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SA proposes addition of two buses

By Lisa Ray

The University Daily

The Texas Tech Student Association presented two proposals to the SA Student Services Fee Committee concerning the addition of two new buses to campus Citibus routes.

The level one proposal will include adding two more buses in campus routes from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the level two proposal will include adding two buses to routes between 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., said Jake West, SA external vice president.

West worked with Scott Neeley, Lubbock Citibus transportation manager, to determine the number and cost of the additional buses Tech needs, he said.

"In our opinion, students pay a student service fee and this is something that more students can utilize," he said.

SA officials will ask for a larger portion of student services fees, but not for an individual student services fee increase, West said.

He said he wants to increase the number of buses because the bus system is some-

thing most Tech students utilize.

"I'm tired of seeing full buses going by leaving students behind or students having to wait five to seven minutes for a bus," he said.

Adding more buses will alleviate cramped buses and also would get students to class faster, West said.

The SA and Citibus conducted a survey in January which determined that about 12,000 people ride the 11 buses from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

After the surveys were conducted, the SA

and Neeley worked together in determining results and determined the time period that would be most beneficial to Tech students, West said.

In the mornings, between 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., 1,000 students were riding the buses, West said.

Buses have already been moved to early morning shifts to cover the number of students riding, he said.

Alvis Bass, green route Citibus driver, said adding two buses in the mornings would be beneficial.

"That would be fine in the mornings," he said. "Some students get left behind when they need to get to class."

The average monthly cost to maintain buses on campus is about \$53,000, said Bill Harned, Citibus assistant general manager.

West said the total cost includes fuel costs, maintenance and driver fees.

To maintain the current 11-bus system, it costs Tech \$431,000 a year. To add two buses to campus routes from 7:30 a.m. to

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Wheaties: Bruce Porter, a junior agriculture major from Clayton, N.M., cuts wheat Monday to be used in plant heat stress tests.

League lauds past members

By Shannon Murphy

The University Daily

The Lubbock League of Women Voters celebrated the 75th anniversary of its national organization Tuesday.

The League of Women Voters was created Feb. 14, 1920, during a victory celebration of the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

The association was celebrating the passing of the 19th Amendment by Congress.

The league was started nationally to help women understand voters' issues and the government's processes, said Carolie Mullan, League of Women Voters president.

The goal remains the same today, Mullan said.

"The league was started as a non-partisan organization which means that we do not endorse a particular party or candidate and is still that way today," she said.

The Lubbock chapter makes a stand on issues only after a prolonged study of the issue, she said.

"The league was started to support women voters and also to have a more informed public so that we

can be more educated voters," she said.

The national organization is 75 years old, and the Lubbock organization is 43 years old, Mullan said.

"In the last 20 years, the league has done a lot of things that have added to women's rights, but our work is definitely not finished, and there are still issues that we need to take a stand on," she said.

The Lubbock chapter does not restrict their membership to women, Mullan said.

"We welcome everyone who wants to be a member because we don't just address issues pertaining to women," she said.

The chapter addresses anything that affects the community, such as juvenile justice issues, women's issues and crime in the community, she said.

The league informs residents of important issues, answers questions, moderates debates, publishes brochures and keeps voters informed, she said.

"We were interested in good government and wanted to assist the city," said Bobbie Shaw, past president for the League.

Legislative bills to help battered, stalked victims feel safer

By Donald Gillilan

The University Daily

Battered spouses and stalking victims will receive extra protection through six bills and two resolutions passed by Texas senators Feb. 8.

The legislation will move to the House for review. Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, co-authored the bill and Rep. Brian McCall, R-Plano, will sponsor the bill in the House.

"We want to enhance the laws so the victims of domestic violence can feel safe," said Janna Burleson, West's chief of staff.

The package approved by the Senate includes:

- An increase in punishment for repeat assault offenses when the victim is a family member. Punishment also would be increased for repeated violation of a protective order issued by a judge. Both offenses, now misdemeanors, would become felonies.

- Permission for a judge, prosecutor or peace officer of a domestic violence or stalking victim to request a temporary emergency protective order without notice of a hearing from a court.

- Require law enforcement authorities to notify a domestic violence victim before the defendant is released from jail on bail. The same notification would be required for stalking victims.

- Increase the time that a defendant in a domestic violence or stalking case may be kept in custody from four hours to 24 hours. In addition, the custody period could be extended by a judge to 48 hours.

"Texas has one of the best domestic violence laws in the nation," Burleson said. "But there is a need for consistency."

Studies have shown a child who has grown up in a domesticated violent home will become violent themselves, she said.

"We want to start early in the schools," she said.

"It's imperative to stop domestic violence."

Education, intervention and counseling for abusers,

victims and families will help decrease domestic violence cases, said Porfiro DeLeon, Lubbock Police Department detective.

"Statistics say that 41 to 55 percent of the men involved in domestic violence learn it through observation," DeLeon said.

Each week 100,000 women are beaten in Texas, FBI reports stated.

"Women who are assaulted should be in a position where they could file charges against the abuser," DeLeon said.

If the bill is signed by Gov. Bush, it will go into effect Sept. 1.

U.S. frees up \$20 billion, hopes to strengthen peso

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Mexico signed an agreement Tuesday that will unlock \$20 billion in U.S. support to stabilize the Mexican peso — but under tough terms that could cause severe economic and political distress in Mexico.

Officials in the Clinton administration and the government of Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo acknowledged that hard times lie ahead for Mexico.

But they stressed the situation would have been much worse without the support package.

"Under these agreements, Mexico should be able to take the steps necessary to end its liquidity crisis and in time the Mexican economy, which is fundamentally sound, should stabilize," Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said at a signing ceremony.

Rubin said the agreement had taken political courage by the Mexicans in agreeing to the "kind of stringent economic medicine this program requires."

In order to receive the U.S. support, Mexico pledged to continue a tight-money policy that has already seen interest rates soar to nearly 50 percent, to run a budget surplus of 0.5 percent this year and to move more quickly toward privatizing state-run enterprises.

Already, Mexican businesses and consumers are complaining loudly about the surge in interest rates and private economists are predicting a Mexican recession, at least a short run, is all but inevitable.

Mexican Finance Minister Guillermo Ortiz said negotiators had met virtually around the clock since Thursday to hammer out final details of the agreement.

Students discover reality of credit card debt

By Tara McQueen and Amy Osmulski

The University Daily

With the spring semester on its way, some students may be wondering how they will pay off that Christmas camcorder, or why they even bought it. They also may wonder about the large credit card bill which accompanies it.

"It has definitely become too easy to get a credit card," said Tom Gonzales, certified financial counselor for Lubbock's Consumer Credit Counseling Service. "It is very hard to get a loan, but easy to get a credit card."

Gonzales, who has a background in banking, said companies are offering credit cards to students who may not have a job, and may not be able to

repay purchases.

Bonnie Swaffar, an account manager for Discover, said the company offers juniors and seniors in college special applications.

"It is easier for a college student to get a Discover card," Swaffar said. "Other applicants must have worked a year or longer to be accepted."

If students do not have credit history and are not employed, they ask for a college transcript, she said.

"We offer college students a \$1,000 credit limit," Swaffar said. "I have never seen a student's card maxed out. Usually, they are about \$200 to \$300."

When credit companies offer college students credit cards, they are looking at their potential income, Gonzales said.

"Studies show college students make 46 percent more than their



Sam W. Magee: Photo Illustration

counterparts," he said. "Students may have no credit history, but credit companies look at the long run, and are willing to grant them credit."

Gonzales said credit card companies will request a credit report locally from Retail

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High school students given unfair standards

Some Houston Bellaire High School seniors may not be able to gain admission to the school of their choice as easily as they thought.

Bellaire, considered one of the top public high schools in the nation, redesigned its class-ranking system to include the large number of achievers that attend school there.

Adjusted guidelines were used to rank students with a 4.0 GPA or above, enabling more students to place in the top quarter of their graduating class.

But because of the new ranking system, students who were planning to receive automatic admission to the University of Texas-Austin will be asked to write essays for further review of their applications.

UT also has asked Bellaire officials to supply them with students' GPAs under their old classification system.

Notre Dame and Georgetown also have asked the school to provide them with unadjusted student rankings.

Bellaire parents and students are upset with UT's newly designed admission requirements.

And rightly so. "We have one of the most outstanding public schools in America here," said Gayle Slaughter, a Bellaire parent. "And what we are seeing now is that the students who go there and take that challenging curriculum are being penalized for doing so."

The basic Texas public university admission application requires information concerning grades and standardized test scores.

Some schools also need information concerning extracurricular school activities and family college attendance history on admission applications.

These requirements provide adequate information for students who desire enrollment in the university of their choice.

But asking students to write essays because their high GPAs do not balance with students GPAs at other high schools is unfair.

ALL Texas high school students applying to the schools of their choice should be accepted on the basis of their grades and their abilities and should not be punished for overachieving.

Special circumstances should not be granted because university admissions counselors deem some students' qualifications unbalanced in comparison with others.

Every student deserves his fair shot at a college education.

The seven-member editorial board voted 7-0 on this issue.



Welfare recipients should just get a job



Eric Sanchez

QUESTION. Has anybody recently asked you if you are proud to be an American? Or if you are proud to be a Texan?

As a fifth generation Texan and American, I can state with a smile on my face that I am indeed proud to be a citizen of the United States. I have a job so that I can continue to advance my education. I didn't expect somebody else to pay for it. I didn't expect someone else to house me, provide me with food or employment. I went and got it. I achieved some bit of success by my ability and character, not by a government handout. But I have noticed something. Have you wondered why the Clinton

administration's \$1.6 trillion budget has not made any cuts in welfare? What happened to Clinton's campaign promise of "ending welfare as we know it?" I think Bill would rather have the Republicans in Congress make the hard political decision of getting millions of people off welfare. Furthermore, in order for our country to balance its budget, cuts in welfare must be made.

People can agree that our country is a nation of immigrants. Even Native Americans emigrated to this country thousands of years ago, via the Bering Strait.

Many of our forefathers came from another country, either looking for better opportunity, a better life for their children, or a sense of adventure.

Most were poor and some in debt. At that time, there was little if any government assistance to help en-

sure proper housing, food and job security.

Most of our distant relatives reached deep inside, made sacrifices and advanced their lives through hard work, determination and character. Some did not make it, but most succeeded. It was this Protestant work ethic that made America great, at least until Lyndon B. Johnson's "Great Society" became America's first social experiment to eliminate poverty.

Before Johnson became president (1960), our country's entire federal budget was only \$90 billion, with no deficit. In fact, the Treasury possessed a \$300 million dollar surplus. Under Johnson's administration, a war on poverty began. Since that time, America has given \$4 billion of aid to social programs. Our federal budget deficit for 1995 is \$193 billion.

Have we eliminated poverty? Have we cured the ill effects of living in a free-market, capitalistic society. NO. But we have created a cycle of dependency that is gnawing at the very fabric of our nation's work ethic.

Liberals in Congress arrogantly state that we must spend more to improve the lives of people of living on welfare. I would suggest otherwise. We should still keep welfare as a "safety net" for those who need assistance. But, that safety net should only last for two years. Once the benefits run out, its time to get a job. Our forefathers got a job and provided food and shelter for their children. It's time that a few people, living for years on welfare, did the same.

Eric Sanchez is a graduate student in history. His column appears Wednesday.

Letters to the Editor

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Dundee!" I happen to like Hugh Grant also, but for different reasons, such as his craft. Furthermore, Winona Ryder doesn't use "love" and "disappointment" as acting tools. What are you talking about?

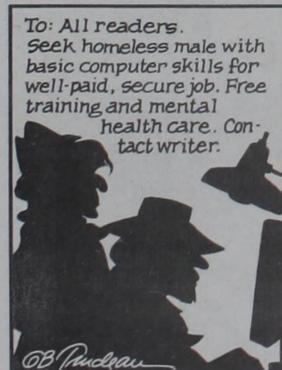
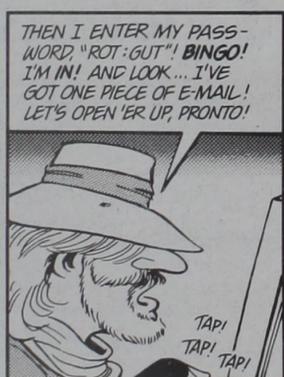
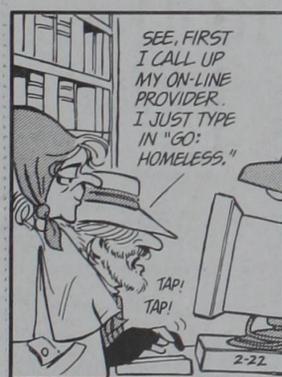
Finally, as for your "bacon tastes good" comment, leave the jokes to Chris Walters and take notes. He is the only good reason to read this

paper. This letter is not to disagree with you (which I do), but to encourage you to write better columns than this. State your opinion and back it up with substance. As editor you should lead by example and unfortunately, you have been doing just that.

Jason Hillhouse

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Oscar choices fall short of expectations

To the editor: I was reading *The University Daily* on Feb. 13 and came across something that finally made me write a letter. Was it traffic and parking? No. Was it Dr. Lawless' remarks on homosexuality? No. I simply came across the most shallow and poorly supported column that I have read in my four years here at Tech (and that says quite a bit). My first thought after reading it was, "What was the editor thinking?" I then realized that the editor wrote it! This prompted me to change my original question to, "Was the editor thinking?" What prompted me to write my first letter to this paper in four years? A very poorly written article about the Academy Awards.

Ms. Everett, I'm sure you are a nice person, but how can you think that anyone is going to take you anywhere near seriously? Do you even know what the Oscars are, or what they are recognizing? I know everybody is entitled to their opinion, but I would hope that a writer for a newspaper (much less the editor) would present an article that was well supported and researched. Why don't you try the People's Choice Awards and leave any opinions to be printed in a newspaper to someone

that knows something about filmmaking and is willing to attend all of the contending movies (no matter how long they were here)?

Where did you learn to write? "Jodie Foster will probably once again be nominated for Nell." She has never been nominated for Nell. Any what is this about "it hasn't been released on video, yet?" If you don't want to bother to go see the movie, then who are you to pass judgment on it? You have no ground to stand on, in terms of any criticism or validation of your "picks!"

By the way, if the only thing you took away from Forrest Gump was the "box of chocolates" line, then you really missed the boat. That's the kind of mentality that keeps the "Power Rangers" on the air. I would expect the editor of a newspaper to think a bit more than that. Do you even know what eccentric means? Oh, while I'm talking about your thought process, I have a question for you. If Hugh Grant was butt-ugly and had a West Texas accent and lacked charisma, would his acting ability alone win him an Oscar? Not if you were voting. Do you know anything about acting, or do you just sit back and say, "Wow! He's cute and he almost talks like Crocodile

Many minorities are qualified for jobs

To the editor: Pathetic, feeble, and hilarious is the way I describe the letter titled "Minority programs violate Constitution" (Feb. 10). The letter writer like a few, certainly not all, white males is paranoid. They feel minorities and women are out to steal their jobs. For the government is granting us special privileges because we are less qualified. Well, I am sorry to say, but there are minorities and women who are just as or more intelligent, capable and self sufficient as white males. I am not defending or supporting Affirmative Action because I feel, at times, it is a double-edged sword that hurts and hinders minorities. I believe that a person should get a job on their own talents if there is equality, but that is not always the case. That's another story. What I am emphasizing is that the letter writer and others assume that any minority holding a decent, high-paying or high-profile white color job, obtained it due to their race. Therefore, you have contradicted yourself because you are treating minorities as inferiors. I am sure somewhere, someone did not get a job due to affirmative action and that is wrong. However, there are more than capable minorities out

there. Letter writer, maybe jobs are offered to minorities and women because there is a market out there for us too. Furthermore, maybe you are just not qualified or competent. Having a good education can carry you so far. Unless you have good communication, human, technical, creative etc...skills, you probably won't get a job. You and anyone else cannot use minorities as scapegoats for your shortcomings.

As far as receiving special loans and grants and scholarships, I have yet to find any. The financial aid I do receive, like most students, is from the government and is based on economics, not race. Most of these special loans, grants and scholarships are private donations, therefore a person or group has a right to donate to any fund they see fit. Finally, I am not writing this letter to persuade you or anyone to my opinions, nor do I care a rats &*\$ about yours. I am only trying to set the record straight and inform you that all races are different individuals, good and bad, but not as different as you. Therefore, how can a majority view minorities as a threat to jobs or education which most of you all dominate?

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Mass Comm Week creates awareness

By Gary Black
The University Daily

The Texas Tech School of Mass Communications celebrates its 25th annual Mass Communications Week this week through Friday.

Journalism, broadcast journalism, photocommunications, telecommunications, public relations and advertising professionals are scheduled to speak to Tech students this week.

"The Imagemakers" is slated as this year's theme.

"Mass Communications Week grows every year," said Susan Mitchell, Mass Communications Week publicity director. "We have so much support from the mass communications instructors, faculty and from campus."

Camille Keith, Southwest Airlines Special Marketing vice president, will deliver the week's keynote address at 9 a.m. today in the University Center Allen Theatre.

"Camille Keith is the only woman to be inducted into the Texas Tech University School of Mass Communications Hall of Fame," Mitchell said. "She also shared the Women in Communications Inc. National Headliner Award with Barbara Walters."

Pulitzer Prize winner Ricardo Chavira will lead a journalism discussion at 10 a.m. today in the UC Allen Theatre.

Chavira is the Dallas Morning News assistant managing editor and foreign desk editor. Chavira was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1994 for national reporting.

Janet Kolodsky, CNN World Report senior producer, will discuss telecommunications at 11 a.m. today in the UC Allen Theatre.

A journalism panel discussion, including Chavira, Norval Pollard of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal and Eric Wesley, KAMC-TV reporter, is scheduled for 2 p.m. today in the mass communications building room 104.

A telecommunications panel discussion is slated for 3 p.m. today in mass communication building room 111. Panelists include Kolodsky, Rick Gilbert, KLLL-FM promotional director, and Dave Walker, KCBD-TV news director.

Events continue Thursday with Chris Wallace, United Way director of marketing and communications, scheduled to discuss public relations at 9:30 a.m. in the UC Allen Theatre.

David Fowler, former Dallas Tracey-Locke chief creative officer, will discuss advertising at 11 a.m. Thursday in the UC Allen Theatre.

Dennis Copeland, a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner and Miami Herald photography director, will discuss photocommunications at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in the UC Allen Theatre.

A public relations panel discussion is slated for 2 p.m. Thursday in mass communications room 104. Panelists include Wallace, Curt Langford of the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association, and Jim Green, city of Lubbock public information director.

An advertising panel discussion is scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday in mass communications building room 111.

Panelists include Nelda Armstrong, owner of the Lubbock Armstrong Advertising Agency; Thomas Sandoz Jr., owner of Family Publications Inc. in Dallas; Becky Arreaga, Sosa and Associates account services vice president director in San Antonio; and Charles Gerardi, Dallas Morning News director of general advertising.

Phil Price of Price Communications will be honored during a Hall of Fame Luncheon at noon Friday in the University Medical Center McInturff Center.

Reservations for the luncheon can be made in the mass communications building room 102.

Participating in Mass Communications Week activities is a wonderful opportunity to network, Mitchell said.

"It is a good experience for people who come out to see the speakers," she said. "You get to see what they really do in the mass communications profession."

Roger Saathoff, School of Mass Communications director, said student committees are responsible for scheduling professional speakers.

"The students ask faculty, people in the community or leaders in the area of mass communications," Saathoff said. "They are then contacted and asked if they would speak."

Funds for speakers come from student committees and from student government, he said.

"This really is a student-run effort," Saathoff said. "We just kind of sit back and watch."

Planner discusses future of careers

By Jamie McDonald
The University Daily

Students working toward degrees in financial planning can begin to make plans for their future career as changes are made in the field in the next five to 10 years.

Ed Shobe, a financial planner, spoke to the West Texas student chapter of the International Association for Financial Planning Tuesday in an effort to discuss students' future career choices.

Chris Lockett, president of the student chapter of the International Association for Financial Planning, said Shobe was an excellent example of a financial planner.

"He has been in business for 30 years, and has had his own practice," Lockett said. "He is well rounded and top notch."

There will be a dramatic and revolutionary change in the industry, Shobe said.

"There is an influx of people in the industry because more colleges are turning out graduates with financial planning degrees," he said. "There are also tons of new products including mutual funds. This is creating a confusion, and it is our job to straighten out the minds of the consumers."

The cost of hiring a financial planner is increasing because state regulation is increasing, he said.

"Now, the cost is about \$2,000 for an average plan for a client," Shobe said. "In three to four years, the cost will go up. The number of people capable to pay will decrease."

People will begin to get the information they need to figure

their finances at home through their computer, he said.

"It cost less to get information through the air," he said. "The information will be available. Financial planning is number crunching."

The greatest limiting factor to using a computer is key stroking, Shobe said.

"In five to 10 years computers will use voice recognition," he said. "When that happens, who will need financial planners? The best-case scenario is that we will be teaching them how to talk to their computer."

Future graduates should target three marketplaces to be marketable, he said.

"The first marketplace is with affluent people 55 or older," Shobe said.

"They will not take the time to learn computers. They are thrilled to have someone help them. Small business owners will be the second market. "People have the skill but no financial knowledge. Failures can be circumvented by financial help. There will also be a need to work with employers educating them in financial matters."

Students should ask potential employers two questions before agreeing to work for them, he said.

"One of the things I would ask is where their revenues are coming from," he said. "I would also ask how many clients they have now and how many they add per year."

Internships are important to students, Shobe said.

"Plan to intern," he said. "It is the most glorious thing in the world."

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11 a.m., it would cost an additional \$31,000, he said.

To upgrade to the level two proposal, it would cost Tech about \$473,000, he said.

Reasons for a cost increase include Citibus purchasing the vehicles.

Another reason includes being able to find the vehicles in a nearby market, like Dallas/Fort Worth, West said.

Citibus also is required to get the buses into campus routes and maintain them, he said.

"The extra \$10,000 for level two will cover the costs of fuel and driver," West said.

The SA also would like to add two additional bus stops at the red/green route stop north of the Tech Recreational Center in the C-4 parking lot.

The stop would be near the arboretum along the street, West said.

Another red route stop would be added in the C-1 parking lot near the northwest corner of the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum, he said.

Resolution to provide on-line access

By Tara McQueen
The University Daily

Lubbockites may have access to the world following the City Council meeting Thursday.

Mayor David Langston will consider a resolution to put the Lubbock city-county libraries on-line with help of Texas Tech's Internet network during its 10 a.m. meeting.

Internet provides access to resources including libraries, government data bases, university research, computer support staff and government officials.

"The only linkage will be between the city-county libraries," said City Manager Bob Cass. "Anyone with a library card will have access to the terminals at the library, at no cost."

The \$950 to fund the installation will come from the city's library budget, Cass said. The library will pay Texas Tech \$166.50 a month for continued access.

John Trompler, Lubbock city-

county libraries technical services director, said the goal is to merge Tech and Lubbock libraries.

About 59,000 residents hold library cards and will have access to the Internet through the library, Trompler said.

The Community Development Advisory Committee also will recommend neighborhoods for renovation and community improvements.

"Federal funds are given for local administration of this project," Langston said. "Usage must meet certain requirements with census tracts, such as areas of illiteracy, poverty and unemployment."

"The community development advisory spent several months researching neighborhoods in need of renovations and improvements."

The renovations must be done by non-profit organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity, he said.

"The federal money can go for development of parks or renovations of homes or shopping centers," he

said. "The neighborhood associations are heavily consulted before decisions are made."

Projects are chosen based on the significance to the neighborhood, Langston said.

The Council also will consider transferring money from the hotel/motel tax fund to the Japanese Junior Ambassador Program.

The city of Lubbock and Musachino City, a suburb of Tokyo, Japan, have participated in a student cultural exchange program for the past 10 years. Lubbock has only sent two students to Japan in 10 years because of lack of funding.

"Money will be taken from the hotel/motel tax fund and used for the student exchange program with Japan," Langston said.

There has not been any opposition from the Hotel/Motel Association, he said.

"The hotel/motel tax fund is designed to encourage tourism, conventions and exchange," he said.

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Grateful Dead roadie punches disc jockey in jaw

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — if he was the Grateful Dead's Jerry Garcia, DJ Dave Bentley said he knocked on a hotel room door Tuesday and asked the man who answered Jerry Garcia," and punched him in the jaw. He said road crew member William Grillo asked, "Do I look like Jerry Garcia," and punched him in the jaw. Grillo, 47, faces a maximum \$1,000 fine or six months in jail.

Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



'Equus' to make audience think

By Tara McQueen

The Texas Tech University Theatre production of "Equus" will run nightly at 8 p.m. from Thursday to Sunday and March 2-5, with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. at the Main Stage Theater.

"The plot centers around a teenage boy who has blinded six horses," said Richard Weaver, director of the production. "The court sends the boy to a psychiatric hospital where Dr. Dysart tries to find out why he blinded the horses."

Weaver, professor of theater arts, said he wanted to direct the Tony Award-winning play.

"The department does not choose a play that someone is not anxious to direct," he said.

Weaver said he helps the actors develop their characters by having them do a series of exercises to create their characters' body movement.

"I have spent a lot of time trying to probe into the psychological profile of each character," Weaver said. "We also hold group therapy sessions in which the characters talk and interact."

He said the actors work on physical metaphors for the play.

"In one exercise, I wanted Jennifer, who plays the mother, to feel what it feels like to be dominated and belittled by her husband," he said. "So, I got Norman, (the father) to step on her head while she was on the floor below him."



Sam W. Magee: The University Daily

Equus

Jason Hillhouse, a senior theater arts major from Arlington, will play the teen-ager, Alan, in the production.

"Alan is not any more disturbed than anyone else in the play," Hillhouse said. "Some moments in his childhood just stood out and formed his personality. He is a scared and confused teen-ager."

Hillhouse said he first saw a production of "Equus" when he was 14 years old.

"It makes quite an impact, even if someone has read the play, like I had," he said. "It is one of the best plays in the last 20 to 30 years."

Hillhouse said each character in the play is complete and well rounded.

"The play is very complex," he said. "The characters analyze the play and take layer after layer off."

"It is like a spider web," he said. "Woven together it turns out to be a pretty picture. When you get close up you see the strands."

Hillhouse said he even has seen the play done badly, and the content was still good.

"I am still bowled over by this play," Hillhouse said. "Alan is one of those characters all actors want

to play, like Hamlet. I have always wanted to do it."

He said seeing "Equus" is a great way to impress a date since it gives people something to talk about.

Ed. Simone, a teaching assistant who is pursuing a doctorate in theater, plays the psychiatrist, Dysart.

"My character was assigned Alan because I am the only person who is believed to be able to help him," Simone said. "Dysart is going through a personal crisis in the play, doubting his abilities. His faith in his work is slipping."

"As the mystery unravels, Dysart begins to unravel as well, and he begins to find out more about himself."

Simone said Alan and Dysart mirror each other because they are both troubled, and they do not know why.

Hillhouse said "Equus" will evoke a response from the audience.

"It makes you feel like you feel after you have read a really good book," he said. "It makes you think."

"Everybody in the audience will leave with a feeling about this play, whether they agree or disagree with it."

Tickets to the performance cost \$3 for students and \$10 for others.

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Credit

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Merchants Association of Texas. "Every creditor will look at your credit report," he said. "If it is good, there is a good chance of receiving credit."

"They look at your income," Gonzales said. "For students, they look at college loans, grants, scholarships and how you are supported."

Creditors look at stability, or how long applicants have lived in one place and employment, or how long they have held jobs, Gonzales said.

Gonzales suggests students use their parents' address to obtain credit. He recommends students consider how much debt they can afford.

"The average debt ratio is 35 to 40 percent of your income," he said.

Credit card companies cannot legally acquire a credit report without consent from the applicant, Gonzales said.

"There is really no such thing as pre-approved credit cards," he said. "They are basically calling you to get approval to check your credit rating. When you sign an application, you are giving consent."

For mass mail-outs, credit card companies will sell their card holder's names and addresses to other credit card companies, he said.

"There are advantages to having credit cards," Gonzales said. "You can purchase large items, such as appliances or a car, without a sales contract. You are only dealing with a credit company."

Gonzales suggests students use credit cards for convenience and to establish a good credit report.

He said he has a few simple steps to help students get out of debt. "First, stop charging, and cut up your credit cards," he said. "If you are serious about repayment, set a goal."

"For example, budget \$100 a month, and pay that amount to one card until it is paid off," he said. "Then roll that \$100 to the next card until all your cards are paid off."

Gonzales said this method will reduce the amount of interest paid and save money in the long run.

For students needing guidance with any problem financial or otherwise, Gonzales recommends a non-profit organization.

Consumer Credit Counseling Service offers free budget and debt counseling, he said.

Gonzales said he or his staff can give students a foundation and show them how to handle their finances.

"We offer a debt-management program where people make a certified monthly payment to the Consumer Credit Counseling Service, and the creditor accepts a reduced monthly payment," Gonzales said. "Basically, we will make a proposal

Avoiding credit problems

- Invest the same amount of time when shopping for credit as you would if shopping for a new car or stereo. Look for a card with low interest rates, little or no annual fee, and a reasonable grace period to allow "free time" before finance charges begin.
- Before seeking any credit, prepare a spending plan, or budget, to determine what you can safely afford to owe. It's important that monthly debt payments not exceed 20 percent of your monthly take-home pay.
- Safeguard your credit cards and your credit record. Never lend credit cards to friends, or leave cards or receipts lying around. Never give credit card numbers over the phone unless you are certain of the company.
- Minimize student loans and keep in mind the repayment of those loans as you utilize credit.
- Remember that once blemished, a good credit record is difficult to rebuild.

SOURCE: CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE

payment to creditors, kind of like a consolidated loan.

"Most will accept lower payments and stop the late charges."

Gonzales said Consumer Credit Counseling Services currently is handling more than 800 clients and \$4 million worth of debt.

Society makes it possible for everyone to overspend, which can lead to credit card addiction, said Debbie Frapp, project training specialist for the Texas Tech Center for the Study of Addiction.

"No one lives at their means, they

just keep making those monthly payments," Frapp said. "It is a problem that gets overlooked by society."

Many students have not been taught the financial skills necessary to set up a budget, she said.

"When the loans and new credit cards come in, students are very well off at the beginning of the semester," Frapp said. "By the end of the semester, they are barely eating, because they blew it all."

Jessica Ancisco, a customer service representative for Best Buy, said her store issues about 25 cards

on an average day, half of which are to Tech students.

Top-selling items among college students include computers and stereo systems, Ancisco said.

"To get credit cards, students have to put an income down, whether or not they have a job," she said. "It depends on their credit background and if they have other credit cards."

S. Scott McDonald, associate professor of finance and director of Tech's School of Applied Banking, said he thinks anyone 18 or older is old enough and smart enough to deal with the responsibilities of a credit card.

"The problem is the lack of accountability," he said.

McDonald said when students receive new credit cards, they often heighten their standard of living.

The convenience of credit cards leads consumers to believe they can pay for purchases later, he said.

"A credit card is like a checking account that doesn't bounce as quickly," he said.

The absolute best investment a person with extra money coming in could make is to pay off debt, McDonald said.

"Credit cards are a use of income," he said. "The problem arises when people start looking at credit cards as income."

People who spend beyond their means are not always aware of what they are doing, said John

Woodward, a doctoral student in consumer economics.

"There is responsible and irresponsible debt," Woodward said. "Responsible debt, which is what most Americans enter into, is not a problem. Irresponsible debt is almost exclusively tied to credit cards."

Woodward, who is involved in Debtors Anonymous, said a person's behavior can only change when their attitude about money changes.

J.D. Robertson, a senior communication studies major from Plano, said he fell prey to credit card temptations as a college freshman. Robertson said he used to abuse his credit cards.

"I'm a different person now. I'm a changed person," he said. "My parents helped me get out of debt the first time because I had never screwed up before. That was my one time to mess up."

Robertson said he works all summer to pay for school.

"I know people who are \$5,000 to \$6,000 in debt," Robertson said. "I was only \$100 to \$200 in debt."

Robertson said he did not research the first credit card he applied for, but now researches them thoroughly.

"I use credit cards to buy things I need, like tennis shoes, but I didn't need four pair," Robertson said.

Tech Talks

How many credit cards do you have, what do you buy with them, and how much have you ever been in debt?

"I have two cards, and I usually buy clothes and use it for emergencies. The most I've been in debt is \$800."



Jennifer Cornett, senior business management major from El Paso.

"I have four credit cards, but the most I've been in debt is \$400. I usually put clothes and gas on my cards."



Patricia Camarillo, sophomore merchandising major from Sudan.

"I don't have any credit cards, and I have never been in debt."



Damon Rodgers, junior history major from Corsicana.

"I have one card, and I buy everything on it, so I can get free miles. I have never been in debt."



Mary Lynn Dodson, a doctoral student in English literature from Amarillo.

"Ah, credit cards, I have two. I buy pretty much everything on them, and the most I've been in debt is \$1,385."



Adaryll Jordan, a senior music education major from Dallas.

'Brady Bunch' grooves into No. 1 box office spot

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three new films took the top spots at the box office during the Presidents Day holiday weekend, with "The

Brady Bunch Movie" coming in first with \$14.8 million.

One of last year's biggest hits, "Forrest Gump," was re-released

after collecting a leading 13 Academy Award nominations.

"Forrest Gump" jumped back into the Top 10.

Principal stakes out toilet paper vandal

AUSTIN (AP) — Canyon Vista Middle School Principal Don Dalton has gone to great lengths — or heights — to catch students who were urinating on toilet paper in school restrooms. Dalton ascended to the ceiling of one of the restrooms to catch a culprit. He said a rash of soakings led to the unusual measure.

By hoisting himself onto a beam over the restroom and moving a ceiling tile about three-quarters of an inch, Dalton said, he was able to look down into one of the stalls.

About 45 seconds into the stake-out, Dalton caught one student.

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Young female bald eagle released

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (AP) — A bald eagle got a second chance at freedom after a short career as beggar and thief. When the young female fell from a nest near Shasta Lake in Northern California in June,

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Five Tech hurlers combine on three-hit shutout 17-0

By Jared Parcell
The University Daily

Five Texas Tech pitchers combined on a three-hit shutout as the Red Raiders beat College of the Southwest 17-0 Tuesday at Dan Law Field.

The No. 21 Red Raiders, 9-2, extended their winning streak to eight games as they pounded out 20 hits against the Mustangs' five hurlers.

Jimmy Frush (1-0), making his first start of the season, pitched five strong innings to record his first win. He gave up one run while striking out two.

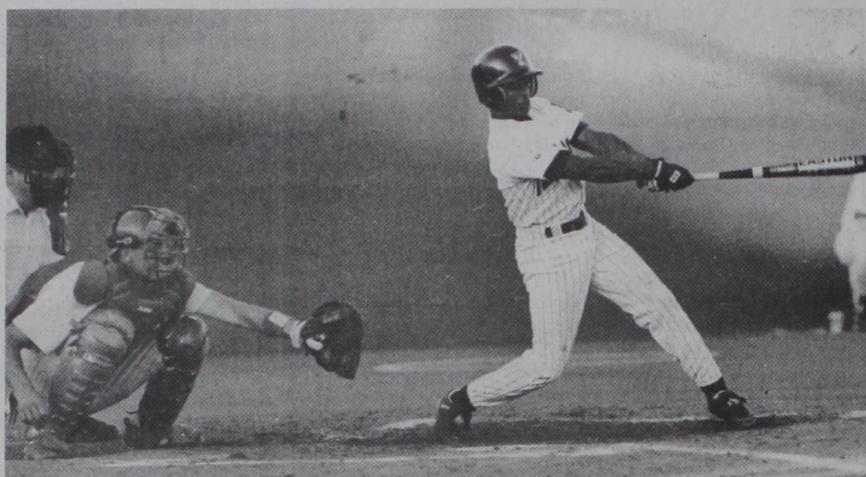
"I felt in control," Frush said about his performance. "I had great command of the strike zone and was ahead of most of the hitters. I went out and did my job."

The Tech offense gave Frush some insurance, taking a 9-0 lead after three innings.

"Anytime you get a lot of run support, it takes a burden off of you a little bit," Frush said. "You still need to go out and treat each inning like it's a 0-0 tie. I had some great defensive plays behind me."

CSW's John L. Kennedy (0-1) picked up the loss as he could not record an out in the first inning.

He walked the first four hitters he faced before being pulled by



Walter Granberry: The University Daily

Base knock: Tech junior left fielder Marcus McCain hits one of his two base hits in Tech's 17-0 win over College of the Southwest Tues-

day at Dan Law Field. The No. 21 Red Raiders face No. 3 Oklahoma at 2 p.m. Saturday at Dan Law Field.

coach Jim Marshall. On the afternoon, Kennedy went zero innings, giving up no hits but walking four. He gave up four earned runs.

Sergio Martinez recorded the first four-hit game of his Tech career, going 4-for-5, scoring three runs and driving in two.

He played both left field and third

base in the game.

"I felt very good," Martinez said. "It seemed like I was looking at beach balls today. I felt pretty comfortable at the plate. We needed to get away with a win, and everyone's hitting the ball. Everyone's confidence has been up since our winning streak (started)."

Designated hitter Andy Gonzales also led the attack, with his own four-hit game, the first of his Tech career. He went 4-for-5 with two doubles, crossing the plate three times and finishing with four RBI. "Lately, I've been seeing the ball pretty well," Gonzalez said. "Right now, anything thrown I feel like I

can hit it. I feel pretty confident in my hitting. The ball is just like a bowling ball, it's just so big right now. As long as our team wins, it's great."

Head coach Larry Hays said pitching was a key to the win.

"What I liked about tonight was that we were able to see some things like Frush and each pitcher we put out there did their job," Hays said. "From a defensive standpoint, all those were good things to see."

Shortstop Dion Ruecker, who fans are calling "Prime Time," finished the game two putouts and nine assists in the field. Hays, who stresses defense and fundamentals, said Ruecker and many other defensive plays were important.

"(Dax) Holmstead goes and gets a ball well in center field and catcher (Logan) Miller makes a big-time throw on a stealing situation," Hays said. There were some things defensively I like. We did some things that made this a good deal for us.

"We were hitting the tail end of their pitching, so we should have scored the runs we did. I really appreciate coach Marshall for coming over and playing us, though."

Tech will face No. 3 Oklahoma, Saturday and Sunday, with both games starting at 2 p.m., at Dan Law Field.

Mavs' Kidd sprains ankle

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Jason Kidd, the rookie point guard for the Dallas Mavericks, sprained his left ankle during the first half of Tuesday night's game against Washington.

He did not return to the game, but the Bullets said X-rays taken at USAir Arena were negative.

Kidd was injured with 2:21 left in the first half when he and Bullets center Gheorge Muresan fought for a rebound of a shot by Jim Jackson.

Muresan swatted at the ball, but missed and locked his right arm with Kidd's left arm. Kidd appeared to try and move to his left, but his left leg remained planted and he crumpled to the floor.

Kidd, the No. 2 pick in the draft, was averaging 9.5 points a game in 46 games. He already has set Dallas rookie records for steals and assists. He entered the game averaging 2.17 steals per game, fifth in the NBA, and 7.5 assists per game, tied for ninth best in the league.

Raiders hope postseason play doesn't rest on bubble

By Jonathan Harris
The University Daily

Although bubbles are primarily used for bath tubs, this time of year bubbles become more of a fixture in college basketball.

Being "on the bubble" refers to a team that does not win its conference or conference tournament but hopes to still make the NCAA tournament, but they are not assured of one, yet. Many teams live and die by the bubble, and this year should be no different.

The cloudy Southwest Conference race may become clearer Thursday when Texas Tech and Texas play Thursday at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. Tech is a half-game ahead of Texas in the confer-

ence race, at 9-2, while the Longhorns are 8-2.

Tech coach James Dickey said he believes the Raiders' strong finish should be a factor in the NCAA panel's decision.

"Hopefully one of the things the committee has traditionally done this year and the last couple of years is look at teams that finish strong," Dickey said. "If we can finish strong and continue to play like we are capable of, then we will have put together a nice win streak."

"One knock against our team is our non-conference losses. This team has gotten better, and I hope the committee will look at that."

Senior guard Lance Hughes said the early losses may hurt the Raid-

ers' chances if they do not win either the conference title or conference championship.

"We would be a lock to get in the tournament if we would have won some of our early games against Wisconsin, Montana State and Temple," Hughes said. "We can alleviate all of the guess work if we can win the conference or the SWC tournament."

"If we don't win the conference, we will have to go in and win the conference championship and get the automatic bid."

Dickey said he believes there could be two representatives from the league in the NCAA tournament.

"I really believe that if the regular-season champion and the SWC

tournament winners are two different teams, they should both get in," Dickey said. "There has to be something said for a team that completes a 14-game schedule and wins the tournament."

Dickey also said he could possibly see a situation like the one two years ago when the Raiders went to the NCAA tournament.

"TCU beat the conference champions SMU in the first round and all three teams (Tech, Texas and SMU) went to the tournament," Dickey said.

But Dickey said he hopes the Raiders can win the title and conference tournament, so the team won't have to leave it up to the selection committee.

THE Daily Crossword by Al Becker

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6 Major work
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16 Curtain or maiden
17 A Peron
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19 Blighted place
20 "Water, ---, nor any drop to drink"
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24 London site
25 Outdoor bank inits.
28 Indistinct
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36 Ladies
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39 Brando classic
42 Actress Enn
43 Office notes
44 Modern pref.
45 Charlotte or Emily
47 A Reiner
48 Thesaurus entry: abbr.
49 Force
51 Corn unit
54 Statement of pessimism
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Rockets activate Herrera, put Breaux on injured list

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets activated forward Carl Herrera on Tuesday and put forward Tim Breaux on the injured list due to lower back strain.

Herrera, in his fourth season, went on the injured list Feb. 1

with a hamstring injury and missed the last nine games.

Breaux, a rookie from Wyoming, has played in 36 games for Houston.

Breaux started two games last week as the Rockets played short-handed in the wake of injuries to

Herrera and Robert Horry and the suspension of Vernon Maxwell.

Maxwell was suspended for punching a fan in Portland.

The Rockets traded Otis Thorpe to Portland for Tracy Murray and Clyde Drexler last week.

Tyson will be released

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — State prison officials say former heavyweight champ Mike Tyson is still scheduled for release next month from the Indiana Youth Center, despite a report he could be let go this week.

Boxing promoter Don King backed away from his statements Tuesday that there was a "very good" possibility Tyson would be released from prison this week.

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Atkins emerges as Lady Raiders' go-to player

By Bryan Adams
The University Daily

Texas Tech lost the Southwest Conference's top scorer when Connie Robinson injured her knee, but as of Sunday, Michi Atkins has assumed the role of the conference scoring leader.

After posting back-to-back career highs with 30 points against Houston Wednesday and 34 points against SMU Sunday, Atkins is leading the conference in points per game with an average of 17.2.

Her 34 points gave her a career total of 1,281 and placed her eighth among Tech's all-time scorers.

According to Tech coach Marsha Sharp, the junior from Loraine has brought her game to a new level as she steps up to fill the go-to position after being in the shadow of players like Sheryl Swoopes, Cynthia Clinger and Connie Robinson.

"I never think about scoring," Atkins said. "I just think about playing well and executing the offense and playing hard on defense."

Atkins has played in every game since her freshman year and is one of 13 Lady Raiders in history to score 1,000 points. She continues to improve her numbers in both rebounding and scoring year after year.

"It has been great," Atkins said about her three-year stint at Tech. "Each year has gotten better. I've learned a lot. Playing as a freshman a lot has helped me as a junior."

Before Robinson went down, Atkins was the only junior in the starting lineup. Although she may be



Jeremy Chesnutt: The University Daily
Passing Fancy: Junior post Michi Atkins passes the ball during Tech's 84-40 win against Texas. Atkins was named Southwest Conference Player of the Week for her performance last week.

younger than some of her teammates and older than others, she said the Lady Raiders are friends off the court as well as teammates on the court.

"We are all like sisters," Atkins said. "They are great women, and I

love being around them."

Three years ago, Atkins left the small town of Loraine to further her education in Lubbock and be a part of Tech women's basketball. In high school, Atkins averaged 24 points, 16 rebounds and five assists per

game. Atkins was an all-state performer in her sophomore, junior and senior years.

"It doesn't even compare," Atkins said about the two different atmospheres. "I chose Tech because of the coaching staff. They were honest and didn't try to pull my leg like some coaches did. I'm glad I chose Tech."

Sharp has said Atkins is one of the best post players in the country and has stepped up nicely to become Tech's go-to player.

"It's kind of interesting because her entire career she has sort of been the second post player," Sharp said. "She has been, game in and game out, particularly defensively, the best player on our basketball team. There aren't any players in the country that are playing both ends of the floor as consistently as she is."

Several people have mentioned that Tech might not be able to match up against other top teams inside. Atkins said that the Lady Raiders are ready to answer their critics.

"I think we'll do just fine because Melinda (White) has proven to many people that she can play against bigger girls, and so has 'Shell' (Alicia Thompson)," Atkins said. "We just need to execute on the offensive end as well as play good, hard defense."

Atkins' parents, Joel and Vicki, reside back in Loraine with her two younger sisters, Natasha, 16, and Likita, 14. Atkins said she started playing basketball in sixth grade, but she doesn't push her sisters to play basketball. Atkins said the biggest influence in their lives has been their mother.

Atkins named SWC Player of Week

Texas Tech junior post Michi Atkins was named Southwest Conference Player of the Week Tuesday.

The 6-foot junior from Loraine set career highs for points in both of Tech's wins last week with 30 against Houston

and 34 against SMU. She has scored in double figures in 25 of the Lady Raiders' 27 games this season, including the last 16.

This is the second time a Lady Raider has been named Player of the Week. Connie Robinson was Player of the Week Jan. 16.

NHL not surprised by low scoring

NEW YORK (AP) — After losing 4-1 to the Hartford Whalers earlier this season, the Montreal Canadians were taken to task by coach Jacques Demers for their lack of offense.

The Canadians aren't the only ones having problems scoring.

There's a drop in scoring this season and players point to a variety of reasons, including the most obvious: sharp goaltending and not-so-sharp shooters who haven't quite gotten into the swing of it because of the season's late start.

"I think based on our first few games, the goaltenders were more ready than the rest of us," said the New York Rangers' Brian Leetch.

As of this past weekend, 22 of the 26 teams had at least one goaltender with a goals-against average less than 3.

Buffalo Sabers' Dominik Hasek, the only goaltender last season under 2 goals per game, continued his brilliance with a 1.62 goals-against average.

And he wasn't even the league leader — Detroit Red Wings' Chris Osgood was, at 1.34.

Every team but six had at least one goaltender with a save percent-

age of .900 or above. Osgood was the league leader with .945, while Hasek was second at .943.

In 1992-93, an average of 7.2 goals were scored in each game. Last season, it was 6.5. In the first three weeks of this lockout-abbreviated season, goals were down to 5.9.

"You look at every team and there are good goaltenders," says Montreal's Kirk Muller, whose Canadians boast one of the best in Patrick Roy. "It's a combination," Muller said. "Everyone's playing our type of hockey — patient hockey, low scoring. It's like play-off hockey ... and because of it, there's not many chances and the goalies are very good when they get the opportunities."

The prevailing opinion in the NHL is that teams have gone into a defensive mode because of the shortened 48-game schedule.

Lesser talented teams without game-breaking scorers have more of an opportunity to win games that way.

"The trap is very effective in keeping the scoring down, and more teams are using it," said Quebec defenseman Uwe Krupp.

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Injury Clinic	Tonight
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Intramural softball entries due

Entries are being accepted today and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in room 203 of the Student Recreation Center.

Instant schedules are available and the earlier you register the better the chance of securing your most favorable playing time.

Team managers are reminded that they may pick up blank rosters to fill out in advance, making sure they include all players full names, addresses and phone numbers in alphabetical order and bring a refundable \$25 forfeit fee.

Any individual wishing to play but without a complete team can attend the Free Agent's meeting today at 6 p.m. in room 205.

Teams needing additional players also are encouraged to attend.

The league schedules will be available Feb. 28 after 2 p.m., so pick up your schedule and head over to the manager's meeting at 5:15 p.m. in SRC 201.

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INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL: Spring must be right around the corner—intramural softball sign-ups are today and tomorrow for men's, women's and co-rec leagues. Intramural play begins March 5 with the Saddle Tramp tournament scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

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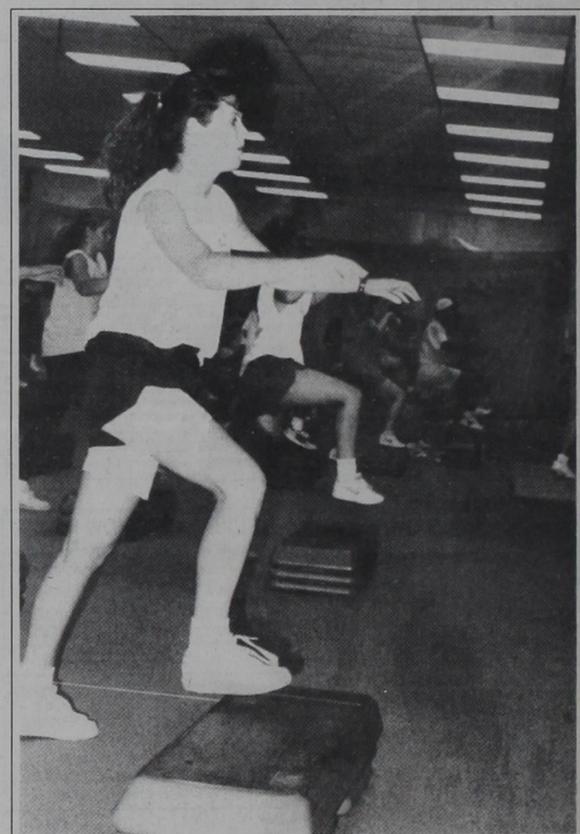


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Equipment reservations can be made only two weeks in advance

of when you plan to pick up the equipment.

If you are planning on renting for Spring Break, Friday is the first day you can make a reservation.

Reservations can be made by coming into the Outdoor Shop, filling out a contract and paying the rental cost.

This will hold your equipment for you.

All the equipment from the Outdoor Shop gets reserved and rented during Spring Break, so make your reservations early.

The Outdoor Shop is open every afternoon, Monday and Friday, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information concerning equipment and reservations, call the Outdoor Shop at 742-2949.

Outdoor Workshops

Canoeing Today 4 p.m. Aquatic Center

Has it been a while since you have been in a canoe? Do you want to learn more about paddling? You will learn basic strokes, the type of equipment to use and what to do if you tip over.

Ski Maintenance Thursday 5 p.m. SRC

Get those skis ready for Spring Break. Learn how to file, petex and wax your skis. The staff will show you how to work on your own skis and will provide the materials. The workshop is free. If you leave your skis for the staff to work on, the charge is \$10.



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