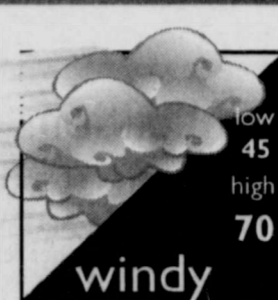




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Horizon fund gains variety of gifts

Officials want to open campaign

BY GINGER POPE
The University Daily

Few restrictions apply when it comes to giving a donation to Texas Tech's Horizon Capital Campaign.

The Tech development office has accepted cash gifts, life insurance policies, trusts, estates, retirement accounts, bequests and gifts-in-kind in efforts to reach their goal of \$300 million. The total is at about \$168 million.

The main restrictions regarding donations concern whether the person donat-

ing can follow through on their promise, and donations have to fall under Tech's mission statement. All donations must be approved by the Tech Foundation, a governing board for gifts received.

Tech has received mostly cash donations — about \$119 million, according to development office records. Life insurance policies have brought in about \$14 million and gifts-in-kind is about \$13 million.

There are 13 endowment builders donations, 18 life insurance policy donations, nine trusts, eight bequests and three

retirement policies.

Other donations have been made through marketing agreements with Southwest Coca-Cola and Lubbock Power and Light.

Tech Chancellor John Montford said he believes the campaign itself has been hugely rewarding, but there are areas he would like to see improvements.

"I think there needs to be more giving to the College of Arts and Sciences. There has been extraordinary success with the College of Business, Engineering and School of Law," Montford said. "I'm not

satisfied with the annual giving."

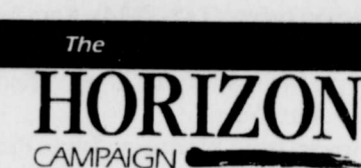
Montford said there needs to be more of an emphasis on Tech class reunions to raise funds.

Rhonda Johnson, vice chancellor for institutional development, recently said Tech really needed a campaign and many alumni had not been contacted about contributing to the university.

"We're calling on all prospective donors," Johnson said. "We have a wide and deep philosophy."

The campaign, which officially

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Crossing the line

Tech graduate reigns as singing telegram

BY LAURA HENSLEY
The University Daily

Justin races home from his job as a medical technician, slips into a black lace bra, sequined dress and a curly blonde wig. He carefully applies his makeup and squeezes his feet into his black high heels. The transformation is complete. He now is Starla Dupree and ready to work his second job as a party entertainer.

Justin, who asked that his real name not be disclosed, is a 1997 Texas Tech graduate and began working as a party entertainer part time to put himself through college. Although he no longer has to scrape money together to make ends meet, he could never give up his favorite job as a drag queen.

"I like the fun in it," Justin said. "I enjoy being able to entertain and make people laugh. And this job allows me to do just that."

Justin has been working the job for 12 years and said he never wants to quit.

"I want to do it forever," he said. "I like the entertainment I provide just to make people happy. I know I can do this and get away with it for a long time."

Justin said not very many people know about his second job. He said

he has even danced at parties, some his coworkers', and even some his father attended, but none of them have ever recognized him.

"No one really knows about my secret job," Justin said. "It is really an escape from real life just for a couple of hours."

Justin is one of the many acts provided by Little Hollywood Entertainment, 4909 Brownfield Highway. The business offers all kinds of costumed pranks. Everything from singing

gorillas, bellydancers, strip-a-grams, and, of course, drag queen-a-grams are characters available for parties or practical jokes.

"Many people love to get dressed up for Halloween, but every day is Halloween for us," said Lynette Barron, owner of Little Hollywood. "We live in a circus."

Barron said she has several Tech students who work for her, and she said she always is looking for more entertainers.

"Everyone has little exhibitionist in them," Barron said. "Sometimes the quietest person will make the best dancers. They will really surprise you — you can put a wig on them or a costume and they just glow."

Barron said her workers have played many practical jokes and can do anything that is legal and within

reason. She said her workers have gone into an office pretending to be looking for a job or filing for a loan and then go into their act.

"We catch them off-guard and that's the best," Barron said. "The practical jokes usually are the most fun."



Prancing Around: "Starla Dupree" struts her stuff over a surprised customer. "Dupree," a stage name, began working as a party entertainer part time to put herself through college and has kept the job a secret.

Jennifer Galvan/The University Daily

Judge nixes Jones lawsuit

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a dramatic victory for President Clinton, a judge dismissed Paula Jones' lawsuit Wednesday and said her claims of sexual harassment "fall far short" of being worthy of trial. Clinton embraced the news while traveling in Africa, while Jones' attorneys said they expected to appeal.

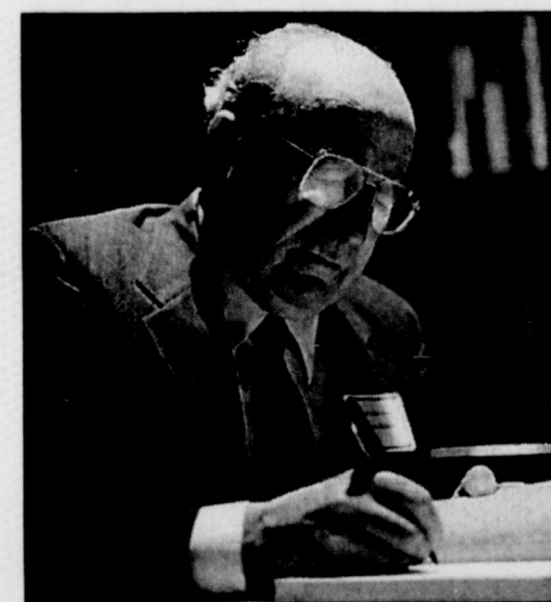
The decision by U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright to dismiss all three charges against Clinton surprised attorneys in the case who were preparing for trial next month in Little Rock, Ark.

"Although the governor's alleged conduct, if true, may certainly be characterized as boorish and offensive, even a most charitable reading of the record in this case fails to reveal a basis for a claim of criminal sexual assault," Wright said in a 39-page ruling.

Her decision abruptly halted a sensational lawsuit that had haunted the White House for more than three years and threatened to place the president's sexual conduct before the nation in a historic trial. Jones' attorneys said she was disappointed not to have her day in court to punish Clinton for an incident she said took place while she was a state employee in 1991.

Jones "has failed to demonstrate that she has a case and the court therefore finds that there are no genuine issues for trial," Wright said.

Alumnus makes career of western writing Senate committee approves tobacco bill



Wade Kennedy/The University Daily
Western Ways: Former Techsan Elmer Kelton signs autographs for his readers. Kelton spoke at the Legends of the Southwest Symposium.

BY DANIEL KERR
The University Daily

Elmer Kelton's first view of the world was a small ranch east of Andrews. As a young boy, he looked around and thought that was pretty much it. Then his mother introduced him to books, and his world began to grow.

Now considered one of the last physical links to a Texas of another century, Kelton shared some of his works composed throughout a 50-year career as a western writer at the first Legends of the Southwest Symposium Wednesday.

Born to a ranching family in 1926 at Horse Camp, Kelton's early years were spent living

and observing the cowboy life of the Texas of another era — an influence that molded his writing for years to come.

"There wasn't anything out there but horses, cattle and cowboys. That was my world, and as far as I knew, that was the world," said Kelton, a Tech graduate. "Until I started school and really began to read a wide variety of things, I didn't know what a tremendously diverse world I was getting into."

Although Kelton's father, Buck Kelton, was a hard-working rancher who tried to steer Kelton toward the cowboy way of life, his mother, Bee Kelton, encouraged her son to read and expand his horizons.

"My mother taught me to

read when I was 5, and I was always an avid reader. I loved to read whatever I could get my hands on," he said. "I just inhaled books and magazines, and that led me to decide, by the time I was 8 or 9 years old, that I wanted to write. I knew real early that's what I wanted to do."

"My dad, of course, was trying his best to make a cowboy of me, and when he saw that that wasn't going to work, of course he wanted me to do something to make me a good living. I don't think he ever thought writing was it. He was a little dubious about my writing and journalism. He thought I should take up law or something like that. On the other hand, if I needed

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Measure would force industry to pay

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill that would force the tobacco industry to pay \$506 billion over 25 years, plus billions of dollars in fines if teen-age smoking rates do not decrease significantly was approved Wednesday by a Senate committee.

The bill won the endorsement from an overwhelming majority on the Senate Commerce Committee, clearing the first legislative hurdle on the road to what members of both parties and the White House are targeting as a new national policy on tobacco.

Only Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., voted against it. Ashcroft said he objected to giving cigarette makers legal protections not accorded other companies. In return for curbing its own advertising, the tobacco industry would get protection from lawsuits in the form of a \$6.5 billion annual limit on punitive damages.

Drafted primarily by the panel's chairman, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., the bill leaves the most contentious issues to be debated on the Senate floor or in negotiations with the White House.

Mass Comm Week applications ready

Texas Tech students interested in an executive officer position for Mass Communications Week in 1999 need to turn in applications by Monday.

Students can pick up applications in room 101 of the mass communications building and return them to the same office.

Interviews for executive office

positions will be 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and April 9. Students need to have a teacher referral available as well.

Mass Communications Week is a student organization which organizes an annual symposium of speakers, who are professionals in the field of mass communications.

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kicked-off at a February gala event, actually began its silent phase in 1995. Johnson said the focus on the campaign is largely in Texas, with five regional offices, but efforts will be made for more donors nationwide by 2000.

The development office has instituted campaign staff in all colleges and schools within Tech.

John Welton, assistant vice chancellor for institutional development at the Austin center, said there will be replicates of the February kick off in 20 other cities.

"A kick-off announcement gets people excited," Welton said. "During the quiet phase we received a large number of donors, and they

“ A kick-off announcement gets people excited. ”

John Welton, assistant vice chancellor

understand where the university is going.”

Funds received during the campaign will be allocated to student enhancement, faculty enhancement, advancement of academic facilities and to build an annual fund. The campaign is expected to end in August 2001.

Dip in male births may be blamed on environment

CHICAGO (AP)—The search for Mr. Right may be getting even harder.

The ratio of boys to girls born in the United States and Canada dipped ever so slightly between 1970 and 1990, and a study suggests environmental factors — such as prenatal exposure to pesticides — may be why.

The declines began even earlier in several other industrialized countries and corresponded with increases in some male birth defects and prenatal exposure to pesticides and industrial chemicals, said Devra Lee Davis, an environmental epidemiologist at the World Resources Institute, a Washington-based policy-research institute.

Davis and her colleagues exam-

ined data on birth ratios and increases in male birth defects, such as misplaced urinary openings, and testicular cancer.

"Some, as yet unrecognized, environmental health hazards are affecting the sex ratio of births as well as other unexplained defects in male reproduction," they concluded. Their analysis appears in Wednesday's *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Some studies have indicated male fetuses are more vulnerable than females to prenatal exposure to toxic substances, and either die before birth or are born with defects or a susceptibility to cancer.

Lubbockites, Tech students clean up town

BY JASON LAWRENCE

The University Daily

Texas Tech students will be doing a little spring cleaning in Lubbock this Saturday as part of the Tech-Lubbock Community Day.

The event, sponsored by the Community Action Network and the Student Government Association, will send students to charities and neighborhoods in Lubbock to paint, mow and perform other spring-cleaning activities.

"The unique thing about Tech-Lubbock Community Day is that it's Texas Tech going out and serving the

community, not just organizations," said Blythe Clayton, SGA external vice president.

Students will be helping places such as the Lutheran Home, Buckner Children's Home, the city of Lubbock and the South Plains Food Bank, Clayton said.

"There's a lot of populations out there that students don't know about that are in need of assistance," she said. "It gives these different agencies an opportunity to educate students about people in the community that need help."

Sara Solloway, assistant coordinator for student activities, said the day is a chance to improve relations between the city and the university.

"I think it promotes a positive kind of feeling," Solloway said. "Students live here 10 months of the year, and this is their chance to give something back."



Lubbock community, he said.

"For us, it shows that we like to help our community and clean it up," Lyons said. "We like to give back to our neighborhoods."

About 350 students are expected to participate in Saturday's cleanup, Clayton said.

"This upcoming Saturday, there's a lot of things going on on campus that demand students' attention," she said. "With that in mind, I'm very pleased with the results."

Students will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Lubbock Civic Center, 1501 6th St. Lubbock Mayor Windy Sittton and Debbie Montford, wife of the chancellor, will give a kick-off address before students go to their assigned sites.

For more information or to register for community day, contact the Community Action Network at 742-3621 or the SGA Office at 742-3631.



MOMENT'S NOTICE

Moment's Notice is a service of the Student Government Association for student and university organizations. Publication of announcements is subject to the judgment of the Student Government Association staff and availability of space. Anyone who wants to place an announcement should go to the SGA office on the second floor of the University Center and complete a separate form for each Tuesday and Thursday the notice is to appear. The deadlines are as follows: THURSDAY AT NOON TO BE PRINTED ON TUESDAY, MONDAY TO BE PRINTED ON THURSDAY. All questions should be directed to the SGA office at 742-3631.

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Undergrads show off artwork

BY ANJELA ANAYA
The University Daily

Texas Tech undergraduate art students have a chance to showcase new work in the Annual Undergraduate Student Juried Exhibition.

The show will open at 6 p.m. Friday and run until April 23 at the Landmark Arts Studio Gallery in the art building.

The show is an opportunity for undergraduate art students to attain recognition among their peers, present the best of their work and experience the judgement of a recognized arts professional, otherwise known as the juror.

Juan Logan, this year's juror, said he examines multi-piece entries on an individual and collective basis.

"The pieces are weighed together and individually, and then I move on to the next piece," Logan said. "If it's only one piece, then I look at personal aesthetics."

Logan said he looks at how the

work compares in terms with his personal experience.

"There are so many things that get pulled into it," Logan said.

Logan is a multi-talented artist known for his work as a painter, sculptor and installation artist. He combines oral traditions with visual response to his social observations and is the subject of a nationally traveling exhibition "Effective Sight: The Paintings of Juan Logan," which is supported in part by the Lannan Foundation.

Ken Bloom, director of Landmark Arts, said there are many variables when a juror engages in the selection process. A juror is likely to find what that person believes is the best expression of what the collective body is se-

lected, Bloom said.

"Others, they will have their own opinion about what the current trends going on in the art world are and how they are reflected in the students' work," Bloom said. "Craftsmanship, expressiveness and content are the variables that are used. It becomes a matter of current trends and to what degree

Logan might think the artist is aware of trends."

Dan Lewis, a printing and drawing first-year graduate student from Hendly, Neb., said the show is a good chance for an undergraduate to gain experience.

"The students need a chance to exhibit," Lewis said. "You basically have to sit down with your work and decide which pieces are the best with-

out teachers or other students giving their opinions."

Awards for artwork are Best of Show, with \$250, a first place of \$150, second place of \$125, third place of \$100 and four merit awards of \$50 each.

Logan will present the awards at the opening ceremonies at 7:15 p.m. Friday in the Studio Gallery.

The prize money is provided by Melody Weiler, chairwoman of the art department, community donors and collectors of art R. Rex and Bonnie Aycock, Eurotech Paint and Body, Lubbock art patrons Paz Molinar and art department faculty Tina Fuentes and various members of art department faculty.

The exhibition, which features all art media taught at the Tech art department, is organized by students with the help of faculty adviser and art professor Andrew Martin.

The event is free of charge. For more information, contact Bloom at 742-1947.

Study supports link between herpes and AIDS-related cancer

BOSTON (AP) — A new study provides some of the strongest evidence yet that a sexually transmitted form of the herpes virus causes a kind of skin cancer often seen among AIDS patients.

The cancer, called Kaposi's sarcoma, occurs often among gay men with AIDS. But is rare in those who get AIDS through drugs or heterosexually.

Experts suspect that a newly discovered virus, herpes virus 8, is the cause after finding traces of the virus inside the cancer. However, they could not rule out the possibility that herpes virus 8 infection is a result of having Kaposi's sarcoma, rather than a cause.

To help settle this, Dr. Jeffrey N. Martin and others from the University of California at San Francisco tested samples of blood taken in 1984 from 400 homo-

sexual men infected with HIV, 200 homosexuals who were uninfected and 200 heterosexual men who were uninfected. The results were published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Among the findings: —48 percent of the HIV-infected men had the herpes virus, as did 17 percent of the uninfected homosexuals and none of the uninfected heterosexuals.

—The more sexual encounters the homosexual men had, the more likely they were to catch the herpes virus.

—Men infected with both HIV and herpes virus 8 had a 50 percent chance of developing Kaposi's sarcoma over the next 10 years.

The researchers said they assume that herpes virus 8 is spread through the same sexual practices that transmit HIV.

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information about a book, he was always helpful to give me anything he knew."

Although there were cars in Kelton's early years, compared to today's standards, the unpaved roads were primitive and restricted travel.

"They (Kelton's parents) told me there was a rainy period when I was born, and the doctor had to come from Odessa to deliver me and went over some bad, muddy roads and almost didn't get there in time," Kelton said. "But today, with all these paved roads, a 200-mile trip is just a breeze. In those days, you prepared for it for a couple of days."

As a young, struggling writer, the first short story Kelton sold boosted his ego and convinced him he could succeed. Kelton went on to a career as an agricultural journalist and a western writer.

"Journalism, I saw as an avenue to get information for writing and as a way to earn a living until I became established as a fiction writer, which of course I didn't visualize lasting as a 42-year career (newspaper work)," he said. "The two careers, in parallel, worked real well together, because so much of the material I used in my fiction came from things that I learned as a journalist."

"A lot of the books like 'The Time it Never Rained' could not have been written had I not been a journalist observing that drought first-hand and through the eyes of the people out there on the land all those years. In my estimation, my best one is 'The Time it Never Rained' which is based on the long drought of the 1950s. It also examines racial tension between whites and Hispanics."

Although Kelton has concentrated his works on Texas, the cowboy mystique and the West in general, he refers to the western genre as the ghetto of the literary field.

"It doesn't have any critical standing really. Critics, by-and-large, just simply ignore it if it looks western,"

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Elmer Kelton, Texas fiction writer

Kelton said. "Mysteries and detective stories can get critical attention and can be accepted as literature, but for some reason, very few books in the western genre even are."

"It's an old prejudice that goes back all the way to the 'penny dreadfuls' of Ned Buntline of the 1860s, '70s and '80s. He and his contemporaries, they gave the western a bad name in the early days, and it's never been able to kick it."

Although Kelton is retired from the newspaper business, he still is a prolific writer.

"I have a book under way. I'm probably 250 or 60 pages into what's probably going to be a long novel, but it's going a little bit slower than I'd

writers of all time, if not the best, but he doesn't wear boots."

Kelton is a gentleman, not only in life, Lewis said, but in his books.

"He has written in the western genre because that's where his heart was — where his background was," he said. "The field of western writing is better because Elmer has been in it."

In a previous interview with *The University Daily*, Lewis said Kelton translates the rural/western perspective to the written page better than any writer today.

"He writes with the authority of someone familiar with the history of Texas from another era, when the state was basically a rural state," Lewis said.

"Even though the state is today urbanized, much of the mind-set, or the persona of the state, is still influenced by those rural roots."

Kelton serves as a transitional figure in Texas literature, Lewis said, because he can bridge the gap between the life and times of 19th century Texas with the Texas on the verge of the 21st century.

Blood study halted after patients die

HOUSTON (AP) — A pharmaceutical company halted a study of a blood substitute in U.S. emergency room patients after discovering they were dying at a higher rate than expected.

Tests are continuing with emergency care patients in Europe and with elective surgery patients in the United States because they have shown no evidence of a higher death rate.

Baxter Healthcare Corp. of Deerfield, Ill., ended the trauma patient study Tuesday after a review of the first 100 participants showed people given the artificial blood product, HemAssist, died at a greater rate than those who did not receive it, said Mary Thomas, a Baxter spokeswoman.

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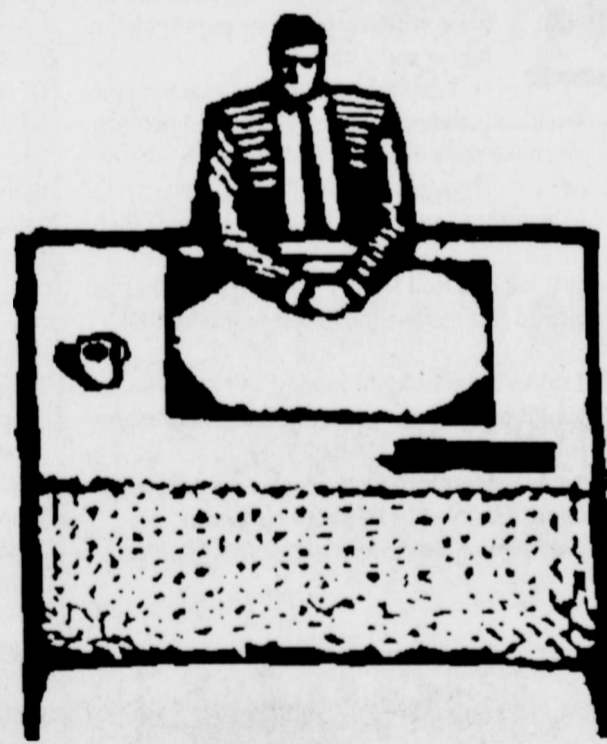
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Montford's 'No. 1 Red Raider' claim bogus



SEBASTIAN KITCHEN
A&E REPORTER

I think I would be the "No. 1 Red Raider on Earth" if Texas Tech paid me more money a year than many graduates will make in a decade. If somebody paid me \$270,000 a year plus bonuses, I think I would be "completely repatriated," too.

Chancellor John Montford made these comments Tuesday after Kappa Sigma fraternity named him an honorary member. It seems money

changes people's loyalty.

I have nothing against him. The man has done his job at Tech. Whether people like him or not, he has raised a lot of money in a short time for this university.

No matter how much money he raises for scholarships or athletics, one fact remains. Montford is a University of Texas graduate. I bet he never mentioned he was the top Tech fan when he was attending UT, practicing law or being a politician.

After I spend years of hard and not-so-hard work and many thousands of dollars at this university, I am going to be a Tech fan until I die. When I finally finish school or am pulled from this place into a nut house, tired and broken, I will probably bleed red and black.

I imagine Montford bleeds green. Where else does that money go? The university, students and taxpayers pay for his house and for the beautiful black

“ I imagine Montford bleeds green. Where else does that money go? ”

Cadillac with the red stripe down the side of it in his driveway. Hey, I may have paid for those two Tech flags in his front yard. I have done my part to turn Montford into a true Techsan.

He graduated from UT, and I believe his daughter attends school at the University of California at Los Angeles.

What previous connection did he have with Tech before paychecks, a house and a car.

I doubt Montford was watching the Red Raiders on one of the rare occasions they are on television and decided he wanted to work for Tech — to make the university and the town a better place to live and learn.

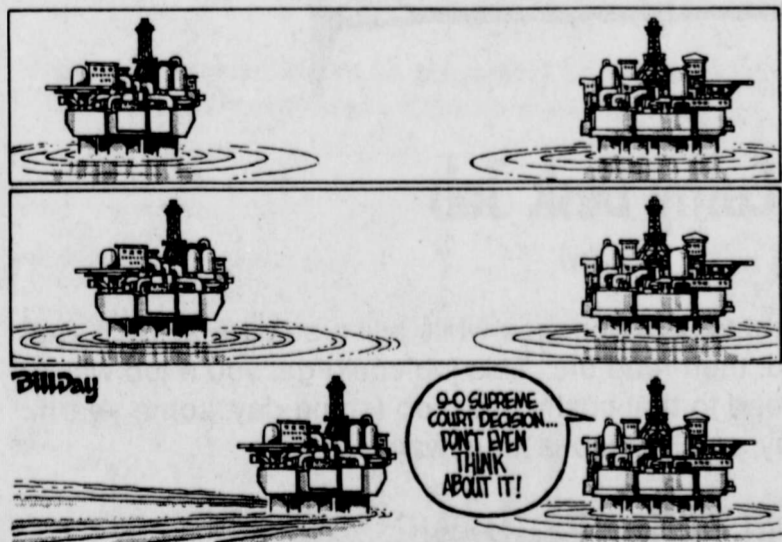
He probably did not put down the remote, get out of his chair and call Tech to see if they had an opening.

Nothing against the man, he just is not a Red Raider at heart. I am glad he has made his home at Tech. Montford is a tremendous asset to this school.

He is good at what he does. His political connections and savvy have brought money and attention to this university. I imagine he takes great pride in this school and in what he does, but Tech was not his first love.

If the same job had opened up at UT, Montford would have never accepted the Tech job. He would have become the "No. 1 Longhorn on Earth."

Sebastian Kitchen is a sophomore journalism major from Lubbock.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Carnefix needs to slow down, behave

To the Editor: I was quite disturbed by Caren Carnefix's column about her road rage in the April 22 *The University Daily*.

I am a former employee of the Texas Department of Transportation as well as a student at Tech, and I can attest to the seriousness of the obvious problems that Carnefix has.

I have seen numerous wrecks, close calls and near-death incidents involving other motorists, my fellow employees and pedestrians as a result of the lack of courtesy and common sense of people when they are driving.

I also am a resident assistant in the Chitwood/Weymouth Residence Hall Complex.

I must cross Flint Street everyday with fear because of people like Carnefix who are too impatient to consider the safety of others.

There also are several discrepancies in Carnefix's column. I hardly can see how she even has a complaint about other people allegedly breaking the law if she, herself, was driving at an illegal 80 mph.

Carnefix said she spotted some pedestrians crossing the street a quarter of a mile away.

If she has, in fact, taken defensive driving like she says she has, then she would know to think ahead and anticipate future maneuvers of her vehicle.

Also, I am afraid it does not take a vehicle a quarter of a mile to slow from 80 mph to 20 mph.

Carnefix, please fix your problem. I do not want to meet you on the road on one of your bad days or any other day — people like you should not be allowed on our highways.

As for your column, although it is an opinion, it needs a little improvement in its appropriateness.

I do not know if it was an ill-fated attempt to raise publicity or merely a story you decided to write about in absence of a better idea.

And another thing, there is really little need for mention of your vulgar hand gestures — they only provide

further insight into your dim outlook on driver behavior.

Lee Jackson
senior
mechanical engineering

Clinton duo way off male mark

To the Editor: I have never been so appalled in my life than I was this morning after reading the letter to the editor titled, "Clinton only did what any man would do," by Scott Alexander and Aaron Gutierrez.

The only part of this letter I agree with is that the morals of this country have fallen.

But they have they fallen to such a degree that we should applaud a man for being unfaithful to his wife and daughter, for not being able to control his hormones and for creating this wonderful role model for all of America's children.

Is this what these two young men consider a good American who presents an example of greatness?

No wonder our morals have fallen when we are applauding the infidelity of probably one of the most important and well known men in America.

The point is that he is a role model for the whole country, and Scott and Aaron believe we should support his inability to keep his pants on and that he is receiving unnecessary heat for his actions.

If men are so controlled by their hormones that they can't keep their zippers in the upright position, they shouldn't enter into a monogamous relationship.

They also compared Clinton to a stallion. Fine, then that makes him a basic animal that has no standards and no idea of right and wrong. Do we really want an animal running the country?

As for the point of Robin Williams and Charlie Sheen, what these men did isn't any better, but there are certain differences. The first is that the affairs of these men were not plastered

over national broadcasts and all newspapers. The second is that in Robin Williams's case, at least, the affairs stopped after the birth of his child. Clinton hasn't even done that much.

Third, and most important, is that these men are not running our country.

They are not expected to be superior role models for our children. Again, I'm not saying what they did is right, but let's not applaud the immorality of our so-called "national leader."

I now would like to apologize to every red-blooded American man who hasn't had an affair, and I know you are out there. I am lucky to be dating one, so I refuse to believe this is "human nature." I refuse to believe men just can't help themselves.

Yes, Clinton is being publicly tainted, but it's for decisions he chose to make, not "human nature."

So let's not applaud men of no morals who use excuses like, "Everyone else does, why shouldn't I?"

Instead, let's applaud the other men who stand at the altar, and when asked if they will be faithful to their wives, promise "I do" and keep the promise.

Let's applaud the strong men who are faced with the exact same temptations and still choose to go home to their wives rather than a seedy hotel room. These are the good American men who present an example of greatness. These are the men who deserve respect.

Following the advice of Alexander and Gutierrez will only lead to a decrease in morals.

Their thinking "It's on the downspiral, why fight it?" will never help society better itself. What is the next dangerous trend? Rape being OK? I mean, hey, he was only following his hormones, right? It's just "human nature," why fight it, right?

Give me a break. Wake up and take a look at reality.

Lorana Hanna
freshman
telecommunications

Women writers don't know men

To the Editor: I am writing to the letters responding to Scott Alexander and Aaron Gutierrez.

I believe that they are being verbally persecuted for their beliefs and views for no reason.

First of all, only women are responding. How would you know? Women do not understand what is going on in a guy's mind. For instance, you say they discredit committed men.

Well, here is a news flash — there are none. Even if you think your man is, he is probably checking out the girl next to you or having "relations" with her when you are not around.

By the way girls, the only thing separating us from animals is that we have less hair and can talk. I don't want to hear any garbage from women talking about feelings and bringing in "male values" or how men think.

You don't know. Unless of course you have had a sex change. Last of all, women are not innocent of Clinton's actions.

I cannot speak about how women are, but I can tell of their actions. Judging by recent actions and views in the past 10 years, women are just as "ready" as men. It appears that sex drives are becoming equal.

So next time you decide to voice your opinion, I suggest getting informed.

I would be honored to be known as a stallion, and if you understood men so would you.

Brannon Clayton
freshman
engineering

Lee Jackson and Lorana Hanna's letters to the Editor appeared incorrectly in Tuesday's paper. Today's letters are correct. The UD regrets the error.

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He lived La-Z-Boy, and he died La-Z-Boy

MONROE, Mich. (AP) — Edwin Shoemaker lived the La-Z-Boy life to the very end. He invented the plushly padded, rocking-and-reclining chair, and he died in one, slipping away after settling in for a nap at the age of 90.

But the man who left a legacy of leather-bound leisure was no loungeer himself.

"This is a guy that wanted to be productive every moment," said Matthew Switlik, director of the Monroe County Historical Museum. "Mr. Shoemaker was in no way ready to lounge around — he had to be busy."

Shoemaker died March 15 at his winter home in Arizona.

Shoemaker and his cousin Edward Knabus built La-Z-Boy from a struggling, Depression-era enterprise operating out of a Monroe garage. Together, they produced an American icon of sorts — "the bubba chair," as Nancy Butler, recliner writer for the trade publication *Furniture Today*, puts it, "a guy with beer in one hand and the remote in the other."

“ I don't think there's any doubt that the recliner and the television are the perfect marriage. ”

Nancy Butler, writer for Furniture Today

In 1928, while tinkering with pieces of plywood and a yardstick, Shoemaker and Knabus fashioned an austere, wood-slat reclining lawn chair. After a buyer for a furniture store refused to buy the chair unless it came upholstered, they added that feature.

They knew they were on to something. But what to call it? They held a name-the-chair contest, and La-Z-Boy beat out the Sit-N-Snooze, the Slack-Back and the Comfort Carrier.

Thirty-three years after the first La-Z-Boy, all the work really paid off. In 1961, Shoemaker combined a platform rocker with a recliner. The result: the La-Z-Boy Reclina-Rocker. It

was the right chair at the right time. Television's takeover of America's living rooms was nearly complete.

"I don't think there's any doubt that the recliner and the television are the perfect marriage," Butler said.

Despite the name, La-Z-Boy executives insist that their chair is not meant to encourage, well, laziness. "There's a fine line between relaxation and sloth," said John Case, vice president of marketing. "When it starts to move toward the sloth side, that's when we take exception."

Still, some models make it quite easy to spend life with your feet never touching anything but a padded footrest. Sore muscles? Turn on the mas-

sager nestled in the cushions. Can't make it to the phone? Here's a built-in speakerphone. Want to check your stock prices online? Plug your laptop into the chair.

The interesting thing is that Shoemaker was not the sort of guy to put his feet up for very long.

Up until his death, the man with an eighth-grade education served as executive vice president of engineering and vice chairman of the board. In his later years, he spent much of his time working with the La-Z-Boy museum director on the company's history, and went into the office two or three times a week when in Michigan.

"His concept was that everybody put in a good day's work and should be rewarded with a relaxing chair to sit in," said his son, Robert Shoemaker. And when the time comes to go, there are worse ways than in a reclining rocker. Switlik said his own father died sitting in his La-Z-Boy during halftime of a football game.

"That beats the hell out of a cancer ward," he said.

Howard Stern gets 'SNL'-like show

NEW YORK (AP) — Is Howard Stern reason enough to stay home Saturday nights?

The ribald radio personality will star in a late night show on CBS that will challenge NBC's "Saturday Night Live," the *Daily News* reported Tuesday.

The show will begin this summer to get a jump on "SNL," which usually doesn't begin its

season until October.

Because of concerns about Stern's raunchy humor, CBS affiliates can reportedly opt out of broadcasting the show.

In 1990, Stern was host of a syndicated show that often beat "Saturday Night Live" in major markets, but its risqué content scared off stations in smaller markets. The show ended in 1992.

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Preparing for battle

Tech fraternity hosts third annual local band contest

BY SEBASTIAN KITCHEN
The University Daily

Every year, local bands prepare to battle one another to see who ranks superior. Hundreds of people watch on as the warriors choose their weapons.

As the guitars are strapped on, the microphones in place, the drums ready to take a beating and the amplifiers cranked — the battlefield is set.

Saturday, eight local bands will take the stage to compete against each other in the third annual Sigma Nu Battle of the Bands.

Sigma Nu took applications from the bands and decided who would compete in the battle.

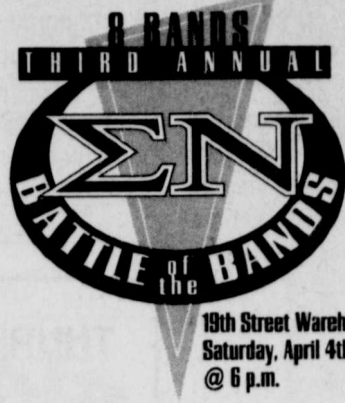
"We hand-picked the ones that sounded best," said Ryan Woodham, chairman of the event and a junior biology major from Beaumont.

Profits from the event will benefit the Lubbock Christian Athletic Association and the Lubbock State School.

"Last year we raised quite a bit of money for our charity and I think we'll raise more this year," Woodham said.

Tickets cost \$6 in advance at the University Center, \$6.50 at University Records, 2414 Broadway St., and both locations of Ralph's Records, 909 University and 3322 82nd St., and \$10 at the door of the 19th Street Warehouse, 1824 Ave. G.

A lot of people were there last year and even more people will be attending the Battle of the Bands this year, said Sigma Nu Jason Anderson, a sophomore mass communications major from Lubbock. Anderson estimated about 600



people attended the event last year.

Talking to the bands and to members of the Lubbock music community, Sigma Nu members estimate more than 800 people will attend.

Both years, increasing numbers of people have attended the event.

"Now that the name is out and people know what Sigma Nu Battle of the Bands is, it has become good for us," Woodham said. "We have done a little better every year."

The lineup of bands will include Cosmic Stomp, Fade 22, Iris, Black Obsidian, Storage 66, Mute, Subclavian Groove and Plaid Joe.

"We have everything from a jazz band to a heavy metal band and everything in between," Woodham said. "We have almost every kind of music except for country."

The doors open at 6 p.m., and the first band takes the stage at 7:15 p.m.

Once the doors open, the event will continue with drink specials, door prizes and hours of live music from local talents.

"I think a lot of people will be very interested in these bands," he said.

Judges will decide who the better band is, and the winner will be rewarded.

First place will receive \$500 cash, \$300 in-store credit from Moyet's Music and five hours of studio time at Studio 84. The second place winner will receive \$350 cash and third place \$200 cash.

With awards up for grabs, the battle is inevitable, and the bands are prepared to fight to claim the title.

Rocker doesn't want jurors told about swastika tattoo at trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tommy Lee doesn't want jurors to know about his swastika tattoo when he goes on trial for allegedly roughing up a Jewish paparazzi cameraman, according to court documents obtained Wednesday.

"The evidence has no bearing upon the disputed issues in this case," the rocker's attorney, E. Todd Trumper, wrote in a motion to exclude the tattoo evidence.

Superior Court Judge Frances Rothschild will consider the request during an April 9 hearing.

"The swastika was not a reflection of Mr. Lee's views. Instead it was simply a stupid tattoo obtained several years ago," the motion read, noting, "The tattoo was insignificant to Mr. Lee and he eventually removed it so it no longer exists."

The tattoo was visible on the Motley Crue drummer's arm when he

roughed up the cameraman outside a nightclub in 1996.

Lee pleaded no contest to criminal battery in the attack on Henry Trappler but faces a civil trial for allegedly throwing him to the ground.

Trappler suffered a displaced hip and other injuries. His lawyer, Gloria Allred, opposes the request to keep information about the tattoo from the jury.

"Mr. Lee's attorneys are trying to

exclude evidence relating to the swastika and we are opposing the exclusion. We think it's important to be seen by the jury because on the night of the incident Mr. Lee's arms were bared and the swastika was visible," she said Wednesday.

Trumper said reference to the tattoo would "needlessly inflame the passions of the jury against Mr. Lee, causing it to evaluate the case based upon bias rather than merits."



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WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

Weekly Tip: Things will move quickly with the moon in agile Gemini.

If you're having a birthday this week: You've got enough drive and determination to accomplish just about anything this year. Start by making more money.

Aries (March 21-April 19). Count your money and pay your bills. It's important that you get it done so you can go on a wild shopping spree.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Don't take no for an answer, especially in romance. One who initially resists could be a good long-term investment.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Don't schedule travel or a date. Rest instead. A partner's friends upset your plans. A long-distance call may have to replace a trip.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Friends are your best source of tutoring. They'll get you headed in the right direction. Schedule fewer stimulants and lots of quiet time.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Go along with an older person's agenda rather than arguing. You should have your next course of action pretty well plotted out.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Contact with a foreigner could lead to a great opportunity. You'll overcome the language barrier easily. You'll have way too many assignments. You'll be inundated, scurrying to keep up.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Pay bills so you won't have to worry. Don't forget an assignment that's due. You can get a loved one to help, but the responsibility is still yours.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Make time for a partner or there will be a bigger problem later. Hassle it out while it's still relatively small.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Watch for career opportunities. The workload's intense but could lead to a fabulous offer. The action is fast. Snooze and you'll definitely lose.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A secret rendezvous could lead to a dream coming true. Put in extra hours of work and you'll make extra money. That will be useful for a domestic project.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your workload is intense. Don't be late for work. The boss would definitely notice.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Learn from a partner and teach something you know, too. That will put you in good shape for the action that's scheduled.

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Peters excited about Tech future

BY JASON BERNSTEIN
The University Daily

For Texas Tech football quarterback Rob Peters, this spring has proven to be one of many changes as he competes for the starting job on next year's Red Raider squad.

"I think we're doing a real good job," Peters said of the Red Raiders' effort this spring. "The team is coming together while getting a good feel for each other. Overall, I think we're doing a good job."

Peters, a junior from Katy, spent most of the past two seasons in the shadow of former Red Raider quarterback Zebbie Lethridge.

Peters brings to the table a different type of offensive attack, as his many talents have led him to playing time as a fullback, wide receiver and special teams in his first two seasons at Tech.

"Rob has learned a lot from Zebbie," said Tech coach Spike Dykes. "Rob already possesses a lot of leadership abilities but gained from watching Zebbie too."

Peters played sparingly last season in the backup role, filling the duties well when asked to take over for an injured Lethridge.

But the team is now his, and he relishes the opportunity to lead the Red Raiders into battle.

"It's different for me because I'm the starter now and I have a chance to run with the first team," Peters said of his first spring practices as the projected starting quarterback. "I'm en-

joying it and I'm learning a lot. The experience I'm getting from being out here and running with the first team against the first defense is the best thing I can gain right now."

Peters and senior Matt Tittle are vying for the starting position on next year's squad.

"Competition builds success," Dykes said of the quarterback duel. "It's refreshing to see them both play so well in the spring. If the season started today, Rob would be our starter."

The team is getting better as practices continue, Peters said.

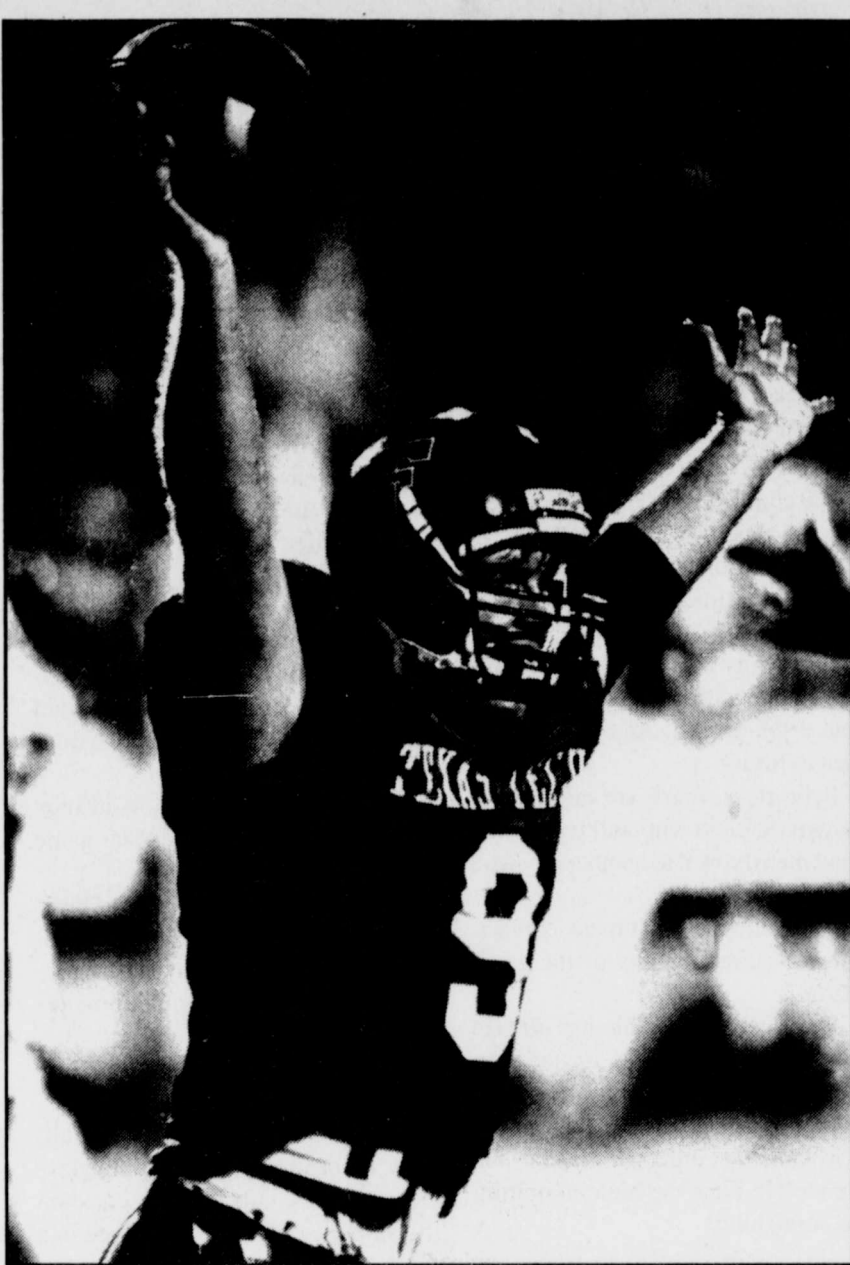
"Everybody out here has a great attitude, and everybody is working real hard," Peters said. "We know we need to get a lot better and there's really been a good attitude out here. If you come out and work hard every day, you're going to get better."

Saturday's Red-Black Game will prove to be important for both Peters and Tittle as they vie for the starting job.

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Regardless of the outcome of Saturday's game, Peters said he remains confident about the success of the Red Raider squad.

"Everyone's looking for a good effort, which we have gotten all spring long," Peters said of Saturday's game. "Everyone has put in great efforts, and it should be a lot of fun."



John Woelke/The University Daily
Success: Red Raider quarterback Rob Peters celebrates last season. Peters will be looked on to fill the shoes of Zebbie Lethridge in 1998.

Track teams travel to Austin

After a successful home meet last weekend in Lubbock, the Texas Tech men's and women's track teams will start competition today at the Texas Relays at Me-

morial Stadium in Austin. The Red Raiders will compete with other top-rated programs like Texas, LSU, UCLA, Florida and Arkansas.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Red Raider softball sweeps ACU in doubleheader

ABILENE (Special) — The Texas Tech fastpitch softball team continued to rack up wins as the Red Raiders swept a doubleheader Thursday with Abilene Christian in Abilene.

The Red Raiders (36-11 overall) took the first game from the Wildcats (21-12 overall), squeaking by, 7-6.

Led by winning pitcher Emily Hayes (11-4), Tech, which moved to No. 19 spot in USA Today/NFCA

Coaches Poll released Wednesday, was able to take a 6-3 lead after five innings.

But after adding one more run in the sixth, the Red Raiders had to fend off a comeback from the Wildcats (21-13 overall) in the bottom of the seventh.

ACU roughed up Tech relief pitcher Jenny Cannon in the bottom of the inning, scoring three runs, but

not enough to take the game into extra innings.

In game two, the Red Raiders had a little easier of a time, earning the 9-3 blowout victory.

Anchored by the pitching combination of Danielle Brady and Amanda Renfro, Tech allowed only five hits and three earned runs.

With the pitching doing well, the Red Raider bats added to the cause,

burning ACU pitcher Amanda Cobb for all nine runs.

Tech designated hitter Ellen Middleton was 2-for-4 in the game while left fielder Christina Munoz went 2-for-3 at the plate.

Tech will next play No. 10 Oklahoma State in a doubleheader Saturday. The Red Raiders will then turn around and play No. 4 Oklahoma in a doubleheader Sunday.

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Bulls' Jordan keeping mum on NBA future

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan has been advised to stop discussing his uncertain future. He spoke for 20 minutes Tuesday night and said nary a word about it. That allowed someone else to offer an explanation on the biggest unanswered question in the NBA.

"He's not sure what's he's going to do," teammate Steve Kerr said.

There you have it. After months of debate and posturing, Jordan's future remains completely up in the air.

"I'm sure that there was an agenda for Michael — trying to keep Phil (Jackson, the coach) around," Kerr said. "And obviously that doesn't look like it's going to work. He's frustrated. He probably has mixed emotions. He still might want to play without Phil, but he might not want to say that right now."

Jordan has pledged to retire after this season if management sticks to its plan to replace Jackson.

Nevertheless, Jordan has been bombarded with questions about his future every time the Bulls go

on the road. Even at home, too, after practices, after games, when he walks into the arena.

The siege prompted Jackson to suggest that Jordan stop talking to the media on off days. If the questions can be halted, Jackson reasons, maybe the issue will diminish.

But that didn't stop Kerr from taking a shot at an explanation. "It doesn't make any sense any way you look at it," he said. "There's so many dynamics involved, relationships, politics. It's just a big mess."

"But look at it. The problem is that's everybody is coming into free agency at the same time. So (management) is backed into a corner as well. A lot of people are backed into a corner on this, and that's unfortunate."

Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Kerr and Luc Longley are among 11 members of the Bulls who will be free agents after this season. The only players under contract are Toni Kukoc, Ron Harper, Randy Brown and rookie Keith Booth.

"If you want to bring everybody back. How much is it going to cost?" Kerr asked.

Other sports better than baseball



HEATH ROBINSON/
SPORTS REPORTER

All this talk about baseball starting back up makes me think about what I look for in a sport.

Baseball is relaxing. It soothes. You can tune in with some popcorn, and munch for three hours and talk about Bill Clinton. There's not a lot of action.

Some guy tries to hit a three-foot strike zone with a ball slightly larger than a tennis ball. And another guy tries to hit it.

If he does, there are eight other men on the field who will try to field it and then throw it to another guy who tries to catch it.

If the hitter doesn't make contact, then the surreal beauty of the game sets in.

The pitcher takes his hat off. He scratches, then he spits on the dirt. After that, he picks up a resin bag and tosses it around. He paces for a while.

Meanwhile, the hitter watches the pitcher. He likes the idea of spitting and scratching.

So he does it as well. When the pitcher grabs the resin, the hitter takes some pine tar and wipes it on his bat and helmet.

This can go on for a while. Sometimes as many as eight or nine times per at-bat. Sometimes eight or nine, at-bats per half-inning. If the teams are tied after the regulation nine innings, then they play until someone wins. It's excruciating. For every three-second pitch, there is at least a minute of fidgeting.

These games are long. And they do it 162 times a season. The game itself is beautiful.

The rules rarely change, and there is much more thinking involved between pitches than anyone gives baseball credit for. It is a thinking man's game.

But, for people like myself, I do not look for thinking in my sports.

I would rather watch football. Now, before a bunch of football players get on my tail, I do not discount the amount of thinking involved in a football game.

Quarterbacks must read coverage

and blitzes. Offensive linemen have different assignments on almost every play. Blitz packages can be confusing, and one mental error by a quarterback can ruin a game.

But for the most part, football is taking over baseball as America's favorite game because there are very few dull moments.

Stop and think a minute about how beautiful football is. You and I decide we are going to field separate teams and play each other.

I put my 11 biggest, strongest and fastest guys on the field against yours. When the quarterback says "hut", all these players fire off the line with two objectives in mind: hit hard, and run fast.

Two tons of brute force fire off against each other on every snap. Whoever pushes the hardest and outruns the other team wins. It's that simple. That's gorgeous.

Baseball is hard to pay attention to because each game seems so inconsequential on the large scale.

"Hey guys, let's go get excited about the second game of the year. We have to win today, because there are only 160 games left after today!"

Baseball enralls people because the players on the field look so normal.

A guy can be 5 feet 6 inches and be one of the game's best hitters. Cecil Fielder looks like he hasn't exercised since 1980, but yet he is one of the game's premier power hitters.

Football, at least on the professional level, looks like a fantasy. The players are 6 foot 6 inches, and they have no body fat. They can throw a ball 70 yards, and on the other end someone makes a finger-tip grab for a huge gain. Then, they get up and dance.

And let's face it. For most of us, professional sports is a fantasy. We can't do it, so we watch guys that can get paid millions of dollars a year to entertain us.

Baseball is rarely entertaining. There might be a few moments in each game that cause a stir. Otherwise, it's scratch, spit, fidget, pine tar.

Give me football. I want to see guys that are nothing like me doing things it's hard to imagine.

I want to see Troy Aikman hit Michael Irvin on a bang-bang slant pattern right before a defensive end dismantles Troy's upper body, because an offensive lineman failed to hit him hard enough.

That's much more entertaining than watching Bob Tewksbury scratch himself.

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