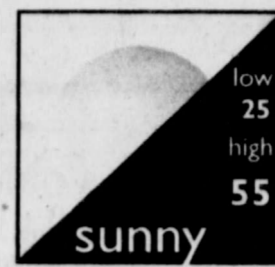


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Professor on paid leave, despite charges

Court date has not been set

BY GINGER POPE
The University Daily

Even though the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center has not decided whether to terminate Earl Ritzzi for reported unprofessional conduct, he still receives a paycheck while on administrative leave.

Earl Ritzzi, associate professor of microbiology and immunology at TTUHSC, was indicted for criminal mischief June 18 for "intentionally and knowingly destroying tangible property" by spilling a low-level toxic stain on carpet at the



Ritzzi

the incident six months ago.

Roy Carper, Lubbock assistant district attorney, said a trial for Ritzzi is not on any court docket, meaning the trial will not be in the near future.

If found guilty of criminal mischief, Ritzzi could face 180 days in a state jail, as well as automatic probation.

TTUHSC, according to police reports.

After a \$1,500 bond was posted, Ritzzi was placed on paid leave, where he has remained since the incident six months ago.

Joanna Harkey, TTUHSC associate general counsel, said there has been no change in Ritzzi's status as a faculty member.

The situation is an internal administration proceeding, Harkey said.

John Walls, associate director of News and Publications at the TTUHSC, said with the case still ongoing, no comments about Ritzzi's situation can be made that would lead to a hypothetical conclusion.

Travis Ware, attorney for Ritzzi, would not comment on the situation.

"The university and us are trying to be thorough and fair," Ware said.

"I would like to comment, but it would not be proper."

Both Walls and Harkey said the district attorney's investigation is separate from the TTUHSC administration's consideration of Ritzzi's status as professor.

"These are separate procedures," Harkey said.

"But I'm not saying they would or would not interrelate."

Walls and Harkey said they could not comment on the chemical spilled at the TTUHSC.

Harkey said the administration is following the Board of Regents Operating

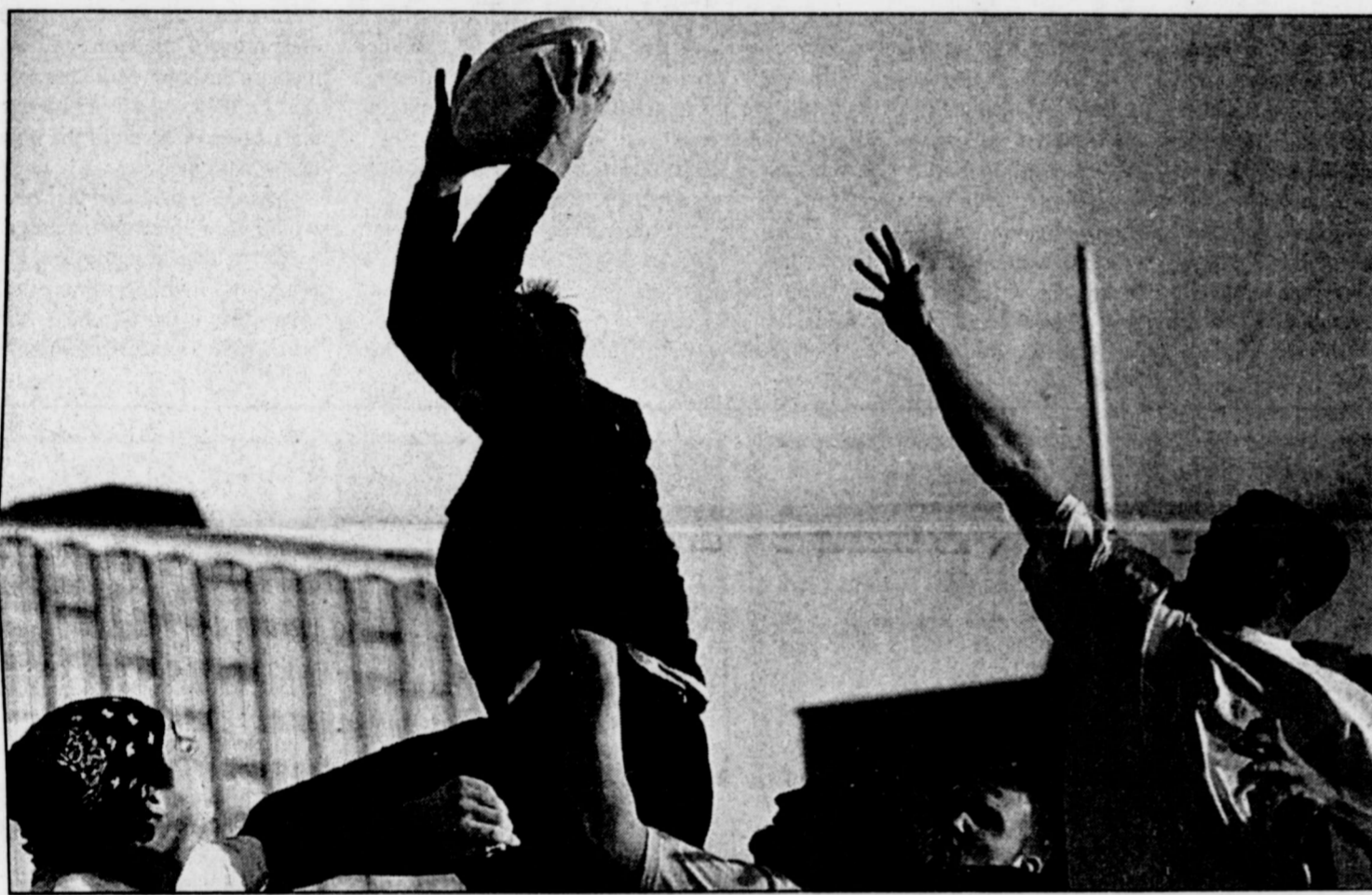
Policy for the TTUHSC concerning faculty.

Board Policy 6.04 states that before any faculty is dismissed they do go through due process.

Causes for dismissal are professional incompetence, neglect of professional responsibilities, behavior adversely affecting the duties and responsibilities of the school and mental or physical disablement of continuing nature, affecting performance or unprofessional conduct.

Harkey said a decision about Ritzzi's status may be made in a couple of months.

REACHING FOR THE SKY



Texas Tech rugby player Eric Arzole, a senior management information systems major from San Antonio, catches a pass during practice. The team, which was undefeated in the fall, will face TCU Feb. 28.

Wes Underwood/The University Daily

Senate hears plans for Tech rec center

BY CAREN CARNEFIX
The University Daily

Texas Tech's student senators prepared to vote Thursday on a bill to put a referendum on the March 4 Student Government Association election ballot proposing renovations to the Student Recreation Center.

If the student senators pass the bill by at least two-thirds of the vote next Thursday, students will be able to vote on whether they support the creation of a \$25 per semester recreation fee to fund construction costs.

Joe MacLean, director of recreational sports, addressed the senators Nov. 20 about proposed renovations for the rec center.

Some of the renovations would include increased space for cardiovascular and free weight equipment, the addition of an elevated jogging/walking track, the relocation of the outdoor shop and the improvement and update of all aerobic rooms.

The idea for updating the rec center arose in 1996 because of student complaints and suggestions.

"The arena (United Spirit Arena) put the rec center expansion idea on the back burner," said Russell Thomasson, SGA president and senior accounting major from Lubbock.

"It's time now to address that idea."

Thomasson hoped, if the referendum passed, that construction would begin as soon as possible. It should last about two years.



Also, if the proposed referendum is passed, the recreation fee would not be collected until the fall 2000.

"We are pushing for the fee not to be in place until the year 2000 so students who won't be at Tech then will not have to pay for something they won't even be able to see," Thomasson said.

"Students who are freshman and sophomores now will be able to benefit from the rec center renovations."

The budget of the renovations is about \$10 million and an estimated 20-year bond will cancel the recreation fee after about 20 years, said Thomasson.

"I don't want to project if the referendum will pass," he said. "We just want to lay the framework and provide the students with enough information to make an educated decision. That is our job."

Blythe Clayton, SGA external vice president, said the Rec Center renovations would be worth the fee.

"Complaints from students about the condition of the rec center have increased over the years and so has the fitness trend," Clayton said.

"I think that a wide variety of students will use the renovated rec center enough to warrant it a top-notch facility on campus. It's hard to predict how they will react to the fee."

Clinton denies former intern's charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton sought to calm the firestorm over his alleged affair with a White House intern Thursday as his friend Vernon Jordan acknowledged that he tried to get the young woman a job when she left Washington — and took her to see a lawyer after she came under scrutiny.

Monica Lewinsky remained out of sight as she prepared for a deposition Friday in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case.

Clinton firmly denied all accusations.

With Yassar Arafat at his side in a surreal moment of White House diplomacy, he made his firmest denial yet to Lewinsky's claims that she had an affair with Clinton and that he and Jordan asked her to deny it to Jones' attorneys.

"The allegations are false, and I would never ask anybody to do any-



Clinton

thing other than tell the truth," Clinton said. Lewinsky herself has denied the claims she made in tape-recorded conversations with her friend Linda Tripp.

Jordan added to the denials at a press conference Thursday afternoon in remarks the White House hoped would dampen political speculation in Washington.

"I want to say to you absolutely and unequivocally that Lewinsky told me in no uncertain terms that she did not have a sexual relationship with the president," Jordan told reporters.

He would not answer any questions.

The denials came as details emerged about Lewinsky's entries to the White House and gifts she got

from the president.

FBI agents working for Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr were contacting other interns, including some who apparently still work at the White House, according to officials.

Starr promised to move swiftly to sort through explosive allegations that were the talk of the nation. Starr, a Republican tapped to pursue Whitewater issues, rejected suggestions he might be out to "get" Clinton.

"Our job is to gather facts and to evaluate those facts and to get at the truth," he said.

He said the investigation would be pursued "consistent with the presumption of innocence."

Clinton sought to avoid any defensiveness as he faced questions about the Lewinsky matter during a photo session with Palestinian leader Arafat.

"We will give you as many answers as we can, as soon as we can, at the appropriate time ... and that's not a dodge."

Clinton met earlier Thursday with his legal advisers about how to comply with subpoenas demanding documents related to the matter.

Investigators refused to comment publicly on what they know, but details trickled out from unidentified sources.

The new revelations centered on: —Gifts. In a sworn deposition on the Jones case last weekend, Clinton denied a sexual relationship with the woman but acknowledged providing her some gifts, including a dress, officials told *The Associated Press*.

—White House visits. White House records show several visits by Lewinsky to the Oval Office after she had transferred to a job at the Pentagon last year.

Plaintiff's son takes stand in Oprah case

AMARILLO (AP) — Although there's never been a case of mad cow disease reported in this country, the risk cannot be considered nonexistent, the son of a man suing Oprah Winfrey testified Thursday.

Under questioning by Winfrey attorney Charles Babcock, Mike Engler said that as a scientist with a doctorate in biochemistry, he couldn't rule out the possibility that U.S. beef could become tainted.

"It's very difficult to say 'no risk,'" said Engler, senior vice president of Cactus Feeders Inc.

"I think that's a scientific statement of fact. But it's very close to no risk."

His father, Paul Engler, owns Cactus

Feeders and is among the cattle men claiming they lost \$10.3 million because cattle prices dropped after Winfrey's April 16, 1996, program about food safety.

The cattle men are suing Winfrey under a 1995 Texas law that holds people

liable for false and disparaging statements about perishable food products.

In addition to actual damages, they

Testimony in Oprah's trial

• Mike Engler said Cactus Feeders, one of the plaintiffs, fed processed cattle to cattle at three of its five feedlots before the voluntary ban in 1996.

• Engler said although mad cow disease has not been reported in this country, the risk cannot be considered nonexistent.

are seeking unspecified punitive damages.

Food safety activist Howard Lyman's warnings about beef safety prompted Winfrey to swear off hamburgers on the air that day.

The already weak cattle

market tumbled afterward, though the defense blames other factors for the price drop.

Lyman, a co-defendant, said the

U.S. practice of feeding processed livestock back to cattle mirrored the custom in England.

Scientists believe the disease spread as a result.

The U.S. beef industry voluntarily banned the feeding practice in the days before the show.

The government officially forbade the process last August.

Engler said that before the voluntary ban in 1996, Cactus Feeders fed processed cattle to cattle at three of its five feedlots.

Using real feed components as props, Engler described the amount of cattle protein as less than a handful per 20 pounds of feed, most of which is corn.

“We feel it! We feel it! The pope is here among us!”

Cuban people

John Paul hits home on abortion, schools

SANTA CLARA, Cuba (AP) — On his first full day in "this beloved country," Pope John Paul II went straight to the hearts and home life of the Cuban people, despairing over the island's easy access to abortion and scolding the Castro government for closing the doors to Catholic education.

When it comes to schools, "parents ... should be able to choose," the pope declared, to applause from tens of thousands

assembled for Mass in the dust and sweltering heat of an athletic field in this provincial city.

The demand for Catholic education also was believed high on John Paul's agenda for the most important official encounter of his five-day visit — a meeting later Thursday with President Fidel Castro.

And in this unprecedentedly open, high-profile criticism of the 39-year-old revolution, he has found help from a surprising quarter — the system itself.

The Communist Party newspaper, *Granma*, published Wednesday's papal arrival speech, including its call for "a climate of freedom" in Cuba.

What the curious saw Thursday was an outpouring of deep emotion and affection for the 77-year-old pontiff after he flew in for a half-day in this heartland city.

"We feel it! We feel it! The pope is here among us!" the crowd chanted as the "popemobile," a white pickup truck topped by a bulletproof-glass compartment, wended its way toward the open-air altar.

At one point, a chorus sang a song of welcome to the "messenger of truth and hope."

Malaysian man may be world's oldest

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Supporters of a Malaysian man who claims to be 140 years old are trying to get him recognized in the *Guinness Book of Records* as the world's oldest living person.

If confirmed, Omar Abbas would have a more than two-decade advantage over Canadian Marie-Louise Febronie Meilleur, 117, the titleholder since France's 122-year-old grande dame, Jeanne Louise Calment, died last August.

Although Abbas does not have a birth certificate, his birth date has been confirmed by the State Registration Department as Sept. 26, 1857.

Abbas married in his late 60s and lives with his 96-year-old wife, Minah. The couple have four children, 23 grandchildren and 73 great-grandchildren.

Making progress

Environment becoming less hazardous, says Dow Chemical's environmental director

BY DANIEL KERR
The University Daily

Sometimes it seems anything and everything can give you cancer. And in actuality, some things really do.

A lecture sponsored by Texas Tech's Institute of Environmental and Human Health Thursday examined cancer risks associated with chemical exposure, specifically methyl chloride and ethyl chloride.

The lecturer, James Bus, Dow Chemical Co.'s technical director of the health and environmental research laboratory, said when he speaks in a university setting, his job is to educate.

"I think it's helpful to have industry people come in from time-to-

time," he said. "It helps to bring perspective to the students, as well as the research scientists at the university."

Universities like Tech have much to offer industries, Bus said, because of the level of research they achieve.

"What we find these days is it's too complex — we can't hire a scientist for every problem that arises," Bus said. "The university environment adds a level of credibility to the science."

Bus believes technology will allow

society to use chemicals in a manner safe to the environment.

"I believe the evidence is uncontrovertible that our environment is improving," he said. "Society can have the benefits of chemicals, but at the same time, not suffer the environmental consequences of abusing it by putting chemicals out."

The lecture illustrated how science can be used to make reasonable decisions.

"It shows you how to use science to help you make reasonable deci-

sions about the health effects of chemicals," Bus said. "I find the picture very encouraging — I think the environment will continue to improve."

Ronald Kendall, director of the Institute of Environmental and Human Health, said Bus' visit shows that he is investing in a future partnership.

"To bring in a corporate scientist providing leadership in the area of environmental and human health issues is extremely valuable to the students as well as the faculty," Kendall said. "The word's out about (Tech's) unfolding efforts in research expansion in trying to understand the impact of chemicals on human health."

Kendall said the institute will sponsor several more lectures similar to this one.

“ I think the environment will continue to improve. ”

James Bus, Dow Chemical

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Settlement's future up to Legislature

AUSTIN (AP) — In a bow to Texas lawmakers, Attorney General Dan Morales on Thursday said he's making minor changes to the state's \$15.3 billion tobacco settlement to allow all of the funds to flow through the Texas Legislature.

Lawmakers — particularly the chairmen of the House and Senate budget-writing committees — are upset that Morales had earmarked the first year's payment of \$1.2 billion for several health-care initiatives.

Under the Texas Constitution, lawmakers have the authority to decide how to spend state funds.

Morales said the money now will go through the Legislature, but he expects lawmakers to "rubber stamp"

the first year's spending as laid out in the court agreement.

"Rubber stamp was his words," asked Sen. Bill Ratliff, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. "I take pretty strong exception to the words 'rubber stamp.'"

Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said he and House Appropriations Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, still will ask the Texas Supreme Court to block parts of the settlement dealing with state spending if the Legislature's authority to spend the funds is usurped in any way.

The settlement, announced last Friday, is the largest recorded against the tobacco industry, which has denied all wrongdoing as part of the

agreement.

The deal remains pending before U.S. District Judge David Folsom.

Before the agreement was even announced, Ratliff and Junell asked to intervene in to prevent the Legislature from losing its power over state spending.

Ratliff would not say Thursday whether funneling the funds through the Legislature would satisfy his concerns.

"It depends on how many strings are attached," Ratliff said.

"We are in communications (with Morales' office). I'm not going to negotiate those terms in the press," he said.

Ratliff and Junell later sent Mo-

rales a letter pledging to put into the proposed budgets for 1999 and 2000 most of the initiatives in the settlement.

"We will use our best efforts to secure enactment of these appropriations," Junell and Ratliff wrote.

Morales' office did not immediately return a telephone call for comment on the letter. Morales earlier had said he believed the legislative officials agreed with all of the initiatives in the settlement.

Morales announced that the money would flow through the Legislature — rather than directly to the health programs — while outlining the settlement before the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

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Sharp proposes new scholarship program

BY JAMES WALKER
The University Daily

Within five years, every Texas college student with a 2.8 or higher GPA could be on full scholarship if they graduated from a high school in the state.

State Comptroller John Sharp, who is running for lieutenant governor as a Democrat, proposed the Lone Star Scholarship Wednesday to do just that.

Any Texas high school graduate who can get into college and main-

tain a 2.8 GPA would qualify for full payment of tuition, mandatory fees and books under the program if they maintained a full 15-hour course load.

Students who attended private schools only would be eligible for the average cost of tuition at a public university.

Documents from Sharp's office state that more than half of all new jobs require some college training. The purpose of the program is to help Texans compete in the world economy.

Kelly Fero, spokesman for Sharp's

campaign, said the program would encourage the brightest students to stay in Texas for their education.

It also would help middle-class families who make too much to qualify for federal grants, but still can not afford the cost of tuition.

Students who qualified for Pell Grants or other federal aid would receive only the balance of their tuition, fees and books, Fero said.

Students with academic or athletic scholarships, however, still would receive the full amount of their Lone Star Scholar award, which they could

use for room and board or other expenses.

Once fully integrated, Fero said the program will cost about \$485 million per year.

Of the 176,000 students who graduated from Texas high schools this year, 100,000 plan to attend Texas colleges, he said.

Half are expected to drop out after the first year.

Details of the program would have to be worked out by the Texas Legislature, but the scholarship could be available for college freshmen in fall

1999.

A similar program in Georgia, the HOPE Scholarship, has been effective according to university officials at the University of Georgia.

Nan Long, a financial aid counselor at the University of Georgia, said the program has been successful in encouraging students to stay in college and providing opportunities for more students.

The HOPE Scholarship program requires a 3.0 GPA and pays for tuition and fees, with a \$100 allowance for books.

Lone Star Scholarship



- Once in college, students would have to carry a full class load, generally 15 hours a semester and maintain a 2.8 grade-point average to remain eligible.

- The program would cost about \$485 million a year.

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The end of this month marks the conclusion of a long career at Texas Tech and the arrival of a new academic adviser in the School of Mass Communications. I guess it's true all good things must come to an end.

For the last four years, Ida Roberts, or I guess it's Jones now, always greeted every poor helpless soul who entered her office looking for guidance with a twinkle in her eyes and a

big Texas-sized smile. But after Friday the smile will be gone.

Ida, as I have come to call her over the years, has been a cheerleader, academic adviser and most of all, a mother to every student who walked through her door, because she has the heart of a mother.

That's not to say that the past four years have been nothing but good times. There have been tough times, but through it all, Ida always managed to smile and brighten the lives of those around her.

Being at Tech this semester wasn't part of my plans because I honestly believed I was going to graduate in December, but thanks to Ida's efforts things have worked out for the best.

Now as the graduation boogie man stares me straight in the eyes and has yet to blink, this Kansas country boy has a greater appreciation for everything Ida has done than he ever has before.

When I look back at all the professors and administrators who have taught me something about life or academics, Ida stands above the crowd because she has been more than just an academic adviser.

The touch of class and personal attention Ida has shown as the academic adviser to about 1,000 students each semester in mass comm is something that isn't found very often anymore.

Years ago personal attention and class were as common as cow patties in a feedlot, and now they're tiny sewing needles in one gigantic haystack, but Ida never forgot even when things in her office were busier than a bee hive.

Once February rolls around, being in the mass comm building won't be the same, because a champion and mother left the building for the last time at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

There is little doubt the next academic adviser for the School of Mass Communications will do an outstanding job, but whoever it is won't replace Ida, because after all, there is only one Ida.

Thanks, Ida.

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The beef on Amarillo

West Texas town much more than drawls, y'alls

BROOKSIE BOYETT/
COLUMNIST

You may have read fellow columnist Hollye Hodges' Wednesday column. It was about the Amarillo-Oprah trial stuff. I, like Hollye, am an Amarillo native. All week I had planned on writing a column about this issue. Sadly, she beat me to the punch.

But I, being too lazy to come up with another column, have decided to discuss the story as well.

I, for one, am unhappy Amarillo is getting all this news coverage. Why? Because it makes Amarilloans look goofy. Most of the stuff I've read about my hometown discusses the putrid stench of cow crap in the air, tons of real-life cowboys moseying about the town and all the poor Ama-

rillo citizens who, on one hand, love Oprah, but on the other, also love their steak.

If a television news person decides to interview someone, they usually choose some elderly couple sitting on their front porch in rocking chairs.

"Yep," says Mary Ellen. "That Oprey, she's a nice gal. But I reckon we folks'll have tuh support our boys out yonder in them thar feed yards 'n ranches."

"Uh-huh," responds Billy Don, her husband. He then tips his 10-gallon cowboy hat at the camera and goes back to his whittling.

Well, contrary to what you may have read or seen on television, we are not a bunch of ranchers who sit around discussing the wonders of beef. Furthermore, the town only

reeks of cow droppings occasionally, when the wind blows in just right.

And we don't all talk like Mary Ellen and Billy Don. Except of course, my grandparents. My grandma has confused me all my life with the phrase "over yonder." I've never understood where yonder is.

She loves to say "I'm goin' over yonder," regardless of whether she's headed to the kitchen or to

New York.

When I was little, she used to say, "Brooksie, head over yonder and fetch me my newspaper."

I would wander aimlessly around the house in search of the place called yonder until a) she fell asleep, b) my parents took me home or c) she looked down and realized she already was reading the paper.

Of course, all this is beside the point. My grandparents were born and raised in Oklahoma.

I digress. Well, there are some real live cowboys in my hometown. But for the most part, we dress and act like everyday citizens.

Yeah, ranching is a pretty big part of our economy. But, (gasp!) people in Amarillo do have other occupations.

We've got doctors and lawyers and architects (like my Paw) and policemen and teachers and more. We also eat chicken and fish and vegetables and fruits and pork and a variety of other foods in addition to beef.

So the next time you read about the Oprah case or watch a news report on the television, remember — the town being described probably isn't the same one I was raised in.

That's all I have to say. So if you'll excuse me, I'm goin' to head over yonder and eat me some beef.

Yee haw.
Brooksie Boyett is a senior advertising major from Amarillo.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sowell's loss one of
Tech's tragedies

To the Editor: Much has been said and written about the "tragedies" that struck Texas Tech in 1997. These included the Red Raider basketball team having to forfeit most of their games and not being in the NCAA Tournament, people with the responsibility to assure the eligibility of athletes not fulfilling those responsibilities and the football team not participating in the Big 12 championship or a bowl game.

While these were causes of concern, they pale in comparison of the real tragedy — the untimely passing of Dr. Virginia Sowell. The only expressions of loss I have seen have come from administrators at Texas Tech.

I met Dr. Sowell in the summer of 1994 when I returned to academic

setting after 31 years in the professional arena. She had the Seniors Academy Program through which I returned to Texas Tech. She not only aided me in selecting courses for my first semester back, but took the time to personally go with me to registration to make sure my return to Tech went smoothly.

She was helpful in developing my degree plan, and her door always was open for counsel and simply chatting for a few minutes.

She maintained a busy schedule but always had a few minutes for the students. She was interested in their progress as she was in mine. I did not know her long or well, but I counted her as a friend.

I am certain that other students who had the opportunity to know her can verify my claims. She personified what Texas Tech really is all about, an educator with a heart for the student. She will be missed by the ad-

ministration and should be by the student body of Texas Tech. She will be missed by this student.

Gerald Garrett
anthropology

Bernstein needs to
check out facts

To the Editor: This is regarding the article in Thursday's paper, "Super studs, super duds." The Lawrence Phillips part I can agree with, but the Allen Iverson case is a totally different situation.

Allen isn't going around beating up his girlfriends and coming to practice drunk. Just because Mr. Iverson doesn't suck up to Michael Jordan like everyone else in the league, doesn't mean he is disrespectful. People always say when athletes

make it to the league, they change and become bigheaded. Allen is just keeping it real. He was like this when he was thrown in jail his whole senior year in high school and will continue to be like this until he feels he is ready to change. And not because "His Airness" doesn't like the way he doesn't kiss his butt like everyone else in the world.

When a Reggie Miller, or even a white man such as Danny Ainge, challenge Jordan, they are known for standing up for themselves. But let a "hoodlum" do it, and he is known for having a lack of respect for the game. If you really want to set an example of stardom getting the best of an athlete, you need to interview him, instead of stating what you think you know.

Shadetra Johnson
freshman
public relations

Up All Night

DeLuca returns for 14th Rec Sports All-Nighter

BY SEBASTIAN KITCHEN
The University Daily

Hypnotist Tom DeLuca's ability to entertain students and to bring them on stage as a part of his act won him 1997 Campus Entertainer of the Year. Tonight, DeLuca will stop by the Texas Tech campus for his 14th time.

DeLuca, four-time Campus Entertainer of the Year, will highlight an entire night of fun and games for the 18th Rec Sports All-Nighter.

"He is really the highlight," said Joe MacLean, director of the Student Recreation Center. "It is all student participation. Some people come just to see him. Everybody comes to see their friends. Everybody wants up on stage."

DeLuca, who was featured on the front page of the Wall Street Journal in September, will take the stage at 11 p.m., and the rest of the Rec Center will close during the act.

MacLean said last year, about 2,500 people came to see DeLuca perform. The average attendance for the event is about 3,000 students.

Other events will start this afternoon and last until early tomorrow.

Indoor soccer will begin at 5 p.m. today and the finals for the tournaments begin at 1:15 a.m. Saturday.

The event is free and open to all students. During the course of the event, there will be something for everyone.

Other than the athletic competition, there will be spades, dominos, table tennis, rockclimbing and rappelling.

More than 20 different free activities are scheduled for the night.

Among the other scheduled events are indoor soccer, basketball, kayaking, archery and inner tube water polo.

"Originally, we wanted a special event that would appeal to everybody," MacLean said.

MacLean, who has been a part of the all-nighter from the beginning, said they wanted to find an event that would get all types of people into the Rec Center, people who might not normally come.

"We wanted something for people



Tom DeLuca

Courtesy Photo

who aren't just interested in sports," MacLean said.

Senior Paul Simmons has been to the event twice. He believes DeLuca puts on a good show, but he enjoys the sports.

"I like the athletic events," said Simmons, a biology major from San Antonio. "If you're participating in the athletic events, it is a lot of fun."

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will give students the chance to win \$10,000.

Students who register will have the opportunity to shoot a basketball and win \$10,000 if their name is drawn. The name will be drawn at the conclusion of the DeLuca show.

"There is a little bit of everything," MacLean said. "There will be something for everyone, something for everybody to enjoy."

Children should be told about cancer in parents

WACO (AP)— Over the years, the Waco counselor has helped children deal with their fears of possibly losing a parent who's seriously ill.

In 1986, the Rev. Dr. Hal Ritter, now 49, found himself on the other side of the table when he and his wife, Michaela, had to explain to their own children, then ages 6 and 9, about his cancer.

"Be forthright, answer questions, give them basic information, answer questions (with language they understand)," he said. "As they get older, they'll come back with more questions. Let them know that any question they want to ask is OK."

Even though Ritter recovered from the cancer, he said he and Michaela planned to prepare their

children for the worst, if necessary.

"We told them that some people don't recover from it," he said. "If it had gotten to that with me, we were going to again be up-front with it."

Keeping the truth from a child can be a frightening thing, said Judy Seeber, professional counselor and a children's minister at First Baptist Church of Woodway. "You may understand the medical procedure, but in their mind, they might make it worse than it really is."

Parents with serious or terminal illnesses need to let children know exactly what to expect, she said.

"Try to prepare the child ahead of time for anything he or she is going to experience or what they might see, and what treatment (the parent) is going to go through," she said. "Try to prepare for what's going to happen before it happens."

“
Try to prepare the child ahead of time for anything...
”

Judy Seeber, counselor

Houston Tango: Club members hooked on Argentine version

HOUSTON — The violin music swirls. It wails and weeps. It vamps and prances, builds to a crescendo, then finishes with a jaunty flourish. All in the same song.

How the heck is anyone supposed to dance to this?

With great concentration, feeling and intensity, judging from the movements of members of the Houston Argentine Tango Association, who

slid and smoldered across the floor at Stevens of Hollywood dance studio on a recent drizzly Tuesday night.

Forget about the Hollywood version of tango, the lunging, rose-in-the-teeth spectacle performed to an overblown beat. That's a cartoon. True Argentine tango is about subtlety and nuance. Drama and restraint. Give and take. Yin and yang.

It's sexy, for sure, but in an under-

stated, sophisticated way. Just ask members of the dance club, who speak of the dance in almost holy terms.

"It's something you live," says George Crauser, a tall, Liam Neeson look-alike from Luxembourg with a sleek accent.

"It has the quality of an addiction.

Perhaps it should be banned," he says, laughing.

"It's the feeling, the music," rhapsodizes Eric Prentis, a genial man in a sweater vest.

"It really gets under your skin," says Lisa Ellison, a lithe young woman in a velvet cut top and swishy skirt. "You just get hooked."

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14. Babybird; Ugly Beautiful
15. Sundays; Static and Silence
16. Divine Comedy; Cassanova
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18. Promise Ring; Nothing Feels Good
19. Pee Shy; Don't Get Too Comfortable
20. Hurricane #1; Hurricane #1
21. Hum; Downward is Heavenward
22. Weston; Matinee
23. Toasters; Don't Let the Bastards Get You Down
24. Elcka; Rubbernecking
25. Ivy; Apartment Life
26. Roni Size; New Forms
27. Boy Wonder; Wonder Wear
28. 1000 Clowns; Kitty Kat Max
29. Glitterbox; Tied and Tangled
30. Bently Rhythm Ace; Bently Rhythm Ace

Chart compiled by Adam Yeargin, music director for KTXT 88.1-FM.
The Top 30 Countdown is aired from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. every Friday.

'Free Willy' whale may be headed back to sea

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP) — The stage is being set for Keiko, the whale movie star of "Free Willy," to be released to the open sea.

That romantic notion — borne of the big screen — was the intent all along when schoolchildren helped raise money to move the ailing killer whale from a cramped Mexico City aquarium to a spacious pool here.

Unlike the youngsters in the movie, however, the children of this coastal resort town don't want to see him go.

"He won't be able to survive out there," 10-year-old Ian Hoffman said Thursday as Keiko swam gracefully past the underwater viewing window at the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

"This is where he should stay."

Two years ago, children and parents lined the streets from the airport to the aquarium in the rain to give a joyous welcome to Keiko.

Since then, attendance at the aquarium has skyrocketed and children here have come to think of Keiko as one of their own rather than just a temporary neighbor.

The Free Willy Keiko Foundation, the group that owns the whale and raised \$7 million to have him moved, has been locked in a battle with the aquarium over whether Keiko is healthy enough to be released.

A panel of veterinarians appointed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture is soon expected to give Keiko a clean bill of health, clearing the way for him to move into a ocean pen in the North Atlantic within a year.

The next step would be his release in the same area near Iceland where he was captured.

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7:00	Bloomberg Homestretch	Today Show	This Morning	Tex Avery X-Men	Good Morning America	C-Bear/Jamal Casper	7:00	Saturday Today	Saturday Today	Ghostwriter W/Fortune	Zorro Dragonball	101 Dalmatians Disney's	Bobby World Life/Louie	7:00	Sunday Today	Sunday Today	Ag Issues Space Monkey	Ghostbusters	Good Morning America	Better Home Family Mag.
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Singin' to the Stars

Ohio singer puts on unique stage show for Hub City hip hoppers

BY MELISSA WILLIAMS
The University Daily

Five guitar players line the stage. Cigarettes linger between their lips as they jam. Schooners of beer are perched on stools within an arm's reach, and fast tunes echo off the bathroom walls and drown out the table-side conversations.

It's 9:30 p.m., and "open mic nite" at Kyle's 88-Key Cafe, 1806 Buddy Holly Ave., is jumping with Hub City hip-hop from the Garland Peterson's West Texas Medicine Show.

Kyle Sowsh, alias Tom Foolery, waits to go on stage while the lyrics to a song he wrote about Claire Danes drift through his head.

"Claire, I know this doesn't make a lot of sense, but when I first laid eyes on you I couldn't understand the circumstance that you're a superstar and I'm not as cool as you."

"One thing I like about open mic is I get a chance to try out new songs," Sowsh said. "It's a chance to play and see a lot of people play. I think it's great because this is like the only place in Lubbock that will do that besides Stubb's."

Sowsh said one of his idols is Eric Bachman, the lead singer for Archers of Loaf. He said he likes Bachman's music, but friends say Sowsh has his own unique style.

"The funniest act that I've ever seen is Tom Foolery," said Garland Peterson, lead singer for the West Texas Medicine Show. "He's a hoot. He's about as eclectic as you can get. He's got his own style that I've never heard. I just get a kick out of watching him because he's so different from everyone else."

Sowsh said his lyrics are written from firsthand experience and are mostly about being dumped.

"I have a song I wrote for Claire Danes," Sowsh said. "I sent it to her, and she sent me back a postcard that said 'Thanks for the tape, love Claire.' But I think our relationship is over," he said smiling shyly. "I haven't heard from her since March."

"TV screen is the barbed wire fence between you and me but I thought it might be possible I could run into you at your grocery store you'd drop your Cocoa Puffs our eyes could meet and see would fall in love."

From behind his dark framed glasses, his brown eyes carefully survey the smoky room. Sowsh, with his white button-down shirt and blue tie that reads, "It's Great In Dayton!" resembles a modern version of Buddy Holly. He sits with a glass of water in one hand and a game of Scrabble in the other.

Sowsh, a regular at Kyle's, is from Dayton, Ohio. He usually plays and sings solo on his stops in Lubbock, but he has a band back home named Tom Foolery and The Mistakes. He and his band members play Scrabble before every concert and whoever wins gets to be Tom Fool-



▲ **Jammin':** Members of Garland Peterson's band, West Texas Medicine Show, tune up their instruments before their performance.

▶ **Just Me and My Buddy:** Kyle Sowsh, stage name Tom Foolery, from Dayton, Ohio performed at Kyle's 88-Key Cafe. He hopes to some day make money by singing.

Photos by Jennifer Galvan/The University Daily

ery for the night. The rest of the band gets to be "the mistakes."

Sowsh said he has won twice, but they only have had five shows so far. When he plays alone, he goes by Tom Foolery.

At 19 years old, Sowsh said he does not drink. "Every once in a while I drink a Coke," Sowsh said dryly. "I just had a grape soda, and I'm gonna have a big cup of Surge on the way home."

Sowsh said his love for music will remain merely a hobby because the music business is rough, and he has future plans to attend Eastern New Mexico State University when he gets out of the Air Force. He wants to be a pharmacist.

Presently Sowsh lives in Clovis, N.M., and comes to Lubbock about once a month to display his talent at Kyle's Cafe.

Kyle Abernathy, the owner of Kyle's 88-Key Cafe, said he has been hosting "open mic" every Tuesday night for the past year and a half.

"I wanted to start open mic where solo, duets and acoustics are welcome to jam with a wide variety of possibilities, and where musicians could play together and meet each other," Abernathy said.

"I see all kinds of people that I would never have a chance to see anywhere else."

Abernathy said open mic is a wonderful opportunity, and several good people show up every week. He said

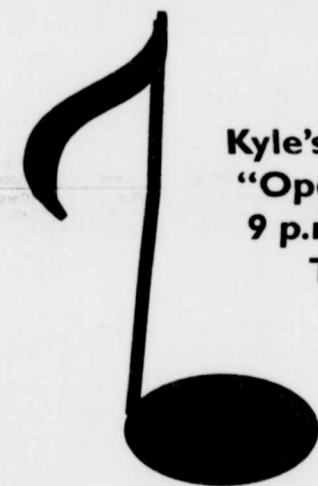
anyone can perform.

Peterson said he loves getting to play at open mic night because there are many benefits.

"We get to play every week, pretty much to the different crowds, and it's pretty much a paid rehearsal," Peterson said. "It's always different."

As Sowsh saunters up to the stage with guitar in hand, he clears his mind and puts on his stage face.

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Track teams host home meet

The Texas Tech men's and women's track teams participate in their second indoor track meet of the season at the Red Raider Indoor Invitational today and Saturday at the Athletic Training Center on the Tech campus.

In the first indoor meet of the season last weekend, both squads finished in first place among Division I schools. The meet also saw several personal and team records set by the Red Raiders.

Along with the Red Raiders teams from Texas-El Paso, Texas-

San Antonio, Texas-Pan American, Southwest Texas State, North Texas, Adams State, Lubbock Christian, Abilene Christian, Wayland Baptist and Odessa College will compete. Texas' men's squad along with teams from Phillips and Howard Payne also will compete.

Starting at 6 p.m. today the pole vault, shot put, men's high jump, 5,000 meters and distance medley events will be run. The remainder of the events will be staged beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Rangers resign Stevens, three others

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers have agreed to one-year contract terms with infielder Lee Stevens and right-handed pitchers Ryan Glynn, Jonathan Johnson and Tanyon Sturtze.

Stevens batted .300 with 21 homers and 74 RBI in 137 games with the

Rangers in 1997.

Glynn was 8-7 with a 4.97 earned run average in 22 starts at Charlotte and 1-1 with a 3.38 ERA in three starts in Tulsa in 1997.

Johnson was 1-8, 7.29 ERA in 12 starts in Oklahoma City and 5-4, 3.52 ERA in 10 starts in Tulsa.

Lady Raiders look to clip Jayhawks' wings

BY JASON BERNSTEIN
The University Daily

The Texas Tech Lady Raiders will look to upend yet another Big 12 Conference foe that defeated them last season as they prepare for a weekend matchup with the Kansas Jayhawks. Tech will take on the Jayhawks at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

The Lady Raiders are coming off their worst loss of the season and feel that they still have something to prove.

"I hate that we lost on Tuesday," said senior forward Alicia Thompson on Tuesday's 82-73 loss at Iowa State.

"We played hard, and we'll just have to play harder on Saturday," Thompson led the Lady Raiders in their

69-52 loss to the Jayhawks last season by contributing 19 points and nine rebounds.

"Every game in the Big 12 is a challenge," said Tech coach Marsha Sharp.

The Jayhawks come to Lubbock with a 12-3 overall record while compiling a 4-2 record in the Big 12.

"We've been looking forward to playing them since they beat us last season," Thompson said.

This will be the fourth outing in five contests that the Lady Raiders will take on an opponent that defeated them last season.

The Jayhawks are led by sophomore forward Lynne Pride, who has picked up where departing senior Tameka Dixon left off, and her 15.9

points per game.

Junior guard Suzi Raymont is averaging 14.7 points and 6.4 rebounds per contest.

Aside from super-senior Alicia Thompson's 22 points and 8.6 rebounds per game average, the Lady Raiders are led by junior guards Julie Lake and Rene Hanebutt.

Lake recently moved into 10th place on Tech's all-time assist list by compiling 286 career assists. Her 10.9 points and 3.5 assists per game average have helped the Lady Raiders in the transition game.

Hanebutt comes into Saturday's contest averaging 10.7 points and 5.3 rebounds per game.

The Lady Raiders will be looking to rebound from a disappointing loss to Iowa State where the Cyclones shot an incredible 55

percent from the field while converting on 14-of-24 3-point attempts.

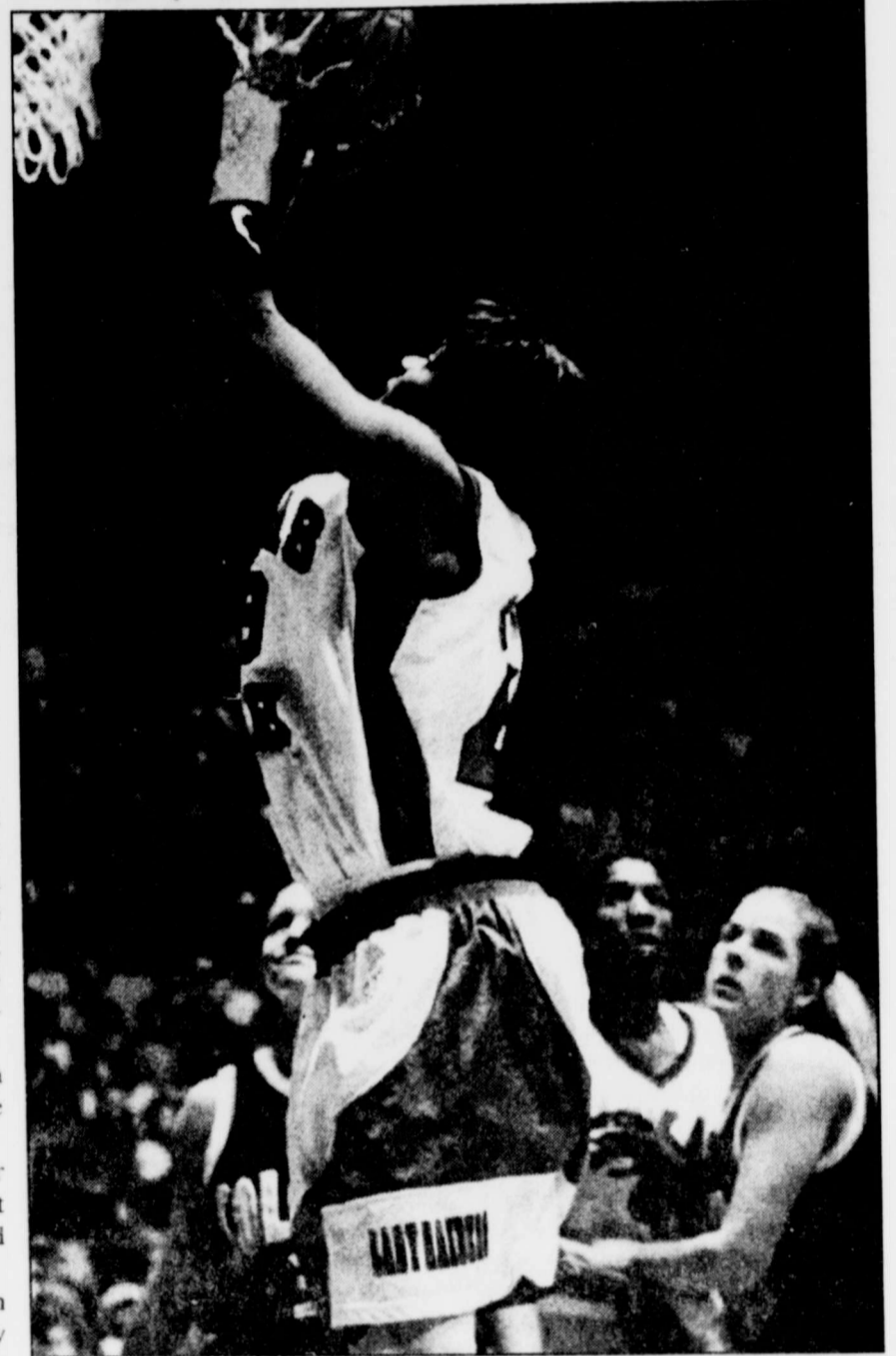
The Lady Raiders have fallen a half game behind Iowa State for the Big 12 lead.

Rounding out the starting five for the Lady Raiders will be junior post Angie Braziel and sophomore guard Melinda Schmucker.

Braziel has won the opening tip in every game this season for the Lady Raiders. Her 12.9 points and 5.7 rebounds per game have made her a formidable foe in the paint.

Melinda Schmucker is leading the Lady Raiders in assists, averaging 4.4 per contest.

The Lady Raiders will be looking to give coach Marsha Sharp her 363rd victory in her 16th year at the helm.



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Easy duece: Tech senior forward Alicia Thompson scores two of her 28 points against Big 12 Conference foe Colorado Saturday at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. Thompson also had nine rebounds in the game. The Lady Raiders battle another Big 12 opponent, the Kansas Jayhawks, after losing to Iowa State Tuesday. The Lady Raiders are a game and a half behind conference leader Iowa State with a 5-1 record in Big 12 play and a 12-3 record overall.

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Cowboys' Jones talks to Seifert

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Dallas owner Jerry Jones said he met with former San Francisco 49ers coach George Seifert for several hours Thursday to discuss the Cowboys' head coaching vacancy.

"We probably spent three hours talking today," said Jones, in town for the Super Bowl.

"George and I spent a lot of time on the competition committee together, so we know each other pretty well."

Seifert is the first known candidate to interview for the position, which came open when Barry Switzer resigned Jan. 9.

The Cowboys are coming off a 6-10 season that was their worst since going 1-15 in 1989.

Jones has been uncharacteristically tight-lipped about the search for a replacement.

He reportedly has a short list of

between three and six candidates.

One of the others is Green Bay offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis, whom Jones can't speak with until after Sunday's game.

Thursday, Jones said he will interview Lewis on Sunday night or Monday, depending on Lewis' schedule.

Lewis has been the Packers' offensive coordinator since the 1993 season.

He was their receivers coach the previous season, and he spent the nine years before that as a position coach in San Francisco.

"It has been my intent all along to visit with him," Jones told *The Dallas Morning News*.

"I would point out what happened in Green Bay this season as a logical reason for why I would want to talk to him."

The Packers drubbed the Cowboys 45-17

in November, beginning a winning streak that has led them to their second straight Super Bowl. Dallas missed the playoffs this season for the first time since 1990.

Another apparent candidate for the job is former UCLA coach Terry Donahue.

Although Jones hasn't confirmed meeting with Donahue, the ex-coach's agent, Bob Rosen, told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* the pair met Saturday through Tuesday.

Other reported candidates include Broncos offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak and former Cowboys defensive coordinator Butch Davis, the head coach at the University of Miami.

Jones also is believed to be interested in hiring Minnesota offensive coordinator Brian Billick for the same job in Dallas.

The Vikings blocked Jones from speaking with Billick by promoting him, but Billick reportedly is considering quitting, which would allow him to freely negotiate with any team.

Jones' interest in Billick was piqued by another former 49ers coach, Bill Walsh, who recently wrote a book with Billick.

“George and I ... know each other pretty well.”

Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones

Leyland leaning toward staying with Marlins

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jim Leyland, who said two months ago he probably couldn't wait for the Florida Marlins to rebuild, said Thursday he is leaning toward finishing the final four years on his contract.

Leyland quit as Pittsburgh's manager after 11 seasons when the Pirates chose to rebuild from the bottom up, only to have the same thing happen in Florida, where the Marlins already have gutted much of their World Series championship team.

The Marlins, who claim they lost \$34 million last season, will report to spring training next month without Kevin Brown, Moises Alou, Robb Nen, Devon White and Jeff Conine, all traded during the offseason.

Also, No. 2 starter Alex Fernandez will miss 1998 following rotator cuff surgery.

But after saying in November he probably would manage the Marlins only more season, Leyland seems content to keep managing a team he now believes isn't that far away from winning again.

Leyland said enough offense remains in Gary Sheffield, Bobby Bonilla, Charles Johnson and Cliff Floyd for the Marlins to be competitive again as soon as their pitching develops.

"We can be OK this season if we can just get some outs," Leyland said of his team.

"That's my big worry: Getting

some outs. Dave Dombrowski (the Marlins' general manager) came back with some good young arms in those trades. They're young, and will take some time, but we've got something to work with."

"Look at the Pirates. We knew we had some good arms in (Esteban Loaiza, Francisco) Cordova, (Jason) Schmidt and (Rich) Loiselle, but they took some time. Now, they can run a good pitcher out there every night."

Leyland initially decided to return to Florida this season out of loyalty to lame duck owner H. Wayne Huizenga and his coaches, who are under contract for this season.

Three coaches — Rich Donnelly, Milt May and Tommy Sandt — have

worked with him for more than 10 years.

"I understand it (the rebuilding), but I'm not going to go through it very long. I don't want to get my butt beat for five more years," Leyland told the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* Nov. 23. "The fire still burns for me. They want me to come back for one more year. I'll go back for a year and try to develop some talent."

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Houston Rockets ruffled with talks of trade deals

HOUSTON (AP) — Kevin Willis is taking the stoic approach. Mario Elie already is saying his goodbyes.

The Houston Rockets starters, along with a third player, were almost traded to the Toronto Raptors Wednesday.

"I just felt for me personally, it's time to move on," Elie said. "I feel I did all I could in my 4 1/2 years. They've been terrific. There's been great times. I got no hate for nobody."

The Rockets played at Charlotte Thursday night and will then host the San Antonio Spurs Saturday night.

Tech looks to rock No. 3 Kansas

BY HEATH ROBINSON
The University Daily

Three potential lottery picks in the 1998 draft will be on display Saturday night when Texas Tech squares off against the No. 3-ranked Kansas Jayhawks. Tip-off is set for 3 p.m. at Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan.

The game will be televised by KJTV-34 (Cox Cable Channel 10) in Lubbock.

Guard Paul Pierce will likely be rejoined by senior forward Raef LaFrentz for Kansas (21-3 overall, 5-1 Big 12 Conference). LaFrentz missed the last nine games with a broken right hand, but averaged 21.2 points and 11.4 rebounds per game before the injury. Pierce is scoring 20.2 points per game.

The Red Raiders (8-7 overall, 2-3 Big 12) counter with senior guard Cory Carr, who is scoring at a clip of 24 points a contest this season.

"It should be really entertaining," Tech coach James Dickey said. "I think they'll be really excited about getting LaFrentz back. He adds a lot to their team, no doubt."

The Jayhawks were 7-2 without LaFrentz. One of those losses came Monday to Missouri, 74-73. Dickey knows Kansas will be ready to go for this game.

"I'm sure they're going to want to get rid of that bad taste in their mouths from the Missouri game," he said. "All we can do is go up there and compete and give it our best."

The Red Raiders likely will be facing Kansas at its best.

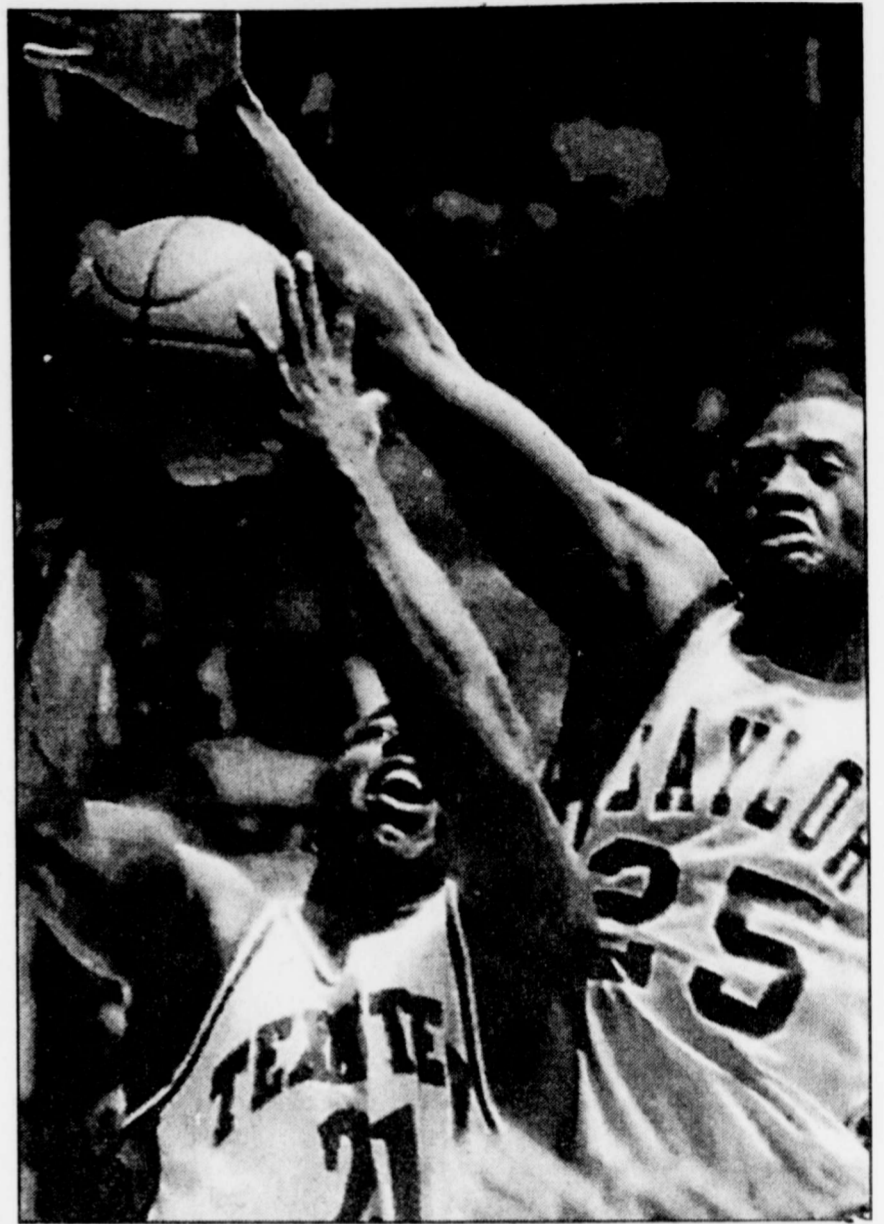
For the first time all season, coach Roy Williams expects all his players to be healthy and on the floor.

Before LaFrentz' injury, Lester Earl, a McDonald's High School All-American who transferred from LSU, was not eligible to play. The sophomore forward is averaging 9.7 points and 8.7 rebounds in nine games.

"Lester has played pretty well for us," Williams said. "He's been a little inconsistent at times. Some nights he'll score 20, and other times he scores four. But he always gives us a great effort."

For Tech, defending Kansas will be the toughest chore. Besides Pierce and LaFrentz, they also can strike with guards Ryan Robertson, Billy Thomas, and Kenny Gregory.

Thomas scores 14.8 points a game, and connected on eight three-point-



Jennifer Galvan/The University Daily
Score: Tech's leading scorer, guard Cory Carr, looks for a bucket against Baylor. Carr and the Red Raiders battle Kansas at 3 p.m. Saturday.

ers in a 102-72 win at Texas Jan. 10. Robertson is also in a groove. The junior guard had 18 points and five assists in the Missouri game.

"I think one of the things about this team is we almost always have somebody with a hot hand," Williams said. "We have enough players to keep us in every game we play."

A Kansas win would give them a school record for consecutive home

wins, with 56. The Jayhawks also haven't lost consecutive games since 1994.

"Nobody thinks it's easy to play there," Dickey said.

"In this conference, you have to take care of your home floor. Kansas does a great job of that. The best we can do is go up there and play our best. We'll tie our laces up in double knots and give it a shot."

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