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STATENEWS —

Death penalty sought against accused railroad killer

HOUSTON (AP) - Prosecutors concluded they had a death penalty case within weeks of the surrender last summer by accused serial killer Angel Maturino Resendiz.

They did not formally move forward with it until Tuesday, when the man accused of nine slavings in three states declined examination by a court-appointed psychiatrist prior to his initial capital murder trial.

"We didn't know specifically what was going to happen until we got into the courtroom," Harris County District Attorney John B. Holmes said of the brief hearing in which Maturino Resendiz, 49, declined examination.

Prosecutors wanted to have a court-appointed psychiatrist look at Maturino Resendiz, whose attorney is preparing an insanity defense, to get their own feel for his competence. Without such an exam, Holmes said their only choice is to treat him as though he is sane.

NATIONALNEWS

At least 3 dead, 21 injured in Florida highway pileup

WELLBORN, Fla. (AP) - Twenty-two cars and trucks slammed into each other Wednesday in a pileup along a highway shrouded by blinding smoke from a forest fire. Three people were killed and 21 injured, authorities said.

"I don't understand how I lived through that," said Erik Gebauer, whose Mustang slid under a tractor-trailer. "All I can remember was pushing that freaking door. I felt death right behind me. I can't believe I made it."

The initial pileup involved 16 vehicles in the westbound lanes of Interstate 10 about 90 miles east of Tallahassee in northern Florida, officials said. Some of those vehicles crossed the median, causing a six-car pileup in the eastbound lanes.

The dead were the driver of a pickup truck that caught fire; the driver of a tractor-trailer; and a motorist who stopped to help and was crushed when a load of plywood fell off a truck.

Because of the twisted wreckage, it took several hours for authorities to determine how many vehicles were involved. At least five jackknifed tractor-trailers could be seen in the wreckage.

WORLDNEWS —

Three killed as Tokyo subway train hits oncoming train

TOKYO (AP) - Two subway trains carrying more than 1,500 rush-hour commuters collided when one of the trains derailed Wednesday, killing three people and injuring more than 30 others.

The impact sheared off the wall of one of the train's rear cars, ripping out the cushioned seats. Buckled metal and other debris littered the scene.

"I saw a huge lump of metal penetrating my car, and everybody was panicking," a 21year-old commuter told national broadcaster NHK. "Many passengers were collapsing."

The cause of the accident was not immediately known, said spokesman Ryuichi Kinoshita of the Tokyo Rapid Transit Authority. An initial press report blamed the accident on an explosion, but officials - including the prime minister - quickly denied that.

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Schoppe elected SGA president



SGA President-Elect Andrew Schoppe, a senior broadcast journalism and business management major from Houston, discusses his victory Wednesday night at the University Center Courtyard. He defeated Carrie Evans, a junior economics major from Dallas, in a runoff election. Even though Schoppe was declared the winner, trouble with the online voting process has sparked talks about asking the Student Senate not to ratify the entire election.

Less students turn out for runoff election, results may not stand

by Jennifer Bailey Staff Writer

exas Tech students have spoken and chosen Andrew Schoppe as their 2000-2001 Student Government Association president.

Results from the runoff election were announced Wednesday night in the University Center Courtyard.

Schoppe, a senior broadcast journalism and business management major from Houston, earned 799 votes, defeating Carrie Evans, who received 462 votes.

Evans, a junior economics major from Dallas, wished Schoppe success next year.

"I have confidence that I am a great leader, and I hope Andrew has the same morals and goals for the campus as I do," she said. "I am fortunate to still be part of a wonderful organization.'

Evans was elected senator-at-large during the regular election and will remain in



Carrie Evans......462 Andrew Schoppe......799

the Student Senate.

Schoppe, who arrived after the announcement was made, said he looks forward to working for Tech students next year.

"I am extremely pleased with the outcome and am glad that students came out to vote once again," he said.

Schoppe said the dedication of the volunteers in his campaign made all the difference. campaign came out the first election and helped me is asking so much, but for them to come out and help me again, is beyond the call of duty," he said.

"The fact that all the volunteers in my

Schoppe will begin his term as SGA president by May 1 and said he is anxious to begin implementing students' ideas.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to do as I said and see how feasible the students' ideas really are," he said. "Again, I can't thank all the volunteers who helped me during this campaign.

The Student Senate will meet today to discuss whether or not to ratify the election results

The Senate will discuss the recent controversy over the new Web voting system and the number of students who were unable to log on to vote.

If the Senate does not accept the election results, a new election could be held or another option could be implemented.

Tech to improve fire safety

by Kelsey Walter

Staff Writer

While chances for rain on the South Plains usually are rather slim, Texas Tech residence halls might receive more precipitation than Lubbock next fall.

In order to update fire safety systems in campus buildings, Texas Tech Housing and Dining is scheduled to finish a \$3-million project, which began last summer, of installing indoor sprinklers in Tech residence halls.

Sprinkler systems will be installed in the Chitwood/Weymouth Residence Complex this summer at a cost of \$2 million. Last summer, Tech spent \$1 million setting up a sprinkler system in Coleman Residence Hall.

The money for the changes come from savings Housing and Dining has accumulated, said Jim Burkhalter, director of Housing and Dining.

Workers are scheduled to begin installing the system in Chitwood/ Weymouth on May 13, immediately following the completion of the spring semester.

Burkhalter said the start date is almost "It is going to take 90 days to complete the

job, and it will take the entire summer to finish." he said.

Burkhalter said workers will begin prefabricating pipe in less than a month to get the project under way. "In the past, old buildings were not re-

quired to have the sprinklers," Burkhalter He said the residence halls are safe right

now and will be a lot safer once the project is "It is very important students be respon-

sive to fire alarms," Burkhalter said. "Improving fire safety conditions in each residence hall is a good move for Tech."

Kristen Baker, a freshman pre-medical major from Richardson who lives in Chitwood, said she feels reasonably safe in the residence halls.

"It doesn't really bother me without the sprinklers," she said.

Burkhalter said the installation must be complete prior to Aug. 21, the first day fac-

ulty will return for the fall semester. Plans to incorporate the systems into the

other residence halls are unknown at this time. However, Burkhalter said Housing and Dining plans to put the sprinklers in all the residence halls in the future when more funding is available.

"If they get to (Chitwood), that's fine. If they don't, they don't," Baker said.

Law schools look to increase minority enrollment

by Shannon Davis

Staff Writer

In an effort to increase minority enrollment in Texas law schools, students interested in applying for law school have the opportunity to receive scholarships and testing assistance.

The Diversity Legal Scholars Program provides free Law School Admissions Test preparation to economically-disadvantaged minority students.

Created in 1997 by both Kaplan Inc., the nation's largest provider of LSAT preparation, and Texas Appleseed, a private, nonprofit public interest law center, this program is designed to provide LSAT prepara-

tion assistance for minority groups who are under-represented in Texas law schools.

Kaplan and Texas Appleseed are offering and funding scholarships to minority students for the preparation course.

More than 70 scholarships already have been awarded statewide, and more applicants are being considered.

The program is designed to stop the decreasing enrollment of minority students in

Texas law schools. There are 82 minority students enrolled

at the School of Law at Tech.

"Undergraduate students looking to enter Tech law school and who couldn't afford the program offered by Kaplan would be given the opportunity to have the fees

waived," said Joseph Conboy, associate dean of the Tech law school. "We support and refer students to this program."

Tech law school admissions will waive the fee of the test along with the application fee for the students who receive the scholarship offered by Kaplan, Conboy

Students planning to take the LSAT on June 12 need to turn in applications for the scholarship by Friday.

Students who are applying for Fall 2001 admission must be a minority student and a Texas resident. They also must have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA and be applying to at least one Texas school.

Representatives at Kaplan said scholar-

ship criteria is based on academic achievement, financial need, recommendations and essays.

Scholarships will be awarded to 20 students throughout the state of Texas. Winners will be able to take the LSAT preparation course at Kaplan centers in Lubbock, Austin, College Station, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio.

The Kaplan center in Lubbock is offering a three-hour Saturday class for 10 weeks. The course will run from March 18 through June 12.

The LSAT is a test required by all law schools for admissions into the school.

For information or an application, call 212-492-5965 or 512-236-1633.

Internet offers new avenue for purchase of fake IDs

by Michael Denton

Staff Writer

A small plastic card holds the power for most people to be able to drink alcoholic beverages. But 21 or not, many people have found ways to get around legally possessing

As students prepare for Spring Break, the issue of underage drinking with the use of fake IDs emerges

The Internet recently has become a major venue for businesses to sell items, making IDs easier to access.

'Personally, I would feel safe buying a fake ID online, but I would not use a credit card, and they make you agree to only use it as a novelty," said Mike Masters, a mechanical engineering major from El Paso.

Fake IDs have become not only a great novelty gift for friends, but they are becoming more of a hassle for alcohol vendors.

"One major problem we have been having lately is the concern of people trying to use other forms of ID to purchase alcohol, for example, military IDs, passports or school IDs," said Johnny Stone, manager of Doc's Liquor Store. "Expired licenses are also a problem because they can be passed on to someone else and perhaps altered when someone is required to get a new license."

Some Web sites and companies that sell IDs online are www.fake-id.org and PromasterCards Products Limited.

These Web sites require the user to agree to a disclaimer informing them that the cards are made for novelty purposes only, and that the companies are not to be held accountable for any legal action taken toward the person who uses the card illegally.

"Every one of our employees are required to go through TABC certification classes where they are shown how to identify fake IDs, and we also have a book that has every

state's licenses shown," Stone said.

On the PromasterCards Web site, a fake Texas driver's license, with the security features included on the card, can be purchased online at a cost \$90. A card without the security features costs \$75.

Security features that Web sites offer on their cards include holograms, magnetic stripping, signature panels, black light printing and a digitized thermal transfer of a photo image

"I think they should make stores and Web sites that sell fake IDs illegal because it puts

people into bad situations," Masters said. To order an ID, a user is required to send in personal information, a signature, passport photos, driver's license number and restrictions. The order form includes a disclaimer reminding the user that the cards are for novelty purposes only, and they must be

18 years of age to purchase.

ID, all we do is refuse to sell them alcohol," Stone said. "The only time that the police are involved is if there is a police officer working for the Cops In Shops.

Cops In Shops is a program operated by the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission, in which an undercover TABC officer works as a clerk at the liquor store in order to check on the sale of alcohol to minors with fake IDs.

People don't realize it but using fake IDs has become very easy," Masters said.

The offense is classified as a Class C misdemeanor. A minor who is caught misrepresenting his or her age could be subject to a fine of no less than \$250 or more than \$2,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days; or both the fine and confinement.

The court also may order a minor convicted of the offense to perform community service. The minor's driver's license also may be suspended.

"When we realize a person is using a fake

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Yo quiero una casa Fiesta offers housing options

by Nathan Schmidt

Contributing Writer

About 1,000 Texas Tech students made themselves at home Wednesday at the second annual Lubbock Apartment Association's Housing Fair in the University Center Ball-

This year's theme, "Apartment Fiesta," included more than 90 local apartment communities that offered Tech students the opportunity to find out more information about apartments for lease in Lubbock.

"We are glad to provide students with this service," said Kimbra Quinn, marketing director of the LAA. "We want to make shopping for

a new apartment as helpful and convenient as possible."

Students were able to visit tables that were set up by the leasing agencies, pick up brochures and ask questions that they might have about the businesses.

"I wanted to meet potential apartment managers to get a sense of what kind of attitude they have toward students," said Eric Rudolphy, a freshman public relations major from Houston. "I found out about rent prices, viewed floor plans and found apartments that are close to campus within my price

The LAA provided free tamales, non-alcoholic margaritas and a con-

test to win a trip to Cancun, Mexico. Apartment representatives said they hope the fair will encourage students to choose an apartment that is best suited to their needs.

"Most importantly, students now have a first impression of some of these leasing agencies and know what kind of business to expect from them," said Lisa Fritz, apartment property manager at The Fountains in Lubbock.

Martin Murdock, vice president of business development for McDougal Properties, said although the apartment occupancy in Lubbock is more than 89 percent, there are many apartments that can fit any student's financial budget.



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Cheryl Holt, a sophomore pre-medical major from Corpus Christi and David Frishman a junior pre-medical major from Borger, listen to Susan Peters, manager of Branchwater Apartments and Villas answer questions about what the apartments have to offer.

The cost of a two-bedroom apartment in Lubbock ranges from \$350

to \$1,000 a month. The LAA is comprised of 90 Lubbock apartment communities and other leasing properties which represent more than 18,000 individual apartments or duplexes.

ACLU files lawsuit on behalf of boy who refused mandatory drug test

LUBBOCK (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union Wednesday filed a federal lawsuit challenging a drug test required of all students in the Lockney Independent School

District's junior high and high school. The suit was filed on behalf of 12year-old Brady Tannahill, whose father refused to sign a consent form allowing his son to be tested. The ACLU said the Lockney school district's policy, which punishes a student as having tested positive for

refusing the test, is unconstitutional. "The defendant's policy requires

testing of all students without any suspicion that any particular student has used illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco and equates a parent's refusal to consent to the testing of their child to the child having taken the test and failed it ..." the lawsuit reads.

Brady, a sixth-grader, faces a 21day suspension from extracurricular activities, at least three days' inschool suspension and three sessions of substance-abuse counseling for refusing the urine test. He also will have to take a monthly drug test for a year. Each time he refuses, he will be considered a repeat offender and face more stringent pen-

The school board is scheduled to hear Larry Tannahill's appeal of his son's punishment on March 23. Brady's punishment will not be carried out until after the appeals process has been exhausted.

Notre Dame students say arrests at Denny's racially motivated

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) - Two so you have to think (race) was a facblack Notre Dame students arrested by off-duty police officers working security at a local Denny's said Wednesday the incident was racially motivated and they were manhandled by the cops.

Tiffany Johnson said an officer used pepper spray on her while she was handcuffed in the back of a closed squad car, and April Allen said a third woman arrested had her nose bloodied when an officer slammed the woman's head into a trunk.

with two other friends early Feb. 27 by two Roseland police officers over a sign that had been knocked off the restaurant wall.

Denny's officials, stung by a series of incidents with minority customers, said Wednesday they had fired the officers for acting without involving the restaurant's management.

Denny's paid \$45.7 million in 1994 to settle a discrimination suit by black

"We weren't doing anything," Allen said. "What they did was not logical,

Allen, Johnson and seven friends were waiting for a table early Feb. 27 at the Denny's restaurant about a mile from campus when Johnson said she tried to re-attach a sign that had fallen off the wall. Johnson said after she hit the sign twice to make its adhesive stick, the two officers began questioning the group.

The officers cited the four students for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, and three were released on The freshmen were arrested along \$100 bond. But Johnson was cited for a felony and was held overnight at the county jail.

St. Joseph County Prosecutor Chris Toth said a videotape shows the students were not the aggressors in the incident. He elected not to press charges against the four students and will ask the court to expunge their arrest records.

Roseland police Chief Larry Miller said the small department outside of South Bend does not have a policy regulating officers' conduct on offduty assignments.

Medical bookstore convenient for HSC students, faculty

by Molly Russell Contributing Writer

Texas Tech students searching for medical books do not have to look any further than the Health

Sciences Center. The HSC has recently

added a new HOURS bookstore located next to the cafeteria on the second floor of the

east wing.
"The idea of building a bookstore was around for a number of years before it was actually built," said Richard Wood, director of libraries. "The building of the bookstore worked out pretty well for us."

The store has been open for two months and is owned by the HSC. A percentage of the money made at the bookstore will go toward student services. Every time a person purchases something, the money spent goes back to a good cause, Wood said. "This is a win-win situation,"

he said. The bookstore is very benefi-

COLLEGE STATION (AP) - A fired

Texas A&M University professor is

behind bars for violating his proba-

Dhiraj Pradhan, 51, began serving

a two-month jail term Tuesday be-

cause he billed the university for

130,000 photocopies after he was

fired. Pradhan also paid \$38,000 in

of a probation that would have al-

lowed the charges to be cleared off his

record after five years. But Pradhan's

new plea agreement nullifies that ar-

ber 1998 to misusing A&M money to

fund expenses for his personal busi-

Pradhan pleaded guilty in Novem-

Pradhan, 51, had served 15 months

restitution.

rangement.

fore this was built, there was no place "historically" for students to buy anything unless they got away from campus, Wood said. "You can pretty much buy any-

cial to the students because be-

thing," he said. Many stu-

dents enjoy

the bookstore's

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have something here at the school rather than off campus," said Eric Aubel, first-year medical student from Garland.

There have been a lot of compliments about the new store, said Connie Trevino, full-time employee at the bookstore.

"A lot of students come in here," Trevino said. "It's accessible to everyone."

The store not only carries medical books, but there also are nursing books, required classroom elements, supplies, Tshirts, sweatshirts, a variety of Tech memorabilia, magazines and snacks.

nesses on 28 separate occasions. In

March 1999, a tenure review commit-

tee supported A&M's decision to fire

The charges stemmed from an in-

vestigation showing that, after his fir-

ing, Pradhan continued to charge

A&M for the cost of copying 26 boxes

filled with a professional paper he

published and mailed out using uni-

versity money. He also billed calls to

an A&M phone card, according to

Bill Turner told the Bryan-College Sta-

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approved the expenses.

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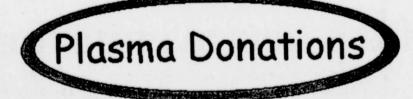
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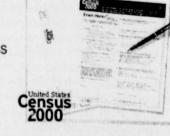
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NOTE: The City of Lubbock Complete Count Committee in cooperation with Texas Tech Student organizations, will be holding Census "2" at TTU week March 20 - 25th. For more information please call 775-2095.

Broadway musical offers look at forefathers

by Amber Morgan Staff Writer

THE THIRD SHAPE

ationally-acclaimed Broad way musical "1776" took the stage Tuesday at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium for what can only be described as a breathtaking and heart-stopping performance.

When "1776" originally opened on Broadway in March 1969, America was in the midst of political turmoil. Yet, the musical struck a chord in the hearts of patriots everywhere and went on to win three Tony Awards, including best new musical, and the New York Theater Critics Circle

From the beginning, it was easy to see this was going to be an entertaining and unexpectedly hilarious pro-

"I heard it said once that one man working alone is a disgrace, two make

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a law firm and three or more make a Congress," said John Adams, played by Christopher Carston, in the open-

Carston has a commanding presence onstage and is brilliant as the loud, obnoxious and disliked Adams.

Scott Denny is hilarious as Virginia's Richard Henry Lee, and Jeff Drushal is excellent as the quiet and intellectual Thomas Jefferson.

The well-written script, carefully researched dialogue and amazing acting contribute to a magnificent performance that makes these legendary men seem more human than the typical textbook stories about

As Benjamin Franklin said in scene four, "Talk plainly John (Adams), the history books will clean

This group has been touring together since September, and it is obvious onstage.

In fact, several of the cast members have worked together before. David Springstead (playing Franklin), Alexander Oleksij (John Hopkins) and A.P. Kopec all worked together in the 35th anniversary national tour of "Fiddler on the Roof."

"It's great to be working with old friends," said Springstead.

Springstead is no stranger to this production either. In the early '80s, he played the role of Adams, but he said he is enjoying playing the role of Franklin.

The cast and crew of "1776" put on a breathtaking and stirring performance that will not soon be for-

The ending left the audience speechless. Some patriots were so

moved they began applauding before the final number was over. The result was a standing ovation with cheers from people of all ages.

There were no mistakes, and it was every bit as grand as a Broadway show should be. At the reception afterward, the cast was friendly, gracious and willing to answer even the simplest of ques-

This show is recommended to everyone of all ages. The "1776" national tour will run

through April 23 and will continue to play at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium through Friday.

Ticket costs range from \$15 to \$35 and can be purchased from Select-A-Seat by calling 770-2000 (or 1-800-735-1288 outside Lubbock). Groups of 20 or more can purchase tickets at a discount by calling Celebrity Attractions at 1-800-869-1451.



The "1776" national tour will run through April 23 and will continue to play at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium through Friday.

Internet becoming virtual box office for movie ticket sales

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Standing in line for a movie could become just a memory as theaters begin testing systems that let people buy tickets over the Internet and print them out at home.

Moviefone.com, operated by AOL Moviefone Inc., began test-

ing such a system this week in Seattle.

The tickets can be bought online with a credit card and then printed with bar codes readable by scanners at the theater door.

The company already has an Internet-based ticket ordering sys-

tem for the movies in several major

But while the tickets can be reserved online, they still must be picked up at the box office.

Six leading movie chains used this week's ShoWest convention of theater owners in Las Vegas to announce similar ventures for Internet Impossible 2' opens, it's going to be ordering, though they won't include home printing at first.

A company called Hollywood.com also plans to start a Web-based ordering system in time for the summer films.

very hard to get a ticket," said Hollywood.com President Laurie Sil-

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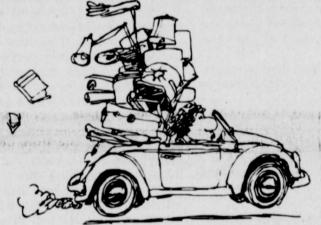
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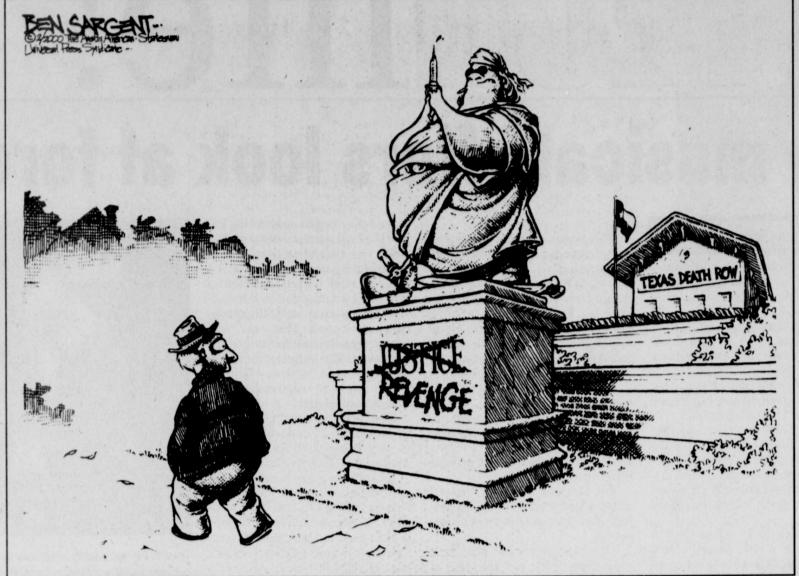
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He can't say that, can he?

he last few days, I have read with total amazement the numerous comments that are pouring into my office by the droves — by e-mail, by hand and on the phone - and I can't help but to snicker a little and roll my eyes a lot.

This year, more than any other, I have felt that we at The University Daily have tried our best to educate our readers on what freedom of the press is and what our First Amendment stands for and does for a community. And, I

> thought we had been doing a pretty good job. But alas, I guess we haven't, for these letters and phone calls are filled with gibberish like: "I'm all for freedom of the press and all, but you can't print stuff like

That's a little oxymoronic, don't you think? I'm mean, gasp!, Hodgin How dare we print someone's opinion in an opinion piece.

Whether you think these students writing columns are right or wrong in what they say, they still have the right to say it, regardless. And, I don't care how much you like it or don't like it, they can do it - so get over it. Even if they say they thought the sun was green today, they can say it. And, if you happen to disagree, by all means, you have the right to disagree. But to e-mail, write or call me telling me that if I'm any kind of editor I wouldn't let that kind of

If it weren't for people's opinions, what kind of situation do you think this world would be in today? And let me tell you, it definitely would be worse than it is at this day and time.

If Matt Muench thinks he would be a better coach than James Dickey, or if Kelsey Walter disagrees with the Saddle Tramps on a particular tradition, these guys and anyone else has the right to write and say it. And, by the same token, you have the right to disagree. Did you ever hear of the expression, "we'll just agree to disagree?"

Wait a minute, stop the presses. This one just came in: "So are we becoming as liberal as (the University of) Texas in allowing so much free speech?" I'm not even going to attempt to tackle that one!

As one of my favorite journalism professors told me one time, "The Supreme Court has never said the press must be accurate; it has said the press must be free."

Another subject that has dawned on the newsroom this week has been why newspapers don't just write or print the "good" news. And this is a subject that comes up fairly frequently around here. I am reminded of a woman who called us a couple of years ago and said, "Tomorrow is University Day, and we have to make a good impression on prospective students and their parents, so could you guys not print anything bad in the paper?" Well, let me roll out the red carpet for this lady because she just came upon a brilliant idea. I mean, think about it, would there be a need for newspapers if all there was in the world was "good" news?

Now, I'll even admit to myself and to you that I get sick and tired of hearing about presidential orgies and high school shooting

sprees. And as second-nature as these things seem to be these days, it is still news, every single time it happens. It's news. Regardless if it's bad or good, it's news. Is anyone seeing what I'm getting at here? Something to ponder: 10 or 15 years ago, each and every time NASA launched a space shuttle or something comparable, top news stories and headlines would be nothing but NASA. These days, how many NASA stories are buried on page 15 in a 20-page news section?

As journalists, we are bound to the duty of being watchdogs of the communities we serve. Sometimes, that means writing stories on the mismanagement of funds allotted for specific projects, and sometimes that means jected budget.

ing to get worse, folks. So, I guess it's time to get used to that.

cent events as of yet, and I hope you have read this column with an open mind and a new respect for journalists and news. Oh, I'm sure there will be a few cynical letters coming through my e-mail on this subject; there always are.

column with a quote from William Blackstone, an English jurist, 1765: "Every free man has an undoubted right to lay what sentiments he pleases before the public; to forbid this is to destroy the freedom of the

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writing on an arena that went well over a pro-

In my opinion, this "bad" news is only go-

I hope I have shed a little light on the re-

As a final thought, I would like to close this press..."

dom of the press.

two inches of extra leg room. This is just enough to reduce those leg cramps you can get after a long flight. In my case, this reduces the bruises from the flight attendants hitting my legs with the service cart as they walk down the

Columnist

Having

fun at

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pring Break is almost here, which means those of us who can will get on a plane ASAP and get the hell out of Dodge. So before you start your journey to paradise (loosely defined as any place that's not Lubbock), let someone with enough frequent flier miles for a lovely one-way trip to scenic Croatia

First, every tall person (by airline definition: anyone over 5-foot-6), must know by now that if they are flying coach, they should request the first row or an exit row since both have about

give you a few pieces of advice.

Of course, if you are seated in the exit row, you may be called upon to open the exit, but this gives you the extra added bonus of being able to pick who survives, should an emergency situation oc-

An even better tip that most people don't know is to ask the check-in clerk when you get your ticket if there are any first-class or business-class seats still available and how much

an upgrade would cost. Depending on the specific airline's desire to fill those seats, upgrades can often be had for a very reasonable price.

On a short flight, this just means a comfy seat and may not be worth it. But on a longer flight, this will mean a high-quality meal and luxury amenities such as personal televisions and the ever-popular endless supply of complimentary wines, beers and liquors, as well as the satisfaction of knowing you are better than those people stuck in coach.

There actually are ways to get into first class without actually paying for it. The best way is to be the absolute last person to board. Act like you were stuck in traffic and make a mad run for the gate before they close the door. Once on the plane, you have your choice of seats since no one will be coming behind you, so you can sit in first class if there is a seat available.

Unless there's a dispute, no one ever checks to see if that's where you are supposed to sit. I once got upgraded just by being extra friendly with the flight crew, but normally, that just gets me an extra pillow, so good luck.

One of the worst parts of traveling is waiting in the airport between flights. Normally after 15 minutes, you've already been kicked out of every newsstand and souvenir shop in the place and need some other way to fill your

There are the classic tricks everyone has tried like paging funny names on the white courtesy phone or riding around on the baggage carousel. But, if you have the time and an adventurous spirit, attempt to get on flights going to destinations better than your own.

For instance, if you are supposed to be returning to Lubbock - probably anything other than Siberia or a Turkish prison would suffice - wait until there is a big crowd and then proceed.

Normally this works because flight attendants only look at your name and seat number so they don't often notice the flight number. But if they do, just pretend to be illiterate, and they'll let you go on your merry way.

On a long flight, you will get bored (unless you've made it to first class with those personal movie viewers, then you just watch like four or five movies and time flies by), otherwise, here are some ways to kill time.

To start with, do an interpretive dance to the safety demonstration, or try translating it into pig Latin at a high volume. As with any time you are bored, you should load up on sugar packets to ingest during dull moments.

My personal favorite way to pass time is discussing conspiracy theories and other strange topics with random strangers. Not only does this fill time, it often gets you a free extra seat next to you.

I freaked one passenger out by convincing him that the Japanese will take over the country by exploding a tiny device hidden in every piece of technology that we import from Japan. Now, I think at least one person will buy American from now on.

I hope this helps make your airline travel more enjoyable, and just remember, if you see me on your flight, be prepared to discuss the vast left-wing conspiracy to prevent the spork from becoming a mainstay in the household utensil drawer.

Jay Hudec is a second-year medical student from Plano. For some very unjust reason, he and all the other poor tormented souls in this medical school get only a one-day break, so be sure to pick up a tacky souvenir for him on your trip since he will be stuck in Lubbock.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

trash get in my paper is really idiotic.

Don't call us ...

To the editor: In reference to Monday's column by Joe Colley, I am really relieved to know that my husband, a Lubbock police officer, can turn his attentions to all the people who are "too stupid or lazy to go to college." After all, Mr. Colley shouldn't ever need the services of those "uneducated, lazy jackasses who decide to become cops" because with everything we are providing him here at Texas Tech, he will be able find anyone who burglarizes his home or rapes his sister. He will be fully equipped to get himself out of a burning car after a wreck, take care of his neighbor who beats his wife and find the coach who molests his son. While our ultra-educated superman does all these things, my husband can use whatever meager talents he has picked up after 16 years on the police force to help those without the benefit of Mr. Colley's talents. Sure makes me feel good knowing what higher education can do to broaden one's knowledge.

Jo Henderson health education coordinator Student Health Services

Time to open up

To the editor: I am writing in response to The University Daily's articles regarding "Karma" in the past two days. Yes, this article was a bit off of the beaten path, as far as The UD is concerned, but I applaud Cory Chandler for writing such an

People in this town are way too conservative and close-minded. I say to these citizens, relax. Open yourself up to

life, accept the things you cannot change. I, too, have uneasy feelings toward stripping, but I actually know Karma. I have known her for years, and when she told me she was going to strip, I was incredibly shocked.

Knowing her as I do, however, made me accept the stripping profession more. I had this persona in my head about strippers, but Karma is an important person in my life, and I support her decision.

She is not ashamed of who she is or the decisions she has made, nor should she be made to feel that way. I support her as a

friend and respect her decision.

Nobody has the right to judge her or the women with whom she works. She does not need me to defend her, but she is beautiful inside, as well as out, and despite what a few think about strippers, she is highly intelligent and an incredible friend.

Kathryn Luper junior design communication

Ahem, I'm an individual To the editor: After reading Adrienne Gaviglio's column in The University Daily on

Monday, I really had to take a step back and try to understand myself.

Here I am, a fifth-year senior getting ready to graduate, and I have been nothing but a blind follower my entire college career because I missed out on the Greek system. Seriously, let's examine this for a moment.

For the last five years, I have been making friends, attending occasional parties with them and wearing the clothing I want to, when I want to.

Where is my individuality? My envy for the Greeks runs deep now. Never did I know that being required to wear a shirt and tie every Monday was a statement of individualism. Nor did I realize that purchasing all my clothing from Abercrombie & Fitch was less a way of attempting to attain an image and more a means of setting myself apart from the

Who else on this campus wears a shirt emblazoned with an AF on the front of it? And what of all the parties and get-togethers I have attended with friends? How could I have been so selfish and insecure as to not have paid my friends at the beginning of each semester to ensure that they will still like me and allow me to hang out with them? How could I have overlooked the simple logic of this situation?

I have been fooling myself, thinking I could make friends based solely on my personality and sense of self-worth when in fact, they are not really my friends unless I have given them remuneration for their time. But I digress.

I missed out on the ball cap craze as well. For years, I have been wasting money buying new hats every time my old one turns into a sweat-stained rag.

How could I have been so shortsighted as to overlook the way in which the brim of my hat is supposed to rip, fray and disintegrate only days after purchase? How did I not realize that I could amateurishly hack the top off my cap to show off my disgustingly moppy and unwashed hairstyle?

Aside from all this, I have realized how much money I have wasted going hunting, fishing and enjoying the great outdoors when I had only to place a Ducks Unlimited or Texas Trophy Hunters Association sticker on my car to experience these character-building events.

In addition, I have wasted so much time traveling and listening to new music when I had only to place Jerry Jeff Walker and Luchenbach, Texas, stickers on my car to prove how cultured I think I

Above all, I have missed my chance for decent seating at football games. Of all the times I had to stand amongst drunken, vomiting and obnoxious strangers, I could have been one of them.

Why did my friends and ! put up with years of pathetic taunts and timid aggression? Not unlike such notable organizations as the Mob, we could easily have paid for a sense of security.

Thank you, Ms. Gaviglio, for opening my eyes. To think that all this time I have been dressing, acting, socializing and thinking for myself, believing that I was an individual, when instead I was simply conforming to the pathetic expectations of my peers.

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Performance dubbed intriguing

by Alicia Field **StaffWriter**

rawing in a decent-sized audience, the Martha Graham Dance Company performed an exciting and intriguing show Tuesday night at the University Center Allen Theatre.

Opening with "El Penitente," it became immediately obvious that this company was anything but the Rockettes. Martha Graham's choreography portrayed the emotional struggles humans go through in relation to their faith.

Toward the end of the piece, images resembling crucifixion themes were dominant, and the dancers' movements revealed intensity and strength. Influenced by Graham's visits to the Southwest in the 1930s, cho-

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reography in the first part included repetition of basic movements which made it easier to focus on the emotional storyline and the basic techniques of Graham's style in modern dance.

"El Penitente" was extremely symbolic and a little intimidating for opening dance, but through its simplicity, was an excellent lead into the fundamentals of the Graham technique.

"Errand into the Maze" exhibited the same amount of incredible control. The movements of this piece were more graceful and flowed together, including the pauses.

Designed by Graham, the principle dancer's dress was elegant with

a modern touch which enhanced the simple lines of the background pieces. All movements focused on creating lines with the body; the duet formations molded both dancers into one form.

Following intermission, guest choreographer Susan Stroman's work, "But Not For Me", was performed by a large group of dancers and was of the more traditional style. Classic sounds of George Gershwin gave the dance an uplifting beat, and Stroman's choreography was fun and

Strength in lifts and unison in turns gave this piece the Broadway effect, and Stroman also utilized Graham's techniques in the uniform appearance and symmetrical lines of group formations.

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veloped an easy audience-performer connection with the "guy/girl next door" roles of the dancers. Ending on a lighthearted and sweet note, the girl who was alone is embraced in the arms of a new-found companion.

Aaron Copland wrote "Ballet for Martha," and this piece ended Tuesday night's performance on an energetic and robust execution.

Telling the story of pioneers, the theme of hope was most prevalent. Simple background props set off the elaboration of the costumes.

Graham's simple designs in movement define the value of the body as a means of communication.

Every dance told a story, and the elements of fear, love, shame and inner-conflict remain as timeless ornaments of society, as does Graham's compelling dances.

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Washington deserving of best actor

have to say up front that if I get this one right, it will be the first time since 1995 that I have predicted the winner in this category. But, it's worth a shot.

Last year's leading men dis-Brev played both talent and cha-Tanner risma few other

actors possess. staff writer Some of them are relatively new to the industry, while others have been around the block. But

they are each as strong in their ability and screen presence. Sean Penn in his career has shown his knack for comedy ("Fast Times At Ridgemont High") and his strength in drama ("Dead Man

Walking") In "Sweet and Lowdown," Penn gets the chance to do both. His character is a self-centered man who wants to be the best and is will-

ing to do anything to get it. With not that many years under his belt and a performance that many have not seen, Penn seems to have the least best chance of win-

ning the golden statue. Richard Farnsworth is the old man among the group. His career started as a stunt man, but with "The Straight Story," he proves why

he is best fit as an actor. Farnsworth's performance is both simple and true, nothing mance was electrifying. Washingflashy or glamourous, but down to earth and real. In a lesser year, one could count on his win, but this year is too tough.

Russell Crowe's performance in

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"The Insider" could induce a heart attack in anyone. His intensity and paranoia drive the film and the audience to the point of exhaustion and never stops.

Crowe showed he had screen presence with "L.A. Confidential" but now he proves he can act. He gives an excellent performance and deserves this nomination.

Kevin Spacey's character in "American Beauty" takes us on a ride through the last days of his life. In it, we learn what life is truly about.

Spacey's character is complex and original. He gives us someone to root for in a dark and satirical

Spacey has the ability to not only make himself someone else but makes the audience believe as

Spacey is wonderful, but with his relatively recent win for "The Usual Suspects," it knocks him down to second place; right after "The Hurricane.

Something in my gut tells me that Denzel Washington will be the second black male to take home the coveted prize of best actor.

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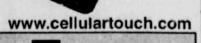
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Octane to open for Bullet Boys tonight

The Bullet Boys will headline a show tonight at Liquid 2000, 1812 Ave. G. The doors open at 8 p.m., and tickets cost \$8.50 in advance and \$10 at the door. Octane will open the show and take the stage at 10 p.m.

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The Comeback Kid

Tech pitcher returns to field after three-year absence

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Brandon Roberson

by Patrick Gonzales

Sports Editor

hen Texas Tech pitcher Chad Reynolds takes the mound, he said he feels no pressure.

That could be considered quite a statement coming from a player whose team has three starting pitchers out with injuries.

But for Reynolds, just being out on the field is an accomplishment in itself.

After being sidelined the past three years with two major shoulder injuries, Reynolds has persevered and worked his way to becoming a starting pitcher for the Red Raiders.

"Getting hurt is kind of a rough deal, but the coaches kept me around, and I stayed around," he said. "Now

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that they've given me the opportunity to get back out there to pitch, I just want to take advantage and play

as hard as I can." And so far this season, he has taken advantage of the situation, posting two victories in his first two career starts.

Overall, Reynolds has made four appearances this season, giving up 11 earned runs on 20 hits and striking out six.

The last time Reynolds appeared in a game for the Red Raiders was in 1996 - his freshman year.

A highly-touted recruit from Frenship High School in Wolfforth, Reynolds' freshman season was considered promising as he pitched in seven games, including 2/3 of an inning in Tech's NCAA Tournament

However, in December of the same year, Reynolds suffered a partial tear of his labrum cartilage in his throwing shoulder.

He had corrective surgery and missed the entire 1997 season but used a medical redshirt to gain another year of eligibility.

But while rehabilitating the shoulder in the Fall 1997, Reynolds completely tore his labrum and un-

derwent reconstructive surgery. After the surgery, he spent the

> next two years rehabilitating, enduring what he said was the toughest part of the whole ordeal.

"It was a big letdown

because we had a lot of good guys coming in my freshman year, and it was a lot of fun," Reynolds said.

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"Just seeing those guys progress while you're out with an injury was tough. I was still one of the guys, but still, it was hard."

Having only one year of eligibility left, it could have been easy for Red Raider. However, returning to the dia-

for Reynolds "I give the guy and his teammates respect

him for it. Tech pitcher Brandon Roberson, who began this season as the squad's No. 1 starter, is one teammate who knows firsthand how special Reynolds' comeback has

Roberson injured his throwing arm in the club's season opener Feb. 2 against

West Texas A&M and has not yet returned to the field.

"What I'm going through is nothing like he had to go through," said Roberson, whose return to the mound still is doubtful.

'He had to sit out two years, and I don't see how he did it. I've been out for a month and that's hard enough. I give the guy a lot of credit for sticking through that. I know a lot of other guys who'd have just hung it up."

One person who feels fortunate Reynolds has stuck with the team is Tech coach Larry Hays.

The Red Raiders have won six out of their last eight games, with

Reynolds to give up his career as a two of those victories coming from Reynolds' performances.

"With the injuries we've had, he's mond became a personal challenge come in and fit in nicely," Hays said.

"Right now, he is one of our starters, and hopefully, he can keep progress-Reynolds, who began this sea-

son as a relief pitcher, said he just wanted to help the team in any way he could. Ironically, it

has been the injuries to the pitching staff that has given him the opportunity to play.

And now that Tech pitcher he has been slated as a starter by Hays, he hopes

to continue giving it his all. "Physically, I'm not where I used to be - I've lost some velocity on my pitches," Reynolds said. "But mentally, I think I'm a lot stronger, and hopefully, everything else will come around.'

But most importantly, despite any situation, Reynolds said he is just going to take it a day at a time and enjoy his return to the mound.

"Everyday, I'm just going to go out without any pressure, compete and just give it all I got," Reynolds

"Whatever happens here on out is just a bonus."



After missing three years because of shoulder surgery, Tech pitcher Chad Reynolds has returned to the diamond for his senior year. So far this season, he as amassed a 2-0 record as a starter for the Red Raiders.

Spurs' Elliott could return to action next week

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Kidney transplant recipient Sean Elliott hopes to return to the NBA Tues-

The San Antonio Spurs face Atlanta in the Alamodome that night, the team's first home game

after a three-game road trip.

Elliott, 32, who underwent transplant surgery Aug. 16, wants to make his unprecedented return at home so his family, friends and kidney doctors can be present.

"I won't have it any other way," he

said recently.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said Elliott had a good practice Wednesday and that it's possible he could play against Atlanta.

"It's looking pretty good," Popovich said.

Braves' Smoltz to miss season

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — John camp after the arrival of John Rocker. Smoltz will miss the season because of a torn ligament in his right elbow, a jolt that shakes up the Braves' Big Three rotation and jeopardizes Atlanta's chances for a return trip to the World Series.

"It was pretty obvious," Smoltz said Wednesday, three days after lasting only 12-3 innings in his lone exhibition outing. "The last few days have been the worst for me.

It was another startling spring setback for the NL champions, who last year lost slugger Andres Galarraga to a cancer operation and closer Kerry Ligtenberg to an elbow injury before opening day.

And this blow came just when things seemed to be settling down in

The Braves had begun thinking about going to their ninth straight NLCS, and beyond, behind Smoltz, Tom Glavine and Greg Maddux.

"We felt we had all the pieces falling nicely into place," general manager John Schuerholz said.

Now, the Braves must figure out how to fill the spot the 32-year-old former Cy Young winner has held since 1988 and hold off the New York Mets in the NL East.

Bruce Chen and Terry Mulholland had been competing for the No. 5 job in the rotation, and this might give both of them the chance to start. Steve Avery also is back on the team, hoping his shoulder heals.

'We think we have the arms in this

camp to do it," Schuerholz said. "I think we have enough to win. But if an opportunity presents itself in terms of a trade, we'll listen."

Added manager Bobby Cox after an 11-7 loss to Toronto: "Our guys already have it figured out. The other pitchers, they know what they have Smoltz, on the disabled twice in

1998 and twice again in 1999 because of elbow trouble, will have surgery March 23 by Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala. The diagnosis of a torn medial collateral ligament came Tuesday night after an MRI exam.

"I've been through so much that in a weird way, this was a relief. I need to get the surgery in order to be able to pitch another good, solid, three to four years," Smoltz said.

"I still enjoy pitching," he said. "If I didn't, this would be a retirement speech. And it definitely is not."

Smoltz was 11-8 with a 3.19 ERA in 29 starts last season. He is 157-113 in his career and has been the Braves' most effective postseason pitcher,

One of those October defeats came last season, when the New York Yankees beat him to finish a World Series sweep. Smoltz helped Atlanta win its only Series championship in 1995, then won the 1996 Cy Young by going 24-8.

"There's nothing that's going to replace having No. 29 on the mound in a big game," said third baseman Chipper Jones, the NL MVP.

Smoltz felt in his right elbow Sunday when he allowed three runs and five hits in 1 2-3 innings Sunday against Tampa Bay. He threw about 20 knuckleballs, hoping to reduce the stress on his arm.

Prior to the 1998 season, Smoltz had arthroscopic elbow surgery to remove bone chips. He also had arthroscopic elbow surgery in September 1994 to remove a bone spur and chips, and was only 6-10 with a 4.14 ERA in 21 starts.

"He's pitched in a lot of pain for the last couple of years," Maddux said. "When your arm hurts more than it should, it's no fun. You hate your job."

Added Glavine: "Hopefully, it will be just for this year."

Combined, the Big Three has won seven Cy Young Awards: Smoltz (1996), Glavine (1991 and 1998) and Maddux (1992-95). Kevin Millwood joined the rotation last year on a fulltime basis and won 18 games.

The Braves went 103-59 last season and won their eighth straight division title despite missing Galarraga and Ligtenberg for the year. Also, All-Star catcher Javy Lopez was sidelined for several months.

"It's going to hurt us, but this club is used to dealing with adversity and injuries," Jones said.

Smoltz will get his salary of \$8.5 million this season, with insurance covering almost all of it for the

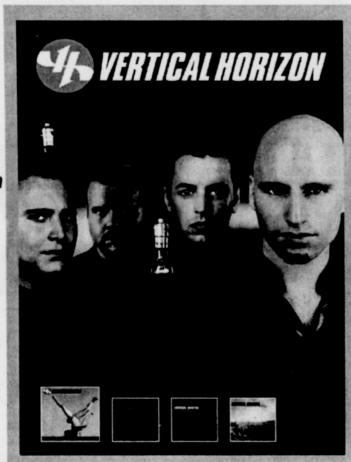


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College athletes deserve just compensation

am sure most of you have heard of suspensions going on in the NCAA.

Although it seems as if only basketball players are getting suspended, it happens in other sports,

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In some cases, they end up losing their entire eligibility.

Recently, a number of athletes have been suspended for a number of games, and some have been suspended indefinitely.

Dermarr Johnson, who plays basketball for the Cincinnati Bearcats, was suspended for reportedly receiving \$7,000 from his Amateur Athletic Union coach to attend Maine Central Institute.

Erick Barkley, a basketball player from St. John's University, also was suspended earlier this year for allegedly accepting money from his AAU coach to pay for tuition at the institute. He was reinstated by the NCAA



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Although some of the recent suspensions are because an athlete broke some rules prior to entering college, most suspensions come when an athlete breaks a rule while attending college. Some get caught accepting money from a booster, talking to an agent or at the extreme, getting involved with drugs.

I think the problem is simple to see: College students don't have much money, and college athletes

on grounds that have even less money.

So what is the solution? Well, I think that also is easy to see: Pay the athletes, and some of the

problems will decrease. I know what some of you are already thinking, "These guys get a free education. Why pay them?"

True, but if you have learned anything while in college, you should know that there is no such thing as

Athletes get rewarded with an athletic scholarship because they are good athletes and good students. Athletes must have good grades to attend a Division I school like Texas

Still, athletes are not the only ones that can receive scholarships.

An academically-excellent student can get a "free" education, too. Athletes still have to go to and

pass their classes in order to keep their scholarships. Furthermore, they have to keep performing at their best in order to receive a scholarship for the following year.

So in reality, they are earning their

"free" education.

Also, most athletes cannot hold a full-time job outside of school their sport is their full-time job.

Athletes spend countless hours in the weight room, on the playing field or in the film room. There is only time left for studying and sleeping.

If you were to add up all of the time that is taken up in a week by practice, class, studying, sleeping and game days, there would be no time left for work.

Sometimes, athletes can become very vulnerable. They can become tired of cafeteria food and yearn for the taste of something different.

With no money in hand, it becomes easy to say yes to the invitation of a "free" dinner.

Other times, they may desire to try on some new clothes or shoes, and when the salesperson offers them a generous discount - \$20 for \$500 in clothes - it becomes tempting to accept it.

In Porter's case, the booster caught him at a very vulnerable

Who wouldn't take money to pay your mother's rent if you couldn't do it yourself?

If he would have had some money, I'm sure that he would have paid it out of his own pocket.

The only reason some athletes break the rules or leave school early to join the professional ranks is because of money.

Why would an NBA-caliber player want to go to class every day of the week and worry about passing, when he can become an instant millionaire playing pro ball.

Still, most athletes are not professional bound and must stay in school for four years with the lack of money.

If universities were really interested in an athlete getting his degree, then maybe they could do a little

They could get as much help as possible for them to stay in college and therefore, not worry about them breaking any rules.

Sure, athletes do get a little help. After their tuition and housing is paid, they end up with about \$100 or

more (depending on how much their tuition and rent is) that they can use as extra money.

I'm not suggesting that universities should give their athletes a lump sum of cash each month or a salary, but if they gave them some type of income, such as a checking account that would be regulated and checked for proper usage of the funds, they would see less instances of problems.

Most athletes accept scholarships because they can't afford college without it.

When they leave home, which can be as far away as another country, most of them know they will not be able to depend on their parents for money. Without a job or help from their parents, it's hard to make ends

There is no way around it; there are expenses other than tuition and housing that athletes must worry about.

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Belfour to meet with counselors after arrest

th mental and substance abuse counselors before the team determines if it will suspend him for a scuffle early Wednesday with a hotel security guard.

"I'm sorry about the incident and regret any embarrassment to my family, the Dallas Stars organization, my teammates, friends and fans," he said in a written statement released by the club.

Belfour will not return to the team until after a report is issued by counselors provided by the National Hockey League and National Hockey League Player's Association, Bob Gainey, Stars general manager, said at a news conference Wednesday afternoon.

Belfour, 34, was not at the news conference and was scheduled to

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Stars meet with the counselors Wednesday night.

The team has activated Marty Turco, who has been playing with the Stars' top minor league team in

"I think it's a possibility that once we have the results from the meeting, then we'll take it from there and see when he's capable mentally, physically to come back in and fill his slots as a player on our roster,"

Belfour spent more than six hours in police custody early Wednesday after being arrested and charged with assault and resisting arrest after a scuffle with a security guard at an upscale hotel shortly after 1 a.m.

Dallas police said they had to spray Belfour with Mace to get him to release a security guard from a headlock. Belfour was released from the Lew Sterrett Justice Center about 7:30 a.m. after posting \$500 bond, said Ed Spencer, a spokesman for the Dallas County Sheriff's Office.

"We are concerned for Eddie and for everyone involved," said Stars owner Tom Hicks. "I know our team leadership will make the correct udgments about any consequences which may be necessary to impose on our player.

Police said Belfour, a hero of the Stars' Stanley Cup championship last season, arrived at the hotel shortly after midnight. The two-time Vezina Trophy winner appeared intoxicated, witnesses told police, and hotel security personnel escorted him to his

Shortly after arriving at his room, a woman accompanying Belfour told hotel security officials she was afraid of Belfour and wanted to leave, police said.

Security personnel accompanied her downstairs and she left in a cab. Shortly after the woman left, Belfour also tried to leave his hotel room. When a guard tried to subdue him, Belfour grabbed the man by the lapels and slammed him against a wall, police said.

When Dallas police arrived, Belfour had the guard in a headlock. Belfour released the guard after police sprayed him once with Mace, police said.

Known as "Eddie the Eagle," Belfour has averaged 2.08 goalsallowed per game in 53 games. He got his 300th career victory last month as Dallas defeated the Washington Capitals 2-1.

The Stars play Vancouver at home tonight, but Belfour already was scheduled to have the night off.

Mavs take Worm off hook

DALLAS (AP) — Dennis Rodman needed less than a month to wear out his welcome in Dallas.

The Mavericks gave up on their biggest drawing card Wednesday, giving him his release hours after he lashed out against owner-in-waiting Mark Cuban.

This could be the end of the line for the most-pierced, most-tattooed player in league history.

The team, which announced the move on its Web site before issuing a statement, said it would not comment until Thursday morning.

There also was no immediate comment from Rodman. His Los Angeles-based publicist was preparing The 29-day stint in Dallas is the

shortest of Rodman's career. He lasted nearly two months with the Los Angeles Lakers last season.

The Mavericks were 4-9 since Rodman joined the team. He was

ejected twice, suspended once and fined \$13,500 by the league.

Rodman had only been on a losing team once before in his 14-year career, and the series of defeats wore

After a fifth straight loss Tuesday night, he slammed Cuban, who had personally wooed Rodman and even was briefly his landlord. Cuban also had given Rodman permission to skip practices and show up late for

"Mark Cuban wants to win, but he's an owner, not a player," Rodman said following a 101-86 loss in Seattle. "He doesn't need to be hanging around the players like he's a coach or something. That's like Jerry Jones, and it's dumb. That's why the Cowboys went down. He needs to be the owner, step back and put people in who can get this team in the right direction."

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PROBLEM

Lady Raiders prevail in tournament opener

by Jeff Keller

Assistant Sports Editor

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - The Lady Raiders came one step closer to claiming their third-straight Big 12 Conference Tournament Title with a 76-60 win against the Colorado Lady Buffaloes on Wednesday at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo.

The Lady Buffs came into the second-round matchup with the No. 2-seeded Lady Raiders by way of upsetting the No. 7-seeded Missouri Tigers in the first round Tuesday.

With the win, the Lady Raiders moved to 25-3 on the season, and Colorado, who were seeded No. 10, dropped to 10-19 with the loss.

The Lady Raiders got the early jump in the game due in part to the shooting of guard Melinda Schmucker-Pharies

Schmucker-Pharies canned two early 3-pointers which help the Lady Raiders build a 20-point lead at 37-

17 with 5:55 left in the first half. Schmucker-Pharies said she wanted to be sure to take advantage of any open shots she got in the first part of the game to help Texas Tech

get the early momentum. "I think the biggest thing for us was if they were giving us the 3-point shot we had to be ready to take it," Schmucker-Pharies said. "We knew if we could knock some of those shots down, it would open up the post, so we could get the ball into our post players. That was some-

weren't going to guard me out

The Lady Buffs were able to cut into the Tech lead toward the end of the opening stanza, but the Lady Raiders still took a commanding 43-29 lead into the locker room at half-

During the second half, the Lady Buffs were only out-scored by Tech 33-31 and even cut the Lady Raiders' lead to single digits midway through the final half.

But in the end, Tech proved to be too much as they put an end to the Lady Buffs' run.

Schmucker-Pharies, who finished the contest with 16 points, said it was tough playing the Lady Buffs because Colorado was coming off of an upset win against Missouri.

"I think it was definitely tough," Schmucker-Pharies said. "They had a great game against Missouri, and we saw what they could do. We had to be prepared for that and know what we needed to do in order to

Tech was led offensively by forward Aleah Johnson who tallied 18 points and had three assists and three rebounds in the win.

Johnson hit 50 percent of her shots from the floor but did miss her only two free-throw attempts.

Johnson said she was pleased with her effort, but she thinks she

can improve upon her overall game. "I probably could have done a lot better," Johnson said. "The last

thing that I knew I had to do if they couple of games, I haven't been shooting my free throws well, even though I only shot two tonight. There was a lot of things I could have improved on, but I will probably play better tomorrow."

The Lady Raiders got a firstround bye in the tournament as they were one of the top four teams in the conference.

Johnson said getting the rest in the first round while Colorado had to play a first-round game paid off

"I could tell throughout the whole game that they were pretty tired," Johnson said. "They did play hard yesterday. It was our goal to get out to a good start in the beginning. I just think that we relaxed a little too much in the second half.

Tech coach Marsha Sharp said she was pleased with the win but hopes her team will not experience second-half lapses as the tournament progresses.

"It seemed to me a little bit like we were playing just to hold on to the lead and not playing to win," said Sharp of her squad's secondhalf performance. "We talked about that and that is not going to work from here on out. We're really going to have to play with a great deal of intensity for all 40 minutes that we're on the court for us to have a chance to win anything from here on out."

Tech next will face Texas, who upset No. 3-seeded Oklahoma, 71-68, at 7:30 p.m. today at the Municipal Auditorium.



Tech forward Keitha Dickerson scrambles for the ball in the Lady Raiders' 76-60 victory against Colorado on Wednesday at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo. With the victory, the Lady Raiders advanced to the third round of the Big 12 Tourney and next will face Texas at 7:30 p.m. today.

Red Raiders look to tame Tigers in tourney, continue season

by Jeff Keller

Assistant Sports Editor

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Texas Tech men's basketball team will be-

gin their quest for the Big 12 Tournament Title today when it faces Missouri at 8:20 p.m. at the Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Mo.

The Red Raiders finished the regu-

in the Big 12 Conference, earning them the 11th seed in the tourna-

The Tigers racked up a 17-11 over-

lar season at 12-15 overall and 3-13 all mark in the regular season while that ball game," said Tech coach going 10-6 in Big 12 action, which was good enough for a No. 6 seeding in the tournament.

> Missouri took the regular season meeting between the two schools with an 86-76 win against the Red Raiders on Feb. 15 in Lubbock.

James Dickey. "The first 34 minutes of that game, we probably played as well as we could play in terms of of-

ecute down the stretch." The Red Raiders have not faired well in past Big 12 Tournaments, win-

fensive execution. But we did not ex-

tournament. The victory came in their firstever game in the tourney in 1997.

Young, who was on the Red Raider squad that collected Tech's only win in the tournament in 1997, said even though Tech has not been successful playing in Kemper Arena,

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