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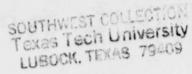
University Center Programs is bringing a murder to the Texas Tech campus Saturday. Find out how students become a part of this political unrest.

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Valuable lesson

Sex education in high school may lower the high rate of sexually transmitted diseases among college students.

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Montford addresses athletic issues

by Ginger Pope/UD

new and more aggressive academic personnel by former Tech defensive letes with students who have comprograms, Texas Tech Chancellor tackle Stephen Gaines from announced Wednesday.

Some of the programs have been Montford said.

"By the 1997 fall semester, Tech will have the toughest academic standards for athletes in the Big 12 (Conference)," Montford said in Wednesday's news conference, suit. during which he addressed the republicity toward the Tech athletic educate students — there is too Montford said. much emphasis today on winning in sports at all costs."

Student athletes are the target of filed against Tech and some athletic hall every week and matching ath-Electra.

The suit, which implies that in effect since the beginning of the fraud, racketeering and negligence spring semester and another pro- were used to keep Gaines eligible, equate education.

"I am somewhat relieved that cent and long-term allegations and both sides of the story can now be aired in a forum where witnesses department. "Texas Tech exists to and parties are placed under oath,"

> Montford's new plans include Montford said. monitoring athletes' attendance on

recent scrutiny after a lawsuit was letes to complete six hours of study pleted the athletes' classes successfully for supplemental instruction. Tech is the only school in the Big 12 to implement such programs.

According to the attendance gram is in the development stage, claims Tech did not provide the monitoring program, coaches and former Red Raider with an ad- academic counselors identify the athletes who the department be-Montford described as "theatri- lieves should be monitored for class cal" the attempts of Gaines' law- attendance, Montford said. Seven yer to go to the media with the law-student assistants, five counselors and the director are involved in going to classrooms to check on athletes' attendance.

"Excessive absences will result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the team,"

When asked if Tech would dis-Tech athletics have come under a regular basis, requiring all ath-continue scholarships to athletes



Wes Underwood/UD Need to succeed: Chancellor John T. Montford calls for tougher

academic policies for Texas Tech athletes. who repeatedly miss classes, even before Montford assumed the

Montford said yes.

Tech President Donald Haragan said the new programs announced Wednesday had been considered

position as Tech's chancellor.

"The ideas came into place after Gerald Myers was named in-See Athletics, page 3

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Giving thanks

Tech advisers receive recognition

for a reception Wednesday for the role they play in expanding students' education through student organizations.

"Student organizations are an extra-important part of who we are at this university and an important part of who you'll become when you leave," Tech President Donald Haragan said while speaking to those attending Wednesday's reception.

Student involvement is an important part of the educational process, Haragan said, comparing education to job training.

'The two are not at all alike," he said. "If training represents what a person can do, education represents campus involvement should what a person is."

Haragan said he believes an educated person should be multi-faceted, with a knowledge of culture and literature, an imagination, a knowledge of the natural world and an appreciation for the finer things in life, including music, theatre and

"A person learns from

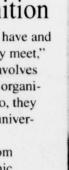
by Tomi Rodgers/UD every experience they have and Texas Tech student and from every person they meet, Haragan said. "This involves from every person they meet," becoming involved in organito honor and thank advisers zations and in doing so, they become a part of the univer-

> Representatives from several social, academic, religious and service campus organizations attended Wednesday's reception, depicting the variety of students at Tech. Leann DiAndreth-Elkins,

coordinator of Student Organization Services, said about 350 student organizations are registered on campus and described the role of an adviser as someone who helps the organization become aware of resources on campus as well as offering consistency and continuity as officers change during the years.

DiAndreth-Elkins said compliment academics and Wednesday's reception offered an opportunity to recognize advisers and students for their commitment to campus life.

Patrick Day, Tech assistant dean of students, said college allows students to develop connections with the university — the best way to make this connection is through student organizations.



▲ So I said: Kappa Delta Chi President Suzanne Garcia, a senior exercise and sport sciences major from Lubbock, and service officer Jessica Garza, a junior early childhood major from San Antonio, chats with the sorority's adviser, Marlene Hernandez.

► And furthermore: Texas Tech President Donald Haragan honors the student organization advisers at the Adviser Appreciation Reception.

photos by Stacey C. Brooks/UD

"What student organizations do is help build and develop the whole person," Day said, adding that organizations complement the practical side of education a student receives in the classroom.



Faculty did not impact decisions

by Ginger Pope/UD

Texas Tech Chancellor John T. Montford said Wednesday that pressure from Tech's faculty did not lead to new reform programs for the handling of athletes' absences and grades within the Tech athletic department.

"There was no pressure from the Tech faculty," Montford said. "The faculty has been cooperative and has been eager to work with us in the implementation of programs."

In a news conference Wednesday, Montford discussed new programs to reform Tech athletes' academic performance, including monitoring the class attendance of certain athletes and requiring all athletes to attend six hours of study

The Tech athletic department has received recent criticism from faculty members because of athletes' poor class attendance.

Hospital makes clerical cutbacks

by Jason Cox/UD

About 260 Lubbock Method- munity," he said. "This organiist Hospital System employees zation and its leaders have been lost their jobs Wednesday, hos- mindful to reach a place that fopital officials announced.

The decision was made by Methodist officials plan to the Methodist board of directors make other changes to optimize Wednesday

morning. Jim Houser. Methodist president and CEO, said the cutbacks affected about 6 percent of the system's 3,000-person

Most of the

eliminated in middle manage-

ment and executive positions.

because of changing market

forces prompted the cut, Houser

said, adding that the lay-offs

pending merger with St. Mary

Hospital. Methodist officials are

making the changes to remain

competitive and continue to pro-

vide comprehensive health care

services for the South Plains

"The board of the hospital

staff.

Jim Houser, Methodist Hospital president

matter of if, but

merger to be successful. "It's not a

reductions were in nonpatient matter of if, but when (the care, clerical and management merger will be complete)," areas. Thirty-six jobs were Houser said.

Methodist employees affected by the staff reduction will Decreasing hospital revenues be provided with no-cost services to assist in their new job searches, including tuition reimbursements and vocational trainwere not connected with the im- ing.

> "Additionally, the displaced employees will continue to receive health care benefits and counseling through the end of March," Houser said.

Methodist's downsizing is a nationwide trend, said Gwen Stafford, vice president of marmust be always mindful of the keting and public relations at the inherent balance between the University Medical Center.

Senate to review bill, budget at meeting

by Tomi Rodgers/UD

Low attendance at Texas Tech Student Senate meetings has prompted the creation of a new absentee policy presented in the form of

The Student Senate has failed to meet quorum during its two most recent meetings, creating concern about effective representation among some students.

"Students may not be seeing the full picture," said Kristin Ketcham, Student Association internal vice president and a senior elementary education major from Andrews. "There were other factors that went into that (reasons why senators were absent)."

Many senators missed the Feb. 13 meeting because of poor driving conditions caused by snowy weather. Quorum again was not met in the Feb. 20 meeting because it was not a regularly scheduled meeting and many senators had made previous plans. According to the new absentee bill, which will be presented during



meeting at 8 p.m. today in the University Center Senate Room, any senator who

misses two consecutive senate meetings, with or without an excuse, will be automatically referred to the Senate Rules and Administration Committee for membership review.

Ketcham said many students may have been misled about senator absences and reasons for them and may not be seeing the full picture.

"I want students to keep in mind that the Student Senate has worked hard for them and has had outstanding students this year," Ketcham said.

student organization funding for the 1997-98 school year. Members of student organizations are allowed to attend today's senate meeting but are not allowed to speak, Ketcham said. Student senators from each department will

the Student Senate speak on behalf of each organization. To debate for more money, an organization can contact its senator, who will represent the organization during the meeting.

> Senators also will discuss recent cutbacks in the Tech Library's hours, available facilities and number of journals.

"The basis of the (library) resolution is that we've got to look into additional funding for the Tech Library," said Stefani Williams, a senator for the College of Human Sciences and a sophomore public relations major from

Williams said she suggests including a library use fee of \$1 per credit hour in students' total bill, which would go to library materials, The Student Senate also plans to announce reshelfing costs, increasing the library staff and creating longer library hours.

Williams said similar fees already are intact at more than 24 state-funded universities. including the University of Texas-Austin and Texas A&M University.

Bill would dedicate lottery contract savings to education

tors, despite questions about how it would work and a warning that it doesn't mean enue would go to schools. increased school funding.

The bill by Sen. Drew Nixon, R-Carthage, would set aside for education any savings from putting lottery contracts up for competitive bidding. It was approved Wednesday by the Senate and goes to the House for consideration.

Of the savings, 95 percent would go the state's foundation school fund and 5 percent to the Texas Workforce Commission for community-based adult literacy pro-

"I think it does start to make good on in public education," Ratliff said.

AUSTIN (AP) - Some lottery money the promise that legislators made four or would be earmarked for education for the five years ago when they passed the lotfirst time under a bill passed by Texas sena- tery," Nixon said, referring to the erroneous belief of some Texans that lottery rev-

> Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, stressed that the bill wouldn't mean additional money for education unless budget-writers appropriate more funding.

If there is no additional appropriation, the dedicated funds would just replace other money from the state treasury that now goes to education.

"I want to make sure that everybody who is within the sound of my voice understands it doesn't mean one more penny

Viewpoints

Their View

Lubbock needs to open up to different views



James Walker/columnist

Now, I'm not the kind of person who generally agrees with the NRA. but you have to give them credit.

When they're right, they're right. When I first heard their characterization of law enforcement officers as "jack-booted government thugs," I thought there may have been a degree of hyperbole involved, but now I'm

I'm talking about the arrest of performers from the Jim Rose Circus in the Depot District Friday.

Now, I talked to the police about this, and I have to admit that performers wearing "artificial, erect phalluses" and performing simulated oral and anal intercourse is not exactly family entertainment, but my money says no one in that audience was expecting to see Donna Reed reruns.

The police warned the performers before the show what would not be tolerated, but they didn't listen.

And why should they?

The mere act of such a warning is basically an attempt at prior restraint of

The Lubbock Police Department claims the act called "Mexican Transvestite Wrestlers" violated the sexually oriented business ordinance, affectionately called the SOB ordinance, which prohibits "simulated nudity," among other things, in places that don't have adult entertainment licenses.

Do we really need such an ordinance?

It seems to me the laws of economics should decide what entertainment is available, not the laws of morality written by the city and enforced by the

If people didn't like Marilyn Manson or Jim Rose, they wouldn't have bought tickets, and the act wouldn't have come.

The way to keep offensive acts out of Lubbock is for people not to buy tickets. The answer is certainly not to send the cops in with nightsticks to enforce the public morality.

The Jim Rose Circus, for its part, are playing up the incident by calling every media outlet from the Los Angeles Times to "MTV News," complaining about their mistreatment. After the publicity from this comes out, the act starts looking like a group of misunderstood artists, and Lubbock looks like a city full of backwater, Bible-beating hillbillies.

As if this area needed any more bad publicity.

At least the officers can sleep better at night knowing they protected all the deserve second look young children who hang out in the Depot District at midnight from being To the editor: It is early in the morninvoluntarily subjected to indecent material.

Speaking of bad publicity, kudos to John Montford for vowing to toughen

Tech's academic standards for athletes. It's about time.

James Walker is a junior journalism major from The Woodlands.

Have an opinion about Student **Association elections** or campus elections? Write a letter to the editor and let the Tech campus know how you feel. Bring letters to room 211 journalism building today. Or, better yet, e-mail The UD at The University Daily@Hu.edu.

Students should pay close attention to SA issues



Geoff Wayne/SA president

Student Association elections are just around the corner. As the current officer and senator terms begin to wind down, the races to fill our positions are heating up. Fliers, name tags, speeches, etc. The election process is often criticized for various reasons. But, underneath all of these election tactics are the candidates for executive officers and senators. This year, more than 150 people are seeking to represent you in Tech's student government. In return for your support, the candidates explain to you their goals and plans for the year.

This brings me to what I want to talk about - campaign platforms. Unfortunately, the nature of to be true. Students are continually steps. We must remember that within the context of a large university, there are many groups that are affected by each idea and issue. Keeping this in mind, it is necessary that the candidates, and most importantly you, understand how the SA can be the most beneficial to the student body.

The SA's role as voice of the stu-By now, most of you know that dents is useless if there is not direct contact with you. Speaking from personal experience, during the past 10 months, I have learned the tremendous difference that communication can make. This year the SA made communication our main priority. Although we worked on numerous other projects, we believe that anything we did would be pointless if we did not inform you of our actions and events. The response has been incredible.

Students have noticed a difference in their student government and have expressed their appreciation. Therefore, by drawing on this year's results, I suggest that above all, your representatives need to communicate with you in every conceivable way. I know this isn't a headline grabbing idea, but the political game lends itself to focusing on this takes true effort and promises that are too often too good dedication. I also know that this suggestion is not as exciting as some of asking me if the SA can do what the other promises being made. But, I "candidate X" is saying or if "can-believe that communication is what didate Y's" promise is true. While truly makes a difference. By commuthe SA plays a vital role by serving nicating with you, SA members will as the voice of the student body, we truly represent you when they bring cannot decide what happens on your voice to campus issues. Granted, campus without taking the proper campaign promises are important to plex and they do not have one, simple tion.

The SA's role as voice of the students is useless if there is not contact

provide direction during the election process. However, a great deal of the SA's time is not spent on campaign promises, but rather on unforeseen issues that arise during the year. Here once again, these issues require SA action which should be directed by student input. Therefore, it is important that your SA representatives focus on continuing to open lines of communication in order to serve you.

By election day Wednesday, most of you will have heard the platforms of the candidates. The issues you are certain to hear include making academics a priority, teacher evaluations, financial aid, registration, United Spirit Arena, parking, senator accountability, athletic seating and Homecoming. These are all important issues that deserve to be addressed. Unfortunately, these concerns are very com-

solution. Currently, the SA is work. ing on each of these issues. As we work toward solutions, it will be very important for the new SA representatives to build on what has been started. Again, the greatest benefit that you can receive from those seeking office is communication concerning these and other issues. This involves being informed about campus issues and likewise have opportunity to relay your concerns to your representatives.

In the past, the communication issue has been neglected in favor of more sensational promises. This year, I believe that it should once again be a priority.

Above all, regardless of the campaign propaganda, realize that all candidates should have the same goal - the betterment of Texas

So, as the process continues, I urge you to listen to the candidates, ask questions and demand account-

Let them know what is important to you. Let them know what you want them to do for you. And, lastly, remember that when the campaigning ends, you have the power to choose who you feel will serve Texas Tech in the most effective and productive manner.

Geoff Wayne is a senior accounting major from Lubbock and president of Tech's Student Associa-

Your View

Allegations against Tech

mind comments made to me by my strong male role models to influence friends in response to the article in *The* his life being taken in by a system that University Daily (2/20/97) concerning would sooner consider him a prime the lawsuit filed by former Red Raider racing stud than a student. We have Stephen Gaines. First, I have to admit seen the feeble attempt of athletic dethat I am tired of hearing the name partments to promote their good ingram. However, I am concerned more Chips" or "The Program." The probwith the comments of my white, lem lies in our perspective as students middle class friends, who by no fault of their own, seem to have jumped to a snap judgement not based on the facts of the case. I would like to think that their total disregard for the validity of this case is rooted in their love of their school and its athletic program. Like it or not in today's comis the primary mode of promotion for our universities. Their concerns are valid in that way for that reason.

My concern, however, is attitude projected to me by people's comments. In the same way people's comments concerning affirmative action have subtle racist overtones, the comments concerning Gaines are equally To the editor: I am fed up with all the here that I am not calling anybody a racist. These racist attitudes I am pickor their sources.

concerning team sponsorships, before the case was even filed.

at Texas Tech University.

innocent in this case. Yes, it could be an Aggie conspiracy, but 17-year-old kids are rarely ready to understand the difficulties involved with university life. So examine your hearts and minds without prejudices passed down to you plex social order our athletic program by your social background. Ask yourself how mature you were at 17 and if loses. It does not matter what any team To the editor: This letter is a followa slick used car salesman would have does. What matters is your education, sold you a lemon.

Athletes actions do not impact Tech degrees

disconcerting. It is important to note remarks about how terrible Texas Tech's athletic department is. Laura Hipp's article (Your View 2/21/97) ing up on are so subtle that the people concerning her blemished degree Actually, from the information I obwith them do not even recognize them came to my attention. Hipp stated that tained in The UD, a random sampling The problem in the Gaines case is flect poorly on her degree. I disagree showed the other students missed/ that people don't realize that lawyers with many points she expressed. How skipped class much more than athletes. do not take cases that they believe they could a degree in journalism be af- I am a firm believer in attending class have no chance of winning. Jerry fected by the athletic department? regularly, but if an athlete or non-ath-

The next problem is an issue many letic performance. Do you really think bility for our own actions. It's too bad of us hide in the back closet of our professionals sit around their offices that former athletes weren't mature thoughts or say out right. Gaines is just and ridicule your education? I think enough to attend class and now they sor

another athlete who couldn't cut it and that your outlook on your degree and want money to compensate for their get his education. Is that what the defuture is based on paranoia and incorempty lives. graduated from Texas Tech University or "No Name College." Being a graduate from Texas Tech may be an interesting conversation piece, but it has nothing to do with your qualifications.

Recent actions by former athletes Gaines in connection with alleged tentions of recognizing the issue in and allegations of violations by athimproprieties in the Tech athletic pro- current popular films such as "Blue letes and staff members seem to make you feel that the worth of your degree has seriously been affected. If you feel so strongly, I advise you to transfer to Think about why you think Tech is a perfect university free from scandal. Your degree only depends on how much effort you give and how well the faculty teaches within your college.

The only thing that will lessen the worth of your degree is if you graduate having learned nothing. It does not matter if the football team wins or and it is not based on the status of ath-Timothy Quinn-McDonald letic competition within our university. Your degree is based on what you have learned, and apparently you have a lot

We cannot justify our mistakes by blaming others. There's no point in that. We can say that out of the 24,500 students attending Texas Tech, athletes go to class as much as non-athletes. Texas Tech's athletic wrongdoings re- of 100 athletes and 100 other students Jones won his case against the NFL, They are not even remotely connected. lete decides to miss class then that is First of all, your degree depends on their problem, not yours. We are adults you. It has nothing to do with any ath- and should be able to take responsi-

fendants will have us believe? Surely, rect information. When an eager perwe can recognize the possibility of a son enters into the business world, the athletics is a large source of revenue ing and I find myself reviewing in my young, lower class individual with few employer is not going to care if you for Tech. I do not know how the arena will improve my degree, but I do know that it will fulfill its purpose as a highquality facility. It will be used for athletics, but the arena will also host a variety of campus and community events. Obviously enough revenue to justify a billion dollar arena which will benefit not only athletics, but also the entire campus and Lubbock community. So, if you still feel like your degree from Texas Tech is worth "crap," then please leave. That will open a seat in the new arena for a true Red Raider.

Tamara Mancini, junior English

Hays should be praised for work with players

up to my letter which was published in The University Daily Monday (Your View 2/24/97). I believe that one should acknowledge actions with which s/he agrees, just as one criticizes those with which s/he disagrees. I wish to compliment coach Larry Hays for dismissing a player from the baseball team who failed to attend class this semester. Had this kind of action been taken last fall with respect to certain football players, it would have done a great deal to establish faculty confidence with the athletic department's willingness to monitor student performance in the classroom and take appropriate action. Hays has done the right thing. I hope his action in the case of a student who clearly was not performing up to expectations in the classroom sets a precedent that will be followed by all coaches.

Gary Elbow, geography profes-

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continued from page 1 Recent reports of former Tech tailback Byron Hanspard and former Tech offensive lineman Casey Jones receiving 0.0 GPAs and a lawsuit filed by former Tech defensive tackle Stephen Gaines also has led to questions.

Faculty Senate President John Howe said much of Tech's faculty is concerned about the image of Tech and about whether athletes are allowed to play sports while not attending class

"We are concerned that we are sending the wrong message," Howe said. "The big question is how do we balance athletics and academics."

Tech football coach Spike Dykes spoke to the Faculty Senate Feb. 12 about athletes' absences and graduation rates.

As reported in The University Daily Feb. 13, Dykes said there are 25 employees whose jobs are to ensure the class attendance of athletes. When students fail to attend class they have to run every Friday at 5 a.m., Dykes said.

Howe said faculty discussed the academic performance of athletes before the NCAA investigation began in February

"As we go into the Big 12, we're looking at all aspects of academics and we aren't doing as much as other schools," he

Sue Couch, Tech professor of education, nutrition and restaurant, hotel and institutional management, said overall, faculty is concerned with the Tech's commitment to academ-

"The student is ultimately responsible for their education," Couch said. "But it is Tech's responsibility to encourage good academics."

Athletes who do not attend classes reflect poorly on Tech because student athletes have higher profiles than the average student; therefore, Couch said, student athletes have more responsibilities to bear.

"Anything to address academic concerns is a good start," Couch said. "The telling thing will be what the results are."

A question of responsibility

Students, health educators discuss whether parents, schools should teach sex education

by Hollye Hodges/UD

Only 12 percent of children in the United States are educated about sex from their parents, according to a spring 1995 poll conducted by the American Social Health Association.

Some say this is a possible cause for the high rate of sexually transmitted diseases among college-aged students - one-fourth of all new STD cases reported each year occur in teen-agers, according to the National Institute of Medicine.

The ASHA poll indicates that three-fourths of Americans favor ageappropriate school education about contraceptives as a way to prevent sexually transmitted diseases.

Specifically, condom education in schools was favored by at least 66 percent of those surveyed.

Texas Tech health education administrators say sex education policies in high school would help many students when they come to college.

"I've had freshman girls come to me crying after they had their first sexual experience," said Jo Henderson, health education coordinator for Tech's Student Health Services. "I think if they would have had

a class in high school, they would be as in-depth as teachers are allowed to better educated about their choices."

Sex education programs educate students about the different options available to them concerning sex, Henderson said.

"The girls would be able to defend their choice for abstinence, Henderson said.

"Or they would at least be educated on how to be safe about STDs and pregnancy."

However, in Texas this sort of sex education is prohibited in the classroom by Senate Bill 1, a policy adopted by Texas to establish educational and administrative codes.

"This (school) district has a strict policy to advocate abstinence," said Sandra Nichols, a nurse at Lubbock High School.

"Some of the LISD health classes touch on HIV and AIDS, but that is

A lot of parents are embarrassed to talk about

Sharon Broom, ASHA director of public relations

in schools.

also is prohibited. "We can't give out condoms,"

Nichols said

student access

to contracep-

tives provided

by the school

"And I don't that see condom distribution in LISD will happen anytime in the

Nichols said.

near future."

Although Texas legislation restricts what information is available to students through the state school system, other states have taken strong

According to the Institute of Medicine, three-fourths of Florida voters support age-appropriate sex education in public schools.

initiatives to promote sex education

Tech students seem to mirror this

sentiment. In a phone survey of 100 randomly selected Tech students conducted Tuesday by The University Daily, 95 percent of those surveyed said they favor sex education in public schools, 61 percent said they received sex education in high school, and 58 percent said they believe condoms should be available to students in schools.

A large majority — 88 percent of those surveyed said they believe it is a parent's responsibility, and not the school's, to teach sex education to their children.

However, specialists say many people support sex education in school because many parents are not doing a satisfactory job.

"Everybody is aware that the spread of STDs, such as gonorrhea, chlamydia and even HIV and AIDS, is such a big problem," said Sharon Broom, director of public relations for ASHA.

"But a lot of parents are embarrassed to talk about sex (with their children) or they feel that they don't have the facts straight."

In the absence of parental instruction, many educators have been thrust

 Did you receive SEX education in high school?

· Are you in favor of SEX education in public schools?

no 5 Whose primary role is it to teach SEX education?

Parent 88 school 12 Should condoms be available in school? yes 58 no 42

into the sex education role.

"I'd feel very comfortable teaching it," said Carmen Arce, a junior education major from Lubbock.

"I would focus on educating the girls about the consequences of teen pregnancy and the importance of graduating without a distraction like that. I would also use the scare effect and talk about STDs."

The Institute of Medicine considers this a positive idea, reporting that five of the 10 most frequently reported infectious diseases in the United States are sexually transmitted.

Athletics

cussing it since then."

continued from page 1 interim athletic director," Haragan said. "We've been dis-

The athletic department and Tech's Athletic Council are developing a policy requiring each athlete to pass a minimum number of hours during the semester in which most of the athlete's sport events occur, Montford said.

"These programs are not in response to news stories or lawsuits," Montford said. "We have been undertaking plans to implement these for the past six months."

Newspapers across the country reported last week that although former Tech tailback Byron Hanspard and former Tech offensive lineman Casey Jones earned 0.0 GPAs for the fall semester, they were allowed to play in the 1996 Alamo Bowl.

However, neither NCAA nor Big 12 rules prohibit student athletes who perform poorly in the classroom from participating in post-semester athletic events, Montford said. He added that he is not sure how the 0.0 GPAs were leaked, since students' right to privacy

is protected by federal law under the Buckley Amendment.

Montford refuted rumors of an internal investigation to find the source of the leak, saying that determining the source would be almost impossible because so many people could have known about the players' GPAs.

Robert Sweazy, Tech's NCAA faculty representative, said although he and Montford have not been in contact about the new programs, Sweazy believes they are needed to enhance the image of Tech's athletic department.

Klan assassination plot revealed

the Texas Commission on Human Rights says he was told by the FBI that he was the target of a Ku Klux Klan assassination plot because of a state civil rights lawsuit.

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Opening night: "Santos and Santos," a play featuring the story of a Mexican-American family law firm and its interaction with the community, begins its two-week run at the Texas Tech University Theatre Mainstage today and is directed by Norman A. Bert.

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'Death by Politics' offers Tech students mystery and dinner at one setting

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Giaritelli at 749-1673.

by Laura Hensley/UD

Texas Tech students will have the opportunity to join a new political party, the Wolf Party, at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in the University Center.

Each attendant will receive a party pin and will be able to listen to the platforms of three candidates who wish to run for governor of Texas, but there is going to be something rather strange about this meeting — someone is going to die.

Bravvo Productions and UC Programs will present "Death By Politics," a dinner theatre that promises an evening full of suspense, intrigue and humor.

"In the midst of all this something is going to happen," said Darryl Robbins, a UC Programs student activities specialist.

"It's a mystery. It's up to the people at the show to figure the mystery out."

Members of the audience will have the opportunity to practice their investigative skills to try and figure out the mystery. The audience will form teams to come up with suspects and clues, and they are encouraged to interact with the cast in any way.

"Everyone is always free to ask questions to the characters or add their own two cents," said Marsha Douglas, president of Bravvo productions and an actress in the play.

UC Programs has found that in the past, dinner theatres have been very popular at Tech. "Death By Politics" is a new, original production and has never been seen at Tech before.

"It's a brand new show," Robbins said. "A lot of people think they (dinner theatres) are fun."

Bravvo Productions is a national touring group from Corsicana. This unique acting group is in its seventh

courtesy photo 'Death by Politics'

season of bringing original dinner theatres and musicals to various cities around the United States.

"In a normal play everyone just sits back and watches the action," Douglas said. "With Bravvo Productions, the moment someone shows up they are part of the action."

With the inclusion of theater and a meal, Tech students are encouraged to attend.

"It's food and a show all in one," Robbins said. "It will be over before a regular night out, and it's a great way to start a date."

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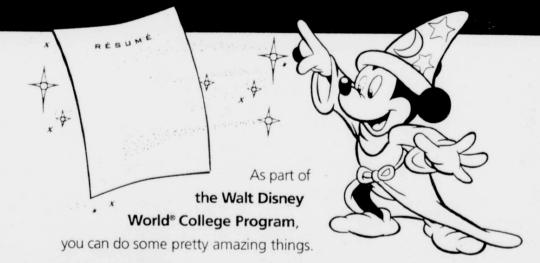
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Tech was 28-of-61 from the floor

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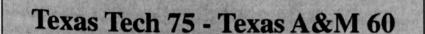
Sports

Lady Raiders overcome early deficit to defeat Texas A&M

(Special) — Texas Tech overcame a slow start and a double-digit deficit to post a 75-60 road win against Texas A&M at G. Rollie White Coliseum in College Station.

The Lady Raiders (18-7 overall, 10-5 Big 12 Conference) wrapped up a first-round bye in next week's Big 12 tournament in Kansas City, Mo., when Nebraska dropped a 66-59 decision to Kansas. The Lady Raiders still could end up tied with Iowa State and Kansas State, but victories over both teams earlier in the season earned Tech the tiebreaker advantage.

"It was definitely a victory we had to have," Tech assistant coach Linden Weese said. "The Lady Aggies came to play. They were really loose. If they would have been any more loose, they would have flipped over backwards."





Thompson

Thompson, who scored 20 points. It was the junior's 33rd straight doubledigit point total. one game short of Sheryl Swoopes' school record.

Tech was led

by junior Alicia

career-high 16 points. The junior, not known for her scoring prowess, has been more of an

Crystal Boles

finished with a

offensive threat in the second half of Big 12 play.

The Lady Aggies jumped out to leads of 16-7 and 27-18 before the No. 15 Lady Raiders started their comeback. Tech went on an 11-2 run to tie the score at 29 going into the half.

Texas A&M (9-16 overall, 3-12

Big 12) gave Tech fits despite playing without leading scorer Lana Tucker for the rest of the season. Freshman forward Prissy Sharpe led the Lady Aggies with 12 points and 14 rebounds. Jennifer Burrows and senior forward Melissa Rollerson added 12 and 10 points, respectively.

The Lady Raiders were led by junior all-American candidate Alicia Thompson's 20 points. It was Thompson's 33rd consecutive game with at least 10 points, one short of tying Sheryl Swoopes' school record.

Junior post Crystal Boles had a season-high 16 points, while freshman Keitha Dickerson added nine points and 11 rebounds. Boles said the team was confident of victory despite the early deficit.

"We knew all along that we could pull this one out," Boles said. "We had everything we needed to win the

triple-teaming Thompson, Tech began looking to Boles down low.

game, we just had to go do it." With the Lady Aggies double- and

THE Daily Crossword

Boles picked up the offensive slack

for Thompson and Rene Hanebutt.

Hanebutt, shooting 45.4 percent from

three-point land entering the game,

missed her first four attempts from

outside the arc and was scoreless in

the first half. All of Hanebutt's 10

points came in the final 10 minutes

of the game. She ended the game 2-

of-6 on threes, and 4-of-6 from the

Weese said senior point guard

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Lady Longhorns lose first Big 12 home game

AUSTIN (AP) - Erin Scholz scored 19 points and Raegen Scott added 16 points and 21 rebounds as unranked Colorado edged No. 12 Texas 60-56 in a Big 12 Conference upset Wednesday night.

It was the first conference loss for Texas at home this season.

Colorado (17-8, 11-4 Big 12) used the inside combination of the 6-foot-4 Scholz and 6-3 Scott to establish a



game.

11-4) used a full-court press in the last 7:27 of the game to force turnovers. Kim Lummus' 3-pointer trimmed Colorado's lead to 55-53 with 32.6 seconds. But the Colorado Buffaloes hit 5-of-7 free throws in the final 31.9 seconds to seal the win.

lead and hold it throughout the Texas (19-6,

The Lady Longhorns never led in 35-25 halftime lead. the game, falling behind by as many as 16 points before mounting their last-ditch challenge in the final seven

The Lady Longhorns came out shooting cold in the first half, hitting only 11-of-33 from the field, including nine missed layups.

Meanwhile, Colorado was good on 17-of-35 in the first half as it build a

For the game, the Buffaloes was 25-of-57 from the field. LaShena Graham added 11 points for Colorado.

Angela Jackson was the lone Texas shooter to reach double digits scoring, tallying 16 points.

No one else scored in double figures for Texas as the Lady Longhorns managed to sink just 21-of-65 shots from the field Wednesday night.

Baseball dedicates 1997 season to honor Robinson

NEW YORK (AP) - Baseball dedicated its 1997 season to Jackie Robinson on Wednesday and will donate \$1 million to the foundation established for the player who broke the sport's color line 50 years ago.

"It was baseball's proudest moment then. It's still baseball's proudest moment, and I believe it will always be baseball's proudest moment," acting commissioner Bud Selig said. "Should it have come earlier? Certainly. There never should have been a barrier."

At a news conference attended by Robinson's widow, Rachel, Selig

- all major and minor league players and all major league umpires will wear "Breaking Barriers" arm patches this season;

— all teams will use balls with the commemorative logo in their home openers for the 1997 season;

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the All-Star game in Cleveland will be dedicated to Larry Doby, the first black player in the American League, and he will be honorary cap-

"The residue of racism is still with us and the struggle is still on," Rachel Robinson said. "We need to have a

When Robinson made his big league debut for the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 15, 1947, he became the first black in the major leagues since Moses Fleetwood Walker of Toledo in the American Association in 1884. President Bill Clinton said Tues-

by the U.S. Mint; teams will show Robinson

video spots created by filmmaker Spike Lee on their stadium scoreboards and television broad-

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vision and we need to have a plan."

day he will attend ceremonies at Shea Stadium on April 15 to mark the anniversary and will speak from the field during the game between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the New York

"The Robinson challenge was not just to the pitcher, but to society as a whole," said NL president Len Coleman, the chairman of the Jackie Robinson Foundation. "He was my hero, my champion.

He carried my every hope and aspiration on his shoulders," said Coleman, who was inspired by Robinson when he was young and has become baseball's point man in organizing the tributes.

Selig said baseball will make a renewed effort to increase minority hiring, asking each team to establish goals and promising to monitor their

Al Campanis, then the general of affirmative action programs.

manager of the Dodgers, created a furor 10 years ago when he said on national television of blacks: "I truly believe they may not have some of the necessities to be, let's say, a field manager or perhaps a general manager.'

"We've made I think considerable progress in the last five or 10 years," Selig said. "We have much yet to be done. This year will be seen as an opportunity."

While the percentage of minority workers in baseball's New York offices has increased greatly, the percentage of increase among the teams has lagged.

"Jack was impatient for change and rightfully so," Rachel Robinson said of her husband. "I think he would think we have not come far enough. There has been retrenchment in society" — a reference to scaling back

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by Randall J. Hartman

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four of the tournament," Martinez

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know we can hang with the teams if

we stay focused and not make any

team made three or more errors. But

in Tech's wins, the Red Raiders have

before the Big 12," Luers-Gillispie

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said the team needs to gain confidence

against its toughest competition of the

"This is going to be the toughest

"We really need to prove to our-

Luers-Gillispie said her team's

winning attitude should help the Red

Raiders finish with a top-four perfor-

weekend so far," Wimpy said about

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the Troy Cox Tournament.

of competitive ball."

made two errors or less.

In the Red Raiders' five losses, the

"We will get see what we can do

"Our progress is on target. We just

Second baseman Jessica Wimpy

Offseason offers no break for Cowboys

IRVING (AP) — Troy is playing golf, filming Brut cologne commercials and trying to recover from one of his most difficult seasons. Deion is playing baseball. Michael has returned to court. Jerry has gagged everybody except himself.

Moose is running loose as a free agent. K-Dub may go to Miami. Erik has sued the Dallas Police Department.

Such are the offseason doings of the volcanic Dallas Cowboys, the team America loves to loathe.

Troy Aikman has neck and calf problems and will be seeing doctors soon. He can still play golf but he's sore and dispirited from a chaotic 1996 season.

"I've got to see if I need any surgery on the calf," says Aikman, who says he'll probably play again. "If I had to bet on it, I'd bet I'd be back."

Owner Jerry Jones has been working on some of them, trying to jiggle contracts around so the Cowboys can afford fullback Daryl Johnston.

Aikman could restructure his contract so the Cowboys could afford Johnston. It should be easy since Leigh Steinberg represents them both.

"I think DJ will stay because Leigh is very creative and Jerry can be also," Aikman says. "This team needs Daryl."

Aikman said the Cowboys also need to settle down off the field. "It's been hard to enjoy games



on Sunday," Aikman says. "It gets frustrating. All this has to stop."

The Cowboys have hired a quarterback coach, Jack Reilly, to help offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese.

"I was all for it," Aikman says. "It would give us some different

Deion Sanders has created a stir within the Dallas organization by opting to play baseball for Cincinnati. It means Sanders won't be counted on as a two-way starter.

It would stand to reason that with no work, Sanders could hardly be considered a primary target for Aikman's passes.

"I'm doing this to please myself," Sanders says from Plant

"I will probably be there with the Cowboys for 16 games."

Free agent Kevin Williams has received an offer from Miami coach Jimmy Johnson.

Williams, safeties George Teague and Brock Marion, and linebacker Darrin Smith are likely to be free agents who could be leaving Valley Ranch.

One top priority is to find a solid wide receiver. The other is to make Aikman happy.

"I don't know that we deserved to make it to the Super Bowl last year because of some of the things that we went through off and on the field," Aikman said.

Weekend promises to test softball team

by Christy Apple/UD

The Texas Tech softball team will get a chance to face some of the nation's top teams when it travels to Las Cruces, N.M., to play in the Troy Cox Tournament today.

The Red Raiders will play seven games in four days against New Mexico, Loyola, New Mexico State, Furman, Baylor, Wichita State and Minnesota.

Tech's journey in the tournament begins with two games today. The Red Raiders face New Mexico at 1 p.m. today and then follow with a game against Loyola.

Tech will be playing two games a day for the first three days of the tournament. This should be no surprise to the Red Raiders - Tech coach Renee Luers-Gillispie scheduled the entire season that way.

Luers-Gillispie said this tournament will show the level of play her team can handle.

The Red Raiders will be offered a glimpse of the type of competition they will face when Big 12 Conference play starts, said junior third baseman Kim Martinez.

"This is going to be the best competition we have faced," Martinez

"It will interesting to see how we



Wes Underwood/UD

Soft toss: Texas Tech third baseman Kim Martinez warms up before a Red Raider softball practice. The junior is being touted as an all-America candidate. stand up against them."

Martinez is confident the Red Raiders can rise to the occasion and

play at a higher level than they have been playing so far this season. "If we play like I know we can,

mance this weekend. "Going into this tournament, the girls' attitudes are to win," Luers-Gillispie said. "They all want to place

high in this tournament."

Kentucky's Mercer says no to school, yes to NBA

on removing all distractions as Kentucky pursues a second straight NCAA title, Ron Mercer is giving up his last two years of eligibility to enter the NBA draft.

The 6-foot-7 sophomore forward, the leading scorer in the Southeastern Conference, is expected to be one of the top selections in the June draft.

"I have a team to take care of and I want that to be my main focus," Mercer said Wednesday in making his widely anticipated announcement. "That's why I'm doing this now so I can put it behind me and focus on winning another championship."

Kentucky coach Rick Pitino said

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Intent Mercer was swayed by the NBA's high regard for him.

> "If the NBA thinks he's top three in the draft, then he's ready," Pitino said. "They like the fact that he flies through the air with the greatest of ease."

> Pitino likened Mercer's game to that of Detroit Pistons star Grant Hill.

> "He's an extraordinary player and person," Pitino said of Mercer. "They (NBA teams) don't always get players like that.'

Mercer, a finalist for player of the year awards, is averaging 18.1 points and 5.3 rebounds a game.

"Certainly Ron Mercer has been someone special for us the past two years," Pitino said. "He helped us win a championship last year. He's been a humble, hard-working player since the day I met him."

Mercer is the third player under Pitino to turn pro before completing his eligibility, joining Jamal Mashburn in 1993 and Antoine Walker in 1996.

"He's as good as Mashburn and Antoine," Pitino said.

"Who's going to be the best? The NBA will find out. Not me. I'll never find out."

Mercer, of Nashville, Tenn., recently took out an insurance policy that would pay him \$500,000 in case of a career-ending injury this season.

Mercer's teammate, Derek Anderson, sustained a season-ending knee injury Jan. 18, and that influenced his decision.

"I looked into it after he went down and knew it could happen to anybody," Mercer said. "I took it from here."

He said he and his parents met with Pitino Friday to discuss his options.

"It was going to be a family decision," Mercer said.

He said his mother, Birdie, wanted him to get his education. "She told me to take some time

out and think about it," Mercer said. "I'm going to miss out on a lot.

But I've got to pursue my dream."

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