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Republicans vote for impeachment

Tech students have mixed reactions on committee's decision to impeach Clinton

By Lacey Palmieri
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Feelings are mixed on the Texas Tech campus about the House Judiciary Committee's decision for an open-ended impeachment inquiry of President Clinton.

Lawmakers were somber and partisan by turns, as the top Republican lawyer cited "substantial and credible evidence" of 15 possible grounds for impeachment.

The roll call for a formal inquiry under Watergate-style rules was 21-16, with all the panel's Republicans in favor and all Democrats opposed.

The full House is expected to agree to the inquiry later this week, thus making Clinton only the third president in American history to be subjected to the threat of formal impeachment proceedings.

"Speaking for my club, we applaud the efforts of Congressman (Henry) Hyde to continue this difficult process but required by the Constitution," said Cameron Graham, vice chairman for Tech's College Republicans. "The Democrats would rather this not happen. Hyde has done his utmost to be fair and bi-partisan. Personally, if he (Clinton) is not impeached right now then it would be a dis-

appointment."

Clinton will be impeached or resign by the end of the year, said Graham, a senior history major from Lubbock.

"I think Clinton wants to be known as the second president to resign and not the first to be impeached," Graham said.

Members of the University Democrats could not be reached for comment.

The House likely will vote the same way as the committee, said John Burnett, associate political science professor at Tech.

"I think the same prediction (will happen) since the Republicans control it," Burnett said. "The likelihood is there because of the same factor — the majority is Republican."

Other students do not believe Clinton has done anything to merit impeachment.

"I don't like the impeachment," said Diana Lopez, a junior accounting major from Fort Stockton. "They should just drop the whole thing. The stuff he has done is not impeachable grounds. He wanted to do a lot of good stuff and it is sad that this has happened."

Possible impeachment is not a big deal, said David Nix, a freshman business major from Odessa.

"It is pointless," Nix said. "Clinton is doing a good job. The country is in the best shape it has been in since any other Democrat has been in office."

Democrats tried twice to curtail the scope and duration of the inquiry and argued that even if proven, some of the allegations against Clinton do not rise to the level of an impeachable offense. Both times they were

turned away on party-line votes, including on one proposal to limit the inquiry to Clinton's relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky and force the case to be wrapped up by Nov. 25.

Under the rules adopted at the Republicans' insistence, Congress would be empowered to investigate not only Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's evidence relating to Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky, but other matters as well. The committee would have power to subpoena witnesses and conduct hearings.

"This is not about Watergate," retorted Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, the panel's senior Democrat. "It's an extramarital affair." Laura Hipp and The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Web, phone registration postponed

By Gretchen Verry
Staff Writer

Changes to the registration system may eventually lead Texas Tech to the forefront of registration technology, but students will have to continue to wait for the updated system.

The date of implementation of web and telephone registration at Tech is unknown, but demonstrations of the system have occurred.

The system was supposed to be tested this fall, but Don Wickard, registrar and acting director of new student services, said that did not look probable.

"We're taking this thing one step at a time right now," Wickard said.

Thanks to the system, students may soon not have to stand in lines to update their personal information.

"As of right now, I think that students will be able to change their addresses and phone numbers through the new system, but we are not in the position right now to say for sure," Wickard said.

Officials in the dean of students office have seen a problem with students keeping current with personal information under the current system.

"I'm seeing a problem with students not updating their student information, especially their local addresses and phone numbers," said Dean of Students Michael Shonrock. "Many times when I'm trying to contact a student or parent, that information is not updated."

Shonrock said in light of an emergency situation that occurred last week, students should see the importance of the office having correct information for many reasons.

"I'm usually the one that has to make a phone call to the parents when something happens to a student, and many students have either the wrong number, or just their local number listed in their information," Shonrock said.

Officials at the bursar's office have also seen a problem with students not listing or having a wrong permanent address.

Problems arise when the bill for school is sent to a local address, and the student's parents never receive the bill. Students are then irate when they are dropped from their classes because their parents never received the bill, Shonrock said.

Students may, however, experience problems in changing their information right now.

The registrar's office is currently updating their records system, and new information must be written down and submitted by the student.

"Everything is basically business as normal, we are just converting the system right now," said.

On the Catwalk

Queen to be chosen in elections

By Laura Hensley
Staff Writer

Only one is chosen to wear the crown, but 20 Texas Tech women now are in the running to become the 1998 Homecoming Queen.

Today, Tech students will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite nominees and help narrow down the field of candidates.

"The Homecoming Queen is a girl that represents someone that is well-rounded and someone that can represent beauty, style, talent as well as academic excellence," said Betsy Lee, Homecoming queen style show coordinator and a junior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Richardson. "It's not a beauty contest, it's just a well-rounded individual that can represent Tech."

Each candidate is sponsored by a registered student organization and must be enrolled for at least 12 semester hours, have at least a 2.5 overall GPA and must have a minimum of 60 completed hours.

"It's just an honor to be nominated for Homecoming Queen," said Stefani Williams, a senior public relations major from Carrollton. "I'm honored to have made it this far and will only be more excited to become a finalist."

The popular vote, which is being conducted today, consists of 60 percent of the total vote. Ten top finalists then will be interviewed, which consists of 40 percent total. The interviewing process will be conducted Thursday by a panel of nine judges.

The five Homecoming Court representatives then will be announced Friday at the Pep Rally and Bonfire.



Future Royalty: Homecoming Queen candidates participate in the Homecoming Queen Style Show Monday in the University Center. Queen elections are today around campus.

The court will ride in the parade Saturday and then be honored during halftime of the football game where the queen will be announced.

One of the queen's duties this year is to make a donation to the charity of her choice using donations given at various Homecoming events.

Williams said the queen has the opportunity to do a lot for the university publicity-wise and is in the position to become a public figure and to reach out to the community.

"There is such a persona with the title of

Homecoming Queen," Williams said. "It could be used as a positive role model for young girls and promote Tech."

Students can cast their votes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today in the business administration building, Holden Hall, Student Recreation Center and Health Sciences Center. Also, students can vote from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the University Center.

"I think we are all excited to be here and represent Tech," Williams said. "We all have the attitude of whatever happens and we will be happy."

Six dead, more missing in flooding

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Fierce storms deluged the Kansas City area with rain, sweeping away cars, collapsing a bridge and leaving six people dead and three missing while tornadoes in Oklahoma injured at least 13 people.

Orlando Hudson, 27, was driving home with medicine for his week-old son when he became trapped on a bridge over a fast-rising Brush Creek. He used a mobile phone to call his wife.

"He said, 'I'm going to have to jump or I don't know what I'll do,'" Hudson's sister, Mary Bronson, quoted him as telling his wife.

His body was found later, caught in trees 100 yards downstream.

Hudson was among six people confirmed dead Monday in metropolitan Kansas City in the wake of thunderstorms that dumped up to 6 inches of rain.

The storm came rumbling out of eastern Kansas late Sunday afternoon, causing a nearly hour-long suspension during the nationally televised Kansas City Chiefs football game.

Water rose quickly on low-lying streets, trapping many motorists in their vehicles.

Police and fire departments were overwhelmed with calls for help.

Two motorists were killed in suburban Johnson County, one an 83-year-old man who was swept away when he left his stalled car.

A woman's body was found on a tennis court near a creek in Kansas City, and a 9-year-old boy disappeared in a stream behind his home east of the city.

Dozens of people had watched helplessly as Hudson and four others became trapped on the bridge and climbed on top of a sport utility vehicle for refuge.

Firefighters tried to reach them in a boat but did not make it in time. Of the five, the bodies of Hudson and a woman have been found.

Report states nationwide drop in minority LSAT scores

Study shows students who have achieved same success at same college should score higher

By Apu Naik
Staff Writer

Minority students who graduated with the same GPAs from five different elite colleges scored consistently lower on their law school entrance exams, according to a report conducted by the state of California's Testing for the Public department.

Sept. 24, the Committee on Higher Education of the Texas House of Representatives received the first public presentation of data indicating significant LSAT score differences among equally accomplished stu-

dents from the same college but different races.

Because of the fear LSAT candidates would learn of the data the day before they took the test, results of the study were not revealed to the public until Sept. 29.

Students from five elite colleges—Harvard, Yale, Stanford, UC Berkeley, and UCLA—earn different scores consistently on the LSAT if they are from different racial groups, even when they are matched with students with the same grades from the same college, said David M. White, director of testing for the public.

"The purpose of this study was to re-assure top minority students that their disappointing LSAT scores are not an isolated incident, but instead, represent part of a national pattern that has been documented for over 20 years," White said.

White based his conclusion on a grade matching/LSAT gap methodology developed in 1981 by Joseph Gannon of Boston College. The study, entitled "College Grades and LSAT Scores: An Opportunity to Examine the 'Real Differences' in Minority-Non Minority Performance," documented large score differences using an earlier version of the LSAT.

This inspired White to conduct a similar study, which involved all applicants from five elite colleges who

happened to apply to Boalt Hall School of Law at UC Berkeley during the years between 1996 and 1998.

The five elite schools provided the five largest applicant pools and included a total of 1,366 students from minority groups.

Each minority student was matched with all white students from the same college who also had four year undergraduate GPAs that were nearly identical with the minority student's (with a .10 margin of error). "Students who have achieved the same success at the same college should theoretically earn approximately the same scores on the LSAT," White said. "Unfortunately, the re-

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How UC Berkeley minority students with identical GPAs (± 0.10) compared to white students on LSAT

Applicant Group	No. of students who applied	White students who matched GPA (± 0.10)	Average LSAT gap (minority minus white)
African American	187	6,072	-9.30 pts
Chicano/Latino	340	13,238	-6.87 pts
Native American	31	1,291	-3.77 pts
Asian American	808	43,770	-2.48 pts

Brazil next focus in economic crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials worked behind the scenes Monday on a multibillion-dollar bailout package for Brazil as President Clinton told top finance officials from 22 nations that more must be done to combat a widening economic crisis.

"Every country has a role to play," Clinton said, specifically mentioning the need for Japan to move quickly to jump-start its own economy.

"We must ensure that the international financial architecture is prepared for the challenges," the president told finance ministers and central bank presidents from the world's richest countries and a representative group of developing nations.

Clinton opened the discussions, which were to focus on three reports prepared by the 22 nations on recommended changes to the global architecture. The recommendations con-

cerned the need to improve banking regulation and provide quicker, more accurate financial data reports to guard against unwanted surprises that might trigger foreign investors to begin pulling their money out.

The special conference of finance ministers and central bank presidents, which Clinton called for last month in a New York speech, was one of several ways the administration is seeking to demonstrate leadership and instill confidence in shaky markets.

But the effort so far has failed. The Dow Jones industrial average fell by as much as 233 points on Monday before staging a late rally to end the

day down only 58 points. That is still more than 1,600 points below its record set in July, before concerns about Asia's impact on U.S. corporations' profits began to intensify.

Wall Street's bad performance followed an even worse day overseas as Asian markets plunged.

The financial crisis, which has already prompted the IMF to assemble more than \$100 billion in bailouts for Thailand, Indonesia, South Korea and Russia, created a distinctly somber mood at this year's annual meetings of the IMF, under way in Washington.

In other countries, investors were

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disappointed that weekend meetings at the International Monetary Fund and among the Group of Seven wealthy nations failed to produce any major new initiatives to deal with the economic problems that began in Asia last year, leveled the Russian economy and are now threatening Latin American countries.

Treasury Department officials worked with the IMF and others to come up with \$30 billion or more as an emergency line of credit to support Brazil, the latest country to come under siege by panicked foreign investors.

The financial crisis, which has already prompted the IMF to assemble

‘Solemnization’ similar to prayer sought in school

KATY (AP) — Students at three suburban Houston high schools are pressing trustees for a student referendum that could allow “solemnization” of school events, raising concerns over a looming school-prayer controversy.

According to a group of high school students promoting the concept in the Katy Independent School District, solemnization is a way for them to dignify school events without violating anyone's religious or irreligious beliefs.

According to a story in Monday's *Houston Chronicle*, the students contend it isn't necessarily school prayer, although it could be. They say it depends on what students decide. However, district officials are concerned about a church-state conflict and about possible public school prayer, even religious recruitment, via the back door.

The district's attorney, Christopher Gilbert, says the district believes students already have plenty of room to solemnize whatever they want, when and where they want.

School prayer by any other name is still school prayer, he said. But a Houston lawyer retained by the students asks, what's the harm in letting the students decide?

Kelly Coghlan, hired for a penny by the students, says he has asked trustees to put the referendum request on a future agenda for discussion.

“What we want is for the school board to agree to stand aside and permit the students

to hold a referendum on the question of whether and how to solemnify events and activities at school,” he says.

The students last month presented three petitions representing about 500 students at the district's three high schools, who would like to vote on the matter. Coghlan argues that the school district would not be endorsing prayer or religious expression by authorizing the proposal.

The referendum would let students decide “how, when, if and by whom” to solemnify certain school events, he says.

Says Austen Hooks, a 16-year-old Katy High School junior, “We would have to make room for everyone. I am a Christian, but I feel like if we (Christians) get our time, then anyone else should get their time, too.”

What if someone's idea of solemnization before the curtain rises at the senior play is to pray to the great god of tattoos?

“I guess we might have to allow that,” he reckons.

But Katy High senior Lance Redmon, 17, doubts the likelihood of such a far-fetched invocation.

“I think our students would be pretty mature about this,” he told the *Chronicle*.

The school board isn't the only group concerned by the idea. The Anti-Defamation League of Houston already has notified the district that it believes the proposed referendum “excessively entangles government with religion.”

Student loans promote financial burden

By Amy Bishop
Staff Writer

Many students are facing the issue of paying off debt due to their student loans.

According to a national student survey conducted by Nellie Mae, one of the nation's largest providers of student loans, reported that 47 percent of public four-year college undergraduate borrowers reported a significant burden due to student loans.

There are less grants being given to students, so student loans are the route many students choose, said Diane Saunders, the vice president of public affairs for Nellie Mae.

“One obvious reason for more students choosing loans to pay for their tuition is the rising costs of tuition in colleges,” Saunders said.

“There is less free money, so more students are relying on loans.”

Many students are more independent and have to pay for things themselves, said Jennifer Knight, member of the Castle Group, who works with Nellie Mae.

Many students are working, but many also replace working with borrowing money, Saunders said.

According to the Nellie Mae National Student Loan Debt Survey, the average debt for a public four-year school borrower is \$10,900, which

many felt is causing them to delay in future plans.

“Many of the students feel that this debt is forcing them to have to put plans for marriage, purchasing a home or having children on hold until they know that they can afford these future life decisions,” Saunders said.

Nellie Mae currently is helping to address the issue of student loan debt.

“We are helping to encourage students to discuss long-term goals before going off to school,” Saunders said.

“We want them to figure out costs before going off to school, so they can determine how much they are going to have to borrow.”

Saunders said this also will allow them to see in the long-run how much they are going to have to pay back.

Another problem that causes this debt for these students is that their parent's income is not rising as quickly as the tuition is, Saunders said.

“We are also trying to work with the parents of the students and offer tips to them on how to be able to help out in their children's education, Saunders said.

Nellie Mae's newly designed website, www.nelliemae.com, offers immediate online information and interactive tools to help borrowers better understand borrowing and managing their debt, Knight said.

Court action may spur more drug testing of public schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — Public schools nationwide may be encouraged to require more students to take drug tests after the Supreme Court allowed an Indiana district to continue such tests.

Rejecting an appeal by teen-agers and their parents on Monday, the court let a rural school district conduct random drug tests for all students in extracurricular activities — from sports teams to the library club — even if they are not individually suspected of using drugs.

The justices, acting without comment, left intact a federal appeals court ruling that said such testing does not violate students' privacy rights.

Starting its 1998-99 term with a flurry of paperwork, the court issued orders in more than 1,600 cases. It

granted full review to just six.

Outside the stately courthouse, more than 1,000 members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People noisily demonstrated Monday to protest the court's lack of minority law clerks. NAACP President Kweisi Mfume and 18 other people were arrested for trying to demonstrate on court property rather than on the public sidewalk.

The court's action in the drug-testing case is not a decision and therefore sets no national precedent. But it left in place a ruling that remains binding law in three states — Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. And it may entice educators in other states to expand drug testing.

But Julie Hunter Wood, the National School Boards Association's general counsel, discounted such a

development. “I would not expect a wave of new drug-testing programs in the public schools,” she said.

“Most schools approach this issue as one of prevention, not detection, and I expect they will continue such diligent efforts.”

In 1995, the justices voted 6-3 to uphold random drug tests for student athletes, citing both their “role model” status among peers and the importance of “detering drug use by our nation's schoolchildren.”

Monday's action does not preclude the possibility that the highest court will someday spell out more

definitively the bounds of permissible drug testing.

Rush County High School in rural Indiana adopted its drug-testing program in 1996 even though there was little evidence of drug use among its students. The program bars students from all extracurricular activities — sports teams, library club, Future Homemakers of America and the like — unless they and their parents or guardians consent to random urinalysis tests.

The testing is conducted by a ser-

vice in a vehicle parked on school grounds.

If a student tests positive, his or her family can explain the result by, for example, showing that the student is taking certain prescription medicine. Absent such proof, the student is suspended from all extracurricular activities until passing a new test.

The program was challenged by Matthew Todd's parents when he was a freshman working as a volunteer who videotaped the football team. Matthew's parents refused to consent to the drug testing and Matthew, now a junior, was barred from his volunteer work. Steve and Gina Hammons also refused to let their three children be tested. Two had been members of the library club and Future Farmers of America. Only a daughter, Jenni-

fer, now a senior, remains at the high school.

The Todds and Hammons sued, but a federal trial judge upheld the drug testing.

A three-judge panel of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed, stating that “successful extracurricular activities require healthy students.” The appeals court panel ruled that the program was “sufficiently similar” to an Oregon school district's drug-testing of student athletes that the Supreme Court had condoned in 1995.

The parents asked the full 7th Circuit court to consider the case, but were denied. The dissenting judges said the panel's decision “takes us a long way toward condoning drug testing in the general school population.”

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U.S. envoy warns Yugoslav president

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — With NATO attacks said to be only days away, a top U.S. envoy arrived Monday with an 11th-hour warning to Yugoslavia's president to halt his crackdown on ethnic Albanians in Kosovo or face airstrikes.

Richard Holbrooke began talks with Slobodan Milosevic on Monday evening after arriving from Brussels, Belgium, where he conferred with senior NATO officials.

Before boarding a plane for Belgrade, Holbrooke said conditions in the southern Serbian province had not improved since the alliance started two weeks ago to finalize plans for air raids to force Milosevic to halt his offensive against Kosovo Albanian separatists.

Holbrooke said he planned to drive home to Milosevic "the extreme gravity of the situation." Holbrooke negotiated the peace deal with Milosevic and other Balkan leaders that ended the 3 1/2-year Bosnian war in 1995.

In Washington, President Clinton expressed concern that Milosevic was "playing the classic game of making false promises" to avoid NATO military strikes.

Clinton, in a telephone call with Russian President Boris Yeltsin, said Milosevic's compliance with U.N. demands "must be verifiable, tangible and irreversible," press secretary Joe Lockhart said at the White House.

"What happens next depends on President Milosevic," Lockhart quoted the president telling the Russian leader, who has opposed the use of force against Moscow's longtime ally.

As Holbrooke tried to resolve the crisis through negotiations, British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said a

decision on NATO military action was imminent.

"We are getting ready for NATO action and later this week we will expect a decision to be taken," Cook told reporters after a special session of the Cabinet called by Prime Minister Tony Blair.

In Brussels, NATO officials said that they were ready to launch airstrikes within hours of receiving an order to attack.

If that first airstrike failed to deter Serb forces, a senior NATO official said on condition of anonymity, the alliance could unleash a "fully fledged air campaign" involving hundreds of planes.

At the United Nations, Secretary-

General Kofi Annan said Yugoslav forces had increased their attacks on Kosovo's ethnic Albanians even after a U.N. resolution demanded a cease-fire.

In a widely anticipated report to the Security Council, Annan listed apparent violations of a Sept. 23 U.N. resolution, decrying the "appalling atrocities in Kosovo," and said it was "clear beyond any reasonable doubt" that Yugoslav forces were responsible for the bulk of them.

The U.N. chief also said rebel forces of the Kosovo Liberation Army also were responsible for human rights violations, a charge the KLA quickly denied.

NATO countries had been awaiting the U.N. chief's report to determine whether to use military force to stop the offensive on ethnic Albanians, who are seeking autonomy like they had until 1989, if not independence, from Yugoslavia. Albanians in the province outnumber Serbs 9-to-1.

Construction coming to end for Carpenter/Wells

Construction continues on Carpenter/Wells but is closing to an end, Paulo Peres, facilities planning manager said.

The construction of the fourth complex, which are buildings L, M and N, will be finished Oct. 9.

At that time, housing and dining will begin furnishing the apartments which will take approximately four to five days, Peres said.

The last building, J, is expected to be completed on Oct. 30.

In recent promises, it was said students on the north side of the complex will be able to reach the south entrance through a covered walkway which was scheduled to be completed by early October, Peres said.

However, due to safety con-

cerns, Lee Lewis contractors have decided to push the completion date back to Oct. 21.

In the mean time, Peres said there is a temporary walkway connecting north and south ends.

The last delay in which the construction has undergone is the construction of the main activities building, the Commons. Peres said the building is expected to be done Dec. 13.

During the construction of the Commons building, there were problems with the roof terraces, Peres said.

The last piece of the plan for Carpenter/Wells is the clock tower.

Peres said the tower is expected to be finished in early March.

Minorities hurt by LSAT scores

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sults of this study demonstrate this is far from true."

But Frank Newton, dean of the Texas Tech Law School, cautioned readers as to the validity of such a study.

When looking at the study conducted by White, one should take into consideration this is an isolated study within one school which cannot necessarily reflect LSAT scores among a national analysis, Newton said.

"It is not a statistically accurate basis to make an educated judgement as to whether or not the LSAT is racially biased for a

number of different reasons," Newton said.

"First of all, the number of minority students is never comparable to that of white students because there is not an equal representation."

While there may be 187 African-American students who scored nine points lower on the test than white students, it must be noted that you are comparing that figure to over 6,000 white students and is consequently impossible to make an accurate assessment of, Newton said.

"It is definitely true that these students scored lower on the test, but the factors involved in such a

drop could be the result of a number of different reasons," Newton said.

"For instance, it is currently being discussed whether or not students score lower when placed in high pressure situations, or in other words, whether the surroundings they're placed under have a direct effect on their scores."

Results of the Sept. 24 LSAT testing will be released six weeks from the exam date.

At this time, the Texas House of Representatives will take into consideration whether this study has the same biased effect on Texas' LSAT scores.

Wind shear causes balloon to crash

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — An oversize hot air balloon struggling with high winds plunged to the ground after striking power lines Monday, killing one passenger and injuring 12 other people.

The red-and-yellow balloon split apart when it hit the lines at Kirtland Air Force Base, cutting off power to the base for two hours. The gondola broke free and fell about 18 feet to the ground, Col. Jim Stevens said.

The balloon had been flying for about an hour when pilot Thomas Thompson decided to land in a field because winds had gotten too high. Winds pushed the balloon down too fast and into the power lines, said Mark Flett, a member of the balloon's chase crew.

One woman was killed in the

crash. Three passengers were in serious condition at University Hospital, the area's trauma center, and nine others were in listed in satisfactory to fair condition.

Thompson, 51, was among those injured with a broken ankle and a cut chin.

Most hot air balloons carry only a handful of people, but the Wayfinder balloon's gondola could hold 20, Flett said.

The balloon was not among the more than 800 balloons taking part in the 27th annual international balloon fiesta that began Saturday.

On Sunday, a California woman broke a leg and another woman suffered rib injuries when the hot air balloon in which they were riding made a rough landing after being hit

by wind on the nearby Sandia Pueblo. High winds forced balloon fiesta organizers to put scheduled events on hold Monday morning, but some pilots were flying at their own discretion during that time.

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Dogs big responsibility for busy students



Kevin Preas
Columnist

I went to the grocery store yesterday. I bought all the essentials, you know, bread, sandwich meat, Hot Pockets and plenty of Kool-Aid. I also bought a 55-pound bag of dog food. As I stood at the check-out line I began to look around at the other people around me. I began to notice everyone around me had something in common. Besides the fact they were all college students, they also all had the similar 55-pound bag of dog food. On my way home, I pulled up at a stop

light and what did I see? A pick-up truck with a Texas Tech sticker on the back of it and a dog riding in the bed. As I continued on to the house, I drove past a park. Guess what? More dogs. Everywhere you turn in this city there is a college student with his or her dog. I am bringing up this subject because it just seems to me a dog is a big responsibility for a college student. A responsibility, for some reason, many of us choose to take on for some strange, unexplained reason. Why do we get dogs? For some people it may be just for the companionship,

and for others, it is for protection. For my roommates and I, all of our dogs are relationship dogs. If you have one of these dogs, you know what I am talking about. You have a girlfriend for about six months and then the next step in the relationship is a dog. Then you get stuck with buying the dog, taking care of it, going to the vet and feeding it. Dogs can be a huge financial strain. Sometimes my dog eats better than I do. The funny thing is the dog always has all of her shots and needed medication, but I do not. I spend more money at PetsMart

for her than I do at the grocery store for me. The best part of having a dog is bedtime. If your dog is anything like mine, she is spoiled. My dog likes to be on the bed with me, so every night we have to negotiate who gets to lay where. For about 10 minutes, she tries to stretch out and take as much room as possible. In return, I have to stake my claim on the bed. Finally, I get to fall asleep. Then comes the morning, when I have to get up and let her out. I do not mind so much having to get up, I have to do it anyway, but it's when

she wants out early that kills me. I am not trying to discourage anyone out there not to get a dog. They are great companionship. It is nice to have a dog around. I guess it does make you feel more domestic. I do not know how it would be not to have mine around. I guess the real point of this column is make sure you know what you are getting into before you run out and get a pet. They are a pain in the butt at times, but they are also great to have.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DJs need tips on talk show

To the editor: This letter is in response to the mediating attempted by two of the DJs on KTX's "Vox Pop Expose" Sunday night discussion (Sept. 27). I am going to use the term "mediator" in the loosest of senses to describe Alex and Aiketa, the DJs in question. The topic was ShaRhonda Knott's column on the intrinsic advantages of being white and Julie Mitchell's rebuttal column. This is a topic that would have been relevant, exciting and possibly enlightening were it not for the manner in which it was handled by the two previously mentioned mediators.

Alex and Aiketa were completely unprofessional in dealing with callers and the panelists. One of the cardinal rules of successfully mediating a discussion is to not get personally involved.

Alex broke this rule as soon as possible. When an ignorant goon called in to try and get a few bigoted comments past the censor, Alex began screaming he hoped the man "burned in hell" and would not shut up for several minutes thereafter. It's poetic to think that Alex's outburst was exactly what the guy was trying to elicit. Another tip for proper mediating Alex was obviously ignorant of, was to never forget the names of your guests, certainly not two or three times in a row. S-E-L-A-N-D-R-A. I imagine Selandra Simpson's name is even less familiar to him now than it was Sunday night.

As for Aiketa, she would be wise to remember the number 10. According to previous studies, that is the number of seconds people will listen to a

speaker after their voice shrieks above a certain level. Given this fact, I do not think anyone paid attention to her for more than 20 seconds the whole night. What Alex and Aiketa failed to realize is that a show such as KTX's "Vox Pop" is not about what the mediators think, it's about what the guests think. I think about them freely and maturely expressing their opinions without the fear of the mediators repeatedly putting words into their mouths or drowning out any voices of dissonance. All callers should be given an equal amount of time, should not be clipped short if they do not agree with the mediator's opinions and should not be subjected to temperamental outbursts by the mediators.

I desperately hope no one from out of town heard this show. Alex and Aiketa will make wonderful DJs but never respectable ones. The only saving grace was the calm, measured voice of logic from the rarely heard third mediator, Apu. The show itself is a great idea, just get some mature mediators to run it.

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No excuse for Clinton scandal

To the editor: ShaRhonda Knott seems earnestly to believe her point. At least she seems to believe what I am guessing to be her point. Her closing with "Just some things to think about" didn't quite sum up her position as clearly as I would like. Plenty of people share the same view. In various flavors ranging from,

"Everybody's does it" to "It's nobody's business" to "Yeah, but it's not impeachable" to "But he has a great job approval, rating with the public," a number of Americans and others have opined (Yes, Ms. Knott, your column, contrary to your statement, is full of opinion) Clinton should not be impeached and we should all just forget it. Ms. Knott supports her case with, among other things, RUMORS of misconduct by the deceased (not all of whom ever held elected office). She asks, "If John F. Kennedy had to deal with Kenneth Starr, would the youth of that time have felt they had enough support to protest Vietnam?"

I have news for her, JFK got us into Vietnam. The protests did not really begin until well after his death, when things had been escalated by Johnson.

Knott states she does not think perjury is an issue here. If I am found to have committed perjury, I will be sent to prison. Contrary to popular belief, people can and do get convicted of perjury in civil cases, even with regard to testimony about sexual matters. I would like to know why anyone should be above the law, especially someone elected and sworn to be our primary executive of the law.

Ms. Knott ends her ruminations with a rhetorical question, the gist of which seems to be the following message: we are better off with liars and cheats enforcing our laws and representing us abroad because they have more experience. She is welcome to such representation, but that notion offends me deeply. When I see people behaving as Mr. Clinton has in MY COUNTRY'S White House, I want to force him to watch "Saving Private Ryan"

and ask him whether he feels he is "earn(ing) this."

Returning to the four specious claims many make against the idea of impeaching Clinton, I will first tackle "Everybody does it." Not only have we had many presidents who remained faithful to their wives until death, fidelity is not the issue. The issue is impeachable offenses. If any past president committed them and went unpunished, that is wrong.

Second is the notion it is none of our business. If what my elected officials do during business hours on government office property is not my business, I must misunderstand "...of the people, by the people, and for the people." Moreover, if a crime has been committed, any notion that this is no one's business is dead wrong. In case anyone forgot, perjury is a crime. While Clinton denies lying under oath, his testimony in Jones vs. Clinton and to the grand jury flatly contradicts other evidence and testimony, not to mention common sense.

And let's put to rest the idea that what Clinton has been accused of doing, if proven true, is not grounds for impeachment. One of the articles of impeachment drafted against Richard Nixon was for, brace yourself, lying to the American people. The Constitution provides the chief executive may be impeached for "high crimes and misdemeanors." If perjury, a felony that would disqualify Clinton even from running from president, is not a high crime, who in his right mind could argue it does not rise at least to the level of misdemeanor?

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Homecoming honors 75 years of university

What happened in history on Feb. 10? France ceded Canada to England in 1763. Queen Victoria married Prince Albert in 1840. The first singing telegram was sung in 1933. The Gestapo was given free reign in Germany in 1936.



Blythe Clayton
Guest
Columnist

But somewhere after Queen Victoria said "I do," and before someone heard the first singing telegram, Gov. Pat Neff, a Baylor graduate and former Baylor President, signed legislation that created Texas Technological College.

Little did he know, he created a university whose football team would be the demise of his beloved Bears. Seventy-five years ago, an institution was born that created a commonality between the 196,192 people who have attended Texas Tech.

This year, we celebrate the 75 years Texas Tech has spent educating students, playing football games, crowning Homecoming queens and having fun.

Think of all the first dates, the renowned faculty and successful students Tech has seen. No matter what you agree with or what you adamantly oppose at Texas Tech, you are part of an organization with history and meaning. This week is purely a celebration of our past with

The Student Government Association hopes everyone enjoys this year's Homecoming celebration.

alumni, administration, faculty, friends and current students.

Highlights of the week are today's Homecoming queen elections. Polls are located throughout campus. Carrot Top will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium. Get your tickets this week in the University Center ticket office. On Friday, wear your red and black and join the Saddle Tramps for the Snake Dance through campus at 5:15 p.m. at the Southwest Conference Circle at the south end of Jones Stadium. Also, Friday a ground-breaking ceremony for the new bonfire will be at 6 p.m. This will be an incredible event followed by a pep rally and concert. On Saturday, the Homecoming Parade will start at 9:30 p.m. on Broadway.

Finally, the Red Raiders will take on the Oklahoma State Cowboys at 6 p.m. at Jones Stadium. The Student Government Association hopes everyone enjoys this year's Homecoming celebration.

For additional information about this week's events, call 742-3621.

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Spanish requirement tough to live up to

No habla Español. I have spent almost \$1,000, and I have invested more time than it took Albert Einstein to invent the theory of relativity to fulfill my foreign language degree requirements at Texas Tech.

Still, most of the Spanish I know came from the chihuahua on TV that loves Taco Bell.

And I am afraid if I ever found myself face to face with a mugger in Tijuana, me screaming "I don't speak Spanish" might be funny enough for the mugger to give me a toothless grin just before he rips the peso-filled purse out of my hands.

Tech did not want me to be one of the mugger's victims.

They require I have sophomore level proficiency in a classic or modern language.

And 18 months ago, when I began my tour of duty in the foreign language building, I appreciated Tech's interest in helping me to learn a second language.

But now, following the completion of my last foreign language class required to receive a bachelor of arts degree from Tech, it is becoming clear all the time and money I devoted to learning a foreign language is worth nada.

I do not know enough conversational Spanish to ask the mugger where the bathroom is, let alone begging him not to steal my purse.

So, why do I need 14 hours of college Spanish

when it will not even help me find out where the bathroom is in a Mexican town? Because the modern and classical language department at Tech would dry up and blow away without life-blood tuition money from students not majoring or minoring in a foreign language.

The only way for them to survive is to require eight to 16 hours of foreign language credits on the general degree requirements for all arts and sciences majors.

Not even one-third of students enrolled in foreign language classes last spring were majoring in a foreign language.

This means that 66 percent of students who take foreign language classes at Tech could go to a non-English-speaking country and barely communicate "don't kill me, mugger."

I understand taking foreign language classes is worthwhile even for non-foreign language majors or minors, but the current requirement is excessive.

I was required to take twice as many foreign language classes as American history or government classes.

That means I have a better concept of all the Spanish conjugations of the verb "to lie" than I do about Richard Nixon and his Watergate lies.

But it's too late for me. I have already endured more Spanish knowledge than this gringo ever wanted to know — thanks to Tech.

But I will have to learn about Nixon and all those guys who preceded him on my own. Buenos dias!

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Fergie makes debut as chat show host

LONDON (AP) — She's had problems, and so, too, have her guests. The Duchess of York shared it all in her debut as a chat show host on British television Monday.

Until now, the former Sarah Ferguson, ex-wife of Prince Andrew, had confined her paid TV appearances to the United States for fear of causing more upset in the royal family.

But "Sarah ... Surviving Life," 10 one-hour shows commissioned by Sky TV, was launched with a rash of promotional newspaper interviews in which she discussed her current boyfriend — a still-married Italian count — her financial affairs, and her

refusal to move out of a wing of Andrew's house where she lives with their two daughters.

On the show, Fergie, as she is popularly known, sat on a couch in a black trouser suit and discussed life's crises with guests who included a woman raped by serial killer Fred West and a hit-and-run driver who had confessed 20 years later.

"You might wonder why I qualify

to present a show about surviving life," the 38-year-old duchess told viewers at the start of the show.

"After all, I have led a very charmed life — there have been some huge ups but there have been some huge downs."

In newspaper interviews published Monday, Fergie said she is giving her \$85,000 fee for the series

to charity. Sky said she would, however, get the money for the foreign rights.

The company gave no estimate of the sum.

And in an apparent mark of royal reconciliation, Prince Charles invited Fergie to attend a dinner party Monday night at his country estate, Highgrove.

Aides said Andrew would go, too. The duchess dedicated Monday's TV show to her mother, Susan Barrantes, 61.

Barrantes was killed Sept. 19 in a car accident in Argentina.

"Mum taught me so much about how to survive life," she said in an

introduction to the program.

In interviews, the duchess said she had cleared her debts — reportedly \$6.8 million after her 1996 divorce from Andrew — but needs to keep earning for taxes, and to ensure an income after her contract with Weight-Watchers in the United States runs out.

Queen Elizabeth II recently bought a \$2.55 million house in the names of the children, Princess Beatrice, 10, and Princess Eugenie, 8.

But Fergie refuses to move there with the children.

She said she can't afford it, and she is looking for a better divorce settlement from the queen.

Poetry reading open to public

J&B Coffee, 2701 26th St., will present Wobbling Twilight Revue at 7:30 p.m. today. The poetry reading takes place the first Tuesday of every month.

The featured readers today will include Brooke Phillips and David Blackwell.

The general public is invited to come and listen and share poetry with others in attendance.

Many of the people who attend and read are current or former Texas Tech students, including Phillips and Blackwell.

Cereal is children's No.1 source of vitamins, minerals in their diets

CHICAGO (AP) — A government study found cold breakfast cereal was the main source of key vitamins and minerals for American children. And that's not necessarily a good thing.

Children may be eating fortified cereal in place of vitamin-rich fruits and vegetables, which contain fiber and cancer-fighting substances, said Amy Subar, a research nutritionist with the National Cancer Institute.

Her findings were published Tuesday in the October issue of Pediatrics, a journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The findings show just how little of the foods with naturally occurring nutrients kids are eating, she said.

Kellogg, the world's leading maker of ready-to-eat cereal, sees the study as good news.

"It really does show the role cereal can play in delivering important nutrients in kids diets," spokeswoman Karen Kafer said.

Subar said cereal is not necessarily unhealthy.

In fact, fortified cereal appears to be among the more nutritious foods children are eating.

"We just shouldn't kid ourselves that they're necessarily getting all that they need" from cereal, she said.

The study of 4,008 children ages 2

through 18 looked at 20 foods they ate between 1989 and 1991, and cereal was the No. 1 source of vitamin A, iron and folic acid for every age.

Folic acid has been shown to reduce the risk of certain types of cancer.

Researchers also found that cereal was the third-highest source of zinc and magnesium.

The researchers did not reach a conclusion on whether the children were getting a nutritionally sound diet, but the findings suggested their diets may be lacking.

For example, sugary drinks were the No. 2 source of carbohydrates, behind bread.

And high-fat foods such as cakes

and cookies ranked among youngsters' top 10 sources of vitamin E, protein, fiber, calcium and iron.

Gail Frank, a California dietitian and spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association, said the findings were not surprising but also not terribly worrisome.

After all, she said, at least the children weren't skipping breakfast or eating high-fat fast food.

She said parents shouldn't discourage cereal eating but encourage their youngsters to have it with, say, fruit on top or a glass of juice.

Books still on shelves, no action on council agenda

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — The City Council in this Red River city is struggling with how to answer ongoing protests over whether the public library should allow children unfettered access to two children's books on homosexuality.

No one on the council appears willing to ban two controversial children's books about homosexual parents from the library.

But some members are leaning toward putting the books in a restricted area where children would need an adult's help to see or check out the books.

That would make Wichita Falls unique among Texas libraries, according to a heavily anticipated study delivered to council members Friday.

For the past six months, "Daddy's Roommate" and "Heather Has Two Mommies" has been the target of demands from several area churches that the books be removed from the

library's shelves — or at least placed behind the counter.

Protesters say the books promote homosexuality in violation of state law and God's will. Supporters say the books tastefully explain to the children of homosexual parents a situation that may confuse them.

Mayor Kay Yeager and City Manager Jim Berzina have said they will not bring the issue before the council. Under council policy, that means three council members will have to ask for that to happen. None had done so through Friday.

"I would like it be on the agenda, but not just yet. I don't have a good solution," said member Bill Altman, who also leans toward restricted access.

Said council member Bud Beaty, "To an extent, the council is unanimous on this issue in that no one wants to remove these or any books from the library."

Clarification: Texas Tech Chancellor John Montford's "Billy the Kid" spurs were not on display at the Ranching Heritage Center Friday because the Tech Museum had misplaced them.

Gary Edson, executive director of the museum said the museum is working to determine where the spurs are.

More than 2 million items at the museum are assigned to specific locations.

"When the chancellor came over to find these spurs, they were not where they were supposed to be," Edson said.

"So now we're trying to determine where they would be."

The University Daily regrets the error.

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Tuesday, October 6, 1998

Sports word of the day for NBA: compromise



Brent Dirks
Sports Editor

Tick, tock, tick, tock....
No, it's not a millennium clock or Big Ben that is ticking down, it's the countdown toward 1998-1999 NBA season. And with every passing day, it's ticking into oblivion.
Usually the start of October means the beginning of NBA training camps and exhibition games but not this year.
The NBA has been the only professional sport in the United States that has never lost a day because of a labor strike.
This year that fact is likely to change because of the ongoing lock-

out conducted by NBA team owners because a new collective-bargaining agreement has not been reached between the owners and the league's players.
The league and commissioner David Stern announced Monday the cancellation of the entire slate of October exhibition games with word that regular-season games, scheduled to start at the first of November, are not far away from the chopping block.
Word has even begun to float around about after what number of games have to be lost in the season without an agreement before the season is canceled all together.
If your thinking this column is going to blame one side or the other for the lockout your wrong.
It's obvious which side is to blame for this stupidity — they both are.
The player's union is currently led by Billy Hunter and Patrick Ewing. (Could there be any worse of a guy than Ewing to help lead the union? Probably the last thing he wants is for the season to start so he can be embarrassed on the court again.)
The union's main reason for a holdout is they want to idiotically continue the "soft" salary cap and the so-called Larry Bird exemption.
For those of you who do not know the soft salary cap and the Larry Bird exemption, more or less it makes any type of salary restriction a joke in NBA terms.
The NBA has had salary caps for a few years, but it's really a joke because it only applies to free agents from other teams.
You can not pay a highly-talented

free agent what they are worth, but you can pay any amount of money to remain on your team.
That is how Minnesota can pay brats like Kevin Garnett the GDP of some third-world countries to continue to play for them, while most players who do decide to hit the free-agent market are paid far less because the teams can not afford it.
It shows what the only thing players want — more money.
A major break may come sometime this month when arbitrator John Feerick decides the union grievance about whether the players should be paid their full, yes full salary, during the lockout.
Pretty obvious how he is going to

rule, and it will not be in the players favor. How stupid could they be.
Everyone in the United States would want to join a union if your company was going to pay you when you went on strike.
And how many more strikes do you think would happen if you got paid?
I would probably be on strike right now. Now all I need is my own union. The Underpaid and Overworked Sports Editors of America sure does sound nice.
Hey Patrick and Billy, come argue my case.
And the owners continue to show what they want during contract negotiations — bigger and bigger pieces of the pie.
Instead of wanting to really budge in negotiations, they keep throwing out the same old tired agreements while using bully and scare tactics to try to get the players to budge.
Stern and his cronies go around threatening to cancel the season

pretty much right now while trying to intimidate them into signing a contract. It will not work.
It's called compromise. Both sides need to learn some.
And in the mean time the people who count the most, the fans, get bilked by both money-hungry sides.
It took this unbelievable record-breaking year in baseball for fans to forgive the players and owners for the infamous 1994 strike.
And unless Michael Jordan comes back, which is looking really more and more unlikely, it may take decades for fans to forgive the NBA if an entire season is canceled.
In the meantime the grown men will continue to act like babies.
On the good side, just a little more than 10 months before the WNBA season — at least they do not have a union.
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And in the mean time the people who count the most, the fans, get bilked...

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Portico of ancient Greece
- Concludes
- Conform
- Pakistani language
- Sticky, wet stuff
- Gift recipient
- Useless ones
- Shower month
- Painful feeling
- Imprint again
- Alamos
- City on the Arno
- Bulb-planting tool
- Ultimatum word
- Russian-born painter Chagall
- Well worker
- Matt Damon film of 1997
- Swindle
- Cruel
- Hot tubs
- Small river
- Puts in turf
- Boxing wins, briefly
- Superlatively early
- Went along with
- Natural hair-coloring
- Jack Lemmon film of 1964
- Composer Blake
- Lamb's pen name
- North Carolina school
- Spirited horse
- Parakeet staple
- Visualizes

DOWN

- Sweetener
- Figurative use of a word
- Fragrances
- Financial examination
- Big-headedness
- Negative conjunction
- Puts on
- Thread roller
- Firm attachment
- Murder
- Bancroft or Maera
- Wooden fasteners
- Hardy girl
- Flutter
- Walked (on)
- "La Boheme" heroine
- Sacred hymn
- City in Provence
- Little pieces
- Radar image
- Actress Olin
- Work units
- Omelet
- Ingredients
- Take spoils
- Excessively acid
- Advantage
- Total disorder
- Sapped
- Take apart
- Fashion district
- London
- Pignons
- Geeks
- Follow as a consequence
- Low hisser
- Domesticates
- Bronze and iron, e.g.
- Joint disease
- Housecoat
- Actress
- McClurg
- Look lustily
- Hasten
- Evil

By Stanley B. Whitten
Northbrook, IL 10/6/98

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McGwire's No. 70 loaned to museum

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The fan who ended up with Mark McGwire's record 70th home run ball has loaned it to the St. Louis Cardinals' Hall of Fame while he decides what to do with it.

The ball, which is worth millions of dollars on the collectibles market, will be on display indefinitely starting next Monday at the museum that shares space with the Bowling Hall of Fame across the street from Busch Stadium.

Gerald Baltz, the museum's executive director, said at a news conference Monday he expects to have the ball for a month or so.

By that time, Baltz expects that Phil Ozersky, a 26-year-old DNA lab researcher from suburban Olivette, will have decided what to do with the prize.

Ozersky said he'd like the ball to end up at Cooperstown, but then again he's not as willing as some of the other lucky ball recipients to just give it away.

"It's been pretty intense with the media, and I'm starting to figure out what Mr. McGwire felt like at the end of the season," Ozersky said.

"If he needs four months to figure out how he felt about his 70 home runs, I need a little time to bask in the glow."

The Baseball Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization and does not pay for items displayed. But Ozersky could have it both ways by selling the ball to a well-heeled individual who wouldn't mind the positive publicity to be gained

from donating it to the Hall of Fame. Another option: selling sponsors for a ball tour.

Ozersky's attorney, David Krathen of Miami, said his client has received countless proposals since snaring No. 70 in the St. Louis Cardinals' finale Sept. 27. There's been everything but a call from McGwire, who has said he's not interested in paying for the ball.

"He's been besieged by agents, auctions houses, individuals," Krathen said. "You name it, they've contacted us."

"I think the right thing to do is take your time, take a deep breath, step back and see what the various options are."

Ozersky said it's hard to believe how much people are willing to pay.

"It's a \$9 ball," Ozersky said. "It's pretty amazing to think about it."

For now, it'll be front and center at the museum in a glass case that also includes the bat McGwire used to hit his 400th career home run, a large photograph of Ozersky holding his prize, and several photographs of McGwire launching the record shot off Carl Pavano of the Montreal Expos. The exhibit is called "Hunt for the Long Ball."

The case is protected by electronic sensors and there are several other security measures in place, including an around-the-clock police guard, to ensure that nobody walks off with the ball.

Earhart battles back from injuries

By Jeff Keller
Staff Writer

Junior Texas Tech women's tennis player Amanda Earhart is coming off a sophomore campaign that was riddled with injuries.

The 5-foot-6 inch Largo, Fla., native suffered through a case of severe shin splints and had problems with her quadriceps last season.

Earhart has overcome the injuries from last year, but has developed a case of tendinitis in her forearms that was brought on in part by her training routine that helped her overcome last year's injuries.

"I did too much during the summer, and I got too thick," Earhart said of her off-season training. "It was bringing me down, so now I am doing very little stuff."

Earhart said she has been training and practicing for sports since she was three years old.

She began her tennis career at the age of three and competed in basketball, volleyball and track as well as tennis in high school.

"I am from Florida and in Florida that's like all everybody plays is tennis," Earhart said.

Growing up in Florida, Earhart said she is a Florida Gators fan, and one of her favorite athletes is former Gator and current running back for the Dallas Cowboys, Emmitt Smith.

Though she is a Gator fan she chose to come to Tech and major in family studies.

"I had two sisters that were going to Tech," Earhart said of her decision to come to Tech. "I had one sister that used to play ball for Tech, and then the other one was just going to school here. I came here, but the Gators are still my No. 1."

Before Earhart came to Tech, she



Brian White/The University Daily

Killer Stroke: Red Raider Amanda Earhart has battled back from injuries to become a major force for Tech this season.

played on the junior tennis circuit in Florida and developed a rivalry with Laura Berendt. Earhart never defeated Berendt on the junior circuit.

Berendt is now a senior at Texas, and Earhart defeated her in the Big 12 Tournament at the end of the 1997 season.

"That was probably my best win," Earhart said of the match. "I haven't played her since, but that year that was probably my best win to end the season."

Earhart has gotten off to a strong

start this fall season, advancing to the finals in the TCU Tournament held earlier in the fall.

Teammate Zana Zlebnik qualified for the NCAA tournament last season, and Earhart said she is eager to do the same this season.

"If I can stay injury free, I think I have a very good chance this season," Earhart said of her chances of qualifying. "I hope to do what Zana accomplished last year."

Earhart is entering her third year with Tech tennis, and Director of Ten-

nis Tim Siegel has been coaching her from the start of her career as a Red Raider.

"He's a good coach," Earhart said of Siegel. "He's always teaching me new things and just keeping my hopes high all the time to do better and bigger things each year."

Siegel said Earhart is a tremendous asset to the Tech team.

"Nobody hustles as much as she does," Siegel said of Earhart. "She has a tremendous heart and she has been a joy to have around."

Tyson continues to battle psychological evaluations release

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Mike Tyson is going all the way to the Nevada Supreme Court to try to keep his psychological records under wraps.

After losing another bid Monday to keep the public from getting a glimpse inside Tyson's mind, attorneys for the former heavyweight champion said they would make an emergency appeal to the state's highest court.

At issue is whether reports from a team of psychiatrists that examined Tyson for five days last month to give

to the Nevada Athletic Commission should also be made public.

"I sincerely believe that most people would find it abhorrent to be releasing somebody's medical or psychological records to the public," Tyson attorney Jim Jimmerson said.

A state judge refused Monday to reconsider his order last week that would allow the records to be made public upon their release to the athletic commission. Jimmerson said he would appeal either late Tuesday or Wednesday to the Nevada Supreme

Court.

Whether the court will agree to hear the matter quickly, though, is another matter.

If it doesn't, Tyson would either have to give up his challenge to the records or face losing a tentative Oct. 19 hearing before the commission to try to get his boxing license back.

"There's definitely an emergency here because of our upcoming hearing date," Jimmerson said.

Commission members ordered Tyson to undergo psychological tests

following a Sept. 19 hearing on his request to replace a license revoked for biting Evander Holyfield's ears during their heavyweight title fight last year.

Tyson quickly complied, undergoing five days of exams before a team of psychiatrists at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

But, with the reports containing possibly embarrassing things about Tyson, he has been fighting to give them only to commissioners for their use in judging his fitness to return to

the ring.

Tyson adviser Shelly Finkel said Monday he believes the reports will show Tyson is fit to fight.

"...Most people would find it abhorrent to be releasing somebody's medical or psychological records to the public."

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Tech readies for Cowboy battle

By Jason Bernstein
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite posting a 5-0 record and an undefeated 2-0 conference mark, the Texas Tech Red Raiders find themselves in a quandary, as they have failed to put the game out of reach for three consecutive weeks.

"We relaxed a bit in the fourth quarter, but overall we had great team defense," said senior defensive end Montae Reagor of Tech's 31-29 win over Baylor at Monday's weekly press conference. "We definitely have to get better. We need to play 60 minutes."

Thus far, Tech has nearly surrendered late game leads to Iowa State and Baylor, while the Red Raiders did lose a lead to Fresno State before Reagan Bownds and Kyle Shipley teamed up for the game-winning score.

"It's great to be 5-0," Reagor said. "I've always been on winning teams and this is a special one. We've been through a lot of adversity. I'm not really surprised we're 5-0."

Despite the perfect record, the Red Raiders do have their work cut out for them as they prepare for Oklahoma State Saturday.

"Oklahoma State has a great nucleus back from last season's team," said Tech coach Spike Dykes. "They have lots of great players. They're a good, strong, physical team."

The Cowboys almost made an impact on the national scene Saturday, as they were narrowly defeated by No. 2 Nebraska 24-17 in Kansas City, Mo. Oklahoma State had a chance for a touchdown late in the game before time ran out, but a Nebraska stop at the 1-foot line kept the Huskers perfect record intact.

Tech's worries on defense remain primarily with that of the passing attack as the Red Raiders are currently the fourth-best defensive squad in



Gimme: Red Raider linebacker Ty Ardoin scoops up a loose ball in Tech's 31-29 win over Baylor Saturday.

the country in stopping the opposition's running attack.

Tech is giving up 71.6-yards-per-game on the ground, good for first in the Big 12 conference and one of the best marks in the country.

As for the passing defense, however, the Red Raiders have given up four touchdowns through the air en route to their No. 8-ranking in Big 12 play. Tech has allowed 228.8 yards-per-game through the air.

"If we keep playing week to week and get better, that's all you can really ask for," Reagor said. "Teams are making great catches and players are making great plays. We do have to

focus on all areas of improvement. I still make mistakes on the field. You just have to try to encourage each other, not get down on each other."

Nonetheless, the Red Raiders are a perfect 5-0 on the season and they seem to be even more dangerous with quarterback Rob Peters back in the mix of the offensive scheme.

"Rob did a good job for us," Dykes said. "But Donnie Hart continues to amaze me. I think this was Donnie's best game at Tech. It was as complete an effort as I've ever seen. He blocked extremely well and worked hard all game."

Hart caught two passes for 58

yards and a touchdown last Saturday but was even more instrumental as a blocker on running and passing plays.

Despite the fifth consecutive win, Tech still finds itself out of the top 25 polls.

The Red Raiders have amassed 103 votes in the *Associated Press* poll released Sunday, while they tallied 101 votes from coaches around the country in the *USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll*. Both polls have the Red Raiders listed at No. 26.

"You always want to be ranked," Reagor said. "But if we keep winning, it will handle itself."

Aikman to miss more games for Cowboys

IRVING (AP) — Injured Troy Aikman will miss his target return game on Sunday.

The way quarterback Jason Garrett played against Washington, the Dallas Cowboys can afford to be patient.

Aikman, who went down with a broken collarbone against Denver in the second week of the season, had aimed for the Oct. 11 game against Carolina.

But coach Chan Gailey said Monday, "It would take a major miracle for him to return, not a minor one."

The coach said he isn't about to gamble with Aikman's well-being.

"My preference is to play a healthy Troy Aikman when that happens," Gailey said. "We're not going to jeopardize Troy or this team any sooner than we have to. That's just not right."

X-rays showed on Monday that Aikman's collarbone hasn't totally healed.

"Troy knows how he feels and we're going to make a good, smart decision for our team and X-rays showed he's not ready," Gailey said.

Garrett is 2-1 as a starter since Aikman was injured including a 31-10 victory over the Redskins in which he hit 14 of 17 passes for 169 yards. One was a 43-yard scoring pass to Ernie Mills.

"Jason played a very smart game," Gailey said. "The team has a lot of confidence in him."

Aikman said on Monday that he probably won't play until Nov. 2 at Philadelphia. The Cowboys are at Chicago on Oct. 18, and have a bye week after that.

"I would guess that the game



after the bye week against Philadelphia would be a more realistic goal."

Aikman said. "I don't want to try to come back too early and jeopardize the rest of the season."

"Until it feels better I just don't want to risk it. It's a matter of can I take a hit and not rebreak it again."

Aikman said he couldn't have played this week even if Dallas had lost Sunday.

"It's disappointing and frustrating that I've missed so many games," he said. "I thought I'd be back in four weeks, but the collarbone just isn't ready."

"It will make me feel better when I get back knowing we are still in the race. The team has done a great job while I've been gone."

Aikman threw some passes last week and it hurt to do so.

"I just don't want to be careless," he said.

Gailey said the Cowboys suffered a loss in their offensive line. Right guard Everett McIver, a free agent signed in the offseason, will miss six to eight weeks because a sprained ligament in his right knee.

McIver was involved in the "Scissorsgate" incident in training camp in which wide receiver Michael Irvin cut him with a pair of scissors.

Flozell Adams, a second-round pick from Michigan State, will replace McIver.

Dallas is 3-2, with all its victories coming against NFC East foes this season. The Cowboys host winless Carolina on Sunday at Texas Stadium.

Astros offense fizzles for second straight season in playoffs

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros seemed to have everything they needed to reach the heights this season: Randy Johnson, the Killer Bs, Moises Alou, Craig Biggio.

What they didn't have was playoff success.

The Astros are 0-for-5 in playoff series after the San Diego Padres beat Johnson twice and eliminated the Astros from the first round of the playoffs — just as the Atlanta Braves did last season.

"Unfortunately, a lot of people will remember the 1998 season by the

way we finished," general manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "But too many positive things happened this year to really dampen our enthusiasm for too long."

In the regular season, the Astros led the National League in runs scored and RBIs, and were second in batting average. The pitching staff had the second-best ERA in the NL.

Six Astros hit .300 and three drove in more than 100 runs. Eight Astros got 100 or more hits, led by Biggio, who got a club record 210 hits.

Biggio had an MVP-type season.

He was sixth in the NL with a .325 average and third in the league with 124 runs scored. Biggio also led the league with 51 doubles and stole 50 bases. He and Hall of Famer Tris Speaker are the only players this century to go 50-50 in doubles and steals.

Alou hit .312 and had career highs with 105 runs, 182 hits 38 home runs and 124 RBIs.

But the team with so many weapons in the regular season just couldn't get them firing in the playoffs.

Houston suffered its second offensive power failure in as many seasons.

In last year's sweep by the Braves, the Killer Bs — Jeff Bagwell, Derek Bell and Craig Biggio — went 2-for-37. Against the Padres, the Bs were a combined 6-for-41.

"The series last year we were just overmatched," Bagwell said. "This year, we felt we had the best team, not just in this series, but in the league. The Padres hit when they needed to and they took advantage of their opportunities."

The Astros scored five runs in three games against the Braves in 1997 and eight runs in four games

against the Padres.

"This one stings a lot," Biggio said. "Last year, we were happy to be at the dance. This year, we had an awesome team, but we couldn't get it done and that's very disappointing."

Johnson's situation resembles the team's. He has a five-game postseason losing streak, equaling the major league record; hasn't won a postseason game since 1995; and has a 2-5 record with 3.08 ERA in the postseason. Doyle Alexander (1973-87) and Joe Bush (1914-23) also lost five in a row.

The Astros have NL championship series playoff losses to Philadelphia in 1980, the New York Mets in 1986 and the Braves last season. They also lost a one-game divisional playoff with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1981.

Johnson came to the Astros on July 31 from the Seattle Mariners and compiled a 10-1 regular season record and 1.28 ERA.

He pitched two good games in the playoffs, but they weren't enough to overcome a lack of run support from the offense.

Conference suspends Prairie View

PRAIRIE VIEW (AP) — The high didn't last long.

Nine days after breaking its NCAA record 80-game football losing streak, Prairie View A&M suffered its most agonizing defeat to date: The athletics program was suspended indefinitely from the Southwestern Athletic Conference Monday because the university violated an earlier two-game suspension of its marching band.

The penalty prohibits Prairie View from playing any SWAC team in any sport until the suspension is lifted, the conference said.

The sports immediately affected are football, volleyball, track and bowling.

Prairie View has appealed the decision, Larry Raab, vice president of operations, said.

"We feel the punishment is unjust, and we'll take all actions required to seek a just remedy," Raab said.

Of Prairie View's six remaining football games, five are against SWAC teams.

The Panthers (1-4, 0-3) had been set to face conference rival Alcorn State at their homecoming game Saturday in the team's first home game since ending its losing streak Sept. 26 against Langston.

While the game is off, Raab said other homecoming activities would go on as planned.

Still, many students were brokenhearted at the turn of events involving the athletic program.

"Now that we were finally able to win, we might not even be able to play," said freshman Candace Johnson of Richardson.

Panthers coach Greg Johnson, who broke the news to his team Monday afternoon, declined comment.

The penalty stems from a band brawl during halftime of Prairie View's Sept. 19 game against conference rival Southern University in Beaumont.

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