. David McFarling, deputy commander of the Brooke Army Medical Center, said the operation is authorized to provide humanitarian relief inside the United States as part of training operations.

"We're arguing very much that this is a readiness exercise," said McFarling.

As the Army re-examines its post-Cold War role, it may decide to undertake more international humanitarian operations, McFarling said. For state health officials, the Army could provide the manpower needed to cover health services in areas such as Starr County.

"I think the country is looking at reducing health care costs, and one way to do it is to use every health care capability this country has inside its borders," said Dr. Rick Proctor, director of the state health department's Houston region.

One concern has been avoiding competition with local doctors, even in areas where medical care is sparse. Proctor said organizers were careful to include Starr County health officials into the operational planning.

"The rule is, there has to be broad support from the consumers, the local medical team. We want everybody in that area to want us in. If they don't, we're not going in," Proctor said.

Dr. Mario Ramirez of Roma, who supports the plan, said Starr County is medically better off than many places. The county, which has seven doctors and a 50-bed county hospital, has an infant mortality rate among the state's lowest.

"Overall, the quality of care that is rendered here is very good," said Ramirez.

Tornado season upon West Texas

by SANDRA RIEGLE
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Sunshine and warm temperatures accompany the advent of spring. So do tornadoes.

Twisters occur primarily in the spring, but can strike at any time, said Jerry Ramsey, associate professor for Tech operations.

Texas, located at the southern end of the tornado alley area, recorded the largest number of tornadoes in the nation in 1990. West Texas recorded 85 tornadoes in 1991, and the state led the nation in 1990 with its 158 recorded tornadoes.

The record for the highest number of twister frequency occurred in the Red River Valley, which extends west to the South Plains.

"The Great Plains has a little higher

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(tornado) frequency than most other places," Ramsey said.

Jim Northcutt, director of Tech's environmental health and safety, said tornado warning signs should be stressed because the signs often are disregarded.

"I encourage all students, faculty and staff to observe the warning signs and follow the procedures. Do not ignore it," he said.

According to Texas Tech's Insti-

tute for Disaster Research, in the event of a tornado, people should:

- Be aware of twister season in their area.
- Observe radio and television broadcasts for updated weather reports on advancing storms.
- Not remain in their vehicles or mobile homes.
- Seek cover in a depression when outside. Refuge in drainage ditches should not be sought because they are apt to flood.
- Seek protection in a hallway or small interior room when in a large, open building. Large, open rooms, such as gymnasiums or auditoriums, should be avoided.

The best place to seek shelter is in a building's basement area or a small room that is close to the floor and not located near windows, Northcutt said.

Restaurant sued for discrimination

NEW YORK (AP) — More than 30 years since black students seeking equal rights sat in at a Woolworth's lunch counter in North Carolina, a new generation is suing some restaurant chains over discriminatory treatment.

Allegations of racist treatment of black patrons, a galvanizing factor in the civil rights movement, have resurfaced recently in discrimination complaints against Denny's and Shoney's restaurants.

In California last week, 32 customers, most of them black, said in a federal class-action lawsuit that the Denny's chain, which advertises itself as "always open," wasn't open to them.

They said Denny's outlets in San Jose forced them to prepay for meals or pay cover charges, denied them advertised free birthday meals, subjected them to racially hostile comments or asked them to leave.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified monetary damages and a change in policies at more than 300

Denny's restaurants in California; there are 1,460 Denny's around the nation.

In a separate action, Denny's said Thursday it will sign a settlement with the U.S. Justice Department to resolve government claims that the chain discriminated against black customers. The company said it doesn't tolerate discrimination and the settlement will reinforce company policies against such practices.

The department's lawsuit said Denny's and its parent company, TW Services Inc. of Spartanburg, S.C., "treat black customers less favorably than white customers and discourage black persons from visiting their restaurants."

The government wouldn't provide details of the discrimination claims against Denny's. The chain said the complaints were related to late-night procedures at some restaurants with specific security concerns. The chain said it eliminated the procedures at company-owned restaurants more

than a year ago.

The settlement with Denny's follows a \$105 million discrimination settlement last November by Shoney's Inc., a Nashville, Tenn.-base chain of more than 1,800 restaurants throughout the United States and Canada.

Black employees said Shoney's discriminated against them in hiring and promotions and subjected them to demeaning behavior.

Witnesses said Raymond L. Danner used racial epithets.

Earlier this month, Shoney's bought out Danner's shares; he said he wouldn't run for re-election to the company's board of directors.

Shoney's operates more than 1,800 restaurants in the United States and Canada.

The executive vice president of the National Restaurant Association, of which Shoney's and Denny's are members, said he believed discrimination is an aberration.

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HORT 2311 Vegetable Crops

These courses allow students to learn basic concepts of science in an enjoyable and interesting manner.

Help

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because of economical reasons and career goals.

"Right now there is very little available for the career-minded person," D'Souza said. "The network allows a woman to keep her resume intact, and I know there is a need for this service at Texas Tech."

The program is designed to offer emotional support for mothers before and after pregnancy and to provide assistance to women who choose adoption.

"We'll stay with her as long as she needs us," D'Souza said.

For information on volunteering contact D'Souza at 794-6553 or the national organization at 1-800-TNN-4MOM.

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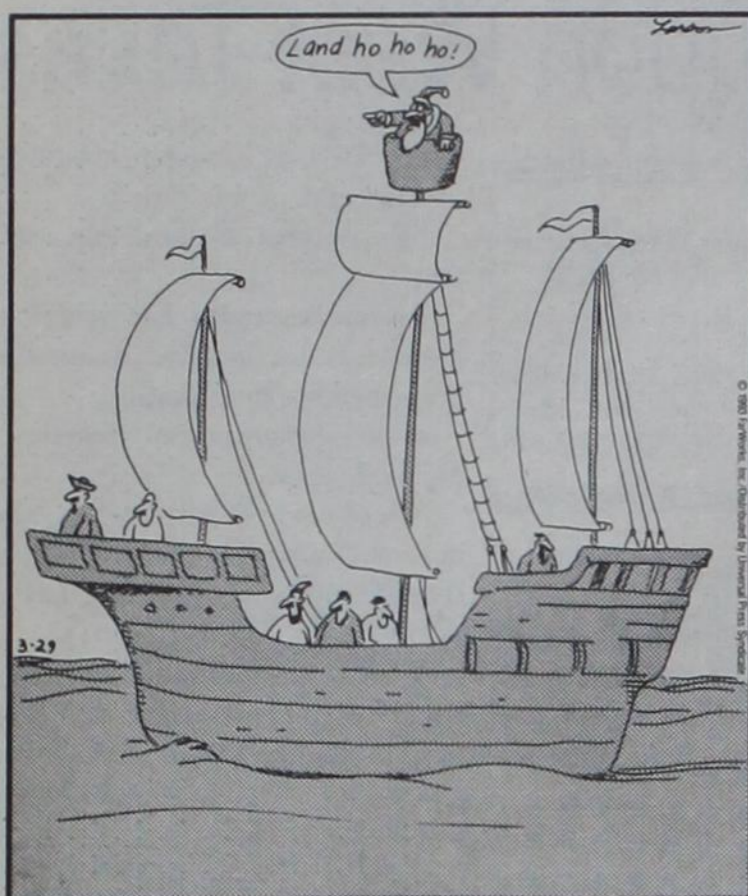
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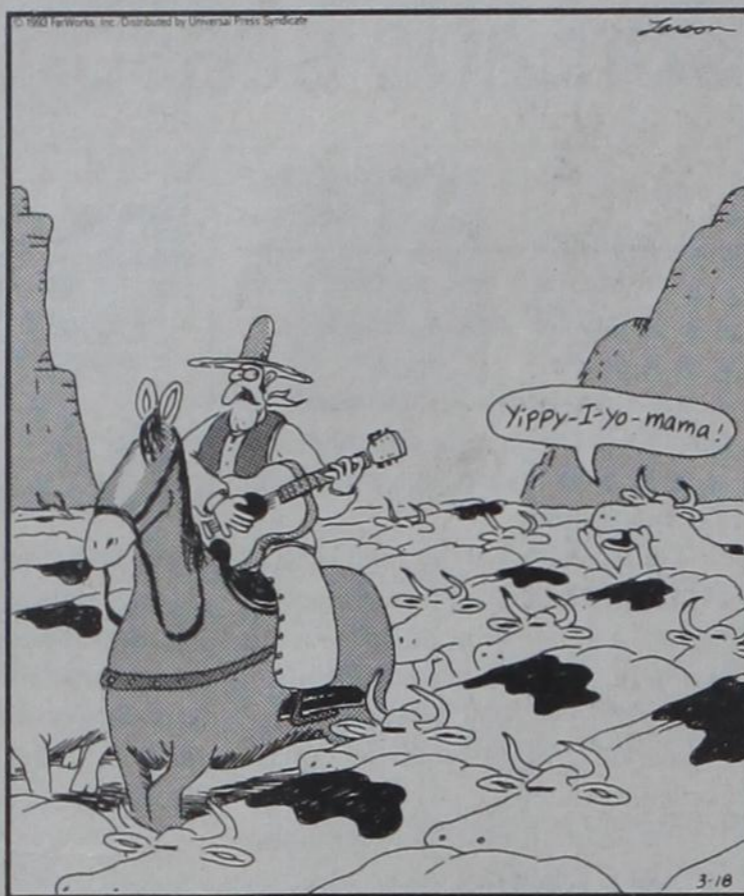
By GARY LARSON

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How Santa first came to the New World



Race car driver uses degree to pursue hobby

by KRISTIE DAVIS THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

When a racing organization comes to town, one would expect to find a plethora of mechanics. What one may not expect to find is a race-winning sprint car driver with a college degree in mechanical engineering.

But when the World of Outlaws pulled into town over the weekend they brought with them 23-year-old Greg Hodnett, a rookie Outlaw, but no rookie to auto racing.

Hodnett graduated in August from Memphis State University with a mechanical engineering degree and now is putting that degree to work at race tracks across the country.

"Actually, the thing I use the most is engineering economics because for our operation I'm basically the manager," he said. "I have to come up with the budget. I have to organize everything and know what money is going to be

I STARTED DRIVING WHEN I WAS 17 AND FINISHED SECOND IN MY FIRST RACE AND WON THE NEXT FOUR.

Greg Hodnett

spent where." Hodnett would like to design cars when he gets a break from the racing circuit.

"As far as designing, I haven't really designed anything because I haven't been out of school that long. We were racing all winter and that didn't give me a long time to do it," he said. "I take a vested interest in the fuel system and the aerodynamics of the wings because that's what I studied. It gives me a better understanding of the car and the way it runs."

Hodnett's interest in auto racing began when he was a boy because his father raced for 25 years.

"Just because of his involvement I became involved," he said. "I started driving when I was 17 and finished second in my first race and won the next four. Things were going pretty nice, but that was my senior year in high school, and I got an academic scholarship to Memphis State, so I took it," he said. "Actually, I lost my scholarship to be honest with you. The second semester I got about a 1.6 or something like that."

Hodnett continued racing while going to school.

He returned to school and managed to get a 4.0 so he decided to continue until he got a degree.

KOHM fans show dedication after mishap

by KENDRA CASEY THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

If you buy it, we will pay for it.

That is what KOHM 89.1-FM listeners called and told radio station staff members Tuesday and Wednesday when the station was forced to halt regular programming after the breakdown of the FX 50 Exciter, a component KOHM executive Sylvia Jones said is vital to transmitting.

Jones said the original plan was to rebuild the component, but listeners said they would support a fund-raiser

to buy new equipment.

"The staff answered calls continuously," Jones said. "Some people insisted they make a pledge then and there when we explained that we needed a new component."

The fund-raiser will start at 8 a.m. today and will continue until the \$7,000 needed to purchase the new component is received.

Jones said listeners will be able to hear an improved difference when the exciter is installed, and she said the component will have a longer life and warranty.

Atmosphere unique in old-time, Texas post office

BAYTOWN (AP)—There are still places where a smile and friendly conversation are not discouraged, where the meter is not always running and the day's busy schedule can be pushed aside for a few minutes. But you have

to look for them. The Wallisville post office is such a place — a facility reminiscent of the past, when people knew each other, and it was customary to sit a spell when you bumped into somebody. Betsy Dobson, postmaster and sole employee, understands these forgotten pleasures. After working in the breakneck Houston postal service for nine years, she accepted the Wallisville job to get away from the rat race. The town of about 380 people is 50 miles east of Houston in Chambers County.

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Tech sweeps Owls; takes lead in conference race

by CASEY WESTENRIEDER
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

The Texas Tech baseball team swept Rice this weekend at Dan Law Field and in the process the Red Raiders vaulted into the lead in the Southwest Conference standings.

Before the series began, coach Larry Hays had said he would have been happy with two wins against the Owls (now 25-7, 3-3). Instead, Tech posted three victories, beating 16th-ranked Rice 17-2 Friday, and 5-4 and 8-5 in Saturday's doubleheader.

"We'd like to win all three but Rice is a tough team," Hays said after the 20th-ranked Red Raiders swept Ne-

braska-Kearney. "Rice hasn't lost very many games and the ones they have lost were in places where you don't have many wins."

Tavis Driskill started for Tech, now 25-7 overall and 5-1 in Southwest Conference, in the first game and retired the first three batters in order.

The Raiders, with two outs in the first inning, scored three runs on two hits to pull ahead of Rice en route to a 17-2 victory.

George Kilford had a big game for Tech hitting four singles and a triple with eight RBI in six trips to the plate.

Driskill finished the game giving up only two hits, two runs and striking out six.

On Saturday, the Raiders played catch-up in both games of the doubleheader but produced victories in each to increase Tech's win streak to nine games.

In the first of the two, the Owls jumped ahead by one in the first but Tech tied the game in the second.

Rice's two runs in the third sent Raider pitcher J.J. Varney to the dug-out after 2 1/3 innings of work allowing six hits, three runs and one walk.

Mike Copple took over for the next 3 1/3 innings and improved his pitching record to 3-1 with a win. Travis Gage scored his first save to finish the game.

First baseman Randy DuRoss was

3-for-3 at the plate with one RBI and centerfielder Mike Kinney hit two out three earning the game winning RBI and scoring one run with Tech beating Rice 5-4.

The Owls broke it open in the fourth of the second game adding three runs to break a one run tie.

In the fifth inning the Raiders came back with three runs to tie the game and scored four more in the sixth to seal the sweep.

John Macatee pitched five innings allowing four runs, one walk and struck out five before stepping down to Kevin Hannah who was credited with the 8-5 victory. It was Hannah's fourth win on the season.

Raider hurdler meets qualifying standard for NCAA Outdoor meet

by JAMES DAVID
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Texas Tech hurdler Brent Schott qualified provisionally for the NCAA outdoor meet on Saturday in the men's 400-meter hurdles at the Texas Tech Invitational with a first-place time of 51.05 (automatic).

Schott ran in fourth most of the race, then started his kick in the last corner to take the victory.

Schott took second place in the 110-meter hurdles as well.

In the field events, pole vaulter Brit Pursley captured first with a jump of 17-4. High jumpers Tony Boucher and Kent DeVille took first and second, respectively, for the Red Raiders. Rodrigo Zelaya and Toby Howell took first and second in the javelin, while discus thrower Shawn Anger threw 131-2 to claim second.

In the running events, Gabe Ruiz out-kicked his opponent at the tape to win the steeplechase and Joe Perez was a close third.

Quarter-miler Keith Black ran a 48.22 for a victory and David

Shepherd and Jeff Johnson went two and three in the 200-meter dash.

The mile relay team of Schott, Black, Johnson and Tony Miller garnered a second-place finish with a 3:14 clocking.

In the women's events, Michelle Tobola took a pair of victories in the javelin and the discus and Kelly Schon won the shot put and finished third in the discus.

Kristie Davis took first in the high jump, Jill Williams ran a 56.08 for a victory in the 400 meters, Gunilla Anderson took second in the 800 meters and Mandy Malouf finished third in the 1,500 meters.

"This was a good tuneup for the Texas Relays," said distance coach Brenda Webb.

"We ran most of our girls in shorter events this week to give them some good speed work for next week."

The Tech women who will be competing in Austin this week are Anderson, Malouf, Luisa Tam and the women's two-mile relay team of Anderson, Dana Morris, Williams and Cathy Rojo.

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the noise was deafening with the women, men and children of Lubbock welcoming home their champions.

"It felt great," Lady Raider sophomore Nikki Heath said. "Our fans are awesome. They're the best fans anybody could think of."

"When we were in Missoula, the fans were wonderful and most of them weren't even from Tech," senior Krista Kirkland said while signing autographs. "It was really nice to come home and see all of our fans here to give us support."

For Associate Athletic Director Jeanine McHaney, the crowd was hard to describe.

"We were speechless," she said.

"We had no idea. We figured maybe 400 people but they told us there was more than 4,000 and it can't do a thing but help (build confidence)."

"The thing we've said all year long that has kept us going is the crowd support," coach Marsha Sharp said amid a gaggle of groupies. "We knew that yesterday (Saturday) the people in Lubbock were driving around with their lights on in support of what we were doing. That's such an inspiration for us and we just had a great time. We just hope we brought a lot back to Lubbock that we can all have a lot of pride in."

As freshmen, Michi Atkins and Melinda White were ecstatic and happy to be a part of the celebration.

"I never would have thought it," White said. "The fan support in Lubbock is the main reason for how far we have gone. I knew some people were

going to be here but this many? I never would have thought, especially at an airport."

"I thought there would be a few people," Atkins said. "When I got off the plane I said, 'Oh my goodness.' We could hear them when we were still on the plane."

Assistant coach Roger Reding said the crowd backed up what he has said all along.

"When we talk to recruits, we tell them we have the best fans in America," he said.

"I think (the fans) just proved that fact today and they've proved it all year long."

"It was incredible," assistant coach Linden Weese said.

"I've never seen anything like it. We had a great crowd when we got back from Dallas but today was unbelievable."

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Texas Tech 79, Colorado 54

THE FINAL FOUR
at The Omni, Atlanta
Semifinals
Saturday, April 3
Ohio State (26-3) vs. Iowa (27-3), 11 a.m.
Vanderbilt (30-2) vs. Texas Tech (29-3), 1:30 p.m.
Championship
Sunday, April 4
Semifinal winners, 3 p.m.

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that (Tech) can shoot so well outside that you can't drop off and help on (Swoopes). Anytime you drop a player off, they have somebody who can shoot consistently."

Swoopes was named the West Region's Most Valuable Player after her performance.

"I'm not even thinking about Vanderbilt," Swoopes said of Tech's next opponent. "I'm enjoying this (the win)."

Senior guard Krista Kirkland, who was named to the all-region team along with Swoopes and sophomore guard Noel Johnson, was second in scoring for the Lady Raiders with 12 points after making four 3-pointers while Johnson and Cynthia Clinger both added nine points each to the win.

"Everyone on the team did a great job of moving without the ball," Swoopes said. "It would have been easy to stand around."

Tech only had 12 turnovers in the game, 13 less than the average for a Colorado opponent.

Sports briefs

Tennis team drops two matches over weekend

The Texas Tech men's tennis team dropped a pair of Southwest Conference matches this weekend in the Metroplex, losing to Southern Methodist on Friday in Dallas and to Texas Christian Saturday in Fort Worth.

The Red Raiders fell 5-2 to SMU, as Juan Gutierrez was the only Tech player to win in the singles portion of the match.

The team of Thomas Cook and Clint Graf won its doubles match 8-5. On Saturday, Tech lost to Texas Christian by the same 5-2 mar Cook and Graf defeated the team of Becouam and Dax Peterson 8-4 for the Red Raiders' lone doubles victory over the Ponies. Tech's record is now 12-7 on the year and 0-2 in SWC play.

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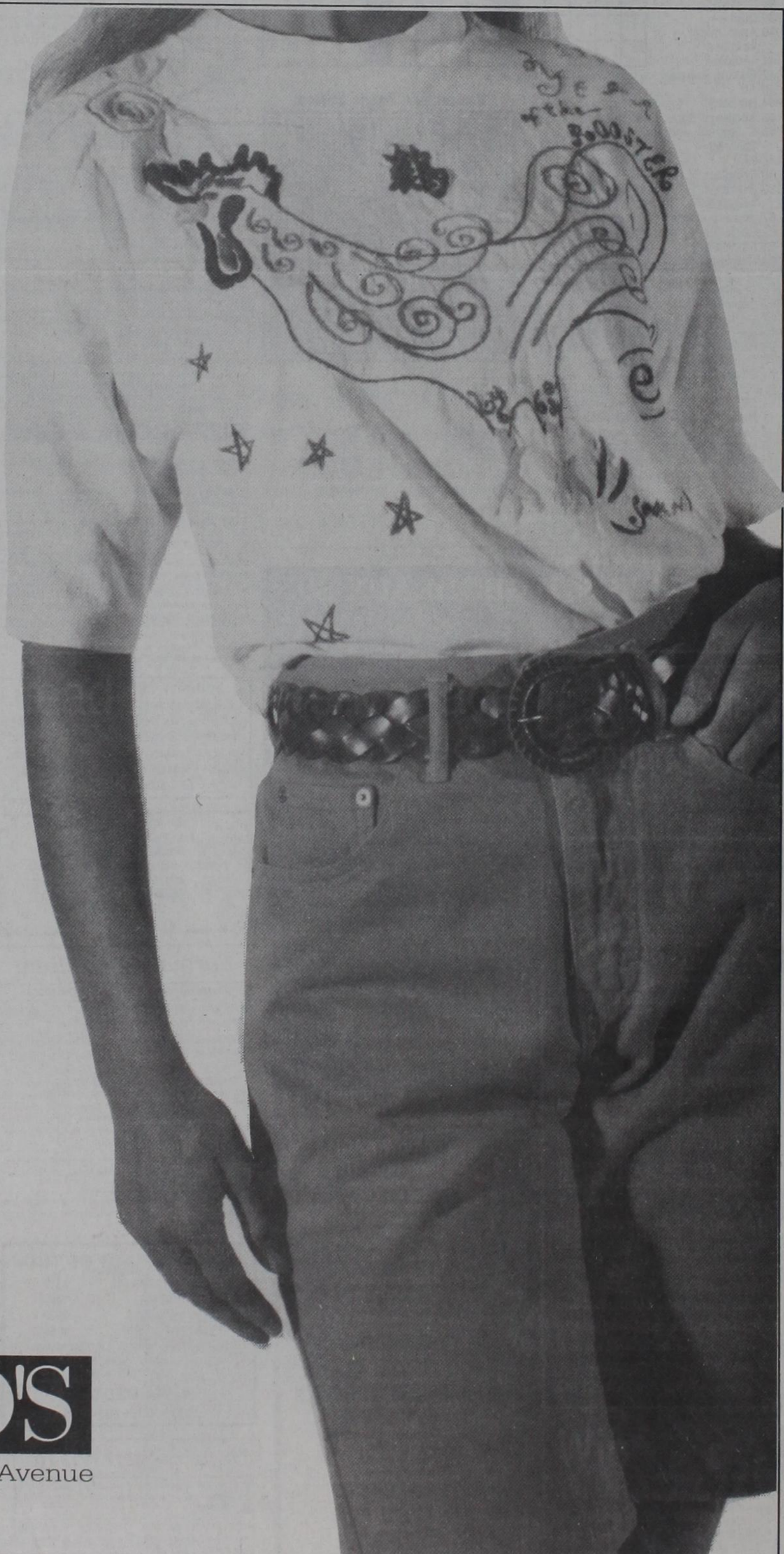
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