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Woman prisoner gets named No. 1 million

HUNTSVILLE (AP) - Twanda Thibodeaux didn't fade into the obscurity she hoped for when she entered prison.

Instead, she has gained notoriety as prisoner No. 1 million in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the first to gain a seventh digit in her prison identification number.

"It's kind of embarrassing," she told the Huntsville Item. "You want to be known for something, but not that. I'll be glad to get rid of this number and go home soon."

Thibodeaux in April was convicted in Harris County of welfare fraud and sentenced to two years in prison.

"I wish it would have gone to someone else because I wanted to just ride this out, get it over with (quietly)," she said from Dawson State Jail in downtown Dallas.

As she began her prison stay, a classification officer called out: "Where's Thibodeaux? Where's Thibodeaux?'

She raised her hand and the officer asked if she knew her

"It's 1 million," the officer told her. "It's 1 million, so you're the 1 millionth customer!"

There was no prize. Prison officials told her they had nothing to give but three square meals a day and a bunk.

NATIONAL

Workers accused of assault, harassment

ATLANTA (AP) — The Georgia Secretary of State's office is investigating charges made by four former employees of a prominent Atlanta funeral home who say other workers sexually harassed them, mishandled bodies and abused corpses.

The former employees have filed a sexual harassment lawsuit against H.M. Patterson & Son Funeral Home's parent company. Joel Barnes, one of the plaintiffs, said he was sexually harassed by other men soon after starting work in February 1999.

"In the beginning, since I have more or less a thick skin, I just fluffed off the same-sex harassment," said Barnes, who sold "pre-need packages" to people preparing for their own funerals. "What bothered me the most was seeing the deceased abused."

That abuse included what Barnes called "inappropriate contact" with the dead.

WORLD

More than 20 killed including children

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) - More than 20 people reportedly have been killed in Algeria in the past three days, including children, soldiers and Islamic militants.

In the mountainous Zaccar region, 80 miles west of Algiers, six people were shot dead when they were ambushed by an armed group on Wednesday, the daily El Watan newspaper said Thursday. Three of the dead were children. Two people were injured.

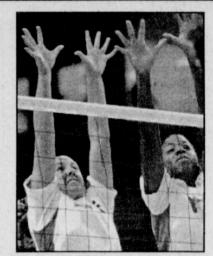
And an army spokesman said Thursday that five militants and four soldiers were killed Tuesday in a military offensive in the El Tarf region, 190 miles southwest of Algiers.

Le Matin newspaper reported the killings of two soldiers, two Islamic militants and several other people died earlier in the week.

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Lubbock, Texas

Students, officials: No more tests

By Angel Wolfe Staff Writer

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Texas Tech students should not worry about a proposal for standardized testing anytime soon, according to the reaction of sev- dardized tests for," he said. eral campus officials.

nounced plans to discuss implementing standardized testing into the curriculum for all of its undergraduate schools.

man, said the idea UT systems is discussing does not apply to Tech.

"Of course, it doesn't apply to Tech because we don't have other undergraduate universities for which we would even need the stan-

The tests UT is considering would be simi-Concerns may have risen early this week lar to Texas Assessment of Academic Skills when the University of Texas system an- taken by high school students, according to The Associated Press.

The UT board of regents will discuss the plan during its Oct. 2 meeting, and it could be Jim Sowell, Tech Board of Regents chair- implemented in some courses during 2002.

test would take away the need for a central governing body on individual campuses.

"I just don't believe a central office can know all the nuances and needs at a local level. If you're going to have standardized testing, why have a president at various local colleges?" he said. "I think (UT systems proposal is) a bad idea."

Provost John Burns said he would not be in favor of standardized testing if the proposal was ever brought up for Tech.

'We already test students in every possible aspect," he said. "I believe it would take

Sowell said implementing a standardized away the creativity from teachers in the classroom.

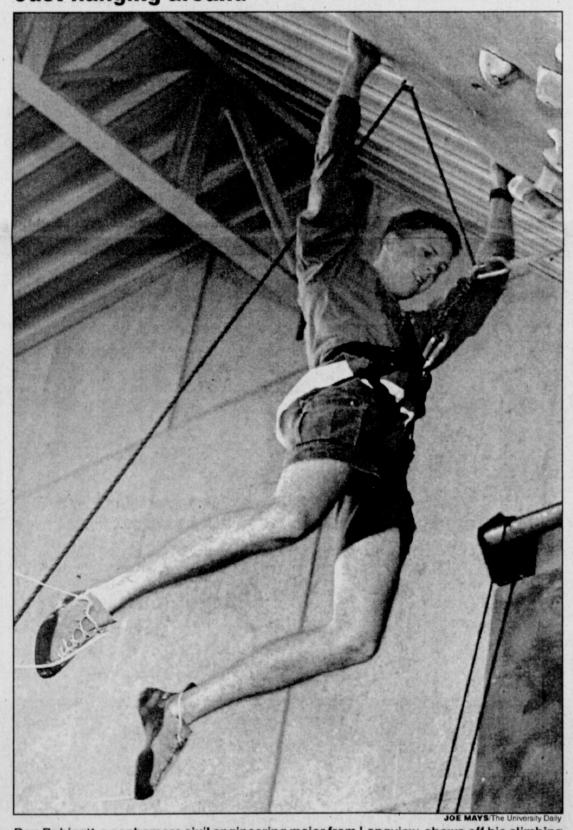
In the 31 years Burns has been employed at Tech, he said the question of standardized testing has never been brought up.

Deputy Chancellor Mike Moses said he tends to doubt standardized testing at the college level as beneficial.

"We do need some value at how we measure progress," he said. "I don't know if testing, such as we do in the public schools, is the

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Just hanging around



Don Robinett, a sophomore civil engineering major from Longview, shows off his climbing ability Thursday evening on the rock-climbing wall in the Texas Tech Student Recreation Center. In the midst of a renovation project not scheduled to be complete until early Octuber, the new wall is going to be the largest collegiate wall in Texas.

Motorcycle travel a hazardous ride

■ Statistics suggest dire need of helmet law in the near future.

By Jeff Lehr Staff Writer

The rising number of motorcycle related injuries and deaths in the nation hit close to home last month when a Texas Tech student, who was not wearing a helmet, died as the result of a head injury.

David Lee Perrin, a 21-year-old Austin native, became Lubbock's third motorcycle accident fatality since 1999, and the 16th traffic fatality this year, after his motorcycle flipped over a car and catapulted him into an alley, Bill Morgan, Lubbock Police Department spokesman, said.

Stuart Mackintosh, press specialist for Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, a consumer group in Washington D.C., said motorcycle related deaths in Texas are on the rise due to certain restrictions on helmet laws in the state.

In 1997, the Texas Legislature repealed an all-rider motorcycle helmet law that would have required 100 percent corroboration of all riders in Texas. Instead, Texas law has limitations that do not require all riders to wear a helmet.

'That's why we feel that the number of injuries and deaths is on the rise in Texas," he said.

According to preliminary 1999 data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 2,537 motorcycle occupants were killed on the nation's roads. This is an 11 percent increase from 1998.

Mackintosh said the majority of the people killed on motorcycles were probably not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.

"The lack of helmets is a direct correlation to the number of deaths and head injuries," he said.

So far, there are 20 states in the United States, including Washington. D.C., that require all motorcycle rid-

An estimated \$12.1 billion was saved from 1984 to 1998 because of helmet use. An additional \$10.4 billion could have been aved if all motorcyclists had worn helmet

ers to wear helmets while on the road. Three states have no laws pertaining to helmet use on a motorcycle and Texas and Florida have laws, that Mackintosh said, do not

require all riders to wear helmets. According to Texas Mandatory Helmet Law, "a person commits an offense if the person operates or rides as a passenger on a motorcycle on a public street or highway, and is not wearing protective headgear that meets safety standards.'

Mackintosh said AHAS encourages every state to adopt federal and state laws, as well as policies and programs, that save lives and reduce

"It is obviously intuitive that if you come off of a motorcycle, because of an accident, and you are not wearing a helmet, you are extremely susceptible to a head injury," he said.

In Perrin's case, Morgan said, he was not wearing a helmet nor was he licensed to drive a motorcycle. He also was not the owner of the motorcycle he was driving.

Perrin, who was pronounced dead shortly after the accident, was traveling north on Boston Avenue and tried to pass three cars through an intersection at 38th Street at what Morgan said was an extremely high rate of speed. "His motorcycle struck the pas-

senger side door of the vehicle in front, which caused him and his motorcycle to both flip over the car," he said. Morgan said the vehicle in front

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Vietnam Center to revamp image soon

By Heath Cheek Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Vietnam Center and Archives will receive a newly designed home, courtesy of students in the College of Architecture. Students from the college were asked to submit their own design for the new building, which is still in early planning stages.

Ben Shacklette, professor of architecture, said he is pleased with the ideas he has received.

Five graduate students from the college presented designs for the building.

"We received some excellent de-

signs," he said. "The students did a really good job."

James Reckner, director of the Vietnam Center, also felt the students put forth an amazing amount of effort and was overall impressed

with the quality of their work. "Some of (the students') ideas will definitely show up in the final plans," he said. "It will be interesting for the students to have the opportunity to see some of their de-

signs built." Reckner said the project was a great opportunity for students. "The design process is contribut-

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This new design for the Texas Tech Vietnam Center was one of five submitted by students in the College of Architecture.

Another

By Pam Smith Staff Writer

Results for the Texas Tech's first residence hall visitation policy elections will be announced today, Sean Duggan, assistant director for Residence Life, said.

Elections were conducted during mealtime hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. At press-time, results were still being tabulated. Carpenter/Wells, Gordon and Gaston

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The bus stops here

Student Government Association funds bus route for students, faculty, staff to attend A&M game

By Pam Smith Staff Writer

Texas Tech fans traveling to the Texas A&M football game Sept. 30 have another option for transportation to College Station.

The Student Government Association is funding a bus route that will transport Tech fans to and from the game.

Andrew Schoppe, president of the SGA, said he hopes the service will help influence students to attend the game.

'We wanted to offer this option to faculty, staff and students so we can make sure as many people as possible can travel safely, affordably and enjoyably next weekend," he said.

The deadline to sign up for the buses is Monday at 5 p.m. The deadline was originally scheduled for 5 p.m. today, but was extended to give more students the opportunity to take advantage of the ser-

Monday is the latest students will be allowed to register because full payment for the buses is due a

Continental Panhandle Trailways, said his company will waive the deTech has done business with them

The buses will be chartered. through Continental Panhandle Trailways, located in Amarillo.

If (the SGA) could offer the ride for about \$40. I think more students would go."

> **Michael Duston** JUNIOR FINANCE MAJOR

Roundtrip price for each person will be \$75. This price will include the bus fare, snacks provided on the bus and the movies that will be shown on the bus

Travelers will still be responsible for the price of game tickets, meals

posit to rent the buses because need about 78 or 79 people to show up in order to run both buses."

Allison said the price of the trip to College Station is "typical" of bus

fares for a trip of that distance. While it may sound steep, the price was cheap compared to flying to the game, Allison said.

"A person wanting to fly to the game would be paying over \$200 for the plane ticket," he said.

Michael Duston, a junior finance major from Dallas, said he feels the price of the bus ticket is too steep for

"I think the price of the bus is too expensive," he said. "If they could offer the ride for about \$40, I think more students would go.'

The buses will run at separate intervals in order to accommodate student needs.

Schoppe said the first bus will leave the Merket Alumni Association parking lot at 17th Street and University Avenue, Sept. 29, at 11 p.m. and will return to Lubbock Sept. 30, at 6 p.m. from the A&M Student Recreation Center near Kyle Field. The second bus will leave Tech at noon

Federal drug trafficking program headquarters move

EL PASO (AP) - The headquarters for a federal program that provides money and support in the war against drug trafficking will be moved from San Diego to El Paso.

The Southwest Border High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program has a budget of \$46 million a year and covers 2,000 miles of border between the United States and Mexico. It focuses on specific counties in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas that have known drug-smuggling routes.

Drug Czar Barry McCaffrey, in a written statement provided to The Associated Press, called the Southwest border "a major drug smuggling corridor" and said the plan will reduce illegal drug traf-

One of the reasons for the move is to put the organization's headquarters close to other El Paso-based anti-drug groups such as the Drug Enforcement Agency's El Paso Intelligence Center, which tracks Mexican drug

"The other principal drug fighting entities are here in El Paso," McCaffrey said Thursday during an interview.

"We need a coordinated and integrated center."

Another reason for the move, McCaffrey said, is that Texas accounts for just under 900 miles of the 2,000-mile border with Mexico.

"Texas is a huge piece of that (border)," he said. "It's a huge piece of the drug smuggling route."

Testimony this year before a state Senate committee put total smuggler prosecutions along the border at 1,000 per year.

In June, Jaime Esparza, district attorney for El Paso, Hudspeth and Culberson counties and head of Southwest Border Prosecutors, said a two-yearold study found that counties bordering Mexico from Texas to California spent between \$48.5 million and \$148.6 million prosecuting federal drug crimes each

McCaffrey was expected to introduce the plan Thursday night at a meeting of law-enforcement officials in El Paso. On Friday, he was to tour Juarez and El Paso learning about anti-drug efforts.

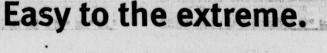
From the Mexican border to the streets of New York, 31 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas - regions with serious drug problems - have been selected over the last decade.

In the regions, local, state, federal and military law-enforcement agencies work together on various projects to oppose illegal drug use and distribution.



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When bundle of joy becomes bundle of burden

Zeta Phi Beta, March of Dimes promote center for low-income, teenage mothers

By Mara McCoy Staff Writer

Many times, pregnant women facing financial burden or youthful

inexperience are lost as to where to turn for help. To combat this, the Texas Tech chapter of Zeta Phi Beta and March of Dimes have teamed to bring the Stork's Nest to Lubbock.

The program, which is designed to entice pregnant women, who would not normally receive regular prenatal care, to visit doctors on a regular basis and to attend other programs, such as educational classes and Women, Infants and Children (WIC), the state nutritional

The center is located at 2602 Ave. Q and is open 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through

Wanda Wesson, provider of rela-

and chairwoman for the March of Dimes Northwest Texas chapter, said if mothers attend their appointments and the other programs, they earn points. The points can be redeemed for free baby goods, such as diapers, new clothes, swings and

"The program was originally started in Atlanta in 1970," Wesson said. "So, it's not really a new concept - it's just new to Lubbock."

To participate in the program, which offers educational classes on pregnancy, birth and infant care, women must be referred by a clinic, neighborhood health center, physician, the UMC Grand Beginnings program, or any other health care facility which provides prenatal care

"Our mission is to increase the number of women who receive regu-

Our mission is to increase the number of women who receive regular prenatal care to prevent infant deaths"

MARCH OF DIMES CHAPTER CHAIRWOMAN

lar prenatal care to prevent infant deaths and low-birth-weight babies," Wesson said. "There is a high incidence of low-birth-weight babies born in the Lubbock area."

Wesson said the March of Dimes and Zeta Phi Beta, Inc., created the Stork's Nest program to improve the health and welfare of, not only the babies, but the mothers as well.

Doris Reding, a Tech graduate and social services director at Covenant Hospital in Levelland, said the program impacts the health of both the baby and the mother.

"The physicians are very much in favor of this program," Reding said. "The moms are better educated and, as a result, their babies are healthier.'

Covenant is also in the process of starting a class for the moms from the first class which deals with the their child's first year.

Reding also said the program

helps to set up a network of friends who are going through the same

"All the mothers in the class get to know each other, and they can help each other out with whatever problems they may be facing," she said.

Arlena Price, a stay-at-home mom who attended the Levelland classes, said she enjoyed the program and reaped its benefits.

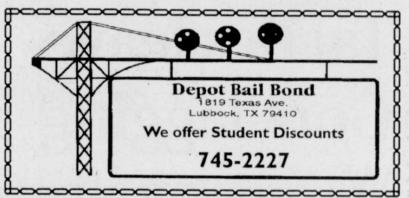
"It was really helpful. I was pregnant with my fifth child, but I still learned quite a few things," she said. "They teach you things that are very beneficial, like what happens when you smoke or drink while you are pregnant."

The Lubbock program is still registering women, and volunteers are being sought.

Gwen Glen, president of the Texas Tech chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority, said sorority members will do some of the volunteer

"Since it is a national project through Zeta Phi Beta, Inc., we will be working with (the program)," Glen said. "But anyone is welcome to volunteer, regardless of education, job or affiliation."

For more information on either joining the program or volunteering, call the Stork's Nest at 762-6730, or Jenny Blanco at 298-5208.







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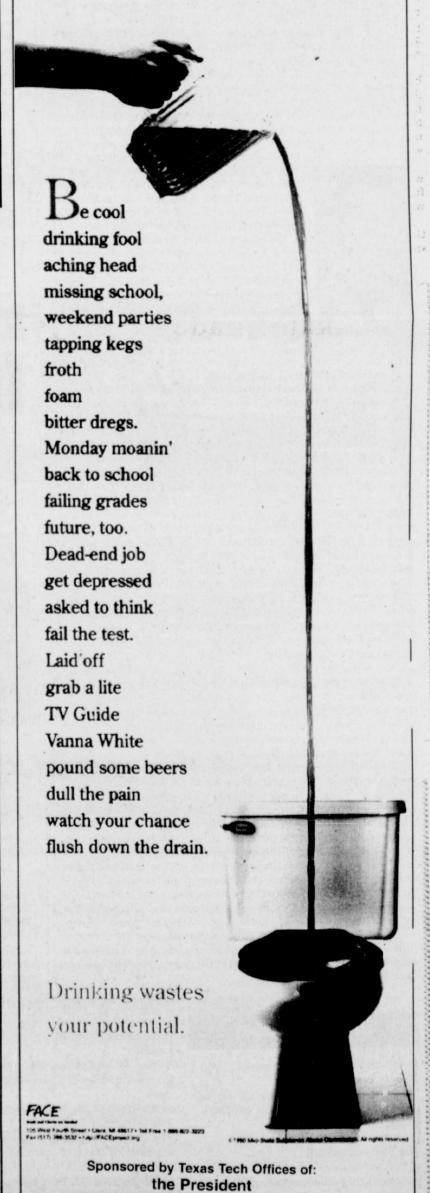




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Column

Tactics leave Gore lagging

Tell, it's like deja vu all over again. Last time it was bombing aspirin factories to divert media attention from a national scandal. This time the Clinton-Gore administration is considering releasing strategic oil reserves, once again, for illegitimate reasons. Bill Clinton is attempting to add to his infamous legacy, while the stakes are higher for Vice President Al Gore.

He is suggesting the use of our strategic oil reserves, not for a national emergency, but instead, in an attempt to affect the outcome of the coming presidential election. Clinton and Gore, once more, are trying to portray themselves as economic messiahs and as the driving force behind our prosperity, and Gore is jumping for a chance to fight for "the people" and to stand up against "big oil." However, this attempt to meddle with the election, at the cost of America's national security, may not yield the political gains it was intended to. To understand the political motivation behind this

move, you have to understand the way the Clinton-Gore administration views its role in the economy. Our system of free enterprise and capitalism entails a limited role for government. The idea of capitalism revolves around self-interest and the pursuit of profits.

Our system rewards those who continuously strive for self-betterment. However, Clinton and Gore view the pursuits of profits as "greedy" and "selfish." They perceive their own roles as protectors of those who are taken advantage of by business and industry. This is why the administration supports heavy government regulation and even socialization (in the case of health care) of industry. It also explains why

they feel those who produce more should be increasingly subject to government seizure of their wealth.

Mundorf

Case in point: Al Gore has repeatedly harped on "big insurance," "big drugs," and, of course, "big oil." Now he is publicly on record encouraging the president (as if they are not part of the same administration) to release the reserves, hence, saving the public from OPEC and the evil oil companies. Funny — that's not what he thought last March, when our leaders were debating releasing the strategic reserves. Last March, Gore said releasing the reserves would not substantially affect crude oil prices. He claimed that a release of the reserves would only result in a further restriction of supply by the OPEC countries. Well, I guess I have to concede that Gore has made at least one intelligent statement in his career. However, he seems to think this logic no longer applies to the current situation. Somehow releasing our strategic reserves now seems to be a better idea than it was just last year. That's because a ploy like this would have had little political effect in March of 1999.

However, Gore's much more willing to stoop to a new low a few weeks before the election. Not only has Al Gore changed his tune, but also so has Energy Secretary Bill Richardson. Last year he was an outspoken opponent of releasing the reserves, but now he is

seemingly silent on the issue.

Something the media likely will not focus on is the fact that the treasury secretary says releasing the reserves would be "a big mistake." If that's not enough, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan is also opposing releasing the reserves. The Clinton-Gore administration, as well as the major media, often has pointed to Greenspan's policies as a major factor in our growing economy. However, his opinion is now being taken somewhat lightly it seems.

If this administration really felt sorry for people who couldn't afford to buy gas or heating oil, they wouldn't be attacking "big oil" they would be attacking big government. Our government profits a lot more than oil companies when you fill up at the pump. If Clinton and Gore wanted a real solution to high-energy costs they would suggest cutting fuel taxes. But we all know that not in their nature.

This entire political maneuver is yet another example of Gore's lacking credibility. Once, Gore was a large supporter of gun rights and "big tobacco." Now he's an advocate of gun control and class action tobacco suits. And let's not forget this is the man who invented the Internet. If Al Gore wants to regain some of his credibility, he might start by selling his \$500,000 of "big oil" stock.

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Column

Debate well may be poisoned

In a dandy letter to the editor the other day (so sorry I didn't get the citizen's name) came this useful distinction about questions:

There are questions of faith, such as "Does God exist?" There are questions of opinion, such as "Who is the greatest baseball player of all time?" There are debate questions, such as "Should abortion be legal?" And then there are questions that can be answered to a degree of certainty by the

application of the scientific method, which are called empirical questions — in other words, those that can be largely settled by the evidence.

In politics, we often get ourselves tangled up trying to settle questions of faith and opinion through a process not remotely designed to resolve them. To the extent that empirical questions and even debate questions can be re-

solved through the political process, the value of that resolution depends entirely on the caliber of the evidence we use. And because the well of public debate is often poisoned by bad information, the first thing we need to ask is: "Where does this information come from, and how good is it?"

Molly

One of the most disturbing books I have read in years is "The Manufactured Crisis: Myths, Fraud and the Attack on America's Public Schools" by David Berliner and Bruce Biddle (Addison-Wesley Publishing, 1995). Normally when you find bad information infesting a public debate, the culprit is self-interest — a k a money. Studies sponsored by chemical companies on the effects of pollution, by the tobacco companies on the effects of smok-

ing, by the auto industry on car emissions, by the oil industry on global warming, by the banking industry on interest rates, by the Chamber of Commerce on the evils of increasing the minimum wage and so forth can all be treated with the gingerly skepticism they so richly deserve. Using the old safety standby "who benefits?" you can pretty much see through that kind of bad information without breaking a sweat.

It's a great deal more puzzling to figure out why there is so much bad information about the schools. That the drumbeat of negative information about our schools has at least in part an ideological basis has been clear to the meanest intelligence for years. Supporters of the voucher system, who want to use tax dollars to send kids to private schools, are much given to jeremiads on the supposedly hopeless failure of the public schools, which they condemn as dens of iniquity, crime, drugs, sex and illiteracy.

Nevertheless, we all know (don't we?) that even though many of our public schools do a wonderful job year after year, on the whole, the system is failing our kids. It is the thesis of Berliner and Biddle that what we think we know just ain't so.

Starting with the 1983 report "A Nation At Risk," we have all been told over and over that the schools are failing, and the reason we know this is because SAT scores keep falling. Don't they?

According to "The Manufactured Crisis," the phenomenon of apparently falling SAT scores is based on a misunderstanding of the evidence. SAT scores fell because more kids take the tests now. So doesn't that mean we're doing a worse job of educating them?

"The brief decline in SAT scores a generation ago provided no information whatever about the performance of American schools but was, instead, a signal that interest in higher education was rising

throughout the nation. Surely this should have been a matter for rejoicing, not alarm.

"Since the SAT is voluntary and is only taken by roughly one-half of high school seniors across the nation, aggregate national test scores will always reflect the characteristics of students who choose to take the test. And since those characteristics change over time, aggregate national scores simply cannot be used for making valid judgments about the performance of the nation's schools. Despite repeated claims by critics and alarmist reports in the press, shifts in national aggregate SAT scores tell us nothing at all about the performance or problems in American education."

The point here is that the "fall" in scores compares half of today's seniors with the one-10th who took the test in 1941, when almost all college-bound kids were a well-to-do elite. And SAT scores go down by 15 points for each decrease of \$10,000 in family income, which is, among other things, the reason they're useless for judging the relative intelligence of African American kids.

Debunking the SAT-score myth is just the beginning of the mountains of evidence that the book examines and finds either erroneous or (more often) misunderstood, misreported, oversimplified or distorted for ideological purposes. The cumulative effect of all this misinformation for the public schools is chilling. I suspect that what is behind it is, as usual, not conspiracy but stupidity.

Even so, there is no way we can have a useful debate about what needs to be done about the public schools until we clear away part of this mountain of misunderstanding.

And "The Manufactured Crisis" does move

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. She is on vacation this week. The following column was initially published in July 1998.

Out of the Past

From the Sept. 22, 1971, issue of *The University Daily:*

• A bomb threat is called into the Social Sciences building, causing around 300

people to evacuate. From the Sept. 22, 1975, issue of The University Daily:

• The Counseling Center begins offering programs that are especially geared toward women.

• The Carol of Lights is set to cost \$6,000. Two new buildings, Holden Hall and the Mass Communications building, will be included in the lighting.

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From the Sept. 22, 1983, issue of

The University Daily:

• Resident hall assistants began to form

an organization that hoped to provide a "common voice" for all of the RAs on campus,

• Texas Tech's division of Continuing Education, offered a wine-making class.

From the Sept. 22, 1989, issue of *The University Daily:*

 PETA charges Texas Tech Health Sciences Center with more than 15 violations of federal protection laws.
 From the Sept. 22, 1999 issue of The University Daily:

• The tradition of tortilla throwing posed a safety threat and, it was believed, started to tarnish the school's image.

• The disco band Le Freak performed a concert at Liquid 2000.

Liquid 2000. Compiled by Amy Aldridge

Letters to the Editor

Miller time

To the editor: I just don't get it. What in the world were they thinking? I understand that Mr. Schoppe wrote a letter asking students to buy tickets to the Dennis Miller show because it is what the students asked for. I bought tickets, so I feel I have the right to complain. I did not have the opportunity to read the letter, but from what I understand, it asked students to support the event and buy tickets.

Andrew, do not even blame this on the students. Could you have possibly picked a worse weekend for this event? Could you have spent less on publicizing the event?

have spent less on publicizing the event?

There are several reasons that enough

tickets were not sold. Chili Cook-off is this weekend. I believe the fair starts on Friday night, and if I am not mistaken, this is West Texas. That means there are high school football games on Fridays that people go to almost as religiously as church.

Also, I don't know who was in charge of publicity, but college is not paying off. Pick a different field of study. I never heard that Miller was coming until days after tickets were on sale. I enjoy Dennis Miller and his comedy, and I appreciate the effort of Tech to bring him here for our enjoyment. I simply think this could have been handled much better, and I cannot place any blame on students or the public. I blame it on planning and promotions.

Ryan Burns senior broadcast journalism To the editor: Permit me to congratulate Lubbock and Tech for another perplexing display of apathy.

The unfortunate cancellation of the Dennis Miller show is sure to spur backlash and booking troubles the likes of which the Student Activities Board has not yet known.

Mr. Robbins, I suppose a more exhaustive evaluation of the market(s) is in order. And, it's sad follow-up polls are so glaringly necessary, except for the few sure-fire draws. Perhaps "An Evening of Chipped Beef and Chaw (with Dennis Miller)" would have sold out in record time. We can't all be Dixie Chicks, and that's a damn shame.

Go Tech. Please?

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Keen to headline annual Chili Cook-Off

Longest running cook-off in United States to feature Texas country music icon; proceeds of ticket sales to benefit Muscular Distrophy Association

By Leslie Follmar Staff Writer

igma Alpha Epsilon will host its 25th annual Chili Cook-off, fea turing Texas country music star Robert Earl Keen on Saturday at Buffalo Springs Lake.

Austin-based band Larry and Lubbock's own West 84 also will perform at the cook-off.

Benefiting the Muscular Distrophy Association, SAE's chili cook-off is the largest and longest running collegiate cook-off in the nation.

These events were started by the International Chili Society and are world-wide. The cook-offs benefit charities and non-profit organiza-

All winners of sanctioned cookoffs qualify to compete for cash prizes and awards at the world's championship chili cook-off held each year on the first weekend of October.

The ICS is the largest food contest,

Bringing in Robert Earl Keen is a great help to the cook-off with him being very popular in this part of the state."

Andy Mejia SAE CHILI COOK-OFF CHAIRMAN

festival organization in the world.

Andy Mejia, a senior business administration major from Lubbock and SAE Chili Cook-off chairman, said community involvement is also a major contributor to the cook-off.

He also said the chili cook-off allows families a day to enjoy the cool September weather and great chili.

Besides tough competition among chili pots, great music has always been a huge part of the event.

Other artists, such as Merle Hag-

gard, David Allan Coe and Jerry Jeff Walker have entertained chili-filled stomachs over the years.

Mejia said ticket sales to the event have done well this year.

"As off right now, ticket sales have surpassed last year's," he said. "We're expecting about 5,000 people to turn out. Bringing in Robert Earl Keen is a great help to the cook-off with him be-

ing very popular in this part of the state." Keen, a Houston native, has often been compared to other country leg-

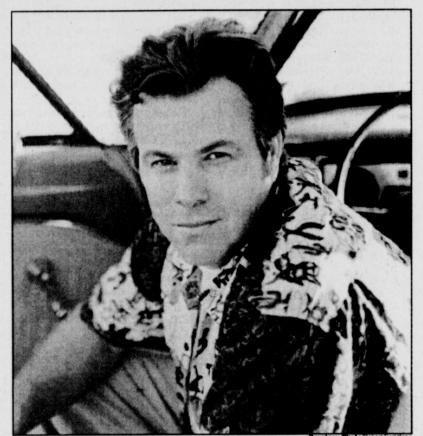
ends such as Lyle Lovett, Joe Ely and Nancy Griffith, most of whom have all covered Keen's songs.

Keen's latest CD, Walking Distance, has set him apart as a true songwriter. Straying away from his usual ballads about lost love, drinking cold beer and pickup trucks, Keen proves himself to be a great storyteller.

The New York Times wrote that a storyteller is not hard to find but one who can write good stories is - Robert Earl Keen is such a rarity.

Keen was signed to the Arista/Austin label in 1997, debuting his first CD Picnic. The CD brought favorable results for the artist, topping the Americana radio charts for three months.

Gates for the Chili Cook-Off open at 5 a.m., and the event will wind down at 5 p.m. Keen is scheduled to play at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 at the gate and \$16 in advance in the University Center. Tickets can also be purchased in advance at both locations of Ralph's Record, 909 University and 3322 82nd.



Band leads modern day Brazilian metal infiltration of loud rock

By Nina Wilson Contributing Writer

f the international language of love is French, I'd wager that Portu guese could easily become the future international language of metal.

With the prevalence of top-notch Brazilian bands currently found within the genre, Soulfly leads the modern day Brazilian metal infiltration of the United State's loud rock scene.

The South American hard music takeover began with Sepultura in 1987, with their album Schizophrenia. In fact, Soulfly's front-man is none other than the extremely talented and genius Max Cavalera, a former vocalist and founder of the previously mentioned band.

Music review

After the highly publicized death of his stepson and personal differences with band members, Cavalera left Sepultura permanently in 1997. Soon after, Soulfly emerged with an impressive heavy hitting self-titled debut.

Most recently, Soulfly is riding high after a successful round as the second stage headliner at Ozzie Osbourne's popular summer headbangers extravaganza, Ozzfest 2000.

Bands that graced the second stage, along with Soulfy, included popular acts such as Kittie, Pitchshifter and Disturbed. Fans were given a live preview of material from the much anticipated sophomore follow-up album Primitive, which is slotted for a quickly approaching Sept. 26 release date.

The album will be available in two



forms, a standard 12-song full-length CD and a limited edition digipack version containing four extra bonus tracks.

Artist Neville Garrick, whose works have symbolized many classic album covers for late reggae master Bob Marley, designed the tribal inspired cover art.

The chosen title, Primitive, however, is quite deceptive because it is not a simple record. What separates it from the basic guttural vocal attack and assault riffle guitar rampages of other bands, is the pure melodic percussive beats that underlay the entire album.

Primitive's unique flow and quality songwriting is most prevalent on, "Son Song," which Cavalera co-wrote with

Sean Lennon. He invited Lennon to record with him at his studio back home after they became acquainted and shared a tour bus during the 1999 Australian Big Day

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The amazing guest contributions do not just stop with Lennon. Chino Moreno of the Deftones lends his voice on the hardcore influenced.

"Pain", a tribute to Cavalera's stepson Dana, and the hurt he still feels to this day over his loss

Perhaps the most coveted cameo of all on the new Soulfy album belongs

to the extremely rare guest appearance made by, the one and only, Tom Araya of Slaver!

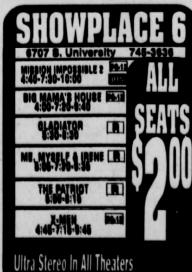
"Terrorist" is a true hard rock fanatic's dream come to fruition, pair-

ing the two legends in a no holds barred heavy metal onslaught.

Suffice to say Soulfly's Primitive may be one of the best loud rock records out



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Stripper to square off with stepson for fortune

barely out of adolescence when she fled a quiet hometown, changed her name and ended up stripping for tycoons in a big city topless bar.

He, on the other hand, was no kid: a Yale law school graduate who would already reaped a fortune from Texas oil fields, been married twice and celebrated his 80th birthday.

Anna Nicole Smith and widower I. Howard Marshall II became a cliche when they married: the aging multimillionaire and his curvaceous ex-stripper trophy wife.

On the day of their 1994 wed-

ding, she was 26 and he was 89. The following year, Marshall died. His will bequeathed everything to the younger of his two sons, E. Pierce Marshall.

The outcry from his widow and elder son was immediate - both Anna Nicole and J. Howard Marshall III say they deserve a share of the money.

And so is born a financial battle royale trial set to begin in a Hous-

HOUSTON (AP) — She was ton probate court Friday with the start of jury selection. At the center of the messy family feud sits a disputed fortune, estimated at \$48 million to \$1.6 billion.

> When the stripper met the oil giant, both were alone.

> Marshall's two sons had grown up and left home.

His powerful career had faded into memory and even his longtime female companion was dead from plastic surgery complica-

According to Smith, her sweetheart promised her half his vast fortune in exchange for her hand in marriage.

"He wanted to make me happy," the curvaceous widow told a Los Angeles judge last year. "My wish was his command.

But Pierce Marshall, 60, begs to differ with Smith's and Howard III's recollections

He points to seven trusts and six wills which his father prepared, none of which name Smith or Howard III as beneficiaries.

Pierce also contends Smith's

He wanted to make me happy. My wish was his command.

> **Anna Nicole Smith** STRIPPER, WIDOW

and Howard III's valuation of the estate at \$1.6 billion is wildly over-

"Even if was true, what difference would it make if they had no standing to benefit?" Pierce said.

They attribute the questioned number to an article in Forbes magazine, which both Pierce and his father repeatedly disputed in

letters to the publication. Much of the fortune was put into a separate property trust seven years before Smith and Marshall met, which places it outside Marshall's estate proper and Smith's community property rights, Pierce said.

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cause he and the Internal Revenue

It is to Marshall's benefit to have a lower valuation, however, beService are in litigation over the taxable value of the estate.

The exploits of Anna Nicole born Vickie Lynn in Mexia, Texas fascinate her public. Anna tangled in Guess! jeans ads; Anna pouting from the pages of Playboy; Anna draped in her wedding gown at her husband's funeral.

With the pause button pushed on her fairy tale, the girl from Mexia is about to go for broke. The former Playboy Playmate filed for

bankruptcy protection in 1996. In readiness for the 20-some lawyers expected to crowd the floor this week, extra tables had to be hauled into Harris County Probate Judge Mike Wood's courtroom.

Jury selection was repeatedly delayed as cartons of documents poured into court for review.

The trial is expected to take 10

Marshall's oldest son owns a Los Angeles electronics company and is suing for a portion of his father's money. Howard III allegedly was disinherited over a family business

Fair to feature sounds of Nashville

Each fall, the Lubbock community is unified by the Panhandle South

Plains Fair. This year's event kicks off at 11 a.m. today and will continue until the fair's closing performance by Dwight Yoakum at 8 p.m. Sept. 30.

Festivities will take place at the Panhandle South Plains Fairgrounds, located at Broadway and US-87.

Big-name bands will perform ev-

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ery night during the nine-day event. Jo Dee Messina will play tonight at 8 p.m. at the Fairground Coliseum, and

Trace Adkins will perform two shows Saturday night at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Sunday's shows include the True

Value Country Music Showdown at 3 p.m. and Daryle Singletary at 7 p.m. The South Plains Fair, now in it's

83rd year, provides support to the surrounding agriculture, horticulture and livestock industry.

Family fun surrounds the fairgrounds each year with entertaining music, inexpensive rides and games. Tickets to the concert are \$12.

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9:00	Caillou Sesame	Martha Stewart	Sally Jessy Raphael	Change/Heart Paid Program	Live W/Regis	Dr. Laura		
10:00	Street Mr. Rogers	2000 Olympics	Price is Right	Grace/Fire Paid Program	View	Divorce Ct. Divorce Ct.		
11:00	Dragon Tales Arthur	:	Young & the Restless	Ricki Lake	Mad/You Port Charles	Joe Brown Joe Brown		
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9:00	Arthur Wishbone	2000 Olympics	News Face Nation	Movie: 'Gambler'	In Touch Saturn	FOX News Sunday
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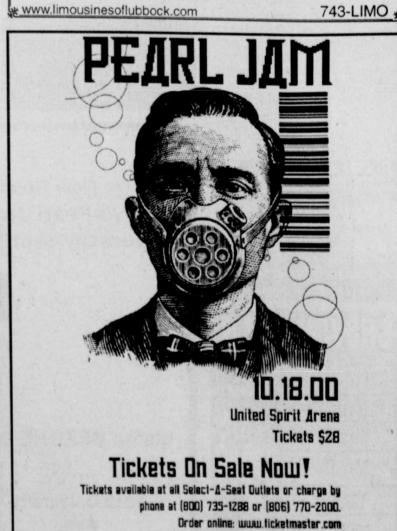
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best way to do that."

More than 135,000 students enter either a junior college or university each year, but only about 70,000 of those students graduate, Moses

"I think the state is interested in raising those numbers," he said. "The whole issue is really more about accountability for colleges and universities.

Faculty members also agree the idea of college standardized tests is not something Tech should look

Lewis Held, associate professor of biology, said the idea is "nuts."

'The real standard of a university should be judged on how graduates are used in the market," he said. "The only standardized test we

should have are for the Board of Regents to make sure they are capable of running a university. Obviously, the ones at UT are not capable of distinguishing high school students and college students."

gents are smarter than to implement standardized testing and said he is glad he is not at UT. Once standardized testing is implemented into a curriculum,

Held said he believes Tech Re-

Held said teachers would teach only in hopes students would pass the "They would have to teach to the

While UT's idea is not a good one, Held does think it would open doors

test or risk losing their tenure," he

"This could be a real opportunity for us," Held said. "If they did implement this, we could be the university of choice in Texas.'

funds is being sought to complete funding.

Reckner plans to show Chancellor John Montford the building models later this month. His hope is that the models will get the chancellor as excited and enthusiastic about the project as himself.

Chancellor Montford and Reckner spent two weeks in July visiting universities in Vietnam.

Recently, the Texas Tech Board of Regents allocated a plot of land south of the International Cultural Center for the facility.

Reckner said he intends for the building to be at least 145,000 square feet - half museum and half archive.

"I want the building to serve and honor the Vietnam veterans," he said. "We hope the center will be able to tell their stories in a respectful manner. When it is completed, there will be nothing like it in the

The center could have a huge economic impact on Lubbock, he said.

In 1989, Reckner established the Vietnam Center with just a single group of letters from a veteran. Since that time, the archive has grown to over four million pages of documents and tens of thousands of photos, maps and graphics. The center

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is the largest independent collection of Vietnam War material in the

A full-time oral historian is employed by the center to record war memories, visit with veterans and attends gatherings. Reckner said he hopes to receive more funds to employ another historian.

HELMET

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was making a legal left turn through the intersection when Perrin struck

Perrin received a massive head injury as a result of the accident, which led to his death shortly after.

NHTSA statistics show that 41 percent of motorcyclists involved in fatal crashes in 1998 were exceeding the speed limit. This figure is about twice the percentage for drivers of passenger cars and light trucks.

Although no alcohol was involved in Perrin's wreck, the rate of alcohol

WASHINGTON (AP) - The

Clinton administration on Thursday

rejected Gov. George W. Bush's second

request for federal assistance to help

the state fight and prevent wild fires.

Edwards, a Bush spokeswoman. "We

believe it's important to put re-

sources and people into place to pre-

vent fires from spreading once they

start and these kinds of preventative

efforts should be paid for with assis-

tance from the federal government."

ment Agency rejected Bush's first re-

quest for help July 27. At that time,

Bush had declared that 195 Texas counties were "threatened by high or

extreme fire hazard" caused by

drought across the state. Bush has also declared a state of disaster in

If the federal declaration had

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The Federal Emergency Manage-

'We're disappointed," said Linda

Clinton administration denies

federal assistance for Texas fires

involvement was more than 50 percent higher for motorcyclists than for other vehicle drivers.

Mackintosh said the states that require all-rider motorcycle helmet laws have essentially 100 percent use by motorcyclists. This compared to 34 to 54 percent use at locations with no helmet laws or with age specific

"Our position has always been in support of all-rider motorcycle helmet laws," he said. "There is no doubt that you would see a much lower number of deaths if these helmet laws were enforced every-

been approved, the federal govern-

ment would have paid up to 75 per-

protection for the residents of Texas

is the primary responsibility of the

state and local governments," said

FEMA director James Lee Witt in a

such magnitude and severity that

effective response is beyond the

combined capability of the state and

the affected local governments is an

emergency declaration warranted,

clearly this is not the situation.'

"Only when the situation is of

letter to Bush.

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ing to their education," he said.

"This project gave students a great

off campus, Reckner said the stu-

dents' designs did not have to con-

form to the Spanish architectural

played later this month at the Inter-

national Cultural Center, 6th St. and

Indiana Ave., when General Nguyen

Khanh, former prime minister of

South Vietnam, comes to speak.

Reckner said he hopes the build-

ing will be completed within two

years, after all project funding is re-

ceived, which he said will "depend

on the efforts of the chancellor." A

combination of donations and state

Khanh will speak Sept. 26.

The students' designs will be dis-

style that is prevalent on campus.

Since the center is to be located

opportunity to learn ty doing.

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Apartments did not hold elections because these residence halls already have 24-hour visitation.

Duggan said in order for election results to be confirmed, one option of the four options would have to receive a two-thirds majority vote. According to preliminary results, several of the residence complexes will have to revote in referendum elections next week because of the lack of votes for one particular option. If one option fails to pass in the referendum election, the visitation hours to the residence hall will remain as is.

In a previous interview, James Burkhalter, acting director of Residence Life said he believed interest in the election would be high.

As part of the election process, Duggan said Burkhalter would have the option to modify or withdraw the elected visitation hours if a situation should arise making the environment "inconducive to learning" for the resi-

Burkhalter said this measure would only occur if the visitation policy caused "significant disruptions in the halls" or jeopardized the safety of the residents. But, he did not anticipate this happening.

"I think that when the control is returned to the students, it will improve safety because people in the halls wouldn't be trying to sneak others in," he said.

One consideration the Department of Residence Life is considering is the students who are happy with the current visitation policy.

If the election caused the policy to change. Burkhalter said the department would do the best it could to

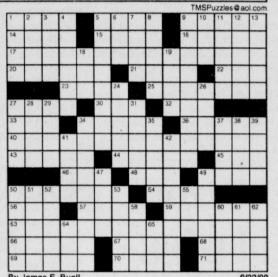
"We will try to accommodate those students the best we can," he said. "However, moving them will be difficult during the middle of the school

This is the first year the residence halls have been able to vote for the visitation policy for their particular residence hall. Students were able to choose from visitation policy options including a 24-hour visitation policy. Other options the halls had to choose from included visitation limited from 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. seven days a week; a third option that would limit visitation Sunday through Thursday at 2 a.m. and allow 24-hour visitation on Friday and Saturday and a fourth option that would allow visitation Sunday through Thursday 11 a.m. until midnight and Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. until 2 a.m.

the residence halls.

appease those students.

Duggan said the Residence Hall Association had been working on the elections for two years because of student concerns of the rules and regulations in place at the residence complexes. The RHA felt by letting students take control of visitation hours, it would improve their experience in



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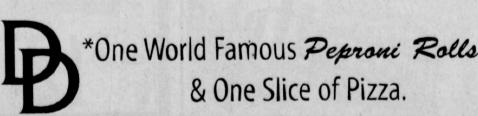
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Buffs face tough schedule in 2000

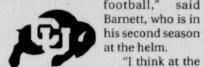
By looking at the Colorado Buffaloes 0-3 record to start the 2000 campaign, most would say the Buffaloes' season might be a long

However, when looking at who the Buffaloes have faced this season, their record may be a little more rational

The Buffaloes have the eighth toughest schedule in the nation this season based on the 1999 record of their opponents.

Buff's coach Gary Barnett said the tough schedule will help his team find who they are.

"We will undoubtedly have the most difficult schedule in Division 1



end of those first six games, we will know a heckuva lot about our football team, whereas after the first six games last year, we didn't know who we were at all."

All three losses have been by four points or less.

The Buffs lost to in-state rival Colorado State, 28-24; Southern California, 17-14; and Washington, 17-14, and now faces the tough task of competing in the Big 12 North.

Barnett said playing in the Big 12

compete in, with powerhouses Nebraska and Kansas State being the favorites.

"I think by being in the North, there are three teams that are as good as anyone in the country," Barnett said.

"I like the playoff arrangement and divisional play, and I like changing up the teams we play in the

Colorado opens the Big 12 campaign with a home game against Kansas State, a road game with Texas A&M and a home game against

Last season, the Buffs finished the

football," said North is a very difficult division to campaign with a record of 7-5 overall and 5-3 in Big 12 play.

The 1999 campaign was capped off by demolishing Boston College, 62-28, at the Insight.com Bowl.

Barnett brings back 42 letterman and 11 starters to the squad this sea-

Colorado's key loss was quarterback Mike Moshetti, who is being replaced by a pair of young quarter-

Freshman Zac Colvin and junior college transfer Bobby Pesavento have both shared time behind the center this season and will continue to for the conference opener against the Wildcats.

Season looking bright for Iowa State Cyclones

not had a winning season since 1989, winning just 27 of 111 in that span.

Things could change this season since the cardinal and gold have opened the 2000 campaign with three consecutive victories.

With 20 returning starters from 1999, the Cyclones defeated Ohio 25-15; UNLV 37-22; and Iowa 24-14, to help gear up for

The Cyclones won just one game in Big 12 Conference play last season while finishing 4-7

Four of those seven losses, the Cyclones lost by only a touch-

In his sixth season as head coach for the Cyclones, Don McCarney sees a positive outlook for the new season.

"We have 24 seniors on this team, the best group of seniors we've had since I've been here," McCarney said. "We'll be looking for those individuals who will lead this team to a strong finish

Key returnees are pre-season, all-Big 12 wide receiver candi-

The Iowa State Cyclones have dates Chris Anthony and J.J.

All-Big 12 defensive end Reggie Hayward returns after a strong 1999 campaign to pace the

Although the Cyclones play in the Big 12 North with powerhouses Nebraska and Kansas State, McCarney said his team has a shot at a bowl game this sea-

"We are competitive with the best teams in this league," McCarney said. "Our players have the hunger. This season is about accountability and demonstrating the commitment to go to the next level.

Iowa State opens Big 12 play in Waco against a rebuilding Baylor team and will play in front of an expected sellout crowd against Nebraska the following week in their conference home opener.

"There is nothing like a Big 12 football game on a Saturday afternoon," assistant coach Steve Loney said. "It is the premier conference in the nation, and you have to be prepared to play your best every week. To be the best you must beat the best."

Mizzou playing catch-up

The Missouri Tigers open up the Big 12 schedule with a team most squads would not like to be paired up with to

start conference play. No. 1 ranked Nebraska will be the first task for the Tigers when they travel to Lincoln for the conference opener.

After defeating Western Illinois 50-20 to start off the 2000 campaign, the Tigers have dropped their last two matches losing to Clemson 62-9 and nationally ranked

Michigan State 13-10. In his sixth season, head coach Larry Smith returns seven starters on offense and eight on defense. Like last season, the quarterback position has brought some controversy

to the team. Smith has played five players under center with Kirk Farmer playing the most.

The Tigers were excited about redshirt freshman Zach Abron at the beginning of the season, but he has started out slow averaging just 2.4 yards

Not only do the Tigers have to start Big 12 play on a tough note, they also end conference play with another powerhouse when Kansas State comes to town.



OSU tries to put past behind

After going 8-4 in 1997 and qualifying for the Alamo Bowl, the Oklahoma State Cowboys football squad has suffered back-to-back 5-6 cam-

This season, the Cowboys will try to forget the past two seasons in an attempt to regain the form they had but two years ago.

Much of the season, offensively speaking, should center around fifth-year quarterback Tony Lindsay.

Lindsay suffered a knee injury in the season opener last season and missed the next four games.

The Cowboys went 2-2 in Lindsay's absence, but once conference season began, the Cowboys could only muster three wins against

During this eight-game stretch, the Cowboy offense averaged 311 yards per contest, which sometimes proved almost non-existent as the defense gave back most of the yardage, allowing 298 yards per game. But despite this statistic, the Cowboys were ranked fourth in the Big 12 and 10th in the nation in 1999.

The 2000 Oklahoma State defense has six seniors on the depth chart returning in hopes of making their last season a memorable one.

The 2000-2001 Cowboys features only six seniors on their depth chart. One of those seniors, senior tailback Jamaal Fobbs, rushed for 544 yards and two touchdowns last season.

Lindsay will have his work cut out for him in the passing game as the Cowboys were ranked 10th in the Big 12 in that category last season and 93rd in the nation.

Four sophomores, a junior and a freshman will make up the wide-receiving corps for the Cowboys this

Oklahoma State coach Bob Simmons is in his sixth season at the head of the Cowboys football program and has posted a 27-30 overall record in his stint in Stillwater.

Simmons said he will rely on his defense this year and hopes his young offense can hold onto the

"I don't think that we can afford to have any turnovers at all," Simmons said. "The other side of that is that we have to create some opportunities by what our defense

The Cowboys played three nonconference games this season before beginning their eight-game Big 12 Conference schedule with a battle against Texas in Austin Sept. 30.

The Cowboys will face Texas Tech on Nov. 11 in Lubbock. They got the best of Tech last season when the two squads met in Stillwater, resulting in a 41-21 Cowboy victory and handing Tech its third worst loss of the season. Although last season's loss was anything but memorable for the Red Raiders, Tech has taken three of the four meetings with the Cowboys since Big 12 Conference play began in 1996.

Aikman prepares for return

(AP) - Troy Aikman, who has missed two games after his ninth concussion, will be back in the starting lineup for Dallas against San

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Wednesday night that, based on a post-practice evaluation of Aikman, the quarterback would indeed start Sunday's game.

'There is no reason at this time to delay him from competing," Jones said. "Our plans had been all along this week to evaluate Troy when he came into to start this week. He is

Jones and coach Dave Campo both said Aikman was excited about getting the official word about starting again, but the quarterback had already told reporters earlier Wednesday that he had been cleared

to play and expected to start.

"I feel like enough time has passed and I don't feel like I'm putting myself at risk," Aikman said before taking a majority of the snaps during the Cowboys' two-hour

Right after practice, Campo said team officials were still in an evaluation mode and that Aikman's playing status had not been determined. Two hours later, in a hastily called news conference, it was.

Jones said Aikman was evaluated by team trainers after the practice in ads during the heat of the day. The owner said everyone involved in the decision agreed that Aikman could return to game action.

"Certainly, he's ready to play and planned to play," Jones said. "We wanted to make sure it was in the

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best interest for him and the team." Aikman didn't talk to reporters after practice, a session that wasn't

Before practice, Aikman said he had met with team doctors, who told him he was clear to play.

"They say it's a decision I can make. I'm feeling good," Aikman said. "The idea is that I will be playing this week. I feel like I'm capable of doing that, and am looking for-

Aikman has not played since being sacked for the fourth time in the first half of the opening 41-14 loss to Philadelphia on Sept. 3.

Randall Cunningham started at Arizona and Washington. Aikman practiced throughout last week but was held out again against the Redskins.

K-State readies for winless UNT

(AP) — One week after beating Ball State 76-0, No. 4 Kansas State is about to play somebody that might not even beat Ball State.

At least the Cardinals were not the lowest-scoring team in Division I-A when they came to Manhattan and gave up a school-record point total.

But North Texas is In losing to Baylor, Texas Tech and UNLY, the winless Mean Green Eagles have scored just 14 points. That's an average of 4.67 per game and a far cry from the highest-scoring team among the 114 members of Division

And that's none other than Kansas State. The Wildcats have gouged opponents for 157 points, averaging better than 52 a game.

The Mean Green have turned the ball over seven times while scoring only one TD. Aaron Lockett, Kansas State's backup punt returner, has

scored two all by himself. Their punt returner has been out a few weeks, but if he's seen the film on our punt coverage, he'll find a way to get well," North Texas coach Darrell Dickey said.

"We will have to play unbelievably well just to stay in the game. They are

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great on offense, great on defense and outstanding on special teams."

Dickey, who was Kansas State's quarterback in the early 1980s, seems to be taking a more realistic attitude than his counterpart.

"I don't think teams that play in a conference like the Big 12 frighten them at all," Wildcats coach Bill Snyder said. "I think it is a little hard to say exactly what we'll see. They are a better football team than Ball State by a considerable margin.'

In fairness to the Mean Green, they lost by only six points to Big 12 member Texas Tech and fell by a respectable 20-7 score to Baylor before losing 38-0 last week to UNIV.

"North Texas, on film, displays a lot of qualities Ball State didn't," Kansas State defensive end Monty Beisel said. "When they went down to Texas Tech, they lost by six points and probably should have won the game. Any time a team can play a conference opponent as well as that, it's definitely someone we need to look out

At quarterback, the Wildcats have Jonathan Beasley, a senior who led his team to five touchdowns in just the first quarter against Ball State.

North Texas has been shuttling in different quarterbacks. But Dickey said the starter would be freshman Scott Hall, who was 9-of-17 for 78 yards against UNLV.

"We have a million miles to go on offense," Dickey said. "We have been a little more productive in the passing game than we were last year, but we're not running the football very well. More than anything, we are killing our team with turnovers."

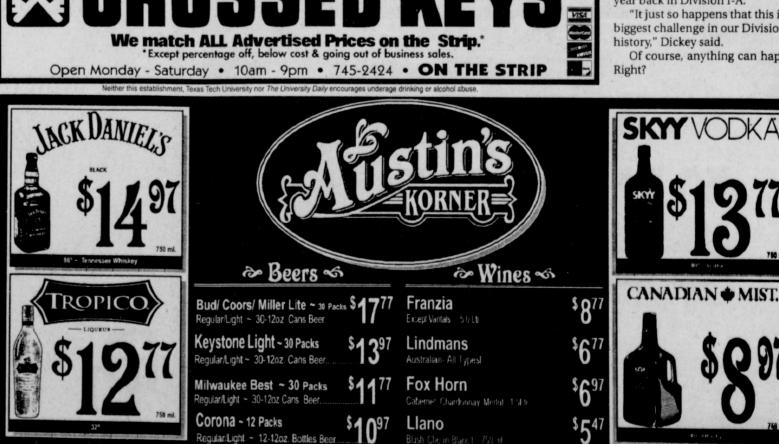
It's not only scoring that separates these two by a huge margin. Kansas State, which has a 31-game regularseason winning streak against nonranked opponents, is No. 8 in total offense while North Texas is No. 108. In total defense, Kansas State is No. 5 and North Texas is 77th.

It all adds up to a daunting test for the Mean Green, which is in its fifth year back in Division I-A.

"It just so happens that this is the biggest challenge in our Division I-A history," Dickey said.

Of course, anything can happen.





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K-State poses large threat against champion Huskers

The Kansas State Wildcats have tive for the Wildcats this season. won 33 games in the last three seasons. Over that stretch of time, they have won 22-of-24 regular season Big 12 Conference games.

The Wildcats have won the Fiesta Bowl and the Holiday Bowl in that stretch of time, but there are two things Kansas State has not won in the past few years a Big 12 championship and a national championship.

This season, the Wildcats will try to make those impressive win totals amount to something other than just that as they set out on their quest for a national championship.

Hoping to lead the Wildcats toward the "Promised Land" this season will be senior quarterback Jonathan Beasley.

Beasley passed for 1,805 yards a season ago while throwing twice as many touchdowns as interceptions with 14 scores compared to seven interceptions.

Beasley finished the 1999 campaign with a 134.9 passing rating and

One of Beasley's favorite targets last season was receiver Aaron

Lockett hauled in 33 receptions for 531 yards and three touchdowns. On the defensive side of the ball,



the Wildcats have 21 returning

lettermen from last year's squad. The Kansas State defense held opponents to an average of 13 points-per-contest in 1999, and coach Bill Snyder said his linebacking corps will be an asset to his defense this season.

"Although losing two starters and

changing positions with the third, there is still the talent to draw from here for what could become a very productive group," Snyder said.

The last time the Red Raiders faced the Wildcats was in 1997 in Lubbock, where the Wildcats took

that contest by a 13-2 count. And, although the Red Raiders still hold the edge in the overall series, 3-2, the team has not beaten the Wildcats since Big 12 play began in 1996.

Kansas State will play four non-conference contests before beginning the Big 12 portion of its schedule Sept. 30 against Colorado in Boulder.

This weekend, the Wildcats enjoy their final non-conference contest of the season when the Mean Green Eagles from North Texas come to town to try and upset the Cats. But, according to the odds, K-State should have no problems as they are favored by 53 points going into Saturday's game.

Last week, the Wildcats defeated Ball State 76-0, in what sportwriters called the biggest mismatch in years.

Aggies enter conference play with thumbs high

In the 1990s, Texas A&M was one of the most successful programs in the country, winning 94 contests - more than any Texas school from any decade.

The Aggies will look to continue their winning ways as they begin their first Big 12 Conference season of the new millennium.

'We've made some tremendous strides, but we are not satisfied," Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum said. "We want to raise the bar higher. Our players and coaches have made that commitment." The Aggies return 14 start-

ers from a squad that finished 8-4 last season and tied for second place in the Big 12. Leading the way on offense is

fullback Ja'Mar Toombs, who rushed for a team-high 583 yards and nine touchdowns last season.

Toombs will be joined in the backfield with sophomore tailback Joe Weber, who ran for 264 yards on corps that ranks as one of the 50 carries last year.

However, Toombs and Weber will have a different quarterback hand-

ing them the ball this year, after the departure of veteran signal caller Randy McCown.

So far this season, the starting job has gone to red-shirt freshman Mark Farris, who played in five regular

season games last year. On defense, the Aggies return eight starters including a linebacker

country's best: Cornelius Anthony (86 tackles), Roylin Bradley (63 tackles, seven sacks), Jason Glenn (54 tackles, five sacks) and Brian Gamble (60 tackles).

"We've got some experience at the linebacker position, and we have some talented youngsters who will provide excellent depth," said Slocum, whose team is 2-1 this season. "That gives us a tremendous amount of stability and consistency to our defense."

Three seniors, Edwards, Ronald Flemons and Rocky Bernard, return to anchor the defensive front. The trio have been starters for the Aggies the past two years.

The Aggies begin conference play at home against rival Texas Tech Sept. 30. The Red Raiders defeated Texas A&M last season 21-19 when the Aggies were ranked No. 5 in the nation.

ayhawks hope to soar over Big 12

Baylor looks to end tenure in cellar

After a 1999 campaign that saw the Jayhawks post a 5-7 record, Kansas will look to post a winning record

Kansas has not polished off a season with a winning record since the 1995 campaign when the Jayhawks went 10-2 in the final season of the Big 8 Conference.

Under coach Terry Allen, the Jayhawks have gone 14-20 since Allen took over in 1997. But last season the Jayhawks' five wins were the most by an Allen-led Kansas squad.

All five of Kansas' wins came at home last season as the Jayhawks finished the season with a 5-2 mark at Memorial Stadium.

the cellar of the Big 12 South every sea-

son since the conference began in

for the Bears, Kevin Steele hopes to see

the Bears out of the basement come

1999 season and think about pay-

back," Steele said. "Our theme is to pay

The Bears have started the 2000

Steele said the start has been a

campaign 1-1 with a victory over

North Texas, 20-7, and a loss to Big 10

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forward."

In his second season at the helm

The Baylor Bears have finished in plus for the team.

'We're not going to look back at the the proper side this

Kansas is playing on a new surface this season as the playing field at Memorial Stadium was replaced with a surface called "AstroPlay."

The surface was completed in July, and Kansas director of facilities Darren

Cook said the new surface plays more like natural grass then the old surface at the stadium.

"We're very excited about the surface because it looks, feels and plays much more like natural grass," Cook said. The 2000 Jayhawk football squad

"We're 1-1. There's a

lot of good 1-1 teams out

there, an awful lot of

them - 1-1 is not all doom and gloom," Steele said.

"We just got to make sure

we move that mark on

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returning from last season's team, while losing only eight players.

Dylen Smith returns for his senior year as the shot caller on offense for Jayhawks. Smith compiled

1,599 yards passing last season to go along with 12 touchdown passes and seven interceptions.

David Winbush returns at the running back position for Kansas for his senior season this year. Winbush was the Jayhawks' lead-

for the season with a col-

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Guy Tomcheck both will

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will have 18 players ing rusher a season ago, racking up 595 yards and six rushing touch-

> The tight ends and receiving positions feature the most depth for Kansas this season as far as experienced players go.

> Eight players with Division I experience return this season to compose the Jayhawks' receiving corps.

Junior receiver Harrison Hill leads the receivers with 59 career receptions for a total of 923 yards and six touchdowns.

On defense, Kansas has eight returning starters from last year's defensive unit that ranked 11th in the

Baylor opens up conference play at

Like most coaches, Steele said, he

That is something Baylor has not

"We have the foundation in place,"

Steele said. "Now it's just a matter of

time of adding the building blocks on

top of that foundation to accomplish

what we need to compete offensively

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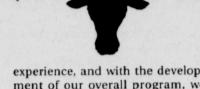
Horns viable shoe-in for South

With 17 returning starters this season, including four who were named first team all-Big 12 Conference, it is easy to see why the Longhorns are the consensus pick to win the league's South division.

But, as the 'Horns begin conference play, this season will look to avoid the last season slide they experienced last year.

Texas won the Big 12 South division last season, after defeating Texas Tech 58-7, but lost its next three contests.

"The truth for our players is they need to understand we lost three games in a row (at the end of last season)," Texas head coach Mack Brown said. "As our guys continue to gain



experience, and with the development of our overall program, we hope to become a great team that is capable of winning all the games with nice kids that are graduating."

The Longhorns return seven offensive starters with last year's Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year Major Applewhite leading the way.

Applewhite underwent knee surgery in the off-season, but has returned this year to share playing time with sophomore quarterback Chris Simms.

Joining Applewhite and Simms in the backfield is senior running back Hodges Mitchell, who is the league's top returning rusher.

After losing the services of standout receivers Kwame Cavil and Ryan Nuñez, the Longhorns top pass catcher will be junior Montrell Flowers. Flowers grabbed 34 passes for 552 yards and six touchdowns last season.

The 'Horns also will look to true freshman Roy Williams for added support at the receiver position.

On defense, Texas returns nine defensive starters including its all-American tackle duo Shaun Rogers and Casey Hampton.

Together, the pair combined for 181 tackles last season and helped lead the Longhorns to sixth best defense in the nation.

"Casey and Shaun are as good as it gets in the middle, but we will have to have some young guys step up on the outside for us to match last season's success on the defensive line," said Brown, whose team is 1-1 on the year.

The Longhorns suffered their first loss of the season last week in a 27-24 upset to Stanford and start Big 12 play Sept. 30 against Oklahoma State at Memorial Stadium in Austin.

They will battle the Red Raiders Nov. 4 at Jones SBC Stadium.

Season like second nature once again to Cornhuskers

Season after season, it's become second nature to see Nebraska hailed as one of the top football teams in the NCAA. The 2000 campaign is no different.

The Cornhuskers are the No. 1 team in America and are looking to defend its Big 12 Conference title this season.

Nebraska finished 12-1 last season with its only loss coming to the Texas Longhorns, 24-21.

However, it was the 'Huskers who had the last laugh, defeating the Longhorns 22-6 in the Big 12 Championship.

"I look at the Big 12, and I think that it is apparent that it is a very strong conference," Nebraska head coach Frank Solich said. "I think it should be considered one of the very strongest conferences in the country this year. The teams at the very top could challenge anyone in the country.

Overall, the Cornhuskers return 20 starters from last year's squad,

Crouch also was the offensive Most Valuable Player in Nebraska's 31-21 victory over Tennessee in the Fiesta

Also returning to the offense are a pair of pre-season, all-American linemen in guards Russ Hochstein and center Dominic Raiola.

On defense, the Huskers return six starters with senior pre-season, all-American linebacker Carlos Polk leading the way.

The 6 foot 2 inch, 245 pound Polk ranked second on the squad with 83 tackles last year behind the departed Mike Brown.

'We lost a lot of players on the defensive side of the ball, and replacing them will not be easy to do," Solich said. "I kind of know how Craig Bohl feels right now. I think it could be a defense that improves as the year continues."

The Cornhuskers start conference play against Missouri Sept. 30

UT athletics plans to retire Williams' jersey

(AP) - The University of Texas will retire the jersey of Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams, now a running back with the New Orleans

A ceremony will be Sept. 30 during the game with Oklahoma State at Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial

Williams, who won the Heisman in 1998, will be able to attend because the Saints have a bye that

"He had a spectacular football career, was a great ambassador for our university and a special mem-

ber of the Austin community," said DeLoss Dodds, UT men's athletics director. "He certainly is worthy of being honored as the last Longhorn player to wear jersey number 34."

Williams finished his career at Texas with 21 NCAA marks and 46 UT records. Among 15 NCAA career records that still stand are his 7,206 all-purpose yards, 11 200-yard rushing games and 6.2 yards per

His 6,279 rushing yards, 72 rushing touchdowns and 75 total touchdowns rank second on the NCAA all-time career list.

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ball squad is coming off one of the most explosive offensive seasons in the history of Oklahoma

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Oklahoma used these statistics to qualify for the Sanford In- nior lettermen Scott Kempenich dependence Bowl with a 7-5 and Al Baysinger.

final contest of 1999 by two points, 27-25, to Mississippi, the 1999 Oklahoma football squad left a lasting mark on more than one Big 12 opponent.

The Sooners won five conference games a year ago against three losses,

the Big 12 were wins that left no doubt who the superior team

Oklahoma's average conference win a season ago came by a margin of 34 points.

The Sooners collected their biggest win of the conference season, margin-of-victory-wise, against Texas A&M as they pounced on the Aggies and never relented en route to a 51-6 vic-

Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel picked apart the Aggie secondary for 387 yards passing and two touchdown passes.

Sooner fans will hope for more of the same this season as Oklahoma heads into its second season under the direction of coach

On offense, Oklahoma has asked for it.'

The Oklahoma Sooner foot- Heupel returning to lead the offense after a record-breaking 1999 season.

> Heupel will be aided in the receiving corps by returning junior wide receiver Josh Norman and eight other returning lettermen tight ends and receivers.

> On the offensive line, the Sooners will be anchored by se-

The Sooner defense will look Though the Sooners lost their to improve upon a No. 7 ranking

in the Big 12 and No. 39 national ranking a season ago.

Oklahoma has 20 returning players with game experience on the defensive side of the ball.

With first-team

all-Big 12 pick Rocky Calmus backing the Sooner defensive but the five wins they collected in line again this season, the Oklahoma linebacking crew should be

> the strength of their defense. Tech beat Oklahoma 38-28 last season in Lubbock, and the two squads will tangle again this

> season Nov. 18 in Norman. The Sooners play three nonconference games this season before beginning their Big 12 schedule Sept. 30 against Kansas

> in Norman. Stoops said he welcomes the high expectations that have come from last year's Oklahoma Sooner football squad.

> "You hear and feel the pulse of everybody, from the media to the general public, that people are more upbeat and positive,"

"Expectations now are rising. I like that. I've encouraged it. I've

Redemption goal of Tech defense

One game. That is how close the Texas Tech football team came to playing in its first-ever Big 12 Conference Championship last season.

But a 58-7 loss to Big 12 South champion Texas dropped the Red Raiders into second place and eventually out of bowl berth.

Tech senior defensive tackle Kris Kocurek still remembers that game and all the squandered opportunities. So, as the Red Raiders begin their fifth Big 12 season, don't blame Kocurek if redemption is on his mind during his last ride through conference play.

"Ever since I've been here, it seems as if we've always been one game away," he said. "We've been right on the edge for three years now, and our goal is to get in that Big 12 Championship game and go from there."

For the first time since joining the Big 12 in 1996, the Red Raiders enter conference play this season with new head coach Mike Leach.

With the coaching change, the Red

gone from former head coach Spike Dykes' rushing attack to Leach's new pass-happy offense.

Last season, as the offensive coordinator for Oklahoma, Leach baptized the Big 12 with his "Air Raid" offense, helping the Sooners set five conference records.

Tech officials are hoping Leach can bring the same type of productivity to a Red Raider offense that ranked 10th in the conference last season.

In its first four contests this season, the Tech offense has struggled to produce the type of numbers that Leach's offenses have been capable of in the The Red Raiders also will introduce

a new pro-style defense to conference foes this season.

New defensive coordinator Greg

Raiders have McMackin has implemented a new 4-3 alignment to the Tech defense combined with more zone blitzes and zone pass coverage.

The new scheme has paid dividends for the Red Raiders so far this season, as the defense has surrendered only 6.5 points per contest in helping the squad to a 4-0 start.

'We have a lot of seniors on this team who are going into their last go around as far as college football is concerned, and we just really want to go out with a bang," Tech defensive end Devin Lemons said.

"One of our main goals is to prove to the Big 12 Conference, and the rest of the nation, that we are a good football team. And, that we are going to be able to contend for the Big 12 Championship and the national championship after that.'

However, the new-look Red Raiders may have their hands full during conference play this season as they face perhaps their toughest Big 12

schedule since joining the league in

Five of the Red Raiders' eight conference opponents were ranked in the pre-season Associated Press top 25. including the Nebraska Cornhuskers, who are listed as the No. 1 team in the

Tech begins yet, another trek toward its first-ever Big 12 title Sept. 30 when they begin conference play against Texas A&M at Kyle Field in College Station.

The Red Raiders then return home for consecutive games against Baylor and Nebraska, before heading to the state of Kansas to face the Wildcats and Jayhawks in back-to-back weeks.

Tech returns to Jones SBC Stadium Nov. 4 to battle the Texas Longhorns, then faces the Oklahoma State Cowboys the following week.

Tech will finish up the regular season against Oklahoma at Memorial Stadium in Norman, Okla., in a showdown against Leach's former squad.



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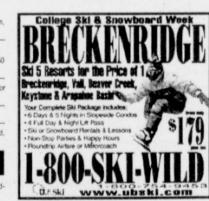
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The Big 12 as I see it

t's what some Texas Tech fans have been waiting for the last four years: A Big 12 son without Spike Dykes as the head

Since joining the conference in 1996, it has been Dykes who has received the most criticism for the Red

Raiders mediocre fin-But this season, there will be no more of that, so there

> shouldn't be any ex-Now, it's new coach Mike Leach putting up with the gripes, while good

'ole Spike works on Gonzales his golf game, enjoying retirement to its fullest. Predicting what the Red Raiders will do during conference

play this year is harder than sneaking torti-

llas into Jones SBC Stadium. Through its first four games, Tech is undefeated but has not lived up to the standards of many fans and, sometimes, even themselves. But those games are done with. I look at them as warm-ups for what is about to come. And, it doesn't take a genius to see that the Red Raiders need to step up

their play to have any chance in conference. So, can Leach and his young, creative mind lead the Red Raiders to the promise land this year, or is it going to be another "could've" Big 12 season for Tech supporters?The best this sports journalist can tell you is read on, and figure it out

 Sept, 30, Tech at Texas A&M: This game will be an important one for both the Red Raiders and the Aggies, because it will affect how the rest of their seasons turn out. Tech has beaten A&M four times in the squad's last five meetings, but the Aggies have won 21 consecutive games at Kyle

· Oct. 7, Baylor at Tech: It's always tradition for any team to schedule a "sure win" squad for a homecoming contest, and this year is no different for Tech.

They welcome the Baylor Bears for this season's homecoming battle, but the only real battle should come at halftime between the homecoming king and queen contestants. Tech has defeated Baylor four straight times, but the last time the two teams met at Jones SBC Stadium, the Red Raiders barely picked up a 31-29 victory.

· Oct. 14, Nebraska at Tech: This may be the biggest game of the season for Tech. Not only will the Cornhuskers probably enter the contest ranked No. 1 in the nation, but this contest also kick-starts the toughest part of the schedule for the Red Raiders. If Tech can get past the Aggies and the Bears, this game could be a match-up between two 6-0 teams. Did somebody say ESPN Gameday?

· Oct. 21, Tech at Kansas State: Will the Red Raiders come into this game needing a win or with momentum from pulling off the school's greatest upset? Whatever the case, Tech should have its hands full with the Wildcats. This game will be the Red Raider's second road game of the season, an area where the team was 2-4 last sea-

· Oct. 28, Tech at Kansas: This game, again, will be based on how well Tech plays on the road. Kansas has finished among the bottom of the Big 12 North since the league's creation, and Tech has beaten the Jayhawks all three times it has faced them. But two straight trips to Kansas could be hard on the Red Raiders

· Nov. 4, Texas at Tech: Although they might not admit it, this contest may be the biggest game for the Tech players. Last season, the Longhorns embarrassed the Red Raiders with their worst loss in school his-

• Nov. 11, Oklahoma State at Tech: This is one of those "should" win games, but, like the Cowboys showed last season, they can never be counted out.

Last season, OSU was in a must-win situation and defeated Tech 41-21. The Cowboys may be in the same situation this year as they face Texas A&M and Colorado in the two weeks before traveling to Lub-

• Nov. 18, Tech at Oklahoma: This game could be for the Big 12 South Championship and, if it is, it should be the league's biggest game. Just think, it would be called the "Air Raid Bowl," and the score could be somewhere in the 100s.

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Tech volleyball to face Longhorns

Red Raiders travel to Austin following emotional upset home victory over nationally ranked Kansas State squad

By Matt Muench Staff Writer

Wednesday's upset against nationally ranked Kansas State may have been the biggest win of the season for the Texas Tech volleyball team.

However, when the Red Raiders meet Texas at 7 p.m. Saturday in Austin, the team can do something this school hasn't seen in eight years - beat Texas.

The last time Tech beat the Longhorns was 15 matches ago in 1992, when current Red Raider coach Jeff Nelson was sporting the maroon and gold as an assistant at the University

Eight years ago, most of the Tech players were playing junior high or high school ball.

"We are really excited to play (Texas) because we haven't beat them in a long time," outside hitter Ann Romjue said. "We want to go into their place and show them who the best team in Texas is and get it done.'

The Red Raiders and Longhorns both sit in second place in the Big 12 Conference with a 2-1 record, one game behind undefeated Ne-

The Big 12 may be shaping up to be one of the premiere volleyball conferences in the nation with four teams ranked nationally.

Nelson said he loves coaching in the conference because of the tough matches. 'We like to rise to the occasion and play

tough teams to make us better," Nelson said. "If you don't get better, you get waxed." The match with the Longhorns will be

played in one of the most hostile arenas in the conference: Gregory Gymnasium.

"It's hard to go down there and beat them," he said. "I think it is time we get on them."

The Longhorns are led on offense by setter Jill Gremmel and all-Big 12 outside hitter Kathy

Gremmel is averaging 10.53 assists-pergame, while Tilson paces the offense with 3.39 kills-per-game.

"Those two provide the one-two punch, but all of their players are big and strong," Nelson

Romjue said the weakness of the Longhorns has been their passing ability and said the Red Raiders will have to attack them with That task goes to Tech junior Heather

Hughes-Justice, who recorded eight service aces in the win over the Wildcats. Hughes-Justice is the top server in the Big

12 and ranks in the top five nationally.

"She is really a consistent player and we will need some good serves from her against Texas," Nelson said.

"Most importantly, when she serves, she puts opponents on their heels.

Hughes-Justice's technique is just hitting what she calls a float serve. "I just stay as far back as possible and try to

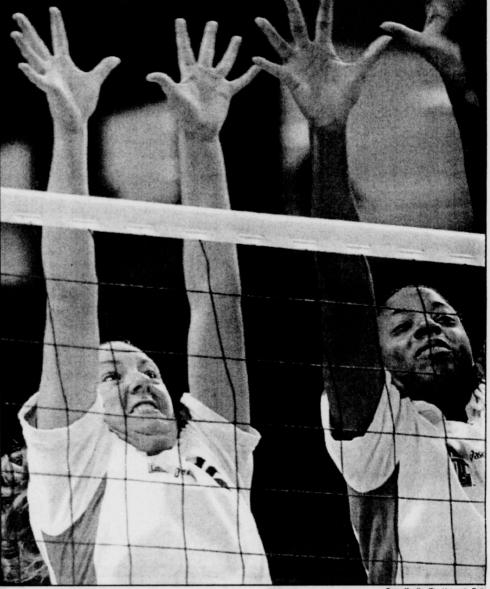
put the least spin as possible on the ball," she The Red Raiders are led by a three-headed

monster on offense consisting of outside hitters Romjue, Colleen Smith and Melissa McGehee.

The trio has combined for 519 kills during the 2000 campaign.

Romjue said the team still needs to improve on some fundamental aspects of its game, but said it's really nothing to stress about.

"We don't have any worries," she said. "We are going to have to play our game and that will take care of the rest.'



Tech teammates Skydra Orzen and Yolanda Cumbess go up for a block in Tech's five game win over Kansas State on Wednesday. The Red Raiders will face Texas at 7 p.m.

Armstrong given Congressional medal

(AP)— Citing champion cyclist Lance Armstrong's commitment to fighting cancer, a Texas congressman Thursday introduced a House measure to award the two-time Tour de France winner the Congressional Gold Medal.

'While his courageous battle with cancer set the stage for one of the most amazing comebacks in sports history, it is his commitment to raising cancer awareness and helping others triumph over the disease that particularly merits congressional recognition," Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas, said.

Armstrong, who is in Sydney to compete in Olympic cycling events, was diagnosed in October 1996 with testicular cancer, which had spread to his lungs and brain. After chemotherapy, he came back to win the 1999 Tour de France and repeated as champion this sum-

He established the Lance Armstrong Foundation soon after recovering from his illness. In addition to providing support to people with cancer, the foundation raises awareness about cancer and money for research.

The foundation raised about \$1.4 million in 1999 and will surpass that amount this year, thanks to Armstrong's success in the Tour de

Karl Haussman, the foundation's director, said if Armstrong earns the medal the recog-

nition would likely heighten attention to the foundation and possibly reach others with cancer who may need help.

"Obviously that's important to us because that's what we do here," Haussman said. "We don't deal with Lance the athlete. We deal with him as Lance the cancer survivor."

Previous recipients of the Congressional Gold Medal are Winston Churchill, comedian Bob Hope, poet Robert Frost, civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks and track and field great Jesse Owens. To get approval of the legislation, Doggett must get two-thirds of the House members to sign on as sponsors. The same must occur in the Senate.

Tech soccer to open conference play against A&M

The Texas Tech women's soccer team will open up Big 12 Conference play this weekend when they travel to face instate foes Texas A&M and Texas.

The Raiders (2-6 overall) will be in College Station on Friday and Austin on

The match with the Aggies (5-3 overall) is set for 7 p.m., while the date with the Longhorns (6-3 overall) will be at 1 The Aggies will be without player

Nicky Thrasher for the contest, while the Raiders will be led offensively by forwards Carrie Graham and Lindsey, who both led the offense with three goals and two assists

The Longhorns are paced offensively by Katie McBain, who has seven goals and four assists.

After their conference weekend opener, the Red Raiders will have eight Big 12 conference contests remaining on

Five of those contests will be home games for the Red Raiders.

Dana Stubblefield arrested on assault charges ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Dana Stubblefield nobody was doing anything out of the ordinot a team issue."

of the Washington Redskins was arrested on charges of assaulting his wife in a dispute about luggage.

The 315-pound defensive lineman insists he did not hit her, calling what happened "just one of those normal arguments you get with your wife.

Stubblefield was arrested at the couples' home in Great Falls after an argument escalated and Kim Stubblefield called police, Fairfax County police said. There were no signs of physical injury and she declined medical treatment, a police spokeswoman said.

"Nobody got hurt, nobody was drinking,

nary," Stubblefield said from practice Thurs-

Stubblefield was taken to Fairfax County jail. He was released on \$2,500 bail and told not to have any contact with his wife for 48

"Didn't realize that if the cops were called that I'd have to be taken down," Stubblefield said. Coach Norv Turner, his high-profile team off to a 1-2 start, said Stubblefield will not be disciplined, although that could change if he's

"It's something Dana has to work out," Turner said. "It's a family matter at home. It's An NFL spokesman declined comment but

cited the league's personal conduct policy. A player arrested or charged with a crime involving violence or the threat of violence must be evaluated by professional experts. If a court determines a player violated the law, he faces a fine or suspension without pay. Stubblefield would not say why he and wife were arguing about luggage. But he said only words were exchanged.

"It was obvious that the argument wasn't that bad because our two kids were sleeping right down the hall, and they never woke up,'

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Red Raider women's tennis takes to courts

The Texas Tech women's tennis team will be at the Texas Christian University tournament this weekend to compete in its first match of the 2000-2001 cam-

The tournament will take place Friday and Saturday in Forth Worth.

After being ineligible during the 1999 season, team co-captain Alenka Ovin will make her return to the team in the tournament.

Co-captain Noel Ruiz is also one of Tech's top performers and will try to help the young squad get off to a good start.

The last action for Tech came at the Big 12 Championships against Nebraska, where the Red Raiders fell 5-0

The Raiders next play is in Waco in the Baylor tournament Oct. 6.