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U.S. justices step into English arena

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to review whether states can make English their official language and require its use for most government actions.

The justices said they will examine a lower court ruling that said Arizona's official-English constitutional amendment violates state employees' right of free speech.

Official-English laws have been growing in popularity along with proposals to limit immigration and restrict government benefits to immigrants.

Twenty-two other states and at least 40 cities have enacted some type of official-English law, and Congress is considering legislation similar to the amendment Arizona voters adopted in 1988.

Bob Dole, the prospective Republican presidential nominee, supports the federal legislation, saying, "We need the glue of language to hold us together."

But President Clinton has criticized the idea, saying English is "of course" the language of the United States but that people

should value "the culture, the traditions of everybody."

The justices may not reach a decision on the merits of the Arizona official-English amendment. Both sides were asked to address whether supporters of the amendment have legal standing to carry the case to the nation's highest court.

Only if the court finds that Arizonans for Official English has legal standing will its decision set a precedent for other states.

Arizonans for Official English says gov-

ernments can regulate their employees' speech while they are on duty.

"Making English our official language recognizes the unique role of a common language in society," said Daphne Magnuson of U.S. English, an advocacy group supporting the Arizona amendment.

Stephen Montoya, lawyer for Arizonans Against Constitutional Tampering, which opposes the amendment, said, "If the First Amendment protects anything it protects someone's right to choose the words in which

they speak. English-only is about, I think, prejudice," particularly against Hispanics and Asians, Montoya said. His group noted in court papers that the nation's motto, "e pluribus unum" is in Latin, not English.

The Arizona amendment says English is "the language of the ballot, the public schools and all government functions and actions."

The amendment, which applies to government officials and employees on government business, says the state "shall act in English and no other language," with some exceptions.



On Broadway: Texas Tech students Stephanie Husky, a senior agricultural communications major from Lubbock, Ross Sloan, a junior philosophy major from Sherman, and Amy Johnson, a sophomore early childhood development major from Plano, won prize baskets worth \$200 in the Monopoly on Safe Spring Break contest at Thompson Hall. The contest, sponsored by Student Health Education Services, was intended to introduce students to

offices on campus and encourage safety over the spring vacation. About 77 students completed the contest, which required going to each of the five co-sponsoring offices on campus receiving information on spring break safety and game piece in the shape of a green Monopoly house. The students turned their houses into the Student Health Education Office in Thompson Hall and received another presentation and a red hotel game piece.

New dean finalists begin public forums

by Charles Melton

The University Daily

Texas Tech's search for a new graduate dean came one step closer to completion Monday as the first finalist, David Schmidly, met with Tech faculty and administration.

Schmidly presented his ideas for the future of graduate education to Tech faculty at a public forum in the University Center Lubbock Room Monday.

"Schmidly is a very well qualified candidate who has experience through all faculty ranks," said Elizabeth Haley, dean of the Tech College of Human Sciences and graduate dean search committee chair.

He has worked with graduate students, chaired committees and written several publications, she said.

"He is a well respected scholar and administrator and the search committee felt he has many of the qualities it is looking for," she said.

The committee hopes to make its recommendation to the provost and hopes to have a graduate school dean selected by Sept. 1, she said.

Schmidly is chief executive officer and campus dean at Texas A&M University at Galveston.

"It is always good to be back in West Texas, and I have many fond memories of Tech," said Schmidly, who received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Tech.

Schmidly said his career was laid out in front of him like a ladder, but times have changed and are continuing to change.

"My interest is not in bureaucracy and paperwork," he said. "My interest is in innovation and programs."

Forces of change affecting gradu-

"My interest is not in bureaucracy and paper work."

David Schmidly, finalist for graduate dean position

ate education are the end of the cold war, government reorganizing and reshaping, expanded economic competition and state governments tightening budgets, he said.

"We are going to see a time where a dollar that could be invested in graduate education could compete with a social program," he said.

Graduate education is still driven by markets, and there are some things that can be done to prepare for the change, he said.

In the future, graduate school programs are going to have to be more versatile, he said. A graduate school is about students, and Tech has done a good job of serving students.

"I am really impressed to see how this university is growing," he said. "Tech has done a good job of laying the groundwork for success."

Schmidly will meet with Tech graduate students at 2:30 p.m. in Human Sciences room 102. The next two candidates for the position will visit the campus beginning April 1.

Jerry Thomas, a professor in the department of exercise science and physical education at Arizona State University, is scheduled to visit Tech April 1 and John Vitek, interim associate vice president for academic planning at Oklahoma State University, is scheduled to visit April 11.

Former Tech student arrested on cocaine distribution charge

by Carrie Kilman

The University Daily

Former Texas Tech student Curtis Allen Payne Jr. was arrested Friday after selling 26.8 grams of cocaine to an undercover Lubbock narcotics officer, according to Lubbock Police Department reports.

Payne, 23, and another Lubbock man, Nathan Malone Gallant, 20, sold the illegal drug to the officer for \$1,050, according to police reports. The transaction occurred at 7:50 p.m. at Clapp Park, 4500 Ave. U.

Although the cocaine was mixed with an unidentified substance, LPD tests determined the substance contained the illegal drug.

Payne and Gallant were charged with manufacturing and delivering a controlled substance and were released Saturday, each on a \$3,000 bond, said a Lubbock County Jail spokesman. Selling drugs to an undercover officer constitutes a first degree felony, said LPD Capt. Bill Townley. Payne and Gallant could face five to 99 years in prison and a fine not ex-

ceeding \$10,000.

A spokeswoman from Tech's Center for the Study of Addiction, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the amount of cocaine Payne sold to the police has a street value of almost \$2,700. Cocaine can be mixed with any substance that can be ground up and has minimal odor and taste, such as baking powder or aspirin, she said. "Mixing it up gives you more for your money," she said.

Clapp Park is a hot spot for drug transactions because of the high amount of gang activity there, the spokeswoman said.

Cocaine probably is one of the most common drugs among the college-age crowd, second only to marijuana in popularity, the spokeswoman said.

"Cocaine is pretty popular with the preppy crowds because it is pretty expensive," she said.

Tech Dean of Students Michael Shonrock said his office was not notified of the incident because Payne does not attend Tech this semester and because the University Police Department was not involved.

Ham delivers slam at national competition

by Arni Sribhen

The University Daily

For the second time in as many years, Texas Tech will have a member of its men's basketball team in the Eighth Annual College Slam Dunk competition.

Senior forward Darvin Ham is one of eight dunkers selected for the contest scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Fordham University's Rose Hill Gym in New York. The contest will be shown live on ESPN.

"I think his chances are very good," sophomore guard Brock Barnes said. "He can do so many things, and he's creative. Creativity goes a long way in dunk contests."

Ham, who officially had 116 dunks in his Tech career, joins former Tech guard Lance Hughes as Red Raiders who have been in the contest. Hughes won last year's competition in Seattle.

"It has been incredible," Ham said of his fame, which includes this week's *Sport Illustrated* cover. The senior from Saginaw, Mich., disputes the number of dunks he had in his Red Raider career but said he hopes he will be remembered for every dunk.

"116 is wrong," he said. "I'll bet my first and last dollar on that, but they will remember the backboard shattering dunk. When the NCAA

concludes it will be talked about because it has never been done. That dunk isn't even in my top-10, but it is top-five for publicity. It was just an ordinary dunk with extra power."

Ham, who first dunked on an ally-ooop when he was in 10th grade, said his best dunks are in games, but even his "special ones" are just the norm for his friends back in Michigan.

"A lot of people have been talking about the one (dunk) I missed in the Georgetown game, saying 'You took off from the free throw line,'" he said.

Ham said he is excited to represent Tech in New York but will not take the competition seriously.

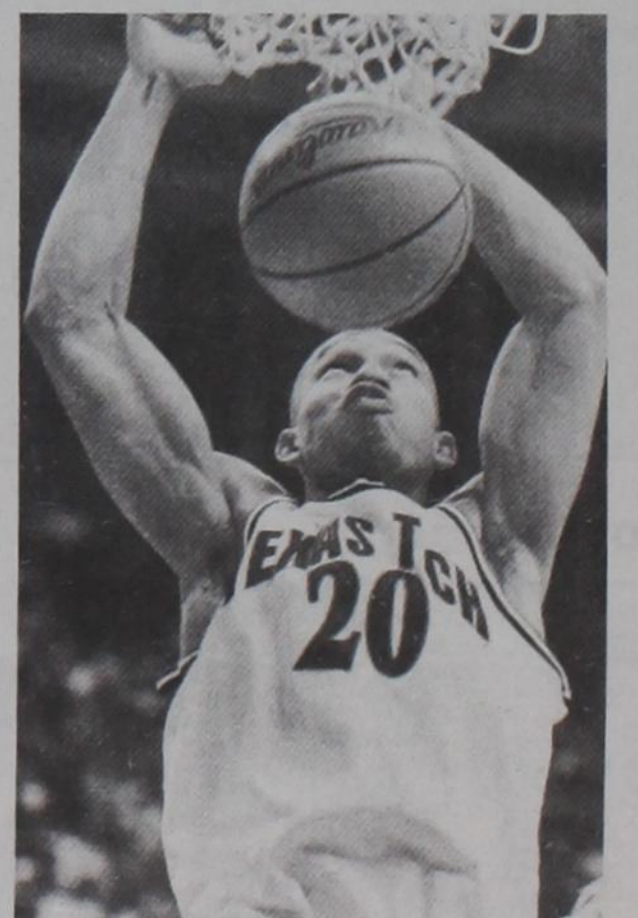
"I'm glad people are excited about Red Raider basketball, but the contest is just for fun," he said. "A lot of people take these seriously but it's just a contest. You can't decide who the best dunker is."

Despite his attitude, Ham said it will be a great atmosphere for basketball, and he hopes people will vote for him like they did for Hughes last season.

"I'm happy that the judges are calling in," he said. "Maybe they will just remember me breaking the backboard and call in for me."

One person who said he will vote for Ham is Jason Staudt, a student manager for the Red Raider basketball team.

"He's got as good a shot as anyone," he said. "I might call in for him. I'm sure a lot of people will call for him."



Shanna Sargent-Milnor: *The University Daily*
Hold the roast beef: Senior forward Darvin Ham performs one of his patented "Ham-slams" during Texas Tech's stay at the East Regional in Richmond, Va.

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Vice presidential candidates are few, far from qualified



BROOKS BOYETT

UD columnist

Now that Bob Dole has secured the Republican presidential nomination, it's time for the most difficult and exciting of tasks for Mr. Dole: choosing a vice-presidential nominee. Lately, there has been talk of Colin Powell throwing his hat in the ring, but the good general seems to be pretty dead set against the idea. So who is Dole to choose? Well, I have a few potential nominees in mind to help the

man.

First of all, when choosing a candidate, we must realize that the position of vice president has got to be one of the easiest jobs around. Other than giving a standing ovation for the president after each sentence during his State of the Union Address, the vice president basically does nothing else but sit around and wait for the president to die.

Secondly, we must realize that Bob Dole is an immortal. He has been around for about 873 years, from what I can gather. If you have seen the "Highlander" movies or the television series, you know that the only way for an immortal to die is by having his head chopped off by a sword.

With the highly skilled Secret Service agents at his side, it is doubtful that Dole will ever die while in office. So it really doesn't matter whether or not his VP candidate is experienced or even fits the necessary qualifications stated in the Constitution.

Finally, an actor is always a good bet. Remember Ronald Reagan's skill in communicating and making people believe he knew exactly what he was talking about even though he really didn't one bit? Dole's monotone speeches could be greatly offset by an actor's skillfulness at such a task.

Keeping these in mind, let's take a look at my suggestions for Bob Dole's future running mate.

How about the guy who played Zach on "Saved by the Bell?" This guy will definitely help Dole win over the younger voters who grew up with Zach, Screech, Kelly and that girl who takes off her clothes in "Showgirls." Even now, the series appears in syndication on cable 41 times a day. Talk about exposure. And it's free. If Dole wants to appear hip and win over the increasingly important college aged young people, he'll choose the young actor. Besides, Dole/Guy who played Zach '96 has a nice ring to it.

Another good bet would be the Duke boys. Yeah, I know there's two of them, but the two really go hand in hand. If people really seem to have a problem with it, Dole, can just make Luke his running mate and promise to appoint Bo Secretary of State. Not only can the Duke boys drive really cool and kick some major butt, they also have a cousin named Daisy. All Dole has to do is promise to let her deliver his speeches, and he's got the vote of every American male.

My final suggestion is Benji, the dog in those feel-good movies several years ago. People love dogs, especially brave, cute little dogs like Benji. Anyway, it's high time we stop discriminating and put something other than a human in the VP office. I guarantee you Benji will do just as well as any vice president ever has. And if there's a fire in the White House, little Benji will be the first to bark his head off until the Dole family is safe from harm.

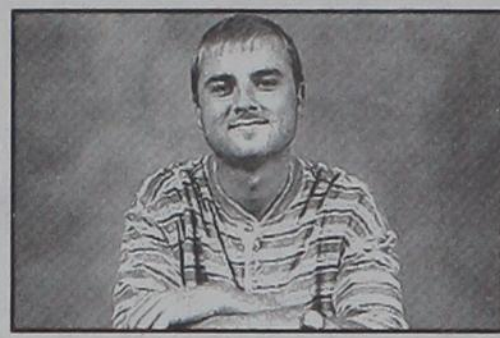
Of course Dole will probably ignore my advice and choose some lifelong politician, which is probably the best fit, because vice presidents don't do anything anyway. Neither do politicians.

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Only color of Academy's awards gold



GARY BLACK

UD copy editor

Monday's Academy Awards ceremonies in Los Angeles brought the usual chatter and fanfare. Crowds ogled their favorite stars, and Oscar graced the chosen few whose work was good enough for high accolades.

But among the groups star gazing in the California evening, one group present was not interested in fanning the flames of fame.

The honorable Rev. Jesse Jackson led his National Rainbow Coalition in protest of the Academy Awards. Supporters of Jackson's cause also protested ABC affiliates in 20 cities for broadcasting the Oscars.

The reason for protesting the big-

gest night in Hollywood? The lack of nominees for achievement in film by black artists.

Only one 1995 nominee was black — Dianne Houston for "Tuesday Morning Ride" in the live short-action film category.

Jackson referred to the lack of blacks nominated as "institutional racism." Or perhaps no quality work was produced by black artists this year? "Waiting to Exhale" was the one big money-making film of 1995 aimed at black audiences. Directed by Forest Whitaker and starring powerhouses Angela Basset and Whitney Houston, it did well at the box office but lacked what the academy would deem as outstanding achievement.

While whining about the lack of blacks honored by Hollywood, Jackson apparently has forgotten a few things.

Whoopi Goldberg, an Oscar winner herself, hosted the Academy Awards for the second time now. Record mogul Quincy Jones produced the show. Debbie Allen has choreographed the dance routines. Vanessa

...one would think he wants to extend affirmative action to the Academy...

Williams' song "The Colors of the Wind" was nominated for best original song from Disney's "Pocahontas." That's not to forget past winners Sidney Poitier, Denzel Washington, Hattie McDaniel and Lou Gossett Jr.

How can Jackson forget about perennial Oscar nominee Morgan Freeman? Nominees such as Angela Basset, Laurence Fishburne and director Spike Lee cannot be overlooked, either.

From Jackson's quips about the racist academy, one would think he

wants to extend affirmative action programs into the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

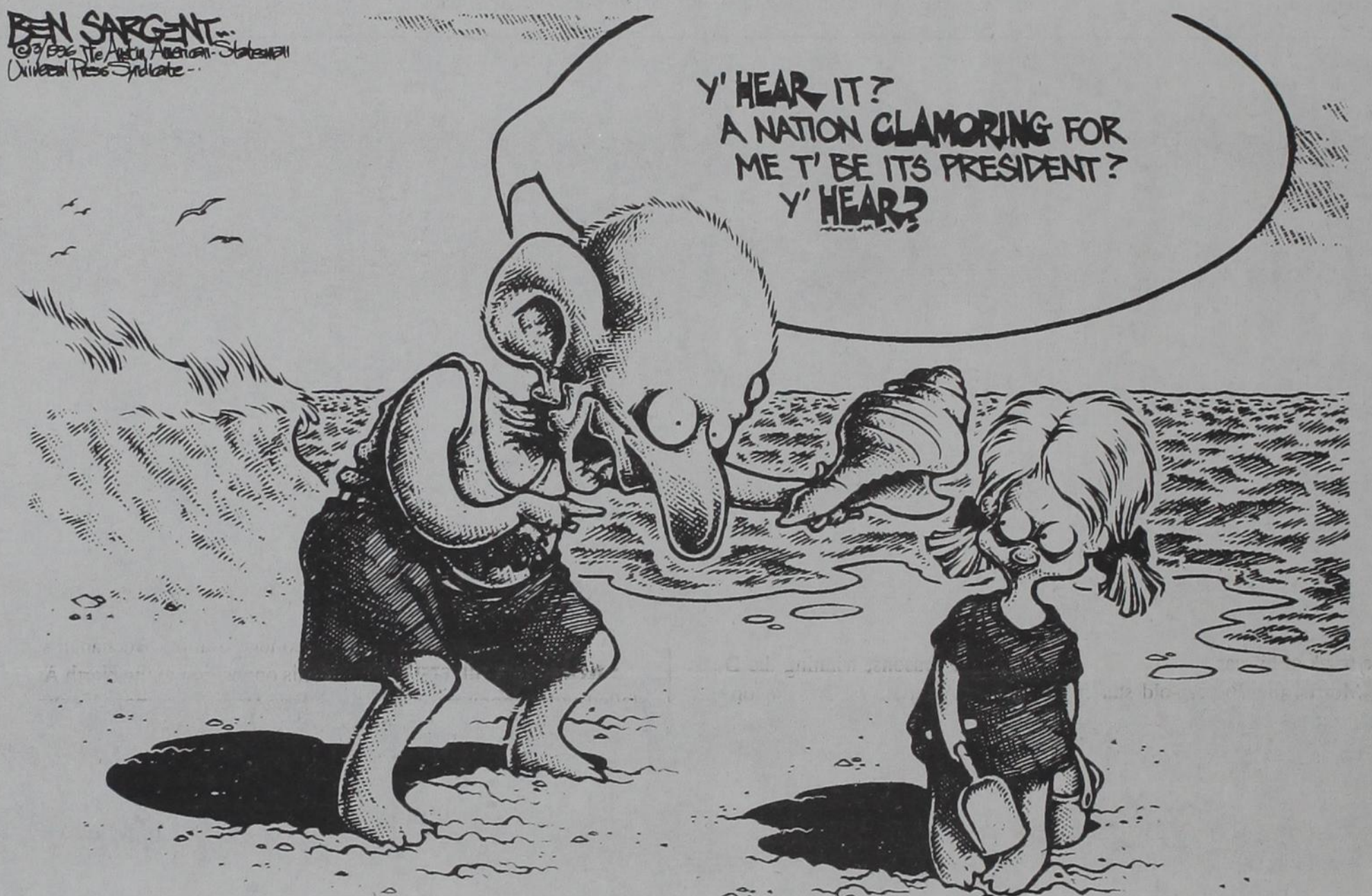
Racism cannot be blamed for the lack of roles for black actors in Hollywood. The quality roles for minority actors are not available, just as many quality roles are not available for women. That does not mean Hollywood is racist, it just means the roles are not readily available.

If black directors like Lee and Whitaker and upcoming young directors would produce more films with caliber roles for black performers, more black nominations would ensue.

Many blacks in film resort to playing the stereotypical street-smart brother, usually thrown into a movie for comic relief. Until roles like these lessen, the quality performances by black artists will be few and far between.

But until then, do not blame racism in movie land for the lack of roles and Oscar nominations. Blame the lack of good parts.

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MAILBAG

Roundup does not display wholesome family fun

To the editor: I was disappointed to find in *The UD* (3/12/96) a full-page spread touting Sweetwater's annual "Rattlesnake Roundup" as wholesome family entertainment. Peter Wilkins traded the standards of objective journalism for those of cheap sensationalism—at the expense of the reptilian victims of the roundup. Wilkins stated as fact the claims of "area ranchers and farmers" that rattlesnakes are "pesky serpents" and "a nuisance to both humans and livestock." Clearly this is not the reason that thousands of them are rounded up, tortured, and slowly killed before a bloodthirsty crowd in Sweetwater each year.

Humans pose a much more present danger to rattlesnakes than the snakes do to us. Rattlesnakes are, in fact, more friend than foe to ranchers and farmers. They keep in check the rodent populations that, if uncontrolled, would pose a threat to grain stores and human health. The Sweetwater

roundup promotes the myth that snakes are evil serpents lying in wait for unsuspecting humans. In reality, snakes, including venomous ones, view humans as what we are: dangerous predators. Snakes go out of their way to avoid interactions with humans. My father practiced medicine in this part of the country for many years, and he treated many snake bite victims.

Only once in his entire career did he treat a patient who was surprised by an unprovoked attack by a rattlesnake—a farm worker who sat on a snake while she was temporarily blinded by the sun. The dozens of other "victims" had provoked the "attacks" by handling or poking snakes who were attempting to avoid contact with them.

The claim that snakes pose a real threat to livestock is unsubstantiated. Rattlesnakes, like most of us, prefer to bite what they can swallow. An animal experiences negative effects from snake venom in proportion to its weight. Cattle are unlikely to suffer severe effects. My father's 15-pound

dog, Herschel, was bitten by a rattlesnake he provoked. After a day spent uncomfortably swollen, he recovered his health and left snakes alone. Unfortunately, the Sweetwater Jaycees do not have Herschel's good sense.

Under the guise of family entertainment and ridding the plains of "pests," the Rattlesnake Roundup promotes needless cruelty to living beings. It teaches children that other living beings are here for us to take cruel, sensationalistic pleasure in maiming and torturing, and that the relationship between humans and other living creatures is a good human/bad pest relationship rather than a small facet of a complex ecosystem.

Cathy Brigham

UD provides unfair coverage of president-elect

To the editor: This letter is in response to *The University Daily's* coverage of the Student Association presidential election. Never before have I witnessed such unprofessional and out-

landish journalistic behavior.

The snide attempt by *The UD* editors to discredit Geoff Wayne's victory shows the complete lack of professionalism and integrity of *The UD* that we as students at Tech are exposed to all too often. It is obvious that the overwhelming majority of the students that cared enough about Texas Tech to vote did not share the views and opinions of the very selective, and apparently out of touch, seven-member editorial board. The election was not even close. It was an utter landslide. This blatant command from the student body should teach those at *The UD* that claim to be the "voice of the students" where exactly the interests of the student body lie; where exactly the interests of *The UD* editors lie, and the tremendous gap in between.

Jason Hill
Editor's note: The only "biased" coverage concerning the Student Association election and run-off was on *The UD's* Viewpoints page — a page devoted to staff members' and all Tech students' opinions.

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Observatory views comet as serious business

■ *Naked eye can see comet in orbit*

by April Castro

The University Daily

The newly discovered comet, Hyakutake, is the subject of public viewing sessions at Texas Tech's On-Campus Observatory.

The last viewing session will be from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. today at the observatory.

Hyakutake is close enough to Earth to be visible to the unaided eye for the first time since it was discovered in January by an astronomer in Japan.

"What we'll be looking for is a fuzzy blob about the size of your little fingernail held at an arms length away," said Alan Sill, Tech assistant professor of physics in the College of Arts and Sciences. "You can start looking after 9 p.m. tonight."

Comet viewing

- The last viewing session of the Hyakutake Comet is from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. today at the Texas Tech Observatory.
- The comet will be located in the northern sky near the tail of the Big Dipper.
- The comet will not be seen in the Northern Hemisphere for another 14,000 years.
- The best viewing area for the comet is outside of the Lubbock city limits.

The comet will be located in the northern part of the sky near the tail of the Big Dipper, Sill said.

The observatory is located on the south side of Fourth Street, about 400 yards west of Tech's Health Sciences Center.

This is the last time the comet will be clearly visible to the Northern Hemisphere for about another 14,000 years

as it travels in its orbit, Sill said. "Its orbit takes about 14,000 years," he said.

"It has a long, narrow elliptical orbit with the sun at one end of the orbit. It will go around the sun and reemerge but will only be visible to the Southern Hemisphere, so this is our best look."

The comet will be visible at the

viewing sessions, but the best view is outside the city limits, he said.

"The best way to see it is to drive north of the city about one mile, and it will be pretty easy to see, weather permitting," Sill said.

Mostly cloudy skies are expected tonight, said Greg Shelton, meteorologist at the National Weather Service.

The comet is a unique sight and is easily differentiated between the stars, said David Laurentz, vice president of the South Plains Astronomy Club.

"It looks like a little tiny cloud or a fuzzy star, but it is really much bigger," Laurentz said. "In good conditions, the tail is pretty long, but it is hard to predict exactly what it will look like."

The tail has been seen with the naked eye outside of the glare of the city lights, he said.

Hyakutake Comet can be seen a little to the left of the North Star, Laurentz said.

Campuses connect with credit hours at Junction

by Laura Hipp

The University Daily

Texas Tech students seeking different learning opportunities can engross themselves in their coursework at the Texas Tech University Center at Junction.

"Students are totally immersed in class," said Len Ainsworth, professor and director of the center at Junction.

The center offers field courses for biological sciences, art and photocommunications, Ainsworth said.

Undergraduate students can receive credit in the intercession in May, he said. Students attend class all day for two weeks.

Graduates can gain credit for coursework in a summer session, he said.

More than 100 students register for sessions each year, he said.

"It allows students to pursue interests not available on campus," he said.

The Junction campus was allocated to Tech by the Texas Legislature in the early 1970s, he said.

Students are completely sequestered from the outside world, said Ashton Thornhill, Tech associate professor in photocommunications in the College of Arts and Sciences.

"Students are taking one class and are submersed in a subject," Thornhill said.

The center offers an advantage for certain classes such as science labs, he said.

"It is a very focused and intensive learning experience," said Julie Isom, a Tech graduate student from

Junction campus

- Undergraduates can receive credit by attending during the intercession in May
- Graduate students gain credit by attending in the summer sessions.

Idalou studying general biology.

A semester's worth of work is learned in two weeks, Isom said. The learning environment is different from Lubbock.

"Students work for long hours looking for specimens," she said. "You can't get that kind of intense field experience here."

The center offers students a closer relationship with the professors, she said.

"There is one-on-one contact with professors," said Lou Densmore, Tech associate professor of biological sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences. "Professors are not such distant people."

It is a privilege to teach at Junction, he said. It is different than teaching at Tech.

"When you live that close together for two weeks, you see a different side of your instructor," he said. The surroundings increase the diversity of the research, Densmore said. The rocky terrain and the nearby river provide a variety of animals and plants to study.

Employees hired as SPARC investigation continues

■ *IRS, FBI look into misuse of funds*

by James Walker

The University Daily

The South Plains AIDS Resource Center has begun hiring permanent replacements for employees fired after allegations of mismanagement from the Texas Department of Health in February.

SPARC now is taking applications for the position of administrative assistant, said Interim Executive Director Kathryn McMahon.

SPARC's board of directors fired all of its permanent employees after TDH presented its preliminary find-

ings on Feb. 8. Since then, the FBI, the IRS and the Department of Housing and Urban Development have begun separate investigations.

"Services to clients of SPARC have not been interrupted in the course of the investigation," McMahon said.

McMahon is an associate professor of pharmacology at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

McMahon was appointed to replace former Executive Director David Crader after the Feb. 8 board meeting. She had served for two years previously as a SPARC volunteer and member of the Board of Directors.

McMahon refused to comment Monday on what her duties as a volunteer included or whether she had any knowledge of SPARC's wrongdoing

prior to the TDH investigation.

TDH has altered its contract with SPARC to allow TDH officials to be present at SPARC to oversee its financial operations, said Casey Blass, director of the HIV/STD division of the TDH.

"We have officials on site to oversee SPARC's operations and assist them in providing services," Blass said.

TDH's presence at SPARC is only temporary, Blass said. Once the situation is resolved, SPARC will again be an independent agency.

U.S. Attorney Dick Baker said no legal action has been taken against SPARC or any former employees of SPARC because evidence is still being gathered.

TDH began its investigation in re-

sponse to complaints from HIV positive clients of SPARC about the services they were receiving.

Under SPARC's contract with TDH, SPARC receives numerous grants of federal and state funds in order to provide low cost housing and other services to Lubbock residents with HIV or AIDS.

The investigation involves allegations of mismanagement of those grant funds, conflicts of interest among board members and misuse of prescription drugs.

Other allegations which have surfaced during the investigation include physical abuse of clients and use of illegal drugs such as cocaine and marijuana by staff and clients in SPARC-operated group homes.

Former Tech athlete busted for drugs

Former Texas Tech running back Byron "Bam" Morris was arrested Friday after a police officer with the Northeast Area Drug Interdiction Task Force found 6 pounds of marijuana in the trunk of his car.

Morris, the 26-year-old star full-back for the Pittsburgh Steelers, and Rodney Dwayne Reynolds, 26, of Cooper, were stopped just east of Dallas on Interstate 30 about 10:20 a.m. by police following a traffic violation.

The officer said he stopped the two men after observing Morris' 1995 Mercedes-Benz swerve between lanes. The officer said he found the marijuana inside a zippered duffel bag in

the trunk of the car.

The two men were released on \$25,000 bonds later that day after they denied ownership of the illegal drug.

Morris played for the Red Raiders for three seasons, winning the Doak Walker Award in 1993 as the top college running back in the nation.

He was the Steeler's third-round draft pick in 1994 and was picked as the Steeler's rookie of the year the same year.

Rob Boulware, a spokesman for the Steelers, said the team was made aware of Morris' arrest, but because of NFL regulations, he could not comment officially on the matter.

national notes Campus

• **Kent State University** has installed video monitors in the university bookstore to combat theft. The bookstore experienced thefts of \$800 worth of books, calculators, book bags and other items this semester.

Since the installation of the cameras, six people have been caught on video stealing book bags from the bookstore.

• **Pat Buchanan** spoke to a crowd of nearly 500 **Texas A&M University** students during their spring break.

He outlined his political platform for the presidency to the crowd in College Station. Buchanan spoke of his opposition to the North American Free Trade Agreement, his support for pro-life issues and the need for stronger defense of America's borders.

• **Two University of Texas** students reported a photo posted on their residence hall room door had been defaced with racial slurs. After reporting it to the University Police Department and dean of students, the women

discovered it had been written by acquaintances. Although the women still did not find it funny, the matter is no longer under investigation. A floor meeting to increase racial awareness was scheduled following the ordeal.

• **Twenty University of Kansas** students protested Mitsubishi's destruction of rain forests. The student protestors held signs urging visitors to boycott the company. In addition, KU students are planning to submit a petition to the Student Senate and the Board of Regents to request a boycott of Mitsubishi by the university. A KU graduate student claims Mitsubishi at

one point was logging 24 hours-a-day in Malaysia.

• **The Oklahoma University** Board of Regents approved the creation of the women's varsity soccer team and the appointment of a former United Nations ambassador to the OU faculty.

The women's soccer team will begin competition in fall 1996.

The addition of soccer to OU means 11 of the Big 12 universities will play women's soccer.

Edward J. Perkins will be retiring as U.S. ambassador to Australia to teach political science at OU.

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Vacation creates memories



PETER WILKINS

UD staff writer

Well, I hope everyone had a nice spring break, because mine was really lame. My best friend from Muleshoe, Cletus, came back into town and regaled me with tales from South Padre Island.

"It was great, dude!" he exclaimed through wide, bloodshot eyes. "I got to go parasailing behind a motorboat full of chicks while wearing nothing but a huge Mexican sombrero with a bottle of tequila taped to it!" Naturally, I couldn't admit I had stayed in Lubbock, doing homework and flossing dirt out of my gums.

So, in order to appear cool, I took the liberty of making up a little vacation of my own, which I told to Cletus. (I don't have to worry about him finding out it was all just a big fib, because Cletus isn't his real name.)

It all started on the Friday before break. After blowing off our morning classes, my multitude of other friends and I rented a Winnebago and loaded it up with a few kegs of Heineken and a big-screen TV. After a quick bite of lunch at Chez Dump, it was time to hit the road for ... um ... Jamaica.

We arrived in Austin just in

time for dinner and to catch Alannis Morissette and the Rolling Stones at an intimate, out-of-the-way nightclub. After partying the night away with the Stones at their suite high atop the Sheraton (and tossing many TV sets into the Colorado River), we grabbed a couple hours of sleep and hit the road again.

Somewhere in Mexico, we got a flat and realized we didn't have a spare. After unsuccessfully attempting to refill the tire from the keg, we were close to despair until Quentin Tarantino showed up in a 35-foot stretch limo. We explained our plight, whereupon he graciously invited us aboard and gave us a ride into ... um ... some Mexican town, where we drank beers all night and chewed the fat with ol' Quint (as his buddies call him).

The next day, we got the flat fixed (I don't remember quite how) and resumed our trek, arriving in Jamaica around noon. We received a hero's welcome from the locals and proceeded to feast on all-you-can-eat popcorn shrimp for about two hours.

Well, to make a long story short, we pretty much partied nonstop until Sunday morning, when we departed refreshed and invigorated for Lubbock. I arrived just in time to spend a few minutes preparing for my Monday classes and then it was off to bed.

Naturally, Cletus was green with envy, despite my not bringing back any souvenirs and he had that cool sombrero. Well ... next year.

Peter Wilkins is a junior social work major from Lubbock.

Ex-'SNL' star's show hits more than not

by Brian Lacy

The University Daily

As "Saturday Night Live" slowly dwindles in popularity, several shows have sprung up to try and capture the comedy sketch audience. One of those shows is sponsored by Mug Rootbeer and stars ex-"Saturday Night Live" alumni Dana Carvey.

It is brilliantly called, you guessed it, "The Mug Rootbeer Dana Carvey Show."

If you've seen Carvey on "SNL," then you have a pretty good idea what to expect on this 30-minute sketch fest — that doesn't mean you won't laugh. There's enough new stuff to keep the interest going, and Carvey's semi-talented extras help out in case you get sick of just seeing him.

The skits include everything from Carvey painting himself black and imitating Johnnie Cochran to a spoof on Fox's hockey coverage. But the fun does not stop there.

There's Bloopers and the Dark Side,

THE UD TV SHOW RATING GUIDE

\$\$\$\$ Top-notch entertainment
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which involves Dick Clark highlighted hidden camera shots of famous people at their worst. (Paul Hogan and Casey Casem's dark sides consisted of them cussing out their agents.) Then there was Carvey portraying talk show host Charles Grodin, who kept falling asleep during his monologue and needed to be woken up by a hand offstage.

Of course Dana also did his patented George Bush, only this time George was explaining to Bill Clinton that he had left some of his belongings

in the White House and needed them returned. "I left a pair of navy blue socks in the dresser drawer," Carvey's George Bush explained. "Gotta warn you though Bill, little stinky."

A refreshingly new sketch was the under 5 comedian contest. (All the comedians are under the age of five.) The little kids got up there in front of a crowd of their 5-year-old peers, and made them fall in the aisles with laughter at such punch lines as "I made a doodie in my pants," and "You're a pooh-pooh face."

Carvey also portrayed his time-tested role of Paul McCartney with the leftover Beatles' memories.

Carvey also portrayed a drugged-out George Washington, who was sniffing cocaine and sleeping with Benjamin Franklin. (This was a spoof of what would happen if Oliver Stone directed a George Washington movie.)

But the highlight of the show was the three-minute cartoon entitled "The Ambiguously Gay Duo."

The story involved super-heroes Ace and Gary, who are not openly gay, but everyone they fight or rescue always wonder. "I thought they were just super pals" one of the evil henchmen ponders.

All in all, the show is entertaining and fresh although inappropriate at times considering its prime time slot. (Young children should not be watching.) Carvey is definitely a talented comedian, and the amount to which he helped carry "SNL" is becoming obvious. The Mug Rootbeer commercials are not too bad either. \$\$\$

Pulitzer Prize winner dives headfirst into Whitewater controversy

by Brian Lacy

The University Daily

The term Whitewater has become as much of a household name as Watergate or Iran/Contra, and yet the majority of Americans still do not know what all the fuss is about. The piece of land now synonymous with scandal has a story behind it, and Pulitzer Prize winner James Stewart wants to tell it again to America in the book, "Blood Sport." What makes the story (\$19.99, Simon and Schuster) intriguing is how Stewart tells it.

Drawing on hundreds of interviews

including James and Susan McDougal and even Hillary Clinton, Stewart is able to retell the Whitewater story almost as if the reader is sitting there watching every meeting, conversation and behind-the-scenes deal.

The book is divided into three sections, detailing what happened in the early '80s surrounding the failed real-estate venture, the supposed wrongdoings after the immediate death of Whitehouse aide Vince Foster, and the current situation of Whitewater and its implication on the Clinton presidency.

"Blood Sport" is by no means a

"Clinton-bashing" publication, although the reader does come away with a bad taste in their mouth after realizing how the good ol' boy political system really works. The "scratch my back and I'll scratch yours" mentality is typified by the way the former Arkansas governor and Mrs. Clinton received favors, insider trading secrets and collateral on their loans. But it is hard to blame them after reading "Blood Sport," because the entire upper crust of Arkansas was apparently involved in rotten real estate deals.

Because Stewart went to the trouble

to obtain so many quotes, he puts personalities on all the political figures, showing the human side of the so-called scandal.

In the overall political picture, the relevancy of Stewart releasing "Blood Sport" now will probably not be too significant.

Those who disliked Clinton to begin with for his less-than-wholesome past will simply have more ammo to back up their animosity.

Those who love Clinton probably have heard most of this stuff already, so the book will probably not change their minds.

'Braveheart' bashes competition

Middle Ages epic film receives five Oscars

(AP) — "Braveheart," a sweeping epic about one man's quest to free his country from English oppression received five Oscars Monday night including awards for best picture and director (Mel Gibson).

Susan Sarandon, who played a nun trying to redeem a condemned killer in "Dead Man Walking," took best actress honors and Nicolas Cage was named best actor for his role as a suicidal alcoholic in "Leaving Las Vegas."

Like Gibson, Emma Thompson also won an Oscar in another area of her craft, adapting the Jane Austen novel "Sense and Sensibility" for the screen.

Gibson, a plaid vest flashing from between the lapels of his tuxedo, thanked writer Randall Wallace and producer Alan Ladd Jr. for bringing the script of the early Scottish epic to a "fiscal imbecile."

"Like most directors, what I really want to do is act," said Gibson. He granted his own wish, casting himself as the wild-haired warrior who drove the English from Scotland.

"Braveheart" was Gibson's second outing as a director, the first being "The Man Without a Face" in 1993. He follows a line of actors-turned di-

rector who have won Oscars: Robert Redford, Warren Beatty, Woody Allen, Kevin Costner.

Thompson, who won the best actress award for "Howard's End" in 1992, collected her second Oscar.

The English actress told of visiting author Austen's grave at Winchester Cathedral "to pay my respects and tell her about the grosses."

She concluded by dedicating her award to Ang Lee, who directed the film but was overlooked for an Oscar nomination though the film was up for best picture.

Supporting actor awards went to Kevin Spacey, the verbal con man in "The Usual Suspects," and Mira Sorvino, who played a hooker in "Mighty Aphrodite," won the Academy Awards for supporting actor and actress Monday night.

Spacey thanked his mother for driving him to acting classes when he was 16: "I told you it would pay off, and here's the pudding."

Sorvino thanked her father as the veteran actor openly sobbed in the audience.

"When you give me this award you honor my father, Paul Sorvino, who taught me everything I know about acting," she said.

The elder Sorvino, a character actor, has appeared in TV's "Law & Order," and the movie "Goodfellas," among others.

This year's biggest controversy surfaced immediately.

Host Whoopi Goldberg used her opening monologue to defuse the Rev. Jesse Jackson's call to protest the show because there was only one black out of 166 nominees.

Goldberg, who like the show's producer Quincy Jones is black, ridiculed Jackson's call for participants to wear multicolored ribbons.

THE Daily Crossword by CF Murray

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Sports briefly

Novoa utilizes late charge for victory

Texas Tech's Bryan Novoa fired a two-under par 70 to take medalist honors Sunday at the Border Olympics at Laredo Country Club in Laredo.

Novoa, a senior from Laredo, entered the tournament's final round in third place behind Southern Methodist's Josh Gregory and Arkansas' Casey Brown, but earned the top spot after Gregory and Brown shot 73 and 74, respectively. Novoa finished with a three-day total of 211.

Novoa's performance was the top for the Red Raider squad, which finished sixth overall. The next highest finisher for Tech was senior Chris Mathis, who shot a 228 and sophomore Phillip Tate, who shot a 229.

Women's golf says aloha to Hawaii

The Texas Tech women's golf team will compete in the Rainbow Wahine Invitational today through Thursday in Honolulu. The event is at the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course (5,937 yards, par-72).

The Red Raiders are coming off a successful spring break tournament, finishing fourth at the LSU-Fairwood Invitational in Baton Rouge, La.

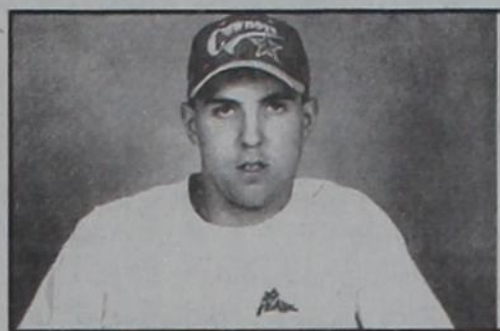
Tech trailed top-25 teams Arizona (884), host school Louisiana State (893) and Auburn (906) in the Fairwood event. The Red Raiders, led by freshman Brooke Lowrance, who fired a 225 and finished ninth, recorded a 919. Tech finished ahead of top-25 foes Memphis (934) and New Mexico State (947).

Senior J.J. Rorie trailed Lowrance by a stroke, good for a 10th-place finish. Senior Tracy Thomson, a two-time All-Southwest Conference performer, carded a 231. Thomson is ranked 51st individually in the nation, according to the latest Rolex/Nicklaus Women's Individual rankings.

Junior Tamara Parker shot a 239 and sophomore Kristin Kight closed the scoring for Tech with a 247.

The same group of players will represent Tech in Honolulu, competing in the 22-team field. Nationally ranked Arizona, Oklahoma State and Georgia will be seeking the team title against the Red Raiders. Future Big 12 opponents Oklahoma and Nebraska, along with Oklahoma State, will be participants in the three-day tournament.

Memorable moments relived with awards



CHRIS PARRY
UD sports reporter

Many teams and players have captivated us this season with rim-rocking heart-stopping plays. I've categorized some of my favorites at this point in the first Parry Sports Awards.

We'll start with the Tech portion of the show.

Football - Zach Thomas' fourth

quarter interception of Texas A&M quarterback Corey Pullig's pass. Thomas ran it in for a touchdown giving the Red Raiders a 14-7 victory. It was their first win over the Aggies since 1989.

Basketball - Darvin Ham's backboard-shattering slam dunk that helped ignite the Red Raiders' defeat of North Carolina by 19 points and their advance to the team's second Sweet 16 appearance.

Best Cinderella Story - The Northwestern football team which defied the odds and captured the Big Ten title and its second-ever trip to the Rose Bowl.

- The Seattle Mariners' stretch run to overtake the California Angels and win their first-ever division champi-

onship. They went on to defeat the New York Yankees in the playoffs.

Biggest Comeback - Ernie Irvan defies the odds and wins the Daytona 500 after coming back from a near fatal accident in August of 1994.

- Mike Tyson silences the critics by ousting Frank Bruno, the WBA champion, in the third round.

College Football Play of the Year - Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier sprints 75 yards for a touchdown while breaking seven tackles in the process during the Cornhuskers' Fiesta Bowl victory over Florida.

Pro Football Play of the Year - After Kansas City forced overtime with a comeback against San Diego, Chiefs' kickoff against

Tamarick Vanover ran the opening kick back for a touchdown to give the Chiefs the victory.

Pro Football Game of the Year - Pittsburgh's victory over Indianapolis in the AFC Championship game. The Colts almost claimed the upset, but Jim Harbaugh's last-second heave into the end zone fell short.

There may be some sports and plays I left out, but this is how I see it at this point. Texas Tech should certainly receive some consideration for staying undefeated (49-0) in all four major sports at home. Baseball still needs to finish out its season, but if they can stay undefeated at home, it will be a Red Raider clean sweep in Lubbock.

Chris Parry is a junior broadcast journalism major from Granbury.

Successful break gives women's tennis confidence

LAFAYETTE, La. (Special) - Junior Erika Fisher and sophomore Katy McGregor led the Texas Tech charge as the women's tennis team captured four wins in five matches during spring break.

Tech improved to 12-11 overall and 7-9 in the spring when they defeated Northwestern State Louisiana 6-2, March 18.

Fisher, freshman Erica Simmons and sophomores Carmen Clark and McGregor helped Tech end their four-day road trip on a positive note with singles victories.

"We took care of business by playing well," McGregor said before practice Monday.

"It was important for us to get some wins and gain a little more confidence. Even though we've lost a lot of conference matches, we've played pretty good."

Fisher and McGregor downed the



McGregor

combination of Christine Dodge and Jelena Lukic by default. Sophomore Carrie Helbing and Simmons defeated the team of Julie Lessiter and Courtney Kentzel 6-1, 6-2.

The Red Raiders began their attack March 15 at the University of New Orleans Tournament in New Orleans, where they knocked off Jacksonville, 5-2, and host school New Orleans by an identical score.

Fisher, Helbing, McGregor and Clark each picked up wins in singles competition during the Jacksonville match. Clark teamed with freshman Astrud Romero to win one doubles match for Tech.

Against New Orleans, the Red Raiders gained singles wins from Lauren Spears, also a freshman,

Romero, Fisher and Helbing. McGregor and Helbing defeated Shelley Bridgett and Geva Schmitt 6-2, 6-2 to a Tech doubles victory.

The lone defeat for the Red Raiders came a day later when they fell to Arkansas State 5-1 to conclude the New Orleans event. Fisher continued her success by downing Comelia Botha in three sets, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5.

Clark and Spears each dropped a pair of three set matches to the Indians, but Tech still had two dual matches remaining on its Louisiana swing.

"It was a pretty good weekend for us," Tech head coach Kathy Vick said. "We needed to win some matches. Overall, we played pretty well, even in the one we lost."

"Hopefully, it gave the players some confidence heading into their final two conference matches. We made some changes in the lineup and that helped. I was pleased with the

efforts of everyone in the lineup, one through six."

The Red Raiders continued to roll, downing Southwestern Louisiana 6-3, March 17. A pair of doubles victories helped Tech down the Lady Cajuns.

Clark and Romero defeated Narelle Paull and Danica Siemer by default. Fisher and McGregor downed the doubles team of Helene Roux and Shelley Wiltz 6-0, 6-0.

Fisher, Clark, Helbing and McGregor notched singles wins for Tech.

"I felt like we were all playing well," McGregor said. "Everyone was more relaxed and having fun this week. We went out there and gave it our best."

The Red Raiders return to action at 1 p.m. Thursday, hosting the Rice Owls at the Lubbock Municipal Tennis Center.

Browning retires while Dibble is uncertain

(AP) — Tom Browning, who pitched a perfect game in 1988, told the Kansas City Royals on Monday that he was retiring after deciding that he could not come back from the broken arm he sustained in 1994.

"My grind is over," Browning said as he finished a career that spanned nearly 11 years. "I get my life back. I just think it's time. I always told myself I wouldn't hang on."

The left-hander said he never recovered what he lost when he broke his arm throwing a pitch on May 9, 1994.

Browning pitched for Cincinnati, making it to the big leagues in 1984 and staying with the Reds until he broke his arm in San Diego. The force of his throwing motion snapped a bone in the upper part of his itching arm.

He finishes his career with a 123-90 record and a 3.94 ERA. He pitched for the Reds' 1990 World Series champions, and was selected to the National League All-Star team the following season.

Fiery Rob Dibble, a two-time NL All-Star and member of the "Nasty Boys" bullpen of the 1990 World Series champion Cincinnati Reds, retired from baseball Monday, then later said he might be back.

Dibble told Chicago's WGN radio station Monday evening that he has been confused by too many pitching coaches telling him too many different things in the last few years.

"I'm going to take a month off to regroup," Dibble said. "I got to get my head on straight and I got figure out how to pitch again."

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Athletic committee drops case against British athlete

■ Athlete tests falsely for drugs

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Reversing its previously stubborn policy, the International Amateur Athletic Federation decided Monday to drop a doping case against British 800-meter runner Diane Modahl.

The decision announced by IAAF secretary general Istvan Gyulai means that Modahl can compete at the Atlanta Olympics if she qualifies for the British team.

Gyulai said the IAAF had "grave concern" about the way drug testing on Modahl was done at a meet in Portugal in 1994.

"Until now, we blindly followed the message from these laboratories," he said.

"The message from this (case) is that this should not be so. There should be double or triple checks."

Speaking to the British Broadcasting Corp. from her training base at Albuquerque, N.M., Modahl said she was "absolutely delighted" with the outcome.

"I am very angry that it hap-

pened in the first place," she said. "I have fought for this for just over 20 months. Now both the IAAF and BAF have accepted my innocence."

Modahl tested positive for 42 times the legal amount of testosterone.

But the results were not sent to the British Athletic Federation until more than nine weeks later, when Modahl was about to defend her Commonwealth Games 800 title at Victoria, British Columbia.

She was withdrawn from the team after the results were released and sent home.

The BAF and IAAF then banned her, but Modahl protested the urine samples had been contaminated at the laboratory in Lisbon and that testing procedures were flawed.

Last year, a BAF appeals committee lifted its ban based on new evidence of possible irregularities in the drug testing, but in this instance the IAAF questioned the validity of the new evidence. On Monday, the IAAF debated for 90 minutes on whether to seek arbitration in the case or drop the matter.

Tech baseball jumps two places in polls

■ Baseball team powers past Baylor by Jared Parcell

The University Daily

The 5-1 week the Texas Tech baseball team put together did not go unnoticed as the Red Raiders jumped two spots to No. 2 in the Collegiate Baseball and CNN/USA Today polls.

The second spot for the Red Raiders is the highest in school history, breaking the mark of No. 3 set last season and two weeks ago.

Tech, 31-4 overall and 6-2 in South-west Conference play, powered its way past Baylor this weekend, with

ing 17 home runs and scoring 58 runs. The Red Raiders also swept a two-game series against Texas-Arlington 3-1, March 19, and 10-3, March 20, to leapfrog Louisiana State and Wichita State. Cal State-Fullerton (26-2) maintained the top spot in the poll.

"To be honest, I've never played in a school setting where teams were ranked," said junior second baseman Stubby Clapp. "I never understood the ranking system. I didn't expect to be No. 2 or No. 3, but it's great respect. It's new to me, but I'm learning as we go along."

Tech also moved up in the Baseball America poll rising one spot to No. 3, behind Cal State-Fullerton and Southern California. Tech head coach Larry

Hays said the respect his team is receiving now will pay off at the end of the season.

"That's the most important thing about it," Hays said of the recognition. "The only thing encouraging about it is it gives you recognition. We've learned the hard way that it's important when it comes to getting a regional bid."

"Most of the time, this team has handled things like this," Hays said. "A couple of times they haven't. That's not bad with as many new players as we have."

Hays said one of the keys has been the play of Clapp, a junior college transfer from Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Clapp, who went 8-for-14

with two home runs and six RBIs against Baylor, is hitting .379 with four home runs and 20 RBIs in 87 plate appearances. His 50 walks has helped him lead the team with a .607 on-base average.

"I've always been a lead-off hitter," he said. "I've always had a patient eye at the plate and I'm always waiting for my pitch. A higher ball for me might be a strike for someone else."

The No. 2 Red Raiders will battle third-place Texas A&M in a four-game series beginning at 7 p.m. Friday at Dan Law Field. The two teams will meet in a doubleheader Saturday at 2 p.m. and a single game at 1 p.m. Sunday.

AWOL Laker refuses to reveal reasons for absence

■ Athlete's jaunt still unexplained

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Cedric Ceballos ended his unexcused absence and returned to the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday.

He offered an explanation but no details on why he spent four days in Arizona without notifying the team of the reason for his absence.

"I had some very personal and family problems to deal with. I apologize," he said.

"It just got to a point where it was just a little too much for me. I just needed time."

Ceballos remained suspended for Sunday night's game against Charlotte. He will come off the suspended list Monday and join the Lakers for a six-game road trip beginning Tuesday at Orlando.

Ceballos, noticeably subdued, did not elaborate on the family matter.

He also did not offer to explain why he failed to telephone the team or why he went water-skiing while dealing with the family matter.

"There was no reason for that at all," Ceballos said.

"I should have let the organization know what was going on and how I was."

He said did not have a chance to talk with his teammates before they took the court against Charlotte.

"I think they will understand," he said.

"He will learn you simply don't do things like this. It's simply unacceptable," Lakers vice president Jerry West said.

"It's nice to hear from him that this was not a basketball matter."

Ceballos said he denied his AWOL jaunt had anything to do with his re-

duced playing time since Johnson came out of retirement on Jan. 29.

Johnson started his second straight game Sunday in place of Ceballos.

"I've always been happy with my role," Ceballos said.

"You bring a Hall of Fame player back, everybody's going to adjust. Those adjustments were made and they're fine with me."

Lakers coach Del Harris denied he has any conflicts with Ceballos, who described himself and Harris as being "fairly close."

"We're not trying to be oppressive or overwhelming or make it an I-told-you-so thing," Harris said.

"I don't demand that every player behave as if it's military school. I've given a lot of leeway to him and others."

Family members accompanied Ceballos, who is single, to Lake Havasu, Ariz.

"It's unfortunate I had this problem occur during the season, but you learn and keep moving on," he said.

The Lakers' co-captain and leading scorer had been in Arizona since missing the team's flight to Seattle on Wednesday.

Team spokesman John Black said the Lakers would not disclose whether Ceballos will be fined for the practices he missed.

"For me to go on, especially in my life, I understand the fines and suspension were just kind of a side track of what I really wanted to focus on, and that was trying to take care of a family problem," Ceballos said.

"It's not completely done, but we're going to keep striving to make it better and keep going so it can never occur again."

Ceballos missed two Laker games which add up to a total loss of \$54,756 in salary.

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Texas Rangers seeking new shortstop

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Rangers shortstop Benji Gil will undergo surgery Tuesday to repair a herniated disc in his lower back and could be sidelined six to eight weeks, the club said. An MRI exam on Gil's spine Monday detected the problem, said Dr. Drew Dossett. Gil had not played since March 13 and

played in only eight exhibition games, hitting .200.

The Rangers are talking to other teams about shortstops, but it appears Kevin Elster will be the starter for Texas when it opens the season April 1 against the Boston Red Sox. Elster played for the New York Yankees and Philadelphia last year.

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