New Automatic Gin Feeder Looks Good In Tests



Lisa Risinger, a 5 ft. 10 in. junior forward from Bula High School has been selected as a first team All State selection on the Amarillo Globe News Class B All State Basketball Team.

Morton High School tennis teams continued to take awards last week, winning two first place trophies at the Seminole tournament. David Berrara and Ralph Mason won first place in the boy's doubles and Pracilla Minor and Sherita Fluitt took the girl's first place trophy.

The Commissioners Court in Bailey, Parmer, Cochran and Lamb Counties have purchased a new Bookmobile for their rural families. The Bookmobile was delivered to Muleshoe Thursday,

Henry Thomas, an employee of the City of Seagraves since 1952, was named "Man of the Year" at the regular meeting of the Permian Basin Water Utilities Association in Seminole Tuesday night, March 19. Thomas has been water supt. for Seagraves for several months.

Texas Tech University School of Medicine held its first commencement ceremony Saturday night, March 30, for 24 graduating doctors. Those graduating were among the first students to enroll in the medical school when it opened its doors in August, 1972.

The 51st annual West Texas Historical Association will be meeting this Friday and Saturday at Texas Tech University. Activities begin with a tour of Tech's Southwest Collection and Ranch Headquarters Museum at 2:45 p.m. Friday. The annual banquet will be 7:30 p.m. Friday in the ballroom of Tech's University Center.

The Saturday session begins at 8:45 a.m. Area residents interested in attending may do so.

The Texas Industrial Commission has set an April 15 deadline for communities to submit nominations for the annual Governor's Industrial Expansion Awards for 1973. Winners will be announced April 22.

Entrants in the annual competition will be judged upon several criteria, revolving around the extend of expansion by the industry during the year, its economic impact on the community concerned and the amount of employee growth.

All chambers of commerce and other sponsoring bodies should submit the information to Texas Industrial Commission.

FHA Week Is Observed in Ropes

The Future Homemakers of America (FHA), the organization associated with the Homemakers Program in junior and senior high is observing National FHA week.

The Ropes Chapter will show their appreciation to teachers by making cakes and cookies for local teachers and teachers of the surrounding area, that will be participating in the Inter Scholastic League events Friday.

Other activities for the week will include making and delivering paper flowers to the cemetary, as well as cleaning the cemetary.

Donkey Basketball Game Set April 12

The Senior Class of Ropes High School will sponsor a Donkey Basketball Game, Friday, April 12 at 8 p.m. in the old gym in Ropes.

Tickets for the game are \$1.50 for adults, \$1.00 for students and children under 12 years of age 75 cents.

Let's all go out to the game. It will be a lot of fun and you will be helping the senior class with this money making project.

Ropes Fire Dept. **Dines Out Recently**

The Ropes Fire Department went to Underwood's for supper last Tuesday night.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Arzie Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Littlefield and two of their grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Finley, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright, Daniel Hamby, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Kimberlin, Ronnie, Coby and Kathy.

Everyone had a very enjoyable

Lamesa, Tex.—A new automatic seed cotton module gin feeder is "working like a charm" in shakedown runs at the Mesa gin here, Fred Abel, associate director of agricultural research for Cotton Incorporated, reports.

The new machine increases ginning rates by some 25 per cent, Abel said, and "eliminates the nastiest job in the cotton business, the suction pipe operator."

The feeder was developed in research sponsored by cotton producers through Cotton Incorporated at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Abel said the new machine feeds seed cotton directly into the suction pipe system automatically, constantly and uniformly. The cotton is fluffier and does not enter the gin in wads, as it does when a suction pipe operator lifts cotton from conventional trailers.

Jerry Harris, Mesa gin manager, agrees. "The cotton is better prepared and is more readily cleaned in the overhead," he said. "Our gin ordinarily runs 10-12 bales an hour. In one test run with the gin feeder, we applied a stop watch and measured a rate of

15 bales an hour." Harris said the key to increasing the ginning rate is the consistent rate at which the feeder conveys cotton into the gin. "The feeder does not run real fast, then slow down, the way a suction pipe operator does. It just keeps on feeding at the same, consistent, near capacity rate. All you do is set the rate, push the button, and let it run."

The gin feeder is the latest step in a new system developed by Cotton Incorporated to mechanize the handling of seed cotton from harvesting through ginning. It must be used in conjunction with the cotton module builder, the basic machine in the new system.

As cotton is harvested, the module builder compacts it into free standing modules, or stacks, on pallets. The module, containing 8-12 bales, moves through the



AUTUMATIC GIN FEEDER PROVES OUT-Ginners and researchers alike are pleased at shakedown runs of the new automatic seed cotton module gin feeder developed in research sponsored by Cotton Incorporated. The prototype unit is in operation at the Mesa Gin, Lamesa, Texas. Checking rate records are (left to right) Roy Roberts, manger of the Seagraves Co-op Gin, Seagraves, Texas; J.K. "Farmer" Jones, associate director of agriculture research for Cotton Incorporated; Jerry Harris, manager of the Mesa Gin; and Ben Dopson and Bill Meares, both cotton producers of Lamesa, Texas.

system intact. The module can be module builder this year to stack stored, retrieved, loaded, transported, unloaded, reloaded and moved again, all in one piece. Finally the module is conveyed automatically into the gin feeder, which breaks up the stack and moves the cotton on into the gin.

While the module builder itself was designed primarily for use in rainbelt areas, it is now winning quick acceptance in arid areas such as the High Plains of Texas, where the most popular method of storing seed cotton in recent years has employed the turnrow rick compactor.

"Even in areas where the cotton rick compactor works fine, the module system will allow gins to enjoy all the benefits of the new automatic gin feeder," said Abel.

Again, Jerry Harris agrees. "We are making extensive use of the

ricked cotton into modules that can be fed automatically into the gin," he said. "Next year we'll probably go to the module builder and gin feeder system 100 per cent."

In areas where the module builder is used alone, the gin feeder is a logical extension of the system, Abel said. It allows gins to handle more cotton without adding capacity, and it practically eliminates most labor problems.

Harris also pointed out that the gin feeder uses standard parts and belts. "Most any gin can be modified very easily to accommodate it," he said.

Abel said Sawyer Engineering of Temple, Texas, made the prototype unit now in use at the Mesa gin and will manufacture commercial models for delivery

Ropesville Area News

Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Mayfield have just returned from a trip to Sherman, Dennison, Gainsville and Dallas. They were visiting their cousin, A.Q. Malloney of Whitesboro. Aubrey and Terry Mayfield met them down there and they all returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mayfield, Terry, Lisa and Lonnie were in Tulia Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G.C. Thurman.

The Senior Citizens met at the

The Ropes Little Dribblers

Little Dribblers Name All Stars

have named their All Star Team. They are Wren Howard, Kent Flowers, Mark Moore, Gene Valentine, Shawn Lowrie, Lynn Jackson, Bart Bradshaw, Gregg Watts, Chris Miller, Dickie Allen, Jimmy Chambers.

The coach is Larry Jackson.

Community Bldg. Monday. There were 9 members present. Next Monday they will go to Brownfield to visit the Senior Citizens Club.

Mrs. Bob Thomas visited with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sipe Griffith of Roswell, N.M. for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. James Means Sr. returned home March 28 from a months stay at Stamford Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. James Means Sr. will leave for Albuquerque, N.M. April 12. Mr. Means' brother-inlaw is going to have eye surgery.

First District 5-A UIL Spring Meet will be held in Ropes, Friday, April 5. There will be no school that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Valentine were fishing at Lake LBJ over the spring holidays. They caught some fish and had an enjoyable

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GROUNDBREAKING-Digging in to assist with the Texas 4-H Center groundbreaking ceremony at Lake Brownwood recently were these adult 4-H leaders and youth from Extension District 2. Pictured (left to right) are Mrs. Dewey Drennan and Mr. Drennan of Welch, in Dawson County; John I. Bowling of Hale Center; Jane Drennan of Welch; Mrs. Catherine B. Crawford, District Extension Agent (home economics) at Lubbock; Steve Stanley, 4-H vouth from Levelland; Rene Nelson, Brownfield 4-H girl; and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Terrell of Plainview. Mrs. Terrell was a featured speaker. Construction on the \$1.375 million Center is getting underway on a scenic 78-acre site adjacent to Lake Brownwood, T. Louis Austin of Dallas, chairman of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, presided at the recent Brownwood ceremony. Construction of the Center is expected to require about a vear.

What Is The FHA?

by Karen Skolaut

When someone mentions the Future Homemakers of America to you, what sort of picture comes to mind? If you are like most people, you probably think of an organization for girls who spend their time improving on the art of homemaking. And if your concept of the FHA is limited to the sewing, cooking, laundry idea—read on, you've got something to learn.

Founded June 11, 1945, FHA's membership has grown steadily from 92,516 at the end of the first year to today's membership of half-a-million men and women. There are affiliated associations in 49 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and in American schools overseas.

Future Homemakers of America was established as an education orientated organization. Operationally, the organization is set up on three levels—national, state and local.

Any student enrolled in or who has taken home economics or a home economics related occupations subject is eligible to join. The local chapter is the basic unit of the organization. Chapter officers are elected by the membership and chapter dues are set by each individual chapter.

In 1971 two types of chapters were established in order to provide for those students enrolled in home economics related occupations courses.

The FHA Chapters place major emphasis on consumer education, homemaking and family life education combined with exploration of jobs and careers.

The HERO Chapters place major emphasis on preparation for jobs and careers with recognition that workers also fill multiple roles as homemakers and community leaders.

The overall goal of the organization is: To help youth assume their roles in society through home economics education in areas of personal growth, family life, vocational preparation and community involvement.

Even a glance at some of the projects FHA and HERO members are involved with is proof enough that they are meeting this goal. Projects are concerned with ecology, training of younger children, working with the elderly, helping the underprivileged and handicapped, promoting understanding between youth and adults, digging into career and job opportunities and others based on youth's concern.

Future Homemakers of America is self-supporting and National Headquarters are located in Washington, D.C. Nationwide in membership and effort, FHA is co-sponsored by the U.S. Office of Education through the Division of Vocational and Technical Education and The American Home Economics Association.

This week, March 31st through April 6th, is designated as National FHA-HERO Week. Chapters across the country will hold special observances and carry out activities and projects related to this year's theme: Impact '74.

The next time you hear about the Future Homemakers of America, remember, it involves both men and women who are vitally concerned with not only home economics but home economics careers and related occupations.

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time.

Buster McNabb is a patient in Methodist Hospital.

The Ropes Boy's All-Star team will play Anton at Whiteface, Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Don't forget to vote April 6 at City Hall.

Larry Cox is attending a law enforcement school in Plainview this week.

J.W. Jackson has returned home from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. O.K. Briggs and their daughter Betty Moore, were visiting in Sherman this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ream and Monica and her niece, Annette Gaut, from Wolfforth, visited relatives in Clovis last week. They visited in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Goldie Fish, then spent the night in Portales where they visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Partin.

Mr. B.M. Taleaferro is a patient in Highland Hospital at this time. We are glad to report he is much better and should be coming home very soon if all things go well.

Elizabeth Finley has been ill this week.

Charles Boyd, Travis Boyd's brother, sustained a fall and is a patient in the hospital at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Agan and Dana and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Agan visited in the home of Minnie Fewell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C.T. McCormick spent the weekend in Abilene visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCormick and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cawthorne visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.T. McCormick Friday.

There will be a snooker tournament at Ropes Theater, April 8 and 9.

Mrs. George Oliver, mother of

Hockley County Voters in Ropesville Area May Vote Absentee at City Hall

All Ropes and surrounding area voters living in Hockley County are now offered an extra service. Starting April 15th and continuing through April 30th, all persons who expect to be, or know that they will be absent from Hockley County on May 4th, (First Primary Election Day), may vote absentee by personal appearance, in the County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Levelland, Texas, (or) at the Ropes City Hall, Ropes. Mrs. Inez Kimberlin, Ropes City Secretary, will act as a Special Deputy County Clerk for County Clerk, Raymond O. Dennis, and will vote those qualified voters of Hockley County, that apply for an absentee ballot in person.

Those persons who are confined to their homes, nursing homes or hospital, due to illness, or physicl disability, will still have to make application by mail with County Clerk, Raymond O. Dennis, in his Courthouse office. This added service to the Ropes Billie Evans is some improved at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. T.M. Sims, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sims, Steven and Alisa, spent spring vacation in Big Bend National Park. They enjoyed fishing, swimming, hiking and sightseeing.

Jimmy Kimberlin visited over the weekend in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Kimberlin. Jimmy is stationed in El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright were in Brownwood over the weekend visiting his sister and family. They also did some fishing.

Visitors in the Emory Hobbs home last week were Mrs. Hobbs' sister and niece Rachel Jeffcoat of Snyder, and Mary Jeffcoat of Lamesa. Also visiting Friday were Elder and Mrs. V.F. Lowrance of Hot Springs, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs went to church in Lubbock Thursday night, Levelland Friday and Saturday, and Snyder Sunday. Eddie Lowrance preached at each place. Mrs. Hobbs visited with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Dorsett and family in Snyder. Her brother, Sidney Freeman, is spending the week

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Voting hours for absentee voting will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, during the absentee voting period. This applies to the main office (Levelland), as well as the Ropes Branch Office. To be qualified to vote in the First General Primary Election, a person must be at least 18 years of age by May 4th (First Primary Election Day), and will have had to live in Hockley County at least 31 days, and be registered with the Hockley County Tax Assessor Collector at least 30 days prior to May 4th, (First General Primary Day). In any election in which a person desires to vote, he must be registered at least 30 days prior to that election. Registration is a continuous year round thing, and a person registered to vote, must vote in either the First Primary, Run-Off Primary, or General Election, in order to perpetuate his voting status for the next three years. Once you register to vote, you will not need to ever register again, so long as you vote during one of the three elections mentioned above. Any questions concerning absentee voting may be directed to Raymond O. Dennis, County Clerk, Courthouse, Levelland, Texas, Phone 894-4404.

This extra service to the Ropes Community was made possible through the combined efforts of the Texas Legislature (1973), your Commissioner's Court, and your County Clerk.

Ropes School Lunch Menu

Monday, April 8 Chicken fried steak and gravy Creamed potatoes, Green beans Tossed salad, Rolls, Butter Apple Pie, Milk

Tuesday, April 9
Bar-B-Q Chicken
Macaroni and Tomatoes
Pinto Beans
Onion, Pickles
Cornbread and Butter
Lime Jello Salad
Sheet Cake, Milk

Wednesday, April 10
Hamburgers
French Fries with Catsup
Lettuce, tomato salad
Buttered corn
Rice Pudding, Milk

Thursday, April 11
Chicken and Gravy
Macaroni and Cheese
Blackeyed Peas
Lettuce with French dressing
Rolls, Butter
Fruit Jello and Milk

Friday, April 12
Roast Beef Tips and Gravy
Scalloped Potatoes
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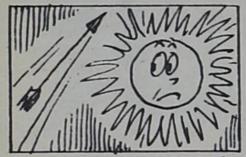
Did you ever live in a sod house, a dugout, or an adobe building; or were you born in one? Did you ever teach school, attend school or church services in such a building, or help build one? Or are you a child or perhaps a grandchild of a former pioneer sod house dweller or builder?

If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions, the Sod House Society of America, with head-quarters at Colby, Kansas, would like to hear from you. The unique society is making a survey and census of people who have had any kind of personal expecience with sod structures, including descendants of such persons. Sod houses, dugouts, part sod, and adobe buildings were once common in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

All former sod dwellers and descendants of a family that can claim a part of the sod house heritage during the pioneer settlement era of North America, or in more recent times, will be listed by the society in a permanent historical record of sod, dugout, and adobe dwellers and their families. Sod buildings in some form were used in well over half the North American continent.

To make this survey a success, information is needed from people in all parts of North America. If you have any information concerning present or former sod dwellers, a report of this will be most welcome. Please tell where the buildings were located, and give family names, as well as your own. Reports should be sent to: Sod House Survey of Texas, Colby, Kansas 67701.

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Local Items

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Mr. and Mrs. George Devitt and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mangum went to Lake Colorado City over the

weekend.

James White was in Port
Aransas last week on a fishing trip.

Donkey Basketball Game

The Lions Club will have a Donkey Basketball game Tuesday night in the Frenship High school Gym.

Elections

The school board election will be held Saturday, April 6th at Frenship High School. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Running for two places on the school board are Don Davis and Buddy Turnbow, Incumbents, also Oley Ray Hitt and Dick Davis.

City Election

The Wolfforth City Election will be held Saturday, April 6th from 7

Services Held for Rev. Ollie Apple

Services for the Rev. Ollie Apple, 77, of Rt. 5, Lubbock, were held this week in the First United Methodist Church at Wolfforth.

The Rev. Richard Pittman, pastor, officiated, assisted by Dr. Howard Crawford and the Rev. Clarence Stephens of Lubbock. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park at Lubbock with Resthaven-Singleton-Wilson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The Rev. Mr. Apple was a retired Methodist minister, moving to Lubbock in 1961 from Coolidge where he was pastor of the Coolidge United Methodist Church.

He was a member of the Central Texas Methodist Conference and the Petersburg Masonic Lodge from which he recently received a 50 year pin.

Survivors include his wife, Idealla, a daughter, Mrs. Martha Turnbow of Rt. 5, Lubbock; a sister, Mrs. Ethel Blodgett of Seymour; six grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

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a.m. to 7 p.m. at the City Hall. Two spots on the city council will be filled. Also the Mayor. Running for mayor is G. Edwards, incumbent; for council are James Vardy, incumbent, Mrs. Thelma Burrow, Donald Preston and Tommy Ontiveroz.

One Act Play Contest

The One Act Play Contest for District 5AA was held in the Frenship High School Auditorium Tuesday. Denyer City won the first place for best play. Post won second and Cooper was third. Becky Phillips of Frenship was chosen in the all star cast.

District Track Meet is Today

Denver City will host the District 5AA track meet Thursday. Entries from Frenship will be: Shotput, Mason, Drapow, Patterson. Discus, Ballow, Turnbow, Drennan. High jump, Lonnie McKinney, Vernon McKinney. Broad jump, Lonnie McKinney, Danny Preston, Bobby Gomez. Pole Vault, Danny Pool, Kelly Sewell. 440 relay, Steve Zint, Eddie Prather, Luis Garza and Danny Preston.

100 yard dash, Luis Garza, Paul Mason, Keith Guire. 440, Joe Soto, Vernon McKinney, Steve Zint. 120 high hurdles, Danny Preston, Bo McKee, Eddie Prather. 220, Luis Garza, Jay Hart, Mike Jones. 330 hurdles, Danny Preston, Bo McKee, Eddie Prather. 880, Lambright, Saenz, Ybarra. Mile, Llanas, Ontiveroz, Lupe Garze.

Frenship School Lunch Menu

Monday, April 8 Chicken Casserole Green Beans, Buttered Carrots Yeast Rolls, Butter Cookies and Milk

Tuesday, March 9
Barbecued Weiners
Buttered Corn, Orange Juice
Jello Salad with Fruit
Yeast Rolls, Butter
Sheet Cake, Milk

Wednesday, April 10
Enchiladas with meat sauce
Cole Slaw, Blackeye Peas
Corn bread, Butter
Apple Pie and Milk

Thursday, April 11 Hamburgers, rench Fries Lettuce, tomatoe slices Picles and Onion Relish Fruit Cobbler, Milk

Friday, April 12
Fish Portion
Tossed Salad
Macaroni and Tomatoes
Yeast Rolls, Butter
Pineapple Pudding, Milk

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by Joe Kelly

Two weeks ago this next Saturday I spent most of the day until almost dark on Canyon Lake, hoping to stir up bass, walleyes and/or crappie. About all I got for my troubles was sunburn.

It was a hot day, 85 degrees, and the wind steadily increased in velocity during the day. By late afternoon it was getting uncomfortably cool to sit around in a Tee shirt and shorts. We didn't know it at the time, but a front was moving through.

Generally, a front will stir the fish into biting activity. It wasn't the case this time. Other fishermen reported no luck at all, which made our two bass, three crappie string, look better.

The five fish were all caught on minnows in fairly shallow water in brush next to dead trees. Nothing else aroused bites. We gave them a complete variety—surface lures, deep lures, spinners, plastic worms, jigs, spoons, feathered hooks.

Undaunted by the day's failure, we—son-in-law, his parents, grandson—intended to go back Sunday. That night tv said that it would be windy, cold, rainy on Sunday. We looked at each other and heads began shaking. Sure nuff, Sunday was all that and more.

All of which isn't to knock Canyon Lake. It's a big, beautiful body of water with some 80 miles of shoreline. There's a lot of brush in it and it is growing in fishing popularity now.

For a long time Canyon Lake rated low on the scale of popularity because there seemed to be no bass of consequence in it. Experts said that it was because there were no spawning beds available.

Efforts were made to correct this situation and walleyes were added to the lake. Now there are big bass in the lake, and the marinas have pictures to prove it. If you could spend a lot of time on Canyon and get to know it, I imagine the fishing would be great.

A San Antonio paper that Sunday had an unusual story, with picture to prove it. An angler caught an eight-inch bass. As he was bringing it to the boat, another bass struck and the fight was on. When he finally netted his catch, the fisherman was rewarded with a seven and a half pound bass!

Moral: Sometimes we use bait that is too small, but don't expect this to happen all the time, maybe not once in a million.

As a result of the fishing trip, I missed the UCLA-NC State "dream" game. It must have been all that had been expected. As for the finals Monday night, I thought it was a poorly played game.

There were flashes of brilliance by both State and Marquette, but there were far too many turnovers. The NIT final game was much better played and more exciting. It was unfortunate, because the NCAA does have the best teams in the nation competing.

Bob Galt, Dallas Times-Herald sports writer, had an interesting study recently. The most significant thing, locally, is that Tech was the only conference school to support itself in basketball. Galt says Tech cleared \$60,000 on the cage program.

At the same time, Arkansas lost \$100,000 and Texas dropped nearly \$90,000. Everyone else, including hot spots like Houston and SMU, lost money, putting more strain on football, the lone revenue producing sport.

The reason for Galt's article was, of course, the shock that was felt when Texas announced that it would have to have outside financial support after losing \$92,871 on sports last year.

Galt found that Arkansas, A&M, Baylor and Tech had made money—and in that order—because of outside contributions. Arkansas raised half a million; A&M \$220,000; Baylor \$200,000; and Tech, \$175,000.

Indeed, Texas is said to have spent \$10,000 more on football recruiting this year, although scholarships were more restricted.

The study illustrates the plight that our colleges and universities find themselves in today. Costs have gone steadily up and, as the sports programs have spread out, the expense is enormous.

It wasn't too many years ago that some New Mexico enthusiasts asked the late Dell Morgan what they could do to help Burl Huffman, then football coach at the Albuquerque school.

"Give him \$25,000 for recruiting," Dell replied.

The New Mexico people were shocked. "Where," they asked, "are we

going to get that kind of money?" Raise it, Dell suggested.

Today, \$25,000 would hardly recruit a starting backfield—legally.

Spring football training has started at Tech and there's reason for optimism, if the Raiders can avoid the bugaboo of injuries. An injury-free spring, in view of the large number of players, is almost a necessity.

So far, most stories about Tech spring football have emphasized the losses. Granted, they were big, but there is a large number of replacements with more potential than the players lost.

If the newcomers progress satisfactorily, Tech could have a bigger, more versatile team than the 11-1 team or last year. There's a smattering of experience plus what Jim Carlen says is the best coaching staff in the country.

The combination, with four uninterrupted weeks of work, could be the catalyst for a championship team next fall. Certainly the attitude of this squad should be superior, because Tech still hasn't won a conference title and that is the No. 1 goal.

The baseball season starts today and it really has sneaked up on me, although I've been reading the summaries on the teams. If form is any guide, it could be another zany season.

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There are new managers at several spots. There have been a number of trades. Hank Aaron needs two homers to be the all-time champ. And

we still have Charley Finely with us.

St. Louis can't get off to such a miserable start two years in a row, so I like the Cards, the Oakland Athletics, the Baltimore Orioles and the New York Mets to be divisional champs.

The Roundup—Former Raider end Frank Ottmer has a son who will probably be a starting tight end at Rice this year. . . . And brother Wallace (Fredericksburg) has a son who was all-district as a junior,

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The 8th grade banquet is set for May 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The occasion will be strictly dress-up. Girls will wear long or short dresses, but it has to be a dress. Boys will wear suits. Everyone is invited and will pay for their dinner at the door. We will have barbecue.

There will be a junior high dance after the banquet May 3. The place has not been picked yet, but will probably cost \$20 to \$30, so would

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junior, would be worth watching this fall. . . Swen Nater, who was Bill Walton's understudy, was named the most valuable San Antonio Spur player this year.... Texas was plagued by spring training injuries, so much so that at least one scrimmage was called off. . . For the first time in years Texas failed to produce a Golden Gloves national champion. . . Whether SWC basketball ability has picked up or not, the coaching ranks have been swelled by two national figures. . . Eddie Sutton's \$26,000 basketball salary at Arkansas is more than a lot of college football coaches are being paid. . . And then there's the sweet young thing who wouldn't go out with the quarterback because she heard he was so good with a forward pass!

Public speaking is easy. It's the thinking before speaking that's hard.

everyone please bring money for the dance. Further notices will be posted.

School will be let out Friday at the regular time, but will take up April 16 on Tuesday because of the Easter Vacation. There will be only one day for vacation.

Girls track team went to Idalou March 23 and did not place in a lot of things. No record in shotput, discuss, high jump, triple jump and lots of others, but had a score of 28.

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