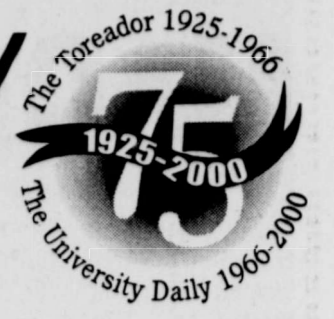
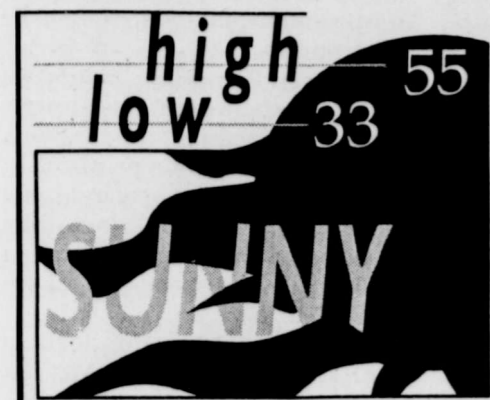


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STATE NEWS —

UT Health Sciences Center president steps down

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Dr. John P. Howe III has announced he will step down as president of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio after 15 years in the post.

Howe will resign effective Jan. 1, 2001. "I will be doing so at a time when the health science center has never been better positioned," Howe said Tuesday, the 15th anniversary of his becoming president. During his tenure, research funding at the center grew from \$32 million to \$124 million annually and the budget grew from \$134 million to \$330 million annually.

Twelve new buildings or expansions were added to the campus and more than 10,000 students graduated and entered the health field.

Howe noted that the UT Health Science Center led the transition as biosciences became San Antonio's leading economic generator.

NATIONAL NEWS —

Alaskan motorists trapped by avalanches rescued

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Nine motorists were rescued by a state police helicopter Tuesday after spending the night in their cars, trapped by avalanches that buried a highway.

The travelers, who had kept in touch with rescuers by cellular phone as they waited along the Seward Highway, were flown out in three groups and taken to a diner for breakfast. They were in good condition.

"We ate everything they had in the restaurant, and now we're starting all over again," said Darwin Peterson. "I told my wife when get back home, I'm not going as far as the post office for the rest of the winter."

Some of the people wrapped up for the night in sleeping bags, while others were in a van that had a propane heater. They spent the time playing cribbage, getting acquainted and talking to troopers by phone.

Most Alaskans carry warm clothing, sleeping bags and survival gear when they travel long distances in the winter.

WORLD NEWS —

Commission reports IRA failing to turn over weapons

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic government was plunged into crisis Tuesday after a report by an independent commission confirmed that the Irish Republican Army has failed to begin turning over its weapons.

Amid doubts that the 8-week-old Northern Ireland administration could survive, the major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, accused the IRA-linked Sinn Fein of failing to deliver on its side of an American-brokered deal that led to their power-sharing Cabinet.

The disarmament commission delivered its report — confirming that no specific acts of IRA disarmament had taken place — to the British and Irish governments late Monday. They declined to make the report public Tuesday.

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Shonrock steps in to fill Ewalt's shoes

by Jennifer Bailey
Staff Writer

Arriving home from work after 9 p.m. may be considered a long hard day by most. However, Michael Shonrock said after arriving home late Tuesday night, he was ready for more.

With motivation and enthusiasm, Shonrock began his new position Tuesday as Texas Tech interim vice president of Student Affairs.

"I am ready to hit the ground running," Shonrock said. "From a strategical standpoint, there are so many programs that I am eager to begin working on and bring to the



Shonrock

director of Housing and Dining, as Tech interim Dean of Students.

"He will be wearing two hats," Shonrock said describing Burkhalter's new position, who will continue to serve as director of Housing and Dining. "He will be divvying up

students."

Shonrock, who has been the dean of students at Tech for the past seven years, is replacing Robert Ewalt, who retired Monday after 26 years of service.

Shonrock has appointed James Burkhalter, director of Housing and Dining, as Tech interim Dean of Students.

"He will be wearing two hats," Shonrock said describing Burkhalter's new position, who will continue to serve as director of Housing and Dining. "He will be divvying up

overall responsibility."

Tech President Donald Haragan appointed Shonrock to the position when Ewalt announced his retirement in September.

"I thought it would be best to appoint an interim and then let the new Tech president appoint a candidate of his choice," Haragan said. "Shonrock has done such a good job as dean of students that he should be a candidate for the permanent job."

Haragan said the interim appointment was made so the daily routine of the Office for Student Affairs would not be interrupted.

A permanent vice president for Student Affairs will be chosen by the new Tech presi-

dent. The presidential position has not yet been filled.

Shonrock said he is ready to focus on improvements in present and future programs the Office of Student Affairs provides. Programs he will tackle include, discussing the parental notification of underage alcohol violators, renovating the University Center and the Student Recreation Center.

He also will look into the possible implementation new visitation hours for the residence halls.

"(The Office of Student Affairs) would discuss this with residents in the halls, possibly see **SHONROCK, p. 2**

Lubbock's weather forecaster Prairie Dog Pete helps predict seasonal change

by Jamie Laubhan
Techlife co-Editor

As the sun creeps over the horizon, a prairie dog sticks his head out of his burrow before emerging completely into the cold winter dawn to make his annual weather prediction.

Each year on Groundhog Day, Punxutawny Phil and Lubbock's own Prairie Dog Pete arise to the occasion before anxious spectators. Today, people will look to Phil and Pete for something which they usually acquire from trained meteorologists.

According to legend, if a groundhog sees his shadow, he regards it as an omen of six more weeks of bad weather and returns to his hole.

If the day is cloudy, and hence, shadowless, he takes it as a sign of spring and remains above ground.

Mark Conder, a graduate student in atmospheric science from Littleton, Colo., said the day is strictly amusement.

Living it up in a heated burrow, beneath a simulated tree stump, in Gobbler's Knob, Pa., Punxutawny Phil receives national attention on this day each year.

"I don't think that it is something you can rely on," Conder said. "No one really knows what the weather is going to do — you can only speculate by looking at weather patterns."

Pennsylvania's official celebration of Groundhog day began Feb. 2, 1886. Since that time, there have been 89 days with shadows, 14 with none and nine with no



Prairie Dog Pete munches on a snack Tuesday at Mackenzie Park. Legend has it if Pete sees his shadow, six more weeks of winter will follow. Weather forecasts predict a mostly sunny day today.

record.

Matt Hines, weather intern at CBS Channel 13, grew up with the legend as he is sure many have, too. Hine's parents, who were both teachers, stressed the importance of the day.

"I think it is a good holiday," Hines said. "It is fun for kids. It teaches them the different seasons, and it gets people interested in the

weather."

Though he is certain a groundhog's prediction is not accurate, he feels the holiday has become a great American tradition.

"I don't put much faith in it, but I think it is a good tradition that needs to keep going," he said.

see PETE, p. 7

Residence hall fire codes, safety improved

by Shannon Davis
Staff Writer

Texas Tech's Department of Housing and Dining recently has worked on fire safety policies and procedures to improve facilities and residence halls around the campus.

All residence halls now are equipped with fire safety equipment, and many improvements have been made to the buildings.

Building codes and requirements have changed because of the age of the buildings, which ranges from one to 50 years, according to a written statement by James Burkhalter, director of Housing and Dining

Services at Tech.

The buildings constantly are being updated to meet these new requirements and improve safety features of each hall, Burkhalter said in the statement.

All residence halls are in compliance with the Texas State Fire Marshal, and improvements were made or will be made to several residence halls, said Steve Bellyea, director of Environmental Health and Safety at Tech.

Tech recently has upgraded the Chitwood/Weymouth Residence Complex and Coleman Residence Hall, including the installation of self-closings devices on all student room doors, trash room doors and el-

evator lobby doors. Emergency lighting was installed in all corridors, and fire doors were installed on the first floor in various locations. Stairwell doors also were repaired or replaced.

An automatic sprinkler system was installed in Coleman Hall in September 1999. The Chitwood/Weymouth Complex will receive a sprinkler system by September 2000.

Emergency lighting were installed in the stairwells and floors of Stangel/Murdough Residence Complex. Trash rooms were built with fire-rated walls and doors, and self-closing devices also were installed on all student

see FIRE SAFETY, p. 2

Myers receives two-year contract extension

by A.P. Thompson
Staff Writer

Texas Tech Athletics Director Gerald Myers has seen many changes during his years involved with the university. He has seen all the highs and lows of Red Raider sports, first as a basketball player, then as head basketball coach and finally as athletics director. Now he is set to see at least two more years of change.

The Texas Tech Board of Regents renewed Myers' contract through 2002 during their last meeting in December.

"This is an exciting time to be involved with Texas Tech," Myers said. "It's a fun time to be involved as an administrator of Tech athletics." Myers' contract was set to expire at the

end of this month, but the new extension will keep Myers at the helm of Tech athletics until February 2002.

Myers' contract extension means he will oversee Tech's final two years of NCAA probation handed down in 1998. He also will help supervise the construction and renovations to Jones Stadium, which were scheduled to begin in November.

Myers, 63, is the winningest coach in Red Raider basketball history, and was originally hired as director in February 1997. He became the interim athletics director in 1996 when Bob Bockrath took a position at the University of Alabama.

"I'm pleased about the confidence from the board," Myers said. "I'm really looking forward to complete what we got started."

Myers said he is anticipating the completion of future projects such as the Jones Stadium renovations and the new softball and tennis complexes.

Although Myers is nearing retirement, he said he has not thought that far in advance yet. "I'm not really thinking about that right now," he said. "I'm just looking forward to the next two years."

Red Raider basketball coach James Dickey said he is happy about Myers' renewal and is looking forward to working with him another two years.

"He is a gentleman who has given so much to the university and our community," Dickey said. "He is very deserving and I'm happy for him ... and I know he will accomplish a lot more in the next two years."

Hudson: no changes on horizon

by Jason Bernstein
Special Contributor

With rumors circulating about incorporating various campus media with the School of Mass Communications, the school's director said no changes are in the works for any on Texas Tech's campus.

Jerry Hudson, director of the School of Mass Communications, said there will be no structural changes in KTXT-TV, KTXT-FM, KOHM-FM or *The University Daily*.

"Our goal is to try to figure out a way to increase our faculty at the university," he said. "This wasn't a proposal for consideration. No recommendations were made. These were just some ideas that we may want to address at some point in the future."

A meeting with Tech President Donald Haragan and Provost John Burns is scheduled for Thursday with the key principals involved: Hudson; Clive Kinghorn, KTXT-FM and KOHM-FM general manager; Jan Childress, Student Publications director; and John Henson, KTXT-TV director and general manager.

The proposal, obtained by *The UD* last week, outlined changes that were to affect Tech's media outlets while helping upgrade the School of Mass Communications.

Another facet of Hudson's proposal called for an unspecified move for the Department of Communications Studies — a move out of the Mass Communications building.

David Roach, chairman of the Department of Communication Studies at Tech, said he first heard about the proposal through a telephone call from *The UD* editor.

"It was definitely a surprise," he said. "This type of idea has been a goal that has come up in the past, but this is the first I've ever seen it on paper."

"It's really a surprise to hear about it from the student newspaper editor. We like where we are, but we are certainly cognizant of the issue now."

According to the document, KTXT-TV would produce a daily newscast about Tech's campuses, hire three new staff members, incorporate student reporters and would relocate to the Mass Communications building.

But aside from the changes, John Henson, director and general manager for KTXT-TV, said his primary concern is that of the station's dedication to the Lubbock community.

"To a certain extent, our service to the community might be harmed in a way," he said.

Henson also said the cost for relocating the station's equipment and broadcast tower could top \$1 million, not to mention the additional costs of the three new positions.

"My question is where does the money come from for three additional positions?" he said. "I don't have it in my operating budget."

Hudson's proposal also pointed to relocating both KTXT-FM and KOHM-FM to the Mass Communications building in order to be "more convenient to the staff," while providing a more cohesive structure for development.

KOHM-FM is awaiting the installation of fiber optic cables to its new location atop the Bank of America building located at the corner of 19th Street and University Avenue.

"We're a bit mixed on the whole thing," said Derrick Ginter, KOHM-FM operations director. "I think it can be good because we would have the financial backing that could really help. I couldn't imagine taking over an operation like this without having the financial backing."

But, Ginter said there are negatives associated with the proposed changes, including the relocation idea.

"I wonder what kind of expectations there are to involve students in our operational," he said. "I'm concerned that massive operations changes would affect our broadcast."

McCain smashes Bush in New Hampshire

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Arizona Sen. John McCain scored a landslide victory over George W. Bush on Tuesday in New Hampshire's leadoff primary, puncturing the aura of inevitability that had buoyed his Republican presidential campaign. Vice President Al Gore survived a toe-to-toe challenge from Democratic challenger Bill Bradley.

"We have sent a powerful message to Washington that change is coming," McCain told cheering supporters. He watched returns with his teary-eyed wife, Cindy, who put a trembling hand to her mouth and said, "It really happened."

McCain rolled up 49 percent of the GOP vote, Bush just 30, a margin that recast the GOP race for the larger states ahead.

Gore was winning 52 percent of the vote, Bradley 47.

"We're going to march all the way down the field — state to state, all the way to victory in November," the vice president told supporters, as Democrats and Republicans alike looked to a five-week stretch of primaries that could determine the nominees by mid-March.

The results damaged Bradley's chances, but he vowed to keep up his challenge. The former New Jersey senator lost badly in Iowa last week and lost the lead he once held in New Hampshire polling.

Even so, he found solace in the narrower margin Tuesday night. "We're moving forward," Bradley told the *Associated Press* and indeed he has enough money to remain competitive in an expensive sprint of followup primaries, a luxury McCain could not have afforded.

AP's delegate analysis showed Gore leading for 13 out of the 22 Democratic delegates at stake in New Hampshire, with Bradley winning 9.

The vice president cast his victory as a bad omen for Bradley, whose laid-back style and pledges of political reform were tailor made for independent-minded voters of New Hampshire.

"If he cannot win here, then that's a devastating blow to him," Gore told reporters.

Nearly four out of every 10 New Hampshire voters do not declare a party affiliation, and these independents were a potent attraction to in-

"New Hampshire has long been known as a bump in the road for front-runners, and this year will be no exception."

Gov. George W. Bush presidential candidate

surgent candidates McCain and Bradley in a state with a proud history of knocking front-runners offstride.

McCain credited his agenda of political and campaign finance reform for his victory. "The Republican Party recovered its heritage of reform. And it's the beginning of the end of the truth-twisting politics of Bill Clinton and Al Gore," he said.

In returns from 80 percent of New Hampshire's 300 Republican precincts, McCain had 49 percent of the vote compared to 30 for Bush. Millionaire publisher Steve Forbes was a distant third at 13 percent and former Amb. Alan Keyes was at 6.

McCain was winning 10 out of the 17 GOP delegates at stake, Bush 5

and Forbes 2.

Social conservative Gary Bauer barely registered in the returns and was struggling to survive.

"I'm a fighter but I'm not delusional," Bauer said, before flying home to Virginia to take stock of his candidacy.

Forbes had to be disappointed, too, finishing little better than he did in the 1996, after investing four years and millions of dollars for a second GOP bid. Yet Forbes said he would stay and fight for conservative voters who might be tempted to peel away from the suddenly vulnerable Bush.

"I make this appeal to those who may have backed others because of

inevitability, I plead with you, please come home," he said.

Voter interviews showed McCain winning in every demographic and income group. As expected, he was well ahead among independents in a state that allows its non-partisan voters to cast ballots in either primary. And he defeated Bush among Republican voters, a constituency that Bush had expected to dominate. McCain advantage over Bush among GOP voters bodes well for their next confrontation in South Carolina, a state that tends to back establishment candidates like Bush.

McCain's gargantuan victory was certain to raise questions about Bush's strategy, relying on photo opportunities and scripted speeches while McCain held dozens of free-wheeling town hall meetings, appealing to finicky New Hampshire voters who expect a personal touch.

Bush aired TV ads that said he was the most likely candidate to be elected president, but voter interviews showed that less than 10 percent of GOP voters in New Hampshire said they considered a candidates' ability to get elected a top factor in their decision. Voter in-

terviews showed that the top quality sought by Tuesday's GOP voters was a candidate who "stands up for what he believes in." Nearly as many voters were looking for a "strong and decisive leader."

After calling McCain to congratulate his rival, a chastened Bush told supporters, "I am better candidate for having come to New Hampshire and waging this campaign and because of this competition." He told the AP in a post-primary interview, "New Hampshire has long been known as a bump in the road for front-runners, and this year will be no exception."

After New Hampshire, Democrats turn their attention to an unprecedented mountain of primaries from New York to California on March 7. Republicans will compete in several states before March 7, including Delaware on Feb. 8, South Carolina on Feb. 19 and Arizona and Michigan on Feb. 22.

Bush has held a wide lead in South Carolina polls, but McCain has more than two weeks to chip away at the lead and hoped to marshal support from military veterans among Republican voters.

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Reader's Ask

Q: I have noticed that the condoms that Student Health Services provide are a very good measure in ensuring students practice safe sex. My concern, however, is that several of my male counterparts have noticed that condoms that condoms are useful, but are too tight (diameter) and decrease sensitivity in the penis during intercourse. Have you considered purchasing a "bit" larger-ringed condoms?

Jo Henderson Columnist

Jo says: The Thompson Hall Pharmacy carries a standard size condom. Let me suggest that if it isn't a comfortable fit, try a pharmacy off campus. Those places carry a wider selection, and they do come in sizes. Also, if you want to increase sensitivity during intercourse, add a little lubricant inside the condom.

Q: There are so many new people to meet and get to know here, but I need time to study and work, and a few friends seem to be really draining on my time. Help!

Jo says: It takes experience to learn to choose friends wisely and balance the give-and-take of friendship with the many demands on your time. Some recent advice I read suggests "assess before you invest." If you have a specific friend or friends in mind, take a look at your relationship with them by asking yourself if you look forward to the time you spend with them, or do you spend time out of obligation or for social-climbing reasons? Do you like them and respect them? Do you really care about what is going on in their life enough to listen to them without feeling bored or used? Answers to those questions will let you assess the value of the relationship.

Q: Can you give me a few ideas to fall asleep quicker? I'm having trouble some nights and lay awake for hours.

Jo says: Be careful of what you eat or drink a few hours before bedtime. Avoid coffee or cola because the caffeine can keep you awake. There also is a thing called "restless leg syndrome,"

which is the urge to move your legs, causing sleep disturbance, and it affects as many as five in every 100 people. That syndrome comes from an iron or vitamin E deficiency. Alcohol seemingly can help you fall asleep, however, it interferes with substances in the brain that allow for continuous sleep so you end up tired the next day from fragmented sleep. You might visit with your health care provider who can advise you further.

Q: My boyfriend is a bodybuilder and has started taking something called Reviviant. I thought I heard that this stuff is dangerous. Is that true?

Jo says: The Texas Department of Health has issued a warning about a group of new products that have the brand names Renew Trient, Reviviant, Reviviant G, GH Revitalizer, Gamma-G and Blue Nitro. These products are available in liquid and powder and contain a powerful chemical found in floor stripper. The solvent is gamma butyrolactone. It can cause dangerously low respiratory rates, unconsciousness and seizures. The danger increases if it is taken with alcohol or other depressants. Several Texas victims have required mechanically-assisted breathing, and most of the victims were in their 20s. These products are promoted to build muscles, improve physical performance, reduce stress, enhance sex, induce sleep and lose

weight. Sounds like a drug that promises heaven but ends up producing hell. For more information regarding dietary supplements, you can attend a free presentation by Jerry Foote at 4 p.m. Feb. 10 at the rec center.

Q: Should you open and drain a blister?

Jo says: No, not if it is small. Actually, the fluid and skin over it protects you against infection. Cover it with a small bandage to keep it from getting rubbed and irritated. If it breaks, wash with soap and water and bandage. If it is a big, painful blister, you can puncture it at the base with a sterile needle (use a match flame to heat the needle and then let it cool) and then let it drain and bandage it. In any case, leave the skin over the blister attached if possible because it helps protect against infection. If you have diabetes, poor circulation or the blister is red, swollen and full of puss, do not treat it yourself, but see your health care professional for advice and medical attention.

Drop boxes for Reader's Ask are located in the University Center and Student Health Services in Thompson Hall, or you can e-mail me questions at stjhwh@ttu.hsc.edu.

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room doors. Stairwell doors were either repaired or replaced to securely latch and seal the doors, and both have received a sprinkler system.

Along with these recent improvements, staff from both Housing and Dining and Environmental Health and Safety regularly conducts inspections and fire drills each semester.

"I feel safe in the dorms, and I am glad to know that improvements are being made to further the safety of students," said Chitwood resident Kelly Caudill, a freshman business major from Plano.

Staff members are trained to assist students in the proper evacuation of the buildings, according to a pamphlet from Housing and Dining.

Students' safety is of primary concern, and it is a goal to keep students and parents informed, Burkhalter said in his statement. A letter is sent out to parents and students every semester to make everyone aware of the changes that are being made.

"According to the state fire marshal, this completion must be done by Aug. 31, 2001," Belyea said. "We are ahead of schedule with meeting these deficiencies and are going to be finished by September 2000."

How do you want to spend the next four years? Early Fall 2000 Sign-ups.

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allowing them to vote on new hours," Shonrock said. "The student is a critical part in my everyday work." (The Office of Student Affairs) needs to make sure we are meeting the needs of every student on campus.

Shonrock said he could not do any of his work alone, and he is thankful for all of the help he receives.

"I am very fortunate to be around the people I work with," he said.

Shonrock said he would like to continue to build partnerships with other departments and student organizations.

"I hope to maintain a good focus on the task at hand," Shonrock said. "And always improve the lives of Tech students."

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COBA helps students begin future

by Charlie Milling
Staff Writer

Texas Tech marketing majors were able to take a step toward their future Tuesday and explore opportunities for internships.

Many students met with representatives from different companies about possible job openings.

"I wanted to get an (internship) this summer," said Jeremy White, a senior marketing major from Lubbock.

"That is why I wanted to jump on it early. If I started working on it right now, than I would definitely have one this summer."

More than 80 students came to hear 12 different companies, such as Dillard's department stores and H-E-B Grocery Co., give four-minute presentations in the Business Administration Rotunda.

Students were able to visit with representatives at different booths, show their resumes and network.

"It was great," said Kathy Briehn, assistant store manager for Stein Mart Inc. "I believe in internships. They are great in opening the door to your career."

Many companies seek out interns at Tech and have had numerous Tech students intern in the past.

"We usually have one internship each summer," said Donna Muth, a corporate recruiter from H-E-B.

"This is a great place to find them." The professors who sponsored the event enjoyed the opportunity to give the students a chance.

"I am really happy for the students," said Debra Laverie, assistant professor



Heather Dining, a junior marketing major from Dallas, talks to J.C. Penney Co. Inc., representatives Debbie Heard and David Spinkes about possible internships Tuesday at the Business Administration Rotunda.

in the marketing department of the College of Business Administration at Tech.

"It is a great opportunity because it gives the students a chance to try out a company. They can see what

they don't like and what they do like."

The students who attended the internship fair also gained a leg up on required class work.

Patrick Dunne, associate professor in COBA, said marketing majors must

participate in an approved internship in order to graduate.

"What's good about this whole process, besides getting an internship, is the student will get one that counts toward their major," Dunne said.

POLICE BLOTTER

TEXAS TECH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Compiled from the files of the Texas Tech Police Department

January 27

•8:23 a.m. Officers responded to a request for EMS in Drane Hall in reference to a staff member who had suffered a possible broken foot.

•10:58 a.m. Officers investigated a traffic accident without injuries in the C-4 parking lot.

•11:30 a.m. Officers investigated a hit and run accident without injuries in the C-12 parking lot.

•1:43 a.m. Officers arrested a minor for driving under the influence following a traffic stop in the Z-4M parking lot. The student was issued a citation and released.

January 26

•12:27 p.m. Officers investigated disorderly conduct and theft of food in the Raider Rock Grill in the University Center.

•4:54 p.m. Officers responded to a request of an emergency detention in the Psychiatric Department at the Health Sciences Center. The patient was taken to the University Medical Center emergency room.

•5:46 p.m. Officers documented a power failure that af-

ected parts of the Texas Tech campus and the HSC.

January 25

•2:38 p.m. Officers, while off duty, arrested two non-students in the 3300 block of Fourth Street for public intoxication. Both subjects were transported to the Lubbock County jail.

•7:17 p.m. Officers responded to a medical emergency in the Agricultural Sciences building. A student was having a seizure and was transported to UMC.

January 24

•1:03 p.m. Officers investigated indecent exposure which occurred in the 3300 block of 18th Street.

•4:43 p.m. Officers arrested a student for an outstanding Scurry County warrant following a traffic stop in the 3000 block of 15th Street.

•10:44 p.m. Officers documented information concerning a suspicious person in the Plant Sciences building. A custodian observed a man standing in the corner of a dark room.

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Agri-Techsans span area schools to recruit students

by Lisa Marie Lachmann
Contributing Writer

It is not an uncommon practice for collegiate athletic programs to travel thousands of miles and visit hundreds of schools to attract top-notch student athletes to their program. Texas Tech is also involved in this process, but not just for athletes.

Operation Clean Sweep, a program in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, uses five Tech students in the Agri-Techsans organization to travel to area schools to recruit students.

Angie Burkes, coordinator of Student and Alumni Programs for CASNR's Recruitment and Career

University makes Texas-size discovery

DALLAS (AP) — The discovery of the largest fossilized neck bones ever found in Texas suggests a 100-ton plant-eating dinosaur roamed the earth long after scientists thought such weighty creatures had died.

"I think it's kind of ironic that a native Texan finds the biggest fossil in Texas," said James Carter, a University of Texas at Dallas researcher who helped uncover the bones from Big Bend National Park in far West Texas, along the Rio Grande.

Carter was helping a colleague and his students excavate the remains of a dinosaur called an alamosaurus in 1995 when he noticed a grapefruit-sized bit of bone protruding from the ground at a nearby site. An alamosaurus is of the sauropod type of dinosaur, with a long neck and tail and a small head.

They dislodged three of the 10 vertebrae, covered them in a protective plaster-of-Paris coating, and brought them back to their Dallas lab for study. Tests showed each vertebra of the 23-foot-long neck weighed between 400 and 1,200 pounds. Researchers still don't know if the beast is a large type of sauropod, or an entirely new species.

Center, said the their biggest goal is to hit every high school within a 100-mile radius of Lubbock.

"That is almost a total of 110 schools we must venture to," Burkes said.

"Five Agri-Techsans will go to the high schools and talk about college life — things they are interested in and curious about. They want to know what it's like to pick a

class... just things we take for granted."

Burkes said she wants Agri-Techsans to educate high school students about the many possibilities in the CASNR.

Brandon Lipps, a sophomore agriculture economics major from Midland, said he enjoys being a part of Agri-Techsans and helping others understand the opportunities in agriculture.

"There are different departments that agriculture applies to; for example, ag economics, science and communication," Lipps said.

Lipps and other members have begun visiting high schools to educate students about Tech and answer questions they might have.

"You're always a little nervous when speaking, but we all go through a nomination and an ex-

tensive interview process to prepare us," Lipps said.

To be an Agri-Techsan, a student must be nominated into the group either by a professor or an existing member.

All members must maintain a 3.0 GPA and go through a series of interviews. The top candidates selected are trained in recruiting, application, historical and trivial information on

Tech.

Agri-Techsans have a total of 30 members who all represent Tech at state events in Future Farmers of America, 4-H Round Up and Junior Livestock shows.

"So many people have tunnel vision about farming," Lipps said.

"It's our job to educate about other opportunities and professions in this department."

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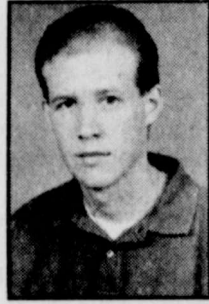
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B-movies: Lessons for a lifetime

Late one night, I was dozing in front of my television's warm, comforting glow when the cheesy B-movie that I was watching began talking to me.

I awoke from my snooze and listened carefully. During the closing sequence of this movie, the narrator's voice came on and gave me invaluable advice on how to live my life.

While I almost immediately forgot what the narrator said, the movie made me realize something. B-movies weren't made just because they are cheap, mindless entertainment to fill late-night movie channels. They were made to teach us how to live richer and fuller lives. It made me re-evaluate the countless movies I had watched in an attempt to derive their meaning.



Jay Hudec
Columnist

To prevent you from having to go out and rent all of these quality films for yourself, I will try to interpret the films that I have seen, or at least seen parts of, so that you might concentrate on the ones that speak to you.

Often, these B-movies teach us the same lessons we have had ingrained in us since we were children. If only our parents had been wise enough to show us these movies instead of lecturing us, we might have better heeded their message.

For instance, "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" taught us safety with power tools. "The Substitute" taught us that we should always respect our teachers, for you never know when one of them might actually be a former special forces soldier. "Slumber Party Massacre"

taught us to always lock the door at night. And, as we grew older, "Death Race 2000" taught us to keep our eyes on the road, and, more importantly, old people are worth 50 points. It makes me wonder if maybe Hillary Clinton had "Children of the Corn" in mind when she said, "It takes a village to raise a child."

Other B-movies taught us not to mess with science. Of course, better-known big-budget movies such as "Aliens" and "Species" taught us never to try to create or breed dangerous creatures that might actually kill us if they got the chance, but I think we would have figured that one out for ourselves.

Meanwhile, B-movies taught us more subtle, intangible lessons. "The Reanimator" and "Getting In" taught us to never trust medical students for who-knows-what evil lurks in their twisted little minds. "Frankenhooker" taught us the vital lesson that a good woman is hard to find, but with a little ingenuity and some household appliances, you can make your own.

"The Creature from the Black Lagoon" taught us the damage that science and industry can do to the environment. Inspirational movies such as "The Best of the Best" taught us we can do anything if we put our minds to it. "H.O.T.S." showed us there's a place for everyone in college.

"Beyond the Valley of the Dolls" taught us that Hollywood is an evil place that can corrupt those who are not steadfast and pure of heart. It also shows that Roger Ebert truly understands what it takes to make a quality movie.

"Ski School" teaches us that slackers still can win in the end. And, most importantly, "Red Dawn" taught us that if the Communists ever tried to take over America, we'd prevail because a handful of high school students can easily take out the entire Russian

army. I don't know about you, but that helps me sleep better at night.

These movies certainly perform a public service not just to us but also to all of those hardworking actors in Hollywood. How else could Gary Busey, Corbin Bernson, Richard Greico and the Oscar-worthy Dolph Lundgren stay employed? How else could Harvey Keitel make a living in between Quentin Tarantino films?

There are pinnacles within this stellar genre that must be recognized. The best actor of this genre is definitely Rutger Hauer, but it amazes me that he has yet to receive his long-overdue lifetime achievement award.

While Martin Sheen and Mario Van Peebles have contributed more films to the B-movie genre, only Rutger Hauer has the talent required to play essentially the same character with the same plot without ever seeming to tire. The best actress here is the ageless Shannon Tweed, an excellent performer whose works can fill an entire "USA Up All Night" lineup.

The best movie of this genre is by far "Night of the Living Dead," and the best series goes to the "Evil Dead" trilogy, where each film was as good as its predecessor.

So next time you are at the movie store, don't spend \$3 on some big-budget spectacular when you could take a risk and spend 99 cents or less on a B-movie and maybe, just maybe learn a little something about life.

Weekly Quickie: A slight understatement. "Nuclear war would certainly set back cable."
— Ted Turner

Jay Hudec is a second-year medical student from Plano. He is creating a woman out of Play-Doh, whom he hopes to bring to life just as soon as he finishes fighting off the redneck swamp zombies clawing at his door.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not just here

To the editor: I attend a small, liberal arts college in Missouri; however, I will begin law school at Texas Tech in the fall. On a daily basis, I read the online edition of *The UD* and attempt to keep up with the happenings in Lubbock.

Not only have I been able to see what a great school Tech is, but *The UD* also has allowed me the opportunity to develop opinions on various issues that are prevalent in the Tech community. I can honestly say the integrity and quality of *The UD* has been a driving force in my decision to attend Texas Tech law school over many others. Lubbock is not the easiest place to travel and knowing that I can depend on an excellent journal such as *The UD* has helped immensely.

It is with these feelings I am extremely worried about the plan the Texas Tech administration is considering. I feel that I have a unique viewpoint because during my career at Drury University, the student newspaper underwent the exact change that is facing *The UD*.

In a matter of two years, the overall attitude on campus changed. We felt like we had no outlet to express ourselves as adults. Students, please realize the ability to express yourself in a free, independent manner has a therapeutic effect on the entire campus.

Resentment and school apathy will begin to take a much more predominant place on campus because of the feeling the administration is controlling what you are able to speak out about.

We are all adults and do not need to have our intellects minimized by those in high places. The quality of journalism is excellent here at Tech, and the argument made by the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* regarding quality of preparation is simply

moronic.

It seems that colleges often adopt the "sink or swim" philosophy in some areas, such as the classroom, while holding us back and attempting to spoon feed us in others. I ask that the students at Texas Tech express your support for *The University Daily* in every way possible. This is your newspaper, not anyone else's — do what you must to keep it that way. See you in August.

Paul Williams
Drury University

Red Raiders Rock

To the editor: I would like to express my appreciation for the great support our fellow Red Raiders displayed for our basketball team the last two Saturday nights. Our new arena rocked with more than 14,000 fans at the UT game and more than 10,000 at the OU game, many of which were loud and loyal Texas Tech students. I am positive that the team appreciates our support, and it is my hope that this level of spirit will only escalate throughout the rest of the season.

Throughout both games, our students kept things going with chants, balloons, cheers and the occasional costume. This is what supporting the athletics of Tech is all about. And as a Saddle Tramp and a dedicated Red Raider, I want to thank every one of you for making the game a great experience for the team and the fans.

I really enjoyed seeing so many students dedicated to the spirit of Tech, and I invite anyone who loves our school to come see what Saddle Tramps is all about at our open Rush Feb. 3 (in the University Center Double T Lounge). The event is at 6:30 p.m. and is a casual way to meet other Red Raiders who share a love and support for Tech and its athletics. Dress is casual, and there is no commitment. If you are interested, we look forward to seeing you soon.

Once again, thank you, Texas Tech, for your support the last two Saturday nights, and we hope to see all of you there Wednesday as we chalk up our first conference victory against

OSU. Give 'em hell, Big Red!

Kirk Sears
president
Saddle Tramps

Keep shooting

To the editor: After reading Matt Muench's column, "Raiders lack luster in final minutes" (*UD*, 2/1), I became appalled. I have been to almost all of the men's games, and I have never seen them quit.

The Raiders are 0-6 in conference play because of making bad decisions on the court, not because they gave up. How can Muench call the Raiders a team that gives up when they have come back from being 15 or 20 points down, to only being down two or three points or even taking the lead?

To say that Rayford Young is the "only senior finding the stairs to step it up" also is wrong. Mario Layne (13.8 ppg) continues to bust his ass off every game. His electrifying dunks, superb defense and leadership get the Raiders started on those 7-0, 9-0 runs to get them back into the game. To call James Ware and Brodney Kennard the "Brick Brothers" is a little harsh. James Ware (42 percent behind the arc) continues to shoot the ball better. He also had some big 3-point shots in the Nebraska and Texas A&M games. Sure Brodney Kennard (2.2 blocked shots, 6.9 rebounds-per-game) might not score a lot, but he does play defense, gets rebounds and does block shots. Scoring is not everything in the game of basketball.

In closing, basketball is a lot harder than it looks. Every team has their slumps. The good teams overcome the obstacles and end up out of the slumps. Even if the Raiders don't win one game in conference, I will be at every game because they play hard and don't give up! I hope to see the Tech student section full when the Raiders win their first conference game against Oklahoma State on Wednesday.

Joe Britten
junior
multidisciplinary studies

W's pat answers getting annoying

You know how refreshing it is when someone in politics just up and tells the flat truth? I hope she doesn't get fired for it, but Mindy Tucker, a spokeswoman for the Bush campaign, did so after George W. got "off-message" and was forced to talk about the abortion issue for the Iowa caucuses. He doesn't like to talk about the abortion issue.

"We have a message a day," said Tucker, "and we want to stick to it. We are not going to have one big, fat news conference on our schedule where everyone can come ask questions about what you think is the news of the day."

I like that. There it is, as they used to say during an unfortunate war.

I can see where campaign strategists would assume the media have no function other than to relay a candidate's message of the day, like a giant bullhorn. ("Message: I care," Big George Bush once said, cutting right to the chase.) But this does raise, once more, the delicate matter of W. Bush's ability to function outside "the bubble" so carefully created by Karl Rove & Co.

Karen Hughes, Bush's guardian and press secretary, then attacked the mild-mannered Cokie Roberts for being "disrespectful" to Bush on a Sunday chat show. The disrespect consisted of trying, several times, to get Bush to answer the question: "Did you ever support higher taxes?" He kept replying that he had cut taxes, which doesn't actually answer the question.

As it happens, I think Bush is within his rights to answer that he never supported a tax increase, but it's one of those deals that requires some context. What Bush did — alas, he did not succeed — was support a tax shift that would indeed have put new taxes on some folks. Among those folks were the state's lawyers, doctors and CPAs, so you can imagine the lobby muscle that went into defeating that idea.

But the tax shift — closing many of the egregious loopholes that have been lobbied into the state sales tax over the years, while giving some relief to average citizens — would not have produced a single additional nickel in revenue for the state. I don't think it's fair to say it was a tax increase, as the state wouldn't have gotten any more money out of it. It actually was an effort to make the tax structure in this state fairer, and I'm sorry that Bush didn't have the clout or the leadership to get it passed. (It was defeated by the lobby and the Republicans.)

Of course, it wasn't Bush's idea to begin with. It actually came from a select committee of powerful chairmen in the Democratic House, but he did get on board.

Now, Bush could have explained that to Roberts, who is not exactly a hardball interviewer, but instead he stayed "on message" ("I cut taxes"), which is one of the worrisome things about his campaign. One consistently gets the impression that Bush is not thinking or explaining but parroting what he has been told is the right answer.

It was sort of painful to hear him try to address questions he didn't have a canned answer for. Should the Cuban boy Elian Gonzalez be given citizenship by Congress? Bush hadn't thought about it. This move has been mooted for two weeks now.

When Hughes was asked if reporters would be able to question Bush in a formal setting (rather than trying to get him to answer as he goes in and out of diners and cafes), she replied: "Are you here to cover the campaign? Then you'll be here to cover what Gov. Bush is doing next week. He'll be campaigning next week."

What made Bush's handlers so unhappy with the press is he was pushed into actually saying something about abortion — to wit, "Roe v. Wade was a reach, overstepped constitutional bounds as far as I'm concerned" and "usurped the right of legislatures." He has long been in favor of a constitutional amendment to outlaw abortions, but he doesn't like to talk about it. He also said he would oppose RU-486, the abortion pill, even if it is approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

In a typical Bush straddle, Bush did not attend the Saturday night "Family, Faith and Freedom" rally at which the three social conservatives in the Republican race appeared. Bush sent a surrogate, Sen. John Ashcroft of Missouri, in the same kind of maneuver that we have seen him pull so many times in Texas to avoid being identified with the Christian right while pulling their votes.

Those who saw Bush during the news conference when he was pressed on abortion, or during the Sunday chat show interview, now know how he clings to the message of the day. He doesn't seem to be able to handle anything he doesn't have a standard answer for. I recommend that he stick to his patented non-answers.

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.



Molly Ivins
Columnist

Investigators search for crash victims, clues

PORT HUENEME, Calif. (AP) — The pilots of Alaska Airlines Flight 261 struggled with a sudden control problem for at least six minutes before the jetliner plummeted into the ocean with 88 people aboard, federal investigators said Tuesday.

The last minutes of the MD-83's flight Monday may have been witnessed by pilots aboard four other aircraft, and the National Transportation Safety Board was seeking to interview them.

The plane plunged from 17,000 feet and crashed nose-down in the Pacific after the pilot reported problems with the horizontal stabilizer, a wing-like structure on the tail that controls the pitch of the aircraft's nose.

Investigators at the crash site also

said Tuesday they had heard a ping from the ocean, apparently from the flight recorders, which could reveal exactly what went wrong with the stabilizer.

The search was concentrated on a debris field about 10 miles offshore and about 40 miles northwest of the Los Angeles airport. Coast Guard, Navy and private vessels were joined by military airplanes.

Nearly a day after the accident, searchers had pulled four bodies — one man, two women and an infant — from the calm sea, which is 300 to 750 feet deep in the area. Hopes dimmed that anyone aboard Flight 261 survived in the 58-degree water.

"This is still a search for human life," Coast Guard Adm. Tom Collins said. "The challenge is time. As time

ticks off, risks go up."

The flight had left Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for San Francisco and Seattle with 83 passengers and five crew members. The passengers included three airline employees, four employees of its sister airline Horizon and 23 relatives or friends of the employees taking advantage of free standby flights.

NTSB member John Hammerschmidt released preliminary transcripts of air traffic control communications with the airliner. The last routine transmission came at 3:55 p.m. PST, when the flight was cleared to continue to San Francisco.

At 4:10 p.m. the pilots said they had control difficulties and were descending below 26,000 feet. A few seconds later they advised they were at 23,700 feet and there was "some discussion

"This is still a search for human life."

Tom Collins
Coast Guard admiral

about their ability to control the aircraft," Hammerschmidt said.

Over the next few minutes, the pilots said they "were kind of stabilized and going to do some troubleshooting," but then said they had a jammed stabilizer. At 4:16 they were cleared for an emergency landing in Los Angeles.

The controllers cleared the plane

to 17,000 feet. The crew acknowledged that in what was the last known transmission from Flight 261, Hammerschmidt said. At 4:21 p.m. the aircraft dropped from radar.

The underwater pinging was pinpointed by a Navy team that joined in the search effort. Investigators were uncertain whether the pings were from one or both of the recorders.

On some planes, the horizontal stabilizer is monitored by the plane's data recorder. The other "black box" records pilot conversations. If the data recorder was programmed to monitor the stabilizer, it would reveal the condition of the device's electrical and hydraulic controls. If not, officials would have to deduce what happened to the device by studying

how other systems performed before the crash, said Barry Schiff, an aviation consultant and former TWA pilot.

The stabilizer typically is controlled by the automatic pilot, but can also be manipulated in the cockpit. Pilots are trained extensively in what to do about stabilizer malfunctions. If the problem can't be fixed, the nose of the aircraft can move up or down uncontrollably until gravity forces the plane into a dive.

The investigation was being directed by a 10-member NTSB team that arrived in Port Hueneme early Tuesday. Hammerschmidt said the NTSB would be interviewing as many as four pilots who might have seen Flight 261's final minutes from their planes.

Space mission postponed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour's mission to map the Earth is off until at least next week because of an unreliable computer.

NASA decided Tuesday to replace the on-board computer even though it means another extended delay for a flight already running four months late.

Endeavour and its six astronauts will lift off no earlier than Feb. 9, Diller said. The shuttle is equipped with a 13-ton radar system that will be used to create the finest-ever map of Earth's contours.

The computer — called a master events controller — is needed to send commands to ignite the two solid rocket boosters at liftoff and to later separate the boosters and the external fuel tank from the shuttle.

Two identical controllers are on each shuttle, but both must work before NASA will proceed with a launch.

A problem with one controller surfaced in the final minutes of Monday's countdown and, along with bad weather, forced a launch delay.

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This is the second time in less than a week that NASA has had with problems with crucial hardware.

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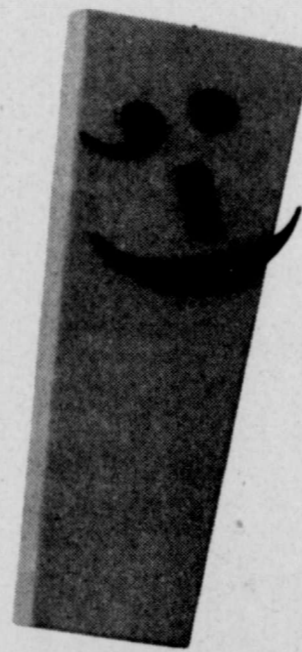
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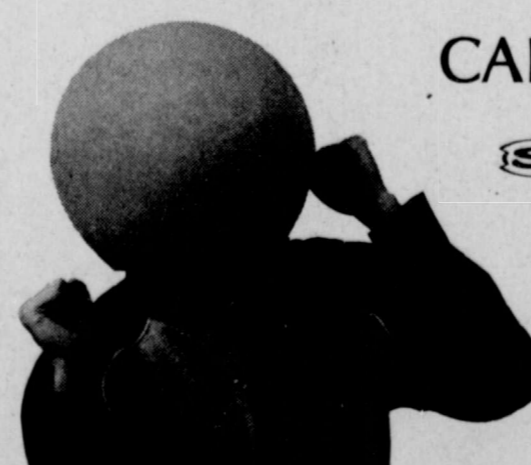
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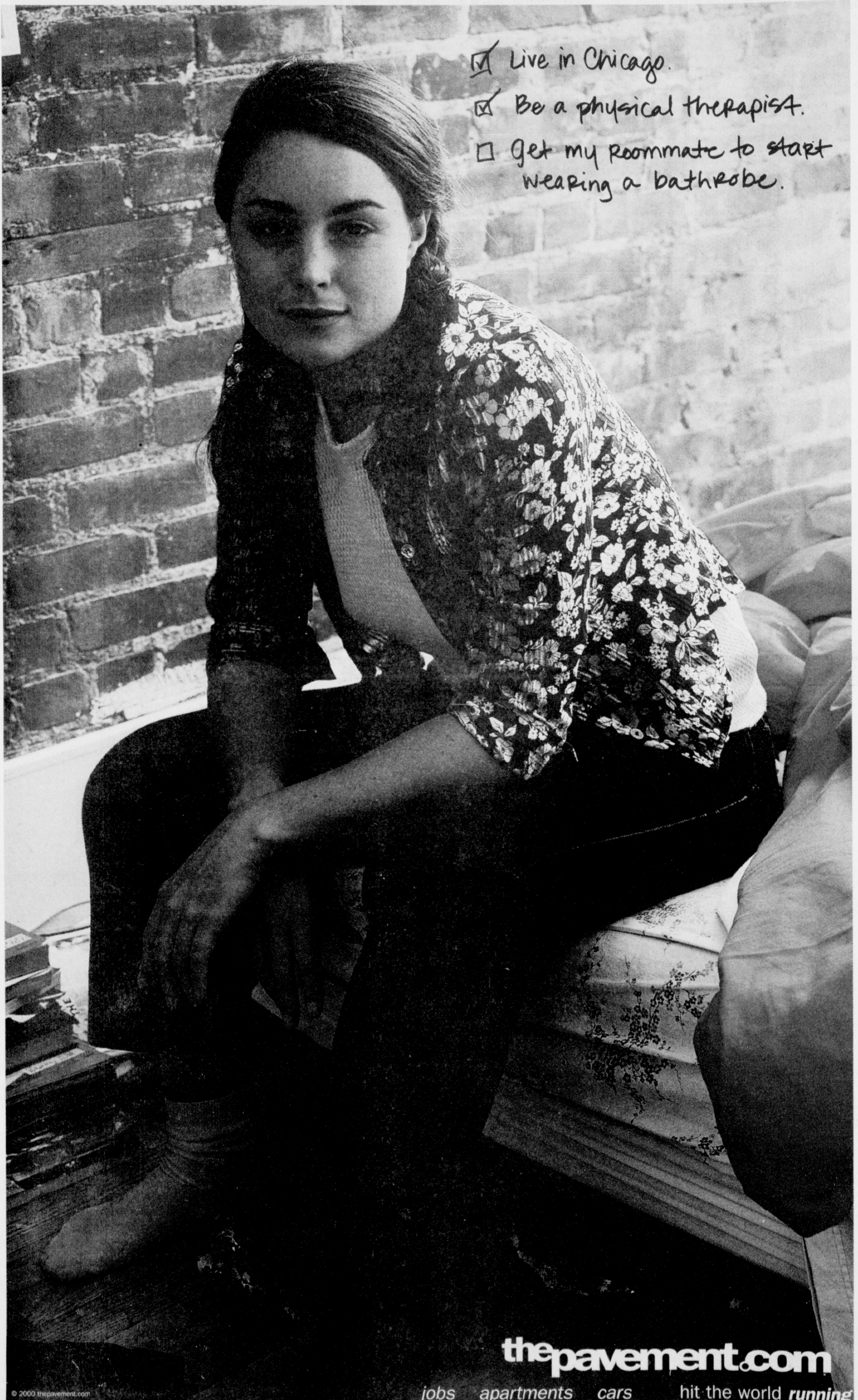
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Crystal, Curtis to be honored at Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Billy Crystal will soon find out just how "mahvelous" he looks in drag, when he and Jamie Lee Curtis are honored at Harvard University.

Crystal and Curtis have been chosen to receive the annual Hasty Pudding awards, given out by the nation's oldest undergraduate dramatic organization.

Curtis, who has starred in such movies as "Halloween" and "Trading Places," will lead a parade through the streets of Harvard Square on Feb. 10 with male Harvard students in drag.

Crystal will be the guest at a roast Feb. 17 and will appear in bra and wig.

Previous recipients of the Hasty Pudding prize include Jodie Foster, Meg Ryan, Julia Roberts, Steven Spielberg, Tom Cruise and Harrison Ford.

Bening, Spacey nominated for awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "American Beauty," a satirical look at a midlife crisis gone over the edge, received a leading four nominations Tuesday for the Screen Actors Guild Awards.

The film got nominations for best actor for Kevin Spacey, actress for Annette Bening, supporting actor for Chris Cooper and ensemble acting.

"The Sopranos" led TV nominations with five, including best actor for James Gandolfini. Nominations for best actor in television drama also went to David Duchovny for "The X-Files," Dennis Franz and Rick Schroeder for "NYPD Blue," and Martin Sheen for "The West Wing."

"Ally McBeal" earned nominations for lead actress Calista Flockhart and co-star Lucy Liu, best actor for Peter MacNicol and ensemble acting in a comedy.

The other nominees for lead actor in a movie were Russell Crowe for "The Insider," Philip Seymour Hoffman for "Flawless," Denzel Washington for "The Hurricane" and Jim Carrey for "Man on the Moon."

Other nominees for lead actress in a movie were Julianne Moore for "The End of the Affair," Meryl Streep for "Music of the Heart," Janet McTeer for "Tumbleweeds" and Hilary Swank for "Boys Don't Cry."

Soccer star becomes U.N. ambassador

GENEVA (AP) — Brazilian soccer star Ronaldo became a U.N. goodwill ambassador Tuesday and promised to use his popularity to spotlight the plight of the poor.

"I accepted this important appointment in my life because I have seen poverty firsthand," the 23-year-old athlete said at the U.N. European headquarters. "I know what it is to experience hardship, and unfortunately hardship is the common lot in many countries."

Ronaldo, twice voted world player of the year, comes from a poor neighborhood on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro and began his soccer career playing barefoot in the streets.

Other U.N. goodwill ambassadors include actor Danny Glover and South African novelist Nadine Gordimer.

Smashing Pumpkins meet with fans

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — The Smashing Pumpkins are taking time out between gigs to hang with fans.

They greeted more than 200 people camped out a record store Monday before giving a concert. Some of the diehard fans spent the night before shivering in the cold, waiting for the band.

Karin Stone, who drove six hours from her home in Bettendorf, Iowa, to meet the group, was lucky to get inside the store. She gave the group roses, and all four members signed her poster.

"I kissed Billy Corgan," Stone said. "He kept saying, 'Thanks.'"

PETE, from p. 1

While many people look to the prairie dog to tell them the upcoming spring weather, a more accurate prediction could be obtained by watching the local weather.

Channel 11's chief meteorologist John Robison said he didn't know much about the day but agrees with Hines that it is basically a tradition. Robison also offered his own prediction. He said

this year's spring weather should follow closely with that of last spring's.

"My prediction is that the temperature will be at or a little above normal, maybe a little drier, with the possibility of intense thunderstorms," Robison said. "It should be a fairly mild spring."

Simpson's character to get rubbed out

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Mike Scully
"The Simpsons" executive producer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A character on the "The Simpsons" is going to kick the cartoon bucket this month during the February sweeps period.

Maude Flanders, wife of do-good Simpson family neighbor Ned Flanders, is rumored to be the character that dies in the Feb. 13 episode, although the makers of the Fox animated series refused to confirm her passing.

Executive producer Mike Scully said Maude is among the possibilities. The others are school principal Seymour Skinner and Mo the bartender, a man close to beer-guzzling dad Homer Simpson's heart.

"We're in our 11th season and we're always looking for new ways to shake up the show a little and do something that might open up new story possibilities," Scully said Monday.

The episode's title, "Alone Again, Natura-Diddly," is a dead giveaway. Ned Flanders, Maude's husband, is known for his annoyingly chirpy overuse of the word "diddly."

The odds are further stacked against poor Maude. Meggie Roswell, the woman who provided the character's voice, left the show because she tired of commuting from Denver to Los Angeles to record her lines.

The voices of Skinner and Mo are done, respectively, by series regular Harry Shearer and Hank Azaria. The two actors play a number of other characters on the series about Homer and Marge

Simpson, their kids Bart and Lisa and their wacky hometown.

"The Simpsons," created by Matt Groening, has been acclaimed as a brilliant and sophisticated satire on America and family life.

If Maude is the one to go, her sacrifice would not be in vain. The episode airs during the February "sweeps," a key ratings period used to help set advertising rates.

"We thought it would be interesting to show how the surviving characters cope with the death and maybe take them in a new direction," Scully said. "Plus, it's sweeps."

The character won't be the first to die on "The Simpsons." A gravestone will be shown in the upcoming death episode with the names of four others who have passed out of the series to cartoon heaven.

They include Bleeding Gums Murphy, the jazz musician who was Lisa's musical idol; family shrink Dr. Marvin Monroe; Beatrice Simmons, girlfriend to Grampa Simpson; and Frank "Grimy" Grimes, an unlucky co-worker of Homer's at the nuclear power plant.

Since "The Simpsons" draws children as well as adult viewers, the show is taking the death seriously — to an extent.

"There was a lot of discussion about making sure we did deal with some of the emotional ramifications of the death and not just make it all joke, joke, joke," Scully said.

Oral sex more dangerous than previously thought

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Oral sex, long regarded by many gay men as a low-risk practice, appears to be a surprisingly frequent way of spreading AIDS.

A study released Tuesday found that oral sex was probably the cause of 8 percent of recent HIV infections among a group of homosexual men examined in San Francisco.

In the past, there have been occasional reports of people apparently catching HIV orally. But health investigators have had difficulty being certain, since gay men who have oral sex also may engage in other, riskier sex practices, such as anal intercourse.

Now diagnostic tests allow doctors to narrow down the timing of HIV infections. They were used in the latest study, described as the most definitive on the subject to date.

The work was conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the University of California at San Francisco, and was presented in San Francisco at a scientific conference.

"While oral sex may still be safer than anal intercourse or vaginal intercourse, it is not without risk and perhaps has higher risk than we would have expected otherwise," said Dr. Helene Gayle, the CDC's AIDS chief.

The researchers sought to learn the means of infection in 102 gay and bisexual men who had recently caught HIV. When all other possible

means of infection were ruled out, oral sex turned out to be the only risk behavior in eight of these men. Most of them said they thought oral sex had little or no risk.

Because of the strict criteria used, the real number of cases resulting from oral sex may actually have been higher. For instance, two men said they had oral sex but not anal sex. But they also said they had blacked out once and could not be sure what had happened, so they were excluded from the total.

All of the men apparently caught the virus by giving oral sex, rather than receiving it, and none used condoms.

"We know that the only safe sex is total abstinence or sex with a mutually monogamous, non-HIV-infected partner," Gayle said. "Everything else has some degree of risk. The sense that oral sex is safe sex may have been an unfortunate message."

Gayle said she assumes that the risk of oral sex when properly using a condom is close to zero. She also said that if oral sex alone has played a large role in the spread of AIDS, that would already have become obvious during the 20 years of the epidemic.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, noted that some gay men turned to frequent unprotected oral sex after giving up anal intercourse.

"A lot of us in the public health field have been saying all along to be careful of unprotected fellatio," he said. "People think the risk is low, but what's low?"

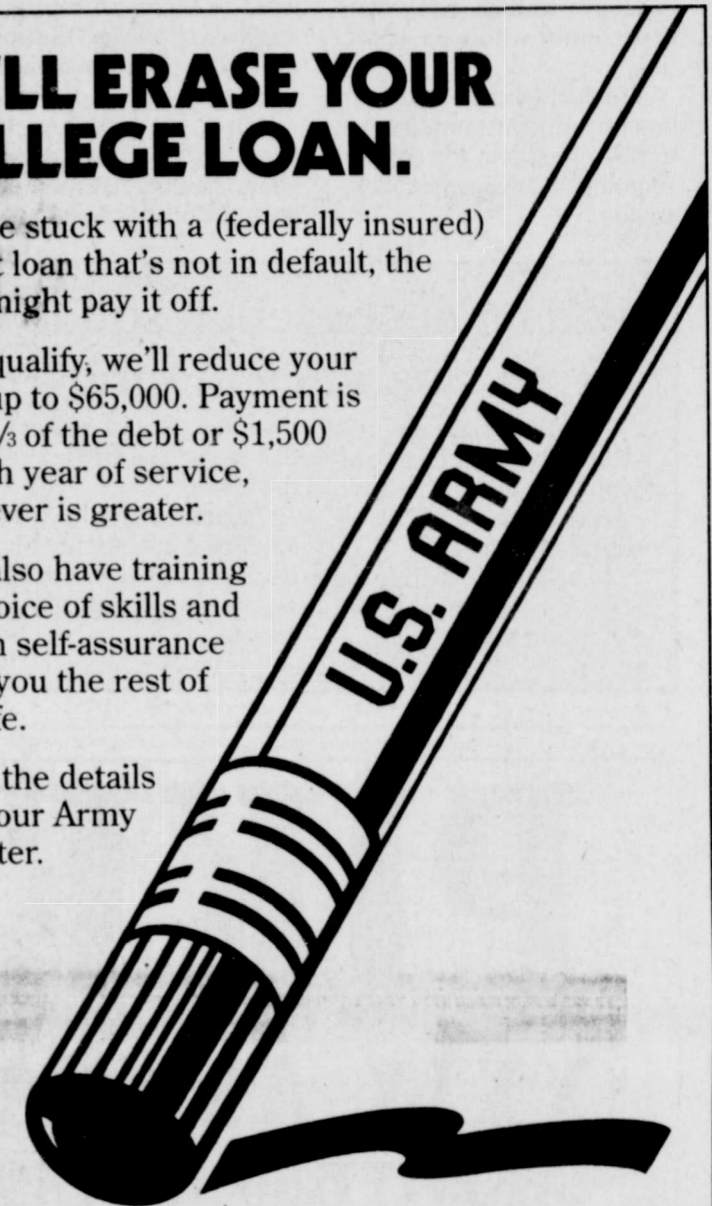
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SPORTS

Raiders look to end six-game conference skid

by Jeff Keller

Assistant Sport Editor

The Texas Tech men's basketball team (9-8 overall, 0-6 Big 12) still is searching for its first Big 12 Conference win of the season.

The Red Raiders will try to find it against the No. 14-ranked Oklahoma State Cowboys (16-2 overall, 5-1 Big 12) at 7 p.m. today at the United Spirit Arena.

Tech played the Cowboys close in their first meeting Jan. 8 in Stillwater, Okla., but the Cowboys walked away from that contest with a 55-47 victory.

The Red Raiders held Cowboy forward Desmond Mason to three points in the contest, 16 points below his season average.

Tech guard James Ware had eight points and four rebounds against Oklahoma State in January and said the Red Raiders can use that game as a building block for today's contest.

"Our game plan was really good last time we played them, and we're going to stick with that and do a few more things," Ware said.

In the squads' first meeting, Tech shot only 35.2 percent from the floor, 10 percent below its Big 12 average.

Ware said the Red Raiders need to focus on hitting key shots when they get the opportunity this time around against the Cowboys.

"Our defense has been good, and it will continue to be good," he said. "We just need to get more production on the of-

fensive end."

Even though the Red Raiders' record is not what they want it to be, forward Mario Layne said nobody on the team is giving up.

"The other teams just happen to make shots at the end, and we don't," he said. "We've just got to execute at the end. It's not a matter of us giving up at all. We've just got to find a way to win."

In addition to Desmond Mason, the Cowboys have two other players who average double-digits in scoring-per-game.

Forward Brian Montonati averages 13.2 points-per-game and 7.8 rebounds-per-contest for the Cowboys. Guard Glendon Alexander averages 12 points-per-game for Oklahoma State.

Layne said with so many weapons, Tech is going to need an above average performance if it is going to pick up the win.

"I think they have got a lot of threats," Layne said. "We've just got to play a great overall game and minimize our mistakes from start to finish."

Tech may have to do without the services of forward Jayson Mitchell who injured his right ankle against Baylor and was forced to miss the Red Raiders' last contest against Oklahoma.

Mitchell was averaging 6.9 points-per-game and 3.5 rebounds-per-game before the injury.

Tech coach James Dickey said it is questionable if Mitchell will be able to go against the Cowboys.

"We just don't know yet,"

Dickey said.

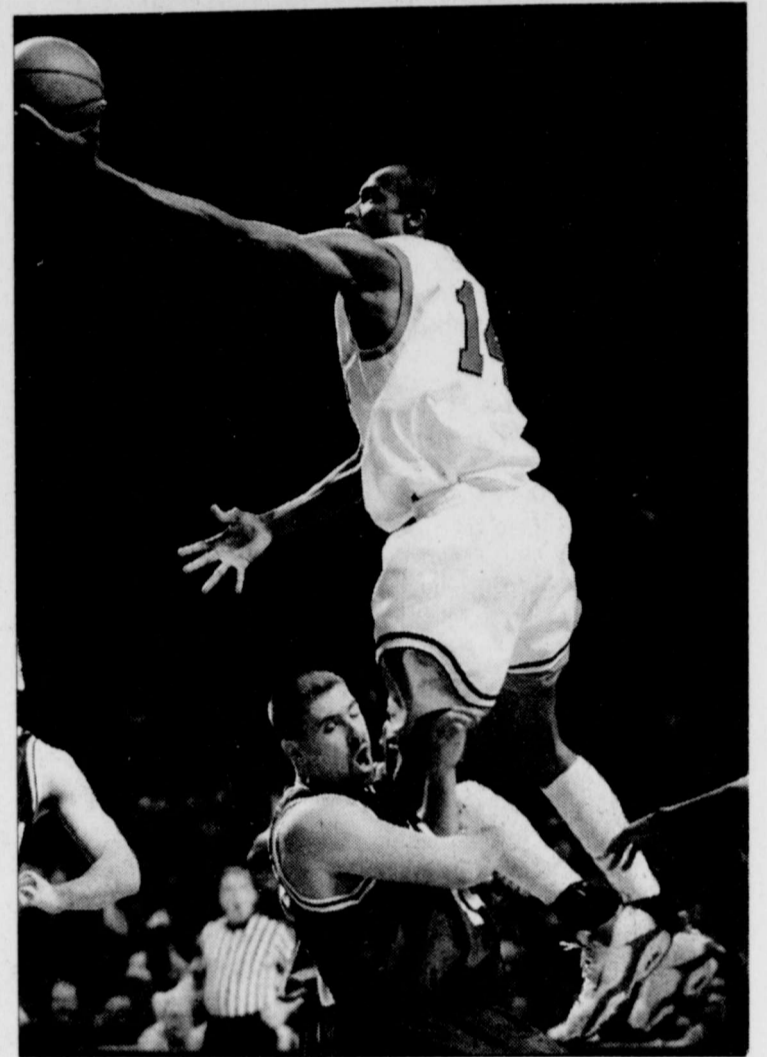
"He's made some good progress, but we don't know if he will be able to go or not."

Though Tech has started 0-6 in conference, it still has 10 games left.

Tech guard Rayford Young said the Red Raiders will just have to forget about their season record and perform to the best of their abilities in tonight's bout with Oklahoma State.

"When you've got a record as bad as 0-6, the best thing to do is just try and go out there and get a win," Young said.

"I feel pretty confident right now. I ate at the Chinese Kitchen the other night, and I got a good fortune cookie that said I was going to have good luck. So hopefully that will help."



Greg Kreller/The University Daily

The Red Raider basketball team will try to add a 'w' to the win column after losing their first six games in conference play when they battle OSU at 7:30 tonight in the United Spirit Arena.

Red Raider baseball squad regains DH after NCAA clearance in time for season opener

For the fourth time this season, the Texas Tech baseball club had its season opener canceled due to inclement weather.

It might be worth the wait, though, as the Red Raiders learned Tuesday

that designated hitter Chaz Eiguren will be cleared to play this season.

Eiguren was released after an appeal concerning his status under the NCAA-mandated satisfactory progress was reviewed.

Eiguren, from Broomfield, Colo., hit 340 with seven home runs and 24 RBIs last season.

Weather permitting, the Raiders will play their season opener against West Texas A&M at 3 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

Vermeil retires as Rams' coach

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Dick Vermeil is going out on top.

On Tuesday, two days after winning his first Super Bowl and after a long talk with his wife, the 63-year-old coach of the St. Louis Rams decided to retire.

A team source, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the retirement, and the announcement was to come at

a news conference Tuesday night.

The decision elevates offensive coordinator Mike Martz to head coach.

The Rams signed Martz, who directed the NFL's highest-scoring offense this season, to a new two-year contract in December. The contract assured Martz would inherit Vermeil's job.

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Lawyer says Lewis innocent

ATLANTA (AP) — NFL star Ray Lewis was at a post-Super Bowl brawl in which two people were stabbed to death but was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time, his lawyer said Tuesday.

The Baltimore Ravens linebacker, his hands shackled in front of him, appeared in court on two counts of murder in the slayings early Monday. No bail was set and he will remain jailed until a Feb. 24 preliminary hearing.

The murder charges carry life in prison or the death penalty, if prosecutors pursue it.

Lewis is the second NFL player in less than a month accused of murder. Former Carolina Panthers receiver Rae Carruth was charged with murdering his girlfriend, who was pregnant at the time of the drive-by shooting.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue had no comment, but Gene Washington, the NFL's chief disciplinarian, called Lewis' arrest "devastating."

"We've had a tough year as it goes anyway with the Rae Carruth situation," he told "One-on-One" sports radio network in Chicago. "We certainly, for his own good, hope that it's not true, and for the good of the NFL."

The Ravens said they have not taken any action against Lewis and have not spoken with the 24-year-old player.

Asked if the team was considering releasing Lewis, Ravens spokesman Kevin Byrne said, "Until due process of the law is completed, that will not be addressed."

Several of Lewis' teammates reacted with disbelief at his arrest.

"That's my man," Ravens cornerback Rod Woodson, whose locker is next to Lewis', said from the Pro Bowl in Hawaii. "I hope it ain't true. That's all I can say."

The victims were stabbed repeatedly during a fight about 200 yards from a bar where a party had emptied into the street.

According to witnesses, six men fought and argued with the victims before fleeing in a black limousine, firing at least five shots as they drove away. Police found the limousine a few hours later.

"We're taking the position that he was in the wrong place at the wrong time," Lewis' lawyer, Max Richardson Jr., said outside court. "From what I've gathered from law enforcement officers, they know Ray didn't kill these unfortunate victims."

He said police were searching for other suspects.

"They don't know where the other two men who were involved are, so they arrested Ray," Richardson said.

Police spokeswoman Marion Lee would not comment on whether other suspects were being sought or why murder charges were filed.

Lewis was questioned Monday and postponed a flight to Hawaii, where he was to have appeared Sunday in his third straight Pro Bowl after leading the NFL in tackles this season.

"I cooperated fully," Lewis told *The*

(*Baltimore Sun*) before his arrest. He wouldn't comment further.

Richardson said he had spent only a few minutes with Lewis before the hearing.

"Ray is doing fine," he said. "He believes the system will ultimately show that he is innocent of these heinous crimes."

Lewis also faces second-degree assault charges from a Nov. 30 confrontation at a Baltimore-area bar in which he allegedly hit a woman. But authorities said Tuesday the case will not go to trial if the charge cannot be substantiated.

The victims from the Super Bowl fight were identified as Jacinth "Shorty" Baker, 21, and Richard Lollar, 24, both of suburban Decatur.

Lollar's grandmother said several of Lollar's friends told her he had been trying to break up a fight between Baker and an unidentified man when a group of men ambushed them.

Joyce Lollar, speaking from Akron, Ohio, said her grandson and his girlfriend were expecting a baby next month.

"They don't know where the other two men who were involved are, so they arrested Ray."

**Max Richardson
Lewis' lawyer**

Autopsy claims Duncan overdosed

AUSTIN (AP) — Pro wrestler and former University of Texas football player Bobby Duncan Jr. died of an overdose of prescription painkillers, according to a preliminary autopsy report.

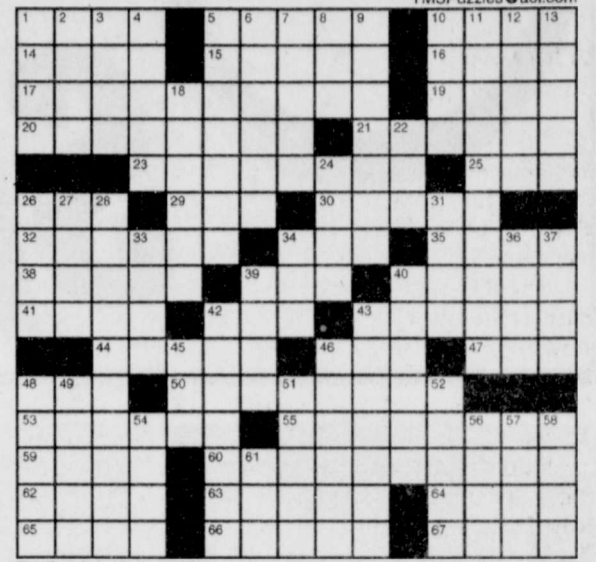
Duncan, 34, was found dead in

his home Jan. 24. His death is being considered an accident, said Travis County Sheriff's Detective Lee Jones.

Duncan was on leave from World Championship Wrestling while recovering from shoulder surgery.

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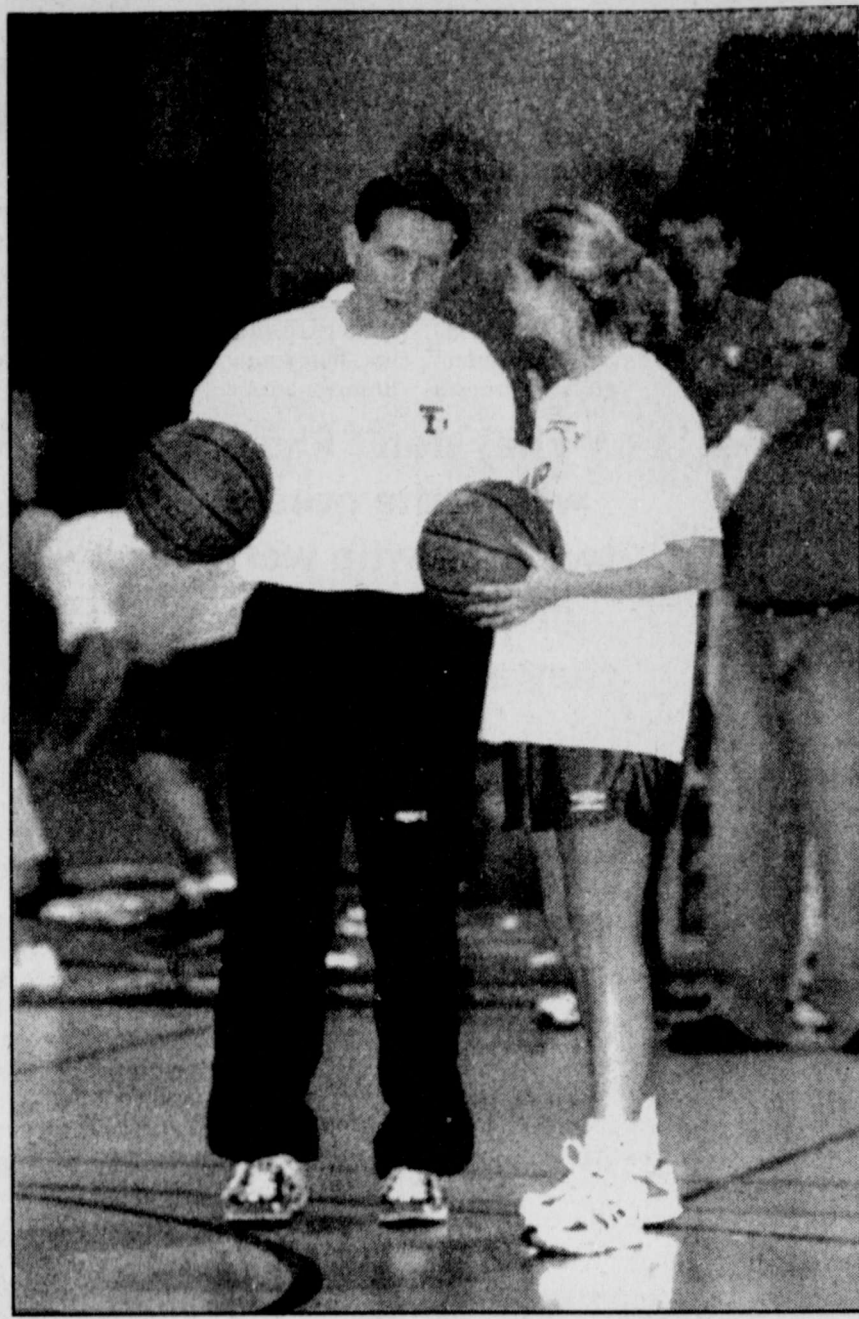
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Whiffle Ball Tourney on Tap

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All the Right Moves! A student impersonates Ricky Martin while under hypnosis during Tom DeLuca's show at Friday's All-Nighter held at the Recreation Center.

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A few spots remain on the spring break canoe trip to the Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande River. This will be a great opportunity to leave the hassles of school and work for a week. This trip is an 83 mile paddle through some of the most remote and scenic canyons in Texas. No experience is necessary, but participants should be prepared for high adventure, including long paddling days and with technical river sections. It is not all work though, there will be a great opportunity to visit historical sites and sit in hot springs along the river.

The trip cost \$195, which includes the rental of all camping/canoeing equipment, transportation and food. The Sign-up deadline is Feb. 23 at 4 p.m. If you have any questions or wish to register for this trip, please stop by our office in room 206 in the Rec Center or call 742-3351.

All-Nighter Winners Announced

Tournament winners during Friday's Recreational Sports' All-Nighter are as follows:

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- Table Tennis — Cheng Cheng Li
- Euchure — Ian Yingline and Matt Mahoney
- Spades — Misty Boenig and Robin and Marlow
- Hearts — Daniel Roberson
- Men's 3 on 3 Basketball — Defending Champs
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Intramural Events

Racquetball singles close

Racquetball singles entries will be taken through tomorrow. The two-day tournament will begin Friday, February 4 at 5 p.m. and again at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Depending on registration, divisions for men and women are "Open A" and "Open B." Participants must be available to play both days and will provide their own balls. Brackets will be available by 11 a.m. Friday at the Rec Sports room 202.

Innertube Water Polo Registration

Intramural Innertube Water Polo for Men, Women along with Co-Rec sign-ups will be the highlight sports for intramurals this week. Entries for these activities will be accepted in the SRC 202 through tomorrow. Teams wishing to enter are reminded that

the earlier they enter the better their chance for selecting a favorable playing time. Team managers should bring a list of player's names, social security numbers and phone numbers to SRC 202 during the entry period along with a \$30 refundable forfeit fee to select their regular season playing time. Play will begin Sunday.

Table Tennis

Doubles Tourney

Recreational Sports in cooperation with the University Center will sponsor a table tennis doubles tournament on February 11 beginning at 6 p.m. in the UC Games Room. Check-in will be at 5:45 p.m. Entries for the event may be picked up at the SRC today and tomorrow during the hours of 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Division winners will receive All-University T-shirts. For more information, call 742-3351 or come by the SRC room 202 during regular hours.

Upcoming Events

Intramurals

- Innertube Water Polo
- Racquetball
- Table Tennis Doubles
- 9 Ball Pool
- Badminton Singles

Entries Due

- Feb. 2-3
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- Feb. 7-10
- Feb. 14-17
- Feb. 21-24

Special Events

- Cholesterol Screening Tomorrow
- Long Course Swim Feb. 5
- Kayaking Class Feb. 9

WE WANT YOU!

Co-Rec Resident Assistant

Applications Due February 18

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

- Horn Formal Lounge Feb. 1, 7:00 pm
- Hulen Clement Lobby Feb. 1, 7:30 pm
- The Market at Stangel Murdoch Feb. 1, 8:00 pm
- Wiggins West Feb. 2, 7:00 pm
- Gordon Birdsoe Speed Dining Hall Feb. 2, 8:00 pm

For additional information contact Alice Scott at 742-2342

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