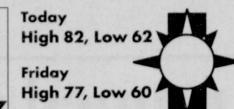
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# Senate discusses parking garages

#### Faculty deliberates improvements in Honors College, Master Plan, traffic and parking

By Jonathan Biles

The Texas Tech Faculty Senate decided not to support the construction of parking garages on campus until more detailed plans are provided.

At Wednesday's senate meeting, Lewis Held, presented the budget study committee's stance against the parking ga-

Held, chairman of the committee, said the

faculty did not approve of the administration's plan for a possible parking garage at Hulen/Clement Residence Hall.

But before Held, associate professor of biology, finished his presentation, Doug Mann, vice chancellor of operations, disputed Held's points.

Though the committee believed a final plan for the garage would be presented to the Board of Regents in November, Mann said the garage would not propose the plans until

After listening to Held and Mann, the senate amended their resolution to state that they oppose any parking garage on campus until officials create parking alternatives.

Mann promised to keep faculty members informed of new developments in the Mas-

Senators also approved a list of improvements for the newly developed Honors Col-

The document included 14 points that will convert the Honors College to colleges like that of higher-ranked universities, said senator Benjamin Newcomb, history professor.

Faculty Senate President Tim Floyd said the proposed changes will be sent to Provost John Burns and Chancellor John Montford for approval.

Also Gene West, vice president and director of the physical plant, said Traffic and Parking Services will request a 15 percent increase in all traffic and parking fees, including permits and tickets in the Nov. 13 Board of Regents meeting.

The increase will apply to everyone, West

West said traffic and parking also will propose a system which would allow employees who cannot afford parking permits to have the cost deducted from their pay throughout

The Faculty Senate will meet again Nov. 11

#### Senate Agenda

- · Senators decided not to support construction of garages until more detailed plans are provided.
- · Plans for garage will not be presented to Board of Regents until March.
- Senate opposes garages until the creation of parking alternatives.
- · List approved for improvements of Honors College.

# Media office reorganizes top position

By Wayne Hodgin Managing Editor

In the effort to place Texas Tech's name in the national spotlight, the Office of News and Publications has reorganized its top position.

As of Nov. 1, Margaret Lutherer, director of news and publications at Tech, will assume a new position at the

The decision was approved this week to create a position in the chancellor's office with Lutherer working as a special projects coordinator for new student recruitment.

Taking Lutherer's place in news and publications will be Cynthia Rugeley, former press secretary for Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock. Rugeley will be assuming the newly-created position of Tech's associate vice chancellor for news and information for the campus and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Deputy Chancellor Jim Crowson said Rugeley's duties will be expanded because Tech is struggling to get its name out into the major markets of the country.

"(Rugeley's) enthusiasm for Texas Tech and her abilities with media relations is unparalleled," Crowson said. "She's very articulate and very qualified in terms of dealing with the media and marketing aspects of her job."

Although no definitive lines have been drawn between the jobs Lutherer and Rugeley will be accepting, Crowson echoed Chancellor John Montford by saying if the university is going to focus on getting Tech's name out into the national spotlight, Lutherer and Rugeley will certainly

Montford said although the titles for both Lutherer and Rugeley are not secure, the two will be very beneficial to the recruitment abilities of the university.

Rugeley's extensive experience with media relations can only benefit her and her duties at Tech, Crowson said. "Her basic job will be media relations for Texas Tech

publications," he said. Crowson said Rugeley's and Lutherer's jobs will go hand in hand in the recruitment of students to Tech and

and taking care of the publications and marketing of the

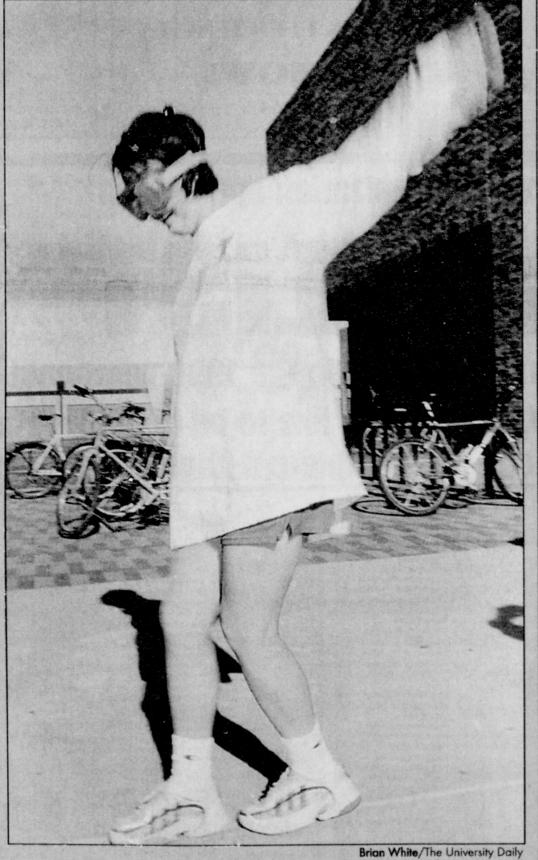
marketing the Texas Tech image. Lutherer said the change in administrative structure will be a big plus for the university in helping spread the

word about Tech, recruitment-wise. "The chancellor's office is looking for someone with political experience and legislative experience, and I see myself as having a role in the development and recruitment at the core of Texas Tech," Lutherer said.

Lütherer said she was never a contender for the Rugeley's position.

In addition to working with Bullock's political campaign, Rugeley also has worked as press secretary for former Gov. Ann Richards and as a reporter for both the Wichita Falls Times Record News and the Houston

# Walking the Line



Walk This Way: Nicole McWhorter, a freshman advertising and public relations major from Canyon, tries to pass a field sobriety test while wearing fatal vision goggles outside the Student Recreation Center on Wednesday. The goggles simulate an intoxicated person's vision. The project is part of Alcohol Awareness Week events going on through Friday around campus.

# Tech officials examine security laws

#### Changes to be implemented once policies' differences are determined

By Apu Naik

rity Legislation Act Oct. 8 by President Bill Clinton calls for a number of changes in the way universities report crime statistics and disclose information about those crimes to the public beginning immediately.

Texas Tech officials said they are currently examining the law in order to see what changes will be required for the campus.

"We will implement the changes necessary in order to be in compliance with the law, but to do that, we first need to determine what the difference is between the public information policies within the 1998 act and the policies within the acts already implemented in 1965 and 1990," said Vice Chancellor and General Counsel Pat Campbell

The new law will expand disclosure of campus crime statistics and require schools to keep a public police log.

According to the campus legislation act, schools will now no longer be able to hide criminal behavior in secret campus meetings in order to prevent the public from learning of the crime.

In addition, the new legislation calls for the reporting of crimes which take place in non-campus buildings owned by student organizations as well as crimes committed on public property located with a certain, yet undisclosed distance from the university.

"We are still trying to figure out the wording within some of these changes ... the law asks for the reporting of crimes within 'reasonable distance' of the university, which we are in the process of determining what

range that covers," Dean of Students Michael Shonrock said. "One interesting addition to the Campus Secu-The signing of the Campus Secu-rity Act is the requirement for universities to report crimes committed on non-campus buildings not owned by the university but owned by student organizations who are associated with the university. For instance, Texas Tech will now be required to report all crimes committed on Greek Circle.'

Shonrock said he is optimistic about the passage of the legislation, and that students should do whatever possible in order to become more aware of the campus around

"I believe (the disclosure of information to the public) will increase the awareness of students, and in effect, will increase their safety," Shonrock said. "We offer pamphlets and information everyday all over campus for students to become more aware, yet they don't utilize them. But safety begins with awareness."

All public and private institutions that participate in federal student aid programs will fall under compliance of the new requirements, which are part of a five-year re-authorization of federal higher education laws.

"From what I've seen within the law so far, the most significant change (in public information disclosure) will be in making crime reports more readily available to the public," Campbell said.

Yet Campbell said he still questioned whether the reporting of records would contribute to student

"I don't know for sure that reporting student offenses will help to make the campus more safe,"

see Campus Security, page 3

## Milocevek still not complying with NATO airstrike warnings

#### Skepticism over breakthrough of Kosovo agreement replaces relief

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) -NATO warned Wednesday that Slobodan Milosevic isn't doing what he must to avoid airstrikes and ethnic Albanian refugees remained reluctant to return to their charred homes as skepticism replaced relief over the Kosovo agreement.

Even as the U.N. refugee agency resumed aid convoys to Kosovo, questions remained over whether the Yugoslav president would meet international demands and refrain from further hostilities toward ethnic Albanians.

Demonstrating that it's not taking him at his word, NATO positioned warplanes at bases in Italy for pos-

sible air attacks on Serbia. "NATO airstrikes have not yet been averted by Milosevic," said an official at the alliance's headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"We'll be keeping up the military pressure for some time to come."

Milosevic reluctantly agreed Monday to the demands of world leaders determined to halt his seven-month offensive against ethnic Albanian separatists in Kosovo and avert a tragedy among tens of thousands of refugees living outdoors as winter

The 16 NATO members have given Milosevic until Saturday to fully

But even before an agreed-to 2,000-member unarmed monitoring force is assembled, it is clear Milosevic has not met at least one key demand: withdrawing his forces to levels before the crackdown on the southern Serb province began Feb. 28. The official in Brussels said a number of Yugoslav units remain dug-in in Kosovo and must be withdrawn, including what he called a "notorious" special police unit from Nis, Serbia. He declined to say how many troops remained in the province but said they "far exceed" the level required by NATO.

State Department spokesman James Rubin said Western monitoring teams reported a much smaller Serb police presence in Kosovo on

comply or face the renewed threat of Wednesday, as well as signs of refugees returning.

But he called the early assessment of Milosevic's compliance "a mixed bag" and said a full monitoring force is needed to ensure that police aren't

just being moved around or hidden. The key to success "is whether we will have the verification system that will give the people of Kosovo confidence that this isn't a shell game, that this isn't hide the police ... one day and come back in the next day,' Rubin said in Washington.

The advance party of monitors -Milosevic's final concession after more than a week of intense negotiations with U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke — arrived in Kosovo from neighboring Macedonia on Wednesday. The several dozen Americans, Canadians and Europeans had been evacuated Monday.

But the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which is responsible for assembling the monitoring mission, says it may take weeks to recruit enough personnel from its 54 member nations.

"I'm worried that the international community will be too slow and leisurely in getting them there, and they'll take six months to get there, when we need them there in six days or at least six weeks," Holbrooke said in an interview with

In Geneva, the U.N. refugee agency said it had resumed aid convoys, suspended Monday for fear of Serb attacks if NATO launched

Many refugees are still in hiding in Kosovo, fearing reprisals from Serb

special police who have torched their villages and been accused of atrocities against ethnic Albanian civilians not just the rebel fighters fighting for Kosovo's independence.

"Until the NATO planes fly here, Milosevic will say whatever people want to hear," said Hajdin Mehmeti, a 70-year-old refugee in the forested hamlet of Baks, northwest of Pristina. "One hundred times he has lied."

Another refugee, Maher Shpati, said unarmed monitors could not do the job. "They must be soldiers, like in Bosnia," he said, referring to the NATO peacekeeping force in that former Yugoslav republic.

British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook warned that NATO would be watching closely for evidence of compliance and that Milosevic should take alliance warnings seri-

# Society named after astronaut, regent

By Amy Bishop

Pre-medical students are having their inaugural kickoff for the Bernard Harris Pre-Med Society.

The society will meet at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. tonight at 4610 22nd

The society began last spring, but today the society will officially be named and members will elect officers.

A ceremony will honor Dr. Bernard Harris, astronaut and Board of Regents member, for all of his

medicine, said Cathy Allen, vice chancellor of Cultural Diversity.

"This society was created to help students in academic endeavors," Allen said.

The students felt that Dr. Harris, a graduate from Texas Tech Medical School and on the Board of Regents, had devoted a lot of time and contributed so much to this field that they wanted to do this in his honor."

The society will provide students with the opportunity of having mentors and to help them

contributions to the field of prepare for the medical college admissions test, said Leonell Vela, vice president of rural and community health and the adviser for the pre-med society.

Members also will receiving hands-on experiences in the field, she said.

'This society allows the students to venture out from curriculum and see what being a doctor is all about," Vela said.

"It also allows them to see what they are learning is relevant and helps them become more optimistic in the field."

Members also will be exposed exposure in this field." to areas of medical research.

The society will link students with faculty doctors.

It will also allow the students to participate in surgery with faculty doctors and in conducting research.

"I wanted these students to have the opportunity I had when I was at Stanford University," Vela

"I felt that this experience would be beneficial to the students as it was to me. I wanted the students to receive practical

Vela said one of the goals of the society is to expand cultural diversity in the field of medicine.

"We work very closely with the Office of Cultural Diversity and we wanted this society, as well as throughout the medical school, to expand in their cultural diversity," she said.

About 100 students are expected to attend the society meet-

Faculty from Tech and the HSC will be attending the func-

#### Bees invade more areas

COLLEGE STATION (AP) - Honeybee operations in Blanco, Kendall, Throckmorton and Haskell counties were quarantined Wednesday following the detection of potentially dangerous Africanized bees in the area.

The quarantine prohibits beekeepers from moving their hives out of the zone in an effort to prevent assisting the spread of Africanized bees, which look like regular honeybees but are much more defensive in protecting their hives.

The Africanized bee was first detected entering the United States in Brownsville eight years ago. The bees have spread to the south of a line roughly running from south of Houston to south of Lubbock.

# Students have chance to vote in mock election

Governor of Texas will be given for students from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

A mock election for the Office of today in the Texas Tech University Center.

The mock election is sponsored

fraternity.

Gov. George Bush and Garry Mauro will be the only candidates

"We are excited about this elec-

vice president of APO. "It's important for our students to voice their opinion and learn about the electoral process."

Students will be required to tion of the ballots.

by Alpha Phi Omega, a Tech service tion," said John Watkins, service show their student ID cards in order to vote.

The results of the mock election will be made available immediately following the counting and verifica-



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Texas Tech's Center for the Interaction of the Arts and Sciences sponsored a lecture by Katherine Hayles, Wednesday at the International Cultural Center.

Hayles is an expert on the relations between sciences and literature. She will speak at 3:30 p.m. today in Room 312 of the English-Philosophy Building.

## Nuclear information almost leaked

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Energy Department and Pentagon discovered sensitive nuclear weapons information in boxes of Cold War-era materials that were about to be publicly released at President Clinton's orders.

The discoveries sparked a hasty scramble by Congress to block the release of information that energy officials warned would advance the capabilities of emerging nuclear states such as Pakistan and India. The congressional solution, which critics contend will slow the release of Cold War documents to a crawl, is part of the 1999 defense authorization bill awaiting Clinton's signature.

White House officials were alerted to the problem this summer in a letter from Kenneth Baker, a senior official in the Energy Department's Office of Nonproliferation and National Security. The letter concerned the nation's most sensitive secrets," discovery of pages marked "Restricted Data" or "Formerly Restricted Data," in boxes of 25-yearold classified documents slated for release without review. The government applies those designations to material on the design, production, performance and use of nuclear

Clinton's executive order, which requires automatic declassification by the year 2000 of documents more than 25 years old, includes an exception for restricted data. But the order contains no provision to search every document in every box — a task involving billions of pages and as many as 67 different agencies looking for the sensitive material.

"This problem poses a great national security risk" because it involves the potential release of "the Baker wrote. "Some of the compromised information found in these file series involved design information of special value to proliferants seeking to weaponize their nuclear devices, such as India and Pakistan.'

Those two countries tested nuclear weapons earlier this year and are developing ways to deploy nuclear weapons on planes and mis-

"We have no way of estimating how much information of great potential value to proliferants is now on the open shelves or scheduled to be placed there," Baker wrote.

Enormous amounts of material on how to build nuclear weapons are publicly available - enough that college undergraduates have written creditable papers on how to build the bomb.

But there remain highly sensitive secrets about weapons design, particularly the control of explosive vield and techniques of miniaturizing a nuclear weapon for use as a

missile warhead. Republican Sens. Jon Kyl of Arizona, Bob Smith of New Hampshire and Richard Shelby of Alabama, alerted to the Energy Department's discoveries, complained to National Security Adviser Sandy Berger that "in a frenzied attempt to meet the (year 2000) deadline," agencies were releasing whole boxes of classified material without looking at the docu-

## Changes in campus security to benefit Tech

Campus Security from page 1

Campbell said.

"You would hope that it will make students more aware of their surroundings, which is definitely what this legislation was intended to do, but I just question how effective the outcome will be.' The reforms come after years of

charges that colleges were exploiting loopholes within open information laws, such as the Buckley Amendment, in order to underreport campus crimes and protect their public images.

Members of Security on Campus, Inc., a non-profit advocacy organization, in cooperation with other victim's rights groups, media organizations, led by the Society of Professional Journalists, and law enforcement groups banded to demand that Congress make schools be honest and open about their want the public to know and what

Mark Witherspoon, president of the College Media Advisers, Inc.

schools

release."

and media ad viser to Southern Methodist University, said the Campus Security Act will hopefully show universities that opentheir records is beneficial to the university

discerning. "There is a general men-

rather than

tality among schools of higher legislation is the first step in education that bad press can hurt their school, and therefore, they are very careful about what they

know," Witherspoon said.

"And what this results in is citizens having to fight to get po-

lice reports and "What you're going information about campus to see in the future is crime because schools and becoming their media more lenient about outlets have very different what information they agendas when it comes to the disclosure of in-

Mark Witherspoon formation." president of CMA Witherspoon said the passing of last week's

> changing that conflicting interest between the media and universi-

"What you're going to see in the

they don't want the public to future is schools becoming more lenient about what information they release, thanks to this law," Witherspoon said.

'Change is in the future, but before that change comes, (universities) must realize that exposing information to the public is actually a positive thing.

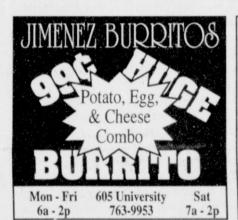


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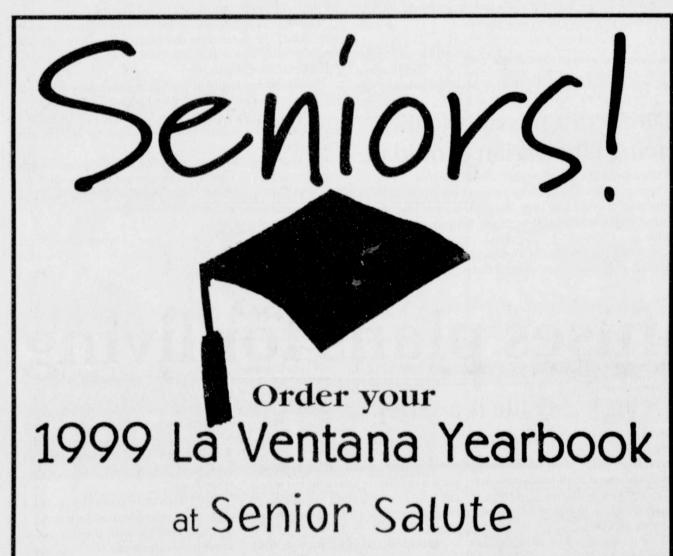
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# VIEWPOINTS

Thursday, October 15, 1998

# Science advances worrisome

irst, they brought us the cloning of a sheep named → Dolly. Now, a woman in London plans to freeze an embryo so the burdens of motherhood will not interrupt her budding career.

Over the last two years, the British Isles have been home to both of these scientific developments; developments which have raised many questions about how far



Andrew Schoppe Columnist

humans should go when dealing with the creation of life. The excitement generated when embryologist Ian Wilmut successfully cloned Dolly was captivating. His discovery reinvigorated the hopes of some that one day it will be possible for humans to be cloned.

In the best of situations, cloning would enable the "good" people to be reproduced for the betterment of society. However, even Wilmut, noting the ethical issues surrounding human cloning, is troubled by the possibility of genetically engineering humans. When the announce-

ment of Dolly was first made, Pope John Paul II and President Clinton also expressed concern over the new can of worms that had just been opened.

While the freezing of an embryo does not bring up the identical ethical concerns that Dolly has, it does add a variety of new questions to the picture. Up until about the 12th week of development, the fertilized egg is called an embryo.

Obviously, since fertilization has already occurred, the embryo contains the genetic makeup from both its parents. This having been said, freezing an embryo would not cause genetic characteristics to be added or removed from the embryo. What it would do is delay the growth process of the embryo into a fully-developed human being until the point when the embryo is unfrozen and reinserted into the mother's womb.

The Aug. 16 edition of the Sunday Times of London reported that in the past, women have had embryos frozen to delay pregnancy for medical reasons, but the case involving the 32-year-old female banker from London is the first time this procedure has been chosen as a result of one's lifestyle. The main issue of concern raised in the article was the precedent the procedure would set that could lead to legal battles over frozen embryos if couples were to split after the procedure had taken place.

Today's society is very fast-paced, and people are always looking for ways to eliminate hassles from their busy lives. Yet, delaying the birth of a child by freezing an embryo is a far more delicate issue than something more basic such as using the Internet to buy groceries or trade

Let's take a second to brainstorm about all the possible dilemmas that could pop up as a result of this new procedure. For starters, what if a couple split? Who would retain custody of the embryo? If the father received custody and remarried, would his new wife want to give birth to the embryo? If not, then what would happen to the embryo? Along similar lines, what would happen if the parents later decided they no longer wanted to complete the process of their embryo? Possibly a new dilemma in the abortion conflict would develop. What if the freezing of the embryo caused future complications in the child's development? Being that the procedure has only been performed on a limited basis, it's likely that the verdict about its affect on development is still out. Since the embryos are not protected inside the mother's womb would it be possible for evil-minded individuals to furtively infect the embryos with viruses or perhaps sell the embryos on some sort of black market? How much will the government have to get involved in this field to keep an eye on things?

All of these questions are pretty scary to think about and some of them really make you downright sick to the stomach. There are some aspects of life that simply should not be toyed with and this new procedure should send a warning signal to us all that the fine line between right and wrong is being crossed.

One of the greatest things in life, although it may not seem all that great at the time, is facing obstacles and dealing with new circumstances. Each new development in life offers people the opportunity to learn to adapt what they do to make things work. From the adaptation process, people become more complete.

Scientific advances and medical breakthroughs can do a world of good to help find cures for diseases, reduce or possibly eliminate the risk of cancer and much more. However, some areas of science and medicine are better left untouched and in the hands of the one who created us all.

> Andrew Schoppe is a junior broadcast journalism and business management from Houston.



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Hodges wrong about value of foreign languages

To the editor: This letter is in response to the editorial in today's UD written by Hollye Hodges.

Ms. Hodges, I would first of all like to compliment the spelling in your column.

That, unfortunately, is all I can compliment about it. Aside from that, I found your story crude, offensive and utterly distasteful.

I would like to start with the fact that I am Mexican and I, judging by the picture above your byline, have a much nicer smile than you. I may not be a toothless mugger from Tijuana, but who knows, I may indeed be related to one since all Mexican couples, as you failed to mention in your column, have about 167 kids before they decide they've had enough.

Another thing, we Mexicans steal dollar-filled purses just as well as the peso-filled ones you mentioned.

I may be taking this a bit out of proportion, but you may as well have thrown those in there also.

You wrote a lot about the small percentages of students actually majoring in foreign languages, yet you fail to mention the even smaller percentage of students majoring in American history and government.

Courses which you seem to support. I'm still wondering what point it was you were trying to get across.

Now to your comment about the Taco Bell dog.

You expect Texas Tech to believe that you learned more from a chihuahua than from experienced professors? Ms. Hodges, I do believe you have found yet another reason as to why you belong in a kennel.

The foreign language program here at Tech happens to be excellent.

However, teachers are only as good as their students, and it is the students' fault if they choose not to learn.

If the only reasons you decided to learn Spanish, other than the fact that it was required, were to fight off muggers and to find restrooms in Mexico, then you, Ms. Hodges, you are an idiota.

I hope your sophomore-level proficiency can help you to get him out of the race. translate that one.

Ms. Hodges, I apologize for my insults and comments in this letter.

My goal was to write something that would offend you as much as your editorial offended me.

You seem to be a talented young writer, and I hope that in the future, you will make your arguments without offending your very diverse audience.

> José Alberto Cangas sophomore pre-dental/Spanish/biology

#### Democrats possibly fear facing Libertarian candidate

To the editor: I never thought I would say this.

I am actually proud of the Democratic party in Texas right now. It looks like they have given up trying to get Anthony Garcia removed from the lieutenant governor

Apparently, the Texas Democrats considered Mr. Garcia such a threat they worked rather hard to have him taken off the ballot, claiming his age made him ineligible. Garcia is 29 years old but will be 30 by the time he would be sworn in.

Texas law is a little vague on the age point, but previous situations have been decided in factor of the age at the time of swearing in.

But Garcia is a Libertarian, and so it's a bit odd that one of the other two major parties should work so hard

Yet, apparently, they see him as able to garner support — support they would rather have for themselves or not voting at all.

And he is a threat in their eyes for two reasons (shallow though they be, but typical of shady political thinking) at the age of 29, he is around the same age as a col-

lege student population and he is Hispanic. Granted, I imagine the Democrats are little more worried about the latter than the former, as almost all students are too lazy and apathetic to vote (at least politi-

cians seem to think so.) However, we should at least give the Democrats a pat

on the back for giving up on their removal attempt. It looks like they might play fair now, except for the fact that Garry Mauro does not want to debate Les

Turlington. But that's typical. Apparently, the Democrats are steeling themselves to take the loss against George Bush Jr., but they do not want to have to take "adding insult to injury" by coming in third.

> David "Inky" Scott senior English

# Moving confuses plans for living



Karina Aul Columnist

y life is a series of ups and I like to cook in downs. Right now, I have one major down. My parents are moving from Wilson to Marion, Il. For most people, it would not be a down.

A lot of students come to Tech to get away from their parents. They want roommates. These students want to experience life on their own with only friends for support. Good for them.

I, on the other hand, have bills to pay. I pay my own way at school. I pay for my books. I pay for my car maintenance (which is ending up costing me a fortune). In short, I pay my way in life.

So, can I help it if I like to bum off my parents? I live with them for many reasons. First of all, we are a very close family. Second, I could not afford to live anywhere else.

My third reason is a little strange.

big kitchens. So sue me. It happens to be something I enjoy, and I can not get that

in a dorm room with only a microwave. My fourth reason is the most important. Who in the world would live with me?

A long time ago in a land far, far away, I used to have two roommates. It was not an experience I wish to repeat. Sure, we had some good times. However, there were a lot of bad times too.

I got sick and tired of one roommate, who was a teaching student at a public school, waking me up at 6:30 every morning.

Heck, I never even knew the sun came out that early.

Another complaint is the showers. I did not like having to share a shower

and downs.

My life is a series of ups

with a million other people. I guess the people who design the buildings do not care about how embarrassing

> Someone should force those people into a shower stall with a whole bunch of other people. Maybe the design would change.

> I also remember being very cold because one of my roommates was from the state of Washington and liked air conditioning in the winter. I tried to explain winter was cold enough without frigid air blowing on us, but it was no use.

Receiving care packages are supposed to be a good memory. It is not when your care packages turn into "share" packages.

I do not mind sharing my stuff, but the candy is always mine.

OK, so I have some options in my roller coaster life. I can stay here at Tech and have another impossible roommate.

This does not sound fun. I could also get an apartment. If I am lucky, I will not end up with a mass-murderer for a roommate.

Then there is one last option (besides sleeping on the street). I could always move with my parents. If any of my readers have ever moved many times in their life, then they know it is no picnic.

I would love to stay at Tech and I hate moving.

However, a large kitchen to cook in is sounding better and better.

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# Theatre play gets mixed reviews

Both actors failed to

make the

relationship

between the

characters clear."

ast night, I watched "Baltimore Waltz," the first show in the University Theatre's Mainstage season. This show is definitely worth watching, though I have to say, I am going to have to give this show a mixed review.

Linda Donahue, director of the line. show, definitely choose a great play. The story line is enchanting.

In our age of the "new plague" -AIDS — it will speak to a modern audience without getting morose.

I liked the expressionistic set that dealer, to a matched this highly expressionistic

The utilitarian set, consisting of a few chairs, two tables and a futon couch all on platforms tilted at strange angles adds to the discomfort that Anna and her brother, Carl, are going through.

Expressionism, in a nutshell, is a genre that concentrates more on the raptures with his psychology of the characters, rather than achieving reality.

The strange design of the sets often accentuate the turmoil of a character's mind.

Scenes change rapidly, and an to realize the characters are moving stead of acting, will disrupt the audiin time and space at the drop of a ence from connecting with who he either ran for the hills or did a

The best part of the whole show was Ryan Palmer's work.

He plays 12 different characters, from a drug schizophrenic urologist, to a virgin German bellboy.

He commits to each character he plays and keeps the audience in absolute comic timing.

I just want to say I was impressed tunities for laughs and really drato watch him work.

Here comes the hard part.

The Anna, played by Christi Skinner, will leave the audience wanting audience will have to pay attention for more. Again, line readings, in-

#### REVIEW

Anna is, and her realization that she will die of Acquired Toilet Disease.

This disease affects single women who teach elementary school. Also, during the tastefully done

sex scenes (I have seen a lot worse), she does not do a very believable job.

> She holds back and does not take any risks, which is pretty much throughout her performance.

Omar Sadigh, who plays Carl, her homosexual brother, does not help matters much either.

He also held back on oppor-

matic moments. I do not think an actor has to play their homosexual character in a foppish way, but there was nothing in his work suggesting he was gay.

If the topic came up in the script,

Both actors failed to make the relationship between their characters

Their work often reminded me of an assignment in a "principles of act-

I needed to see a bond of family between them, not two actors speaking lines to each other.

However, to their credit, there were a few scenes between them that were really powerful.

One in particular, is when Anna doesn't want Carl to leave her.

He is doing something covert with a stuffed bunny, for a meeting with a darkly dressed man, played by

It made me angry that the rest of their work could not be as powerful as that fleeting moment, when both actors were giving to themselves and their audience.

I definitely recommend that you do see this show.

It's not perfect, or brilliant throughout, but the moments that it is brilliant are worth it.

\*\*\* out of \*\*\*

#### Panel to release ethnic diversity report on Texas schools

AUSTIN (AP) - A special commission examining ethnic diversity on Texas college campuses will call for more than \$600 million in additional state spending over the next \$500 million in need- and achievetwo years.

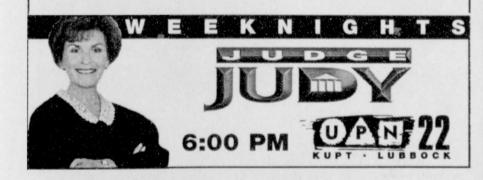
In a written statement, the Texas Commission on a Representative Student Body said its report being issued today "is expected to call for ment-based student financial aid."

The panel also is expected to call for state funding for marketing and recruitment programs aimed at increasing the number of under-represented students.

The commission, headed by

former Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, was formed last year after the U.S. Supreme Court allowed to stand an appeals court ruling that prohibited race from being taken into account in college admissions in Texas.

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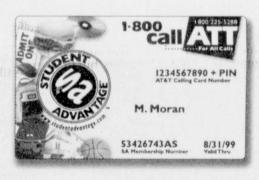
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## Rock 'n' Roll

# Country singer rock 'n' rolls audiences Saturday at the Tech Rodeo

Getting there gets

never do."

tiring but the shows

By Sebastian Kitchen

hett Akins first performed on the football field as an athlete at the University of Georgia. Burn out had set in. He had played football since he was six years old and was ready to move on in life. Akins walked away, and it was the best thing that ever happened to him.

"I am glad I did." Akins said. "I wouldn't be in music right now." Akins still loves football. He

watches football and keeps one on the tour bus.

There are times I miss it, but I'd rather be in music than football," he

Now, the country star has been on the road playing his guitar and singing for four years straight.

'We have never really stopped touring in four years," Akins said. "We

play every single week.

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"I'd play every night if I could, but it's hard being away from home," he

Akins is married and has two children, a son and a daughter, at home.

During the school year, it is hard for his children to go out on the road

Akins is originally from Georgia but moved to Nashville when he decided to pursue a career as a professional musician.

Like his football career, sometimes the pre-game and travel becomes tiring, but when it is time to take the field, Akins is always ready

"Getting there gets tiring but the shows never do," Akins said.

Besides playing all over the country and trying to balance his career and family, the upcoming country star is the music industry's spokesman for the Boys and Girls Club of America.

This year, Akins and the children went to the Dallas Cowboys training camp in Wichita Falls. The year be-

fore, Akins took the children to Austin to watch the camp.

"It's cool," Akins said. "It might be cool to see their faces when they see Troy Aikman or Emmitt Smith or Michael Irvin.

children to see the players in camp

to work for their positions and do not get to play on Sundays because of who they are and what their name is.

"They have to really go out there and work at it," Akins said. "Hopefully that says something to the kids.

Although he has been singing and playing the guitar since he was about 14, Akins became a professional musician in 1993.

The former football player decided to make his run at being a professional musician in 1991 after he had left the University of Georgia.

Akins began playing his music close to home and more and more

perform. Akins has come a long way since he walked off the football field and picked up his guitar. Life in the more fun for me than the kids. It is music industry is not always easy, he said, he has worked hard to get to this

When he moved to Nashville, all Akins believes it is good for the he had was two phone numbers. Around the fall of 1993, two or three and not just on TV—to see they have record companies took notice of

> He was picked up by the same management company who managed Reba McEntire and was signed to Decca Records.

> > "That is when

Rhett Akins things finally started to look performer bright," Akins

Before knew it, Akins was opening for

McEntire in 1995 on his first tour. Of his three albums, Akins said all three have done really good and produced hit songs. Akins is being

booked now more than ever before. "Each one helped me a little further along," Akins said.

Akins current album, What Livin's All About, has been out since January of this year and this coming Janupeople were coming to watch him ary, the artist will return to the stu- with energy and he likes young, en- like enthusiastic crowds."

Rhett



"When something happens in my life, I naturally pick up a guitar and put it to music," he said.

Akins likes to perform his songs

ergetic crowds.

For people who don't know

"I am more inclined to play towards younger crowds," Akins said.

"I like to rock 'n' roll. We're country music but we like to rock 'n' roll. I

# Tech presents last rodeo in circuit competition

By Laura Hensley

ith more than 450 college students representing 15 schools and participating in 10 events from roping to riding, it is the largest of its kind in the world. Texas Tech is proud to boost the testants — that's pretty big for a ro-

49th annual Tech Collegiate Rodeo. deo.' The event is the largest indoor collegiate rodeo in the world, and this weekend should be one of the largest ever in the history of the rodeo.

"We are pretty pumped about it," said Danielle Strandlein, a junior animal science and production major from Conroe. "To have so many con-

queen and is excited about this year's "It's going to be a blast," she said. "There will be a lot of people there

Strandlein is this year's rodeo

having a good time. The three-day event begins at 7 p.m. today at the Lubbock Municipal

Coliseum. Nightly performances will the top two continue through Saturday. Tickets teams, will cost \$6 for Thursday and Friday performances and \$10 for Saturday. Saturday's price includes admission to the Rhett Akins concert following

"For people who don't know anything about rodeo, this is a good time to come out and see what it's all about," Strandlein said.

Events included in the rodeo are: women's break-away roping, women's goat tying, women's barrel racing, team roping, steer wrestling, calfroping, saddlebronc riding, bareback riding, bull riding and bull fighting. The Tech Rodeo is the final rodeo in a circuit of collegiate rodeos money. Winners receive points, the points are tallied, and the top two contestants in each event, along with of fun.

compete in the National Collegiate Championships later this fall. Dustin Bell,

see... a junior animal science major from Lubbock. has participated in the Tech rodeo for three years and also has been a member of the rodeo

to this weekend's events where he will be calf roping. "This year's rodeo should be betwhere contestants compete for prize ter than in the past," Bell said. "It's bigger and more people come. The

Rhett Akins concert will also be a lot

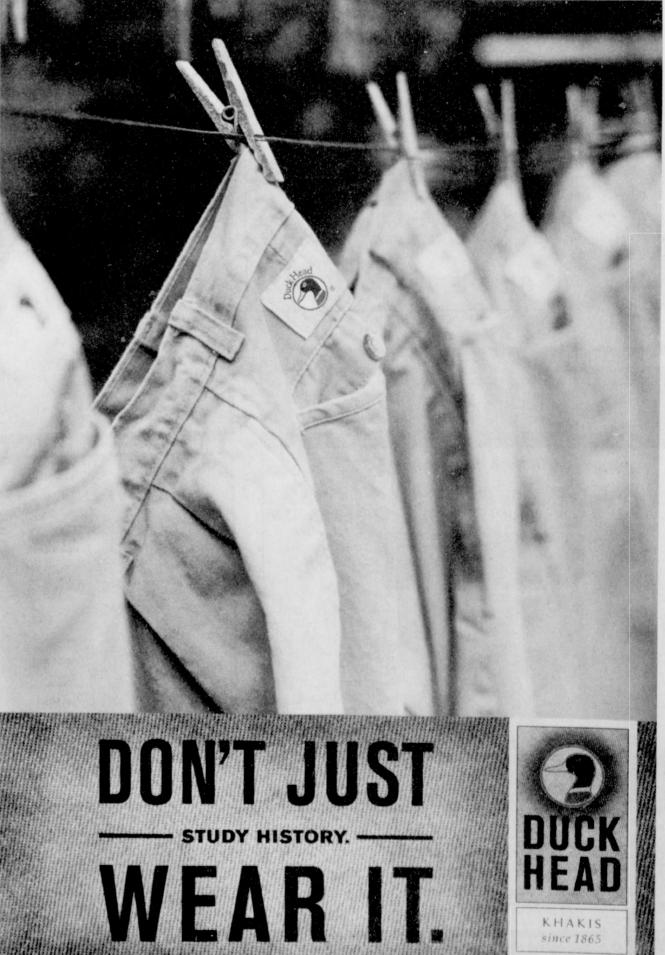
team. Bell said he is looking forward

anything about rodeo, this is a good time to come out and Danielle Strandlein rodeo queen

A chuck wagon supper will kickoff Saturday's events at 5 p.m. in the Livestock Arena. Ticket prices for the meal cost \$5. Also, Thursday and Friday night, Tech sororities and fraternities will participate in goat and calf lowing Saturday's rodeo, Rhett Akins will perform. For concert tickets 770-



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# Gametime: Lady Raiders set for '98

By Brent Dirks Sports Editor

The wait is over for the Texas Tech Lady Raiders when the 1998-1999 squad begins practice for the upcoming season Saturday.

Tech coach Marsha Sharp said the Lady Raiders are ready to start the season, especially after a disappointing loss to Notre Dame last year in the second round of the NCAA Tourna-

"It's time for us to get back on the floor," Sharp said. "It's kind of been a long off season. I think anytime you finish the way we did last year, you really have such a bad taste in your mouth that you want to have an opportunity to do something about it. It was kind of a long wait for us to do that.'

The Lady Raiders will practice at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday and at 3 p.m. Sunday at the women's gym on the Tech campus.

Because of a conflict with a rodeo at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum, Midnight Madness, started last season with the men's team, will not take place this season.

The surprising Padres reached the

World Series for the first time since

1984, shutting down the Atlanta

Braves' comeback bid behind MVP

Sterling Hitchcock for a 5-0 victory

Wednesday in Game 6 of the NL

championship series at Turner Field

fueling speculation they might be-

come the first team in baseball his-

tory to overcome an 0-3 deficit in the postseason. But the Padres won the

series 4-2, wrecking that plan with a

five-run sixth inning off Tom Glavine

as October hero Jim Leyritz drove in

Now it's the Padres, given little Series.

The Braves had won two in a row,

blowing it.

in Atlanta.

the go-ahead run.

Going into practice, Sharp said the wait." biggest concern is generating enough offense after the departure of All-American Alicia Thompson and her 23 points-per-game from last season.

Thompson was the only major loss from last season. The Lady Raiders return four starters and eight letterwinners from last season's Big 12 regular season and tournament championship squad.

"The first concern I think we have going into practice is to make sure we can find enough offense away from Alicia Thompson and the loss that will cause when you lose 23 points per game in your lineup," Sharp said.

The perimeter players will be looked on to help fill the scoring void Thompson, Sharp said.

"I think it's going to be real important for our perimeter players to understand they need to be a little more involved in the scoring, and I think they're ready to do that," she said.

said the team was ready to start prac-"Yes we're really excited, very ex-

Lady Raider Rene Hanebutt guard

starter from Bowie said. "We can't cited to take a look at them and see

Yankees in Game 1 of the World Se-

maining member from the Padres'

only other trip to the Series - a five-

game wipeout by Detroit - the win

meant his first-ever visit to Yankee

Stadium. The eight-time batting

champion contributed two hits in

end to yet another disappointing

year. Despite having reached the

postseason a record seven straight

times, they have just one World Se-

ries championship to show for it —

with 106 victories, they are the

winningest team to fail to reach the

For the Braves, the loss meant the

For Tony Gwynn, at 38 the last re-

ries on Saturday night.

the clincher.

ATLANTA (AP) — So much for all chance at the start of the playoffs,

that talk about the San Diego Padres who will travel to meet the New York

Helping fill the void Thompson

left scoring wise is something the returners are ready to do, Hanebutt

"I think we're ready," Hanebutt said. "It was something we knew would happen. We feel we have the personnel and experience on the perimeter to do that. We do have some points to make up, and we're ready to meet that challenge."

Right now, Sharp said, the candidates to replace Thompson at the No. 4 position are Aleah Johnson, Keitha Dickerson and Cara Gibbs.

Gibbs and Dickerson are returnees while the 6-foot-1-inch Johnson is a junior transfer from South Plains College in Levelland where she was a junior college All-American last

"Honestly from that point I don't know," Sharp said of the candidates at the No. 4 spot. "They've all done a great job this fall. I think that's real healthy. I'm excited we have that many to take a look at there. As a we've done before in spots, it may be cited," the senior and three-year by committee for a while. We're ex-

Hitchcock, forced to move up a

day in the rotation because of Kevin

Brown's relief appearance in Game 5,

again came through. Just 9-7 in the

regular season and with a history of

pitching poorly on three days' rest,

improved to 3-0 with a 1.13 ERA in

postseason wins over Houston's

Randy Johnson and Atlanta's Greg

starter, allowed only two hits in five

innings and struck out eight. Leading

5-0, he left after a pair of leadoff walks

to start the sixth and then Brian

Boehringer — also formerly of the

Yankees — relieved and got three

and the Braves ruined themselves in

With the game scoreless, Glavine

Hitchcock, a former Yankees

Maddux and Glavine.

who we get the best chemistry with." Other newcomers are center

Alison Cudnoski, center Tanisha Ellison and guard Amber Tarr. And like last season, Sharp said

she can go deep into the bench this "Something I'm real excited about

is that there's no doubt we can go nine deep," she said. The season starts Nov. 15 against Texas-Arlington in Lubbock. Before the first game of the season, the Lady

Raiders will have two exhibitions,

one Nov. 4 against the Houston Jag-

uars and Nov. 12 against USK-Prague/Czech Republic. The schedule gets much tougher just two weeks into the season, when the Lady Raiders play SMU, Old Dominion and Stanford all away from the friendly confines of the Lubbock

Municipal Coliseum. "We'll know a lot about our basketball team when we come back from that," Sharp said of the games. "Hopefully we can survive it, at least get better as a group and find out what we need to do to get to that level. I think it'll be a good stretch for us to learn a lot about ourselves.'

The inning began innocently

enough when Gwynn grounded out.

Greg Vaughn, back in the starting

lineup for the first time since leav-

ing the opener because of a strained

left quadriceps, singled and ran to

third when Ken Caminiti grounded

a broken-bat single through the va-

Up stepped Leyritz, whose three-

run homer for the Yankees in Game

4 of the 1996 World Series at Atlanta

sent them on to the title. He didn't

hit the ball out of the park, though

his RBI groundout put the Padres

bullpen to close it out the combined

two-hitter, with relief ace Trevor

Hoffman getting the final three outs

The Padres relied on their strong

cant hole on the right side.

ahead.

of the contest.

The Texas Tech Lady Raiders begin practicing this weekend as they hit the courts at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday in the women's gym.

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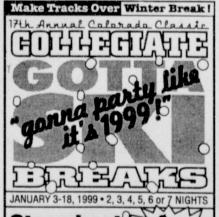
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# Coaches not sensitive to players



Jason Bernstein Assistant Sports Editor

rusing the ranks of the National Football League, it is easy for one to find a number of problematic situations surrounding big names and big teams.

When pe-

Sure, the Kansas City-Iwant-to chokein-the-playoffs Chiefs are al-

ways making news, but that is not a

concern here. And of course, there is the new kid on the block in superstar wide receiver Randy Moss who leads the league in receiving. But I am not in-

terested in that either. What I am interested in is the way some coaches deal with their quarterbacks.

It may not be brain surgery, but there is a science to it.

First, there is the constant revolving-door of quarterbacks with Bill Parcells' New York Jets.

studying the union's luxury tax pro-

posal to see if it will actually slow the

thing quickly became clear: As pres-

ently constituted, the formula would

produce only a trickle of "tax rev-

element of this tax to see whether

under some circumstance, at the

right levels and in the right amounts,

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old, and the league took the unprec-

If the owners latch onto the con-

Plugging in the numbers, one

"We are going to examine every

growth of player salaries.

enue.

David Stern said.

In case you have been out of the country for the past decade or so, Bill screwed up when he named Foley the

Parcells knows nothing about quarterbacks.

Cut the tomfoolery Sure, he is now working on his Bill, let's play some third project major project after refootball. building the Giants and the Patriots. Not only has he coached two

but he has also managed to piss-off two Hall of Fame caliber quarterbacks in Phil Simms and Drew

Parcells, a former Texas Tech defensive coach, knows how to motivate his players and understands how to win. But with that said, he also needs to recognize he is not God's gift to football. One of the keys to winning in any franchise is making an honest attempt at pleasing your starting quarterback.

Hey Bill, open your eyes.

Parcells benched starting signalcaller Glen Foley for Monday's game against the Patriots in favor of Vinny Testaverde.

Personally, I think Parcells

starting quarterback to begin with. But nonetheless, this is just another example of how pathetic Bill Parcells when

comes to re-

different teams in the Super Bowl, lating to his players. There are times to yell and there are times to cajole. It's too bad he does not even know what cajoling is.

Cut the tomfoolery Bill, let's play some football

As for one of the other problems in the NFL, just take a look at San Diego. The 2-4 Chargers fired head coach Kevin Gilbride in favor of June Jones. Gilbride was in his second season after signing a five-year contract and has had less-than-spectacular talent on the field as he guided the Chargers to a 6-16 record in his oneplus seasons in San Diego.

General manager Bobby Beathard said the players were losing confidence and that was becoming detrimental to the team. What a crock.

What it really comes down to is Gilbride was entertaining thoughts of benching million-dollar stud Ryan Leaf this week against the hapless

I guess it would hurt his ego too much if he had to sit out.

It's not like Leaf is all that good. He may not toss 25 interceptions every four games like Payton Manning, but he's a far cry from most of the talented backups in the NFL. Heck, I will take Ty Detmer, Steve Bono, Frank Reich and even Charlie Batch over Leaf.

Gilbride was put in the awkward situation of having to win with a rookie quarterback. Ryan Leaf may be the go-to man in the future, but he's no marquee quarterback now, and Gilbride paid the price for it.

In any case, Gilbride was pushed out because of the inability of his quarterback and Parcells is still around because he has no faith in the abilities of his quarterbacks.

Go figure.

player salaries.

toss out the old deal.

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"The numbers are negotiable,"

One thing a luxury tax might not

In the last labor agreement

union attorney Jeffrey Kessler said.

do is reduce the amount of basket-

ball-related income being devoted to

reached in 1995, the owners agreed

to pay the players between 48 per-

cent and 51.8 percent of revenues. If

the percentage went higher - and

owners claim it reached 57 percent

last season - they had the right to

ary cap that would reduce that num-

ber to 48 percent over four years,

while the union has proposed two

cap-tightening measures if the num-

ber rose to 63 percent over the same

might accept a luxury tax proposal if

it included a fall-back provision that

included a hard cap. That way, if the

tax system wasn't keeping salary

costs down, another system would

Stern indicated that the owners

Owners have proposed a hard sal-

## Penguins cash in, file for bankruptcy

numbers are a Pittsburgh Penguins tradition: Mario Lemieux's 66, Paul Coffey's 77, Larry Murphy's 55. So are these: Chapter 11.

The last major pro sports team to file for bankruptcy protection, the Penguins did so again Tuesday as they battle four major lawsuits - one by Lemieux, the biggest star in their history.

Penguins co-owner Roger Marino cited losses of \$37.5 million over the last two seasons and an inability to negotiate a more favorable lease at the Civic Arena, which will soon be the NHL's old-

Bankruptcy isn't unprecedented in the NHL; the Penguins also filed in 1975 after the IRS padlocked team offices. But it is a public relations black eye for the league during a potential showcase season that may be played without opposition from the labor-gridlocked NBA.

Under NHL rules, the league can seize any insolvent franchise. But, citing the Penguins' recent progress in negotiations with Lemieux and TV rights holder Fox Sports, the NHL suggested that would be counterproductive.

"While we are disappointed ... we have a commitment from ownership that the team will be adequately funded and we are optimistic this process will ultimately ensure that the franchise will be financially and competitively successful in Pittsburgh," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said.

Marino said the payroll will be met Thursday, a day after the Penguins' next game, and the filing will not affect their playing sched-

But the Penguins' myriad problems, including the Marino-Lemieux dispute over \$33 million in deferred payments agreed to by co-owner Howard Baldwin, are alienating some of the NHL's most

The Penguins, who have played to more than 90 percent capacity during the 1990s, have

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Double more than 2,000 unsold seats for Saturday's home opener against the New York Rangers.

Sports agent Tom Reich, who represents Lemieux, said Marino now can pour fresh cash into the franchise without it going immediately to creditors.

'Some may see this as a gloomand-doom event, but it's not," Reich said

'The quality of the dialogue with the Penguins around the horn, not just with us but with everybody, is at a considerably higher level than at any time since this started."

Friday, Lemieux settled many of the outstanding issues in his suit, and Reich said, "Mario will get paid.'

The Penguins' financial problems accelerated after Baldwin, strapped for cash after the Penguins lost \$25 million during the lockout-delayed 1994-95 season, signed unfavorable deals with Fox Sports and Spectator Management in exchange for up front money that kept the team in busi-

Now, Marino wants \$4 million a year in lease concessions from Spectacor and a better contract with Fox Sports. Fox is willing to negotiate, but, so far, Spectator

"The Penguins simply cannot survive with the current choke hold lease," said interim chief executive officer J. Garvin Warden, a bankruptcy specialist hired in August.

Mayor Tom Murphy, who met Friday with Marino and Bettman, is upset that Marino shopped the Penguins to Houston, Kansas City, Oklahoma City and Las Vegas even as he insisted the team wouldn't move.

Those trips prompted the city and Allegheny County to seek a court order barring any discussions about relocating the team before its lease expires in 2007. That lease was extended only last year, after Baldwin agreed to \$12 million in Civic Arena improvements instead of lobbying for a new arena.

## NBA, players working for resolution

gotiating team spent Wednesday Both sides are awaiting a ruling from arbitrator John Feerick on the union's grievance over whether more than 200 players with guaranteed contracts should be paid during the

the first two weeks of the regular sea-

Feerick's decision, which could have a major impact on the negotiations, is due by Sunday.

The union made its tax proposal Tuesday, indicating to owners that they are willing to give ground to get the season started. The tax would theoretically be a deterrent against owners signing their own free agents to overly lucrative long-term con-

Stern and deputy commissioner Russ Granik said the tax proposal was far from a breakthrough, yet they seemed surprised nonetheless that the union was offering a way to control superstar salaries.

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their part that they were making a new offer that was different and might be designed to make some progress," Stern said.

"We want to make sure that we've analyzed it every possible way to show our good faith here.

Under the union's offer, a 50 percent tax would be levied on the amount of any annual salary over \$18 million, with the tax money to be redistributed to the lower-revenue Of all the players currently under

contract for the upcoming season, only one — union president Patrick Ewing — has a salary that exceeds the proposed threshold. Ewing is due to make \$18.5 million, meaning \$500,000 of his salary would qualify for the 50 percent tax.

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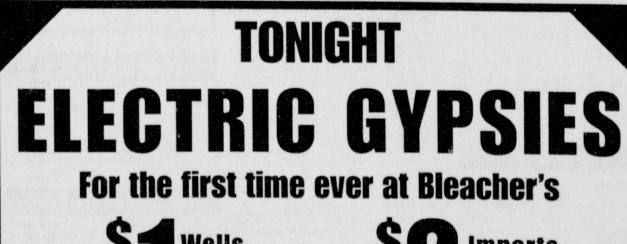
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