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## MCI Corp. restitution list exceeds 350 students

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The number of Texas Tech students involved in the MCI Telecommunications Corp. long-distance scam increased to more than 350 students Wednesday, the second day of MCI's restitution program, MCI officials said.

Officials are estimating \$350,000 to \$700,000 worth of illegal calls were made from the Tech campus.

"That's a realistic figure," one MCI official said.

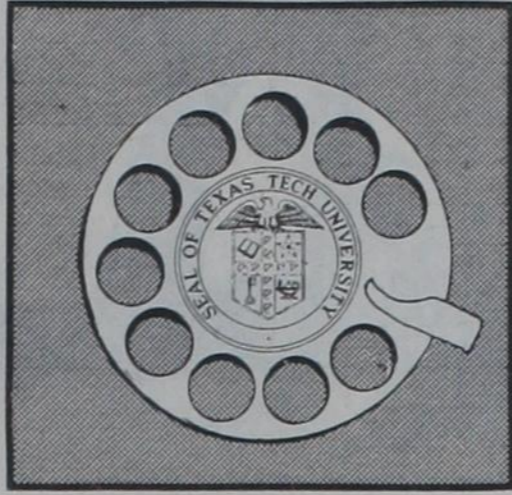
By interviewing several students Saturday, MCI investigators and University Police Department detectives identified 14 different codes that Tech students had used. From the codes that were identified, MCI officials estimated the abuse of the

codes totaled \$35,000.

On Wednesday, MCI officials identified 28 additional codes but said they did not know how much money is involved with the use of the additional access codes.

MCI officials said more than 80 students confessed during restitution hearings Wednesday to illegally using, distributing and obtaining the access codes. They said the majority of the students confessed to illegally using the access codes four or five times a week.

One female Tech student told *The University Daily* she illegally used an MCI access code every day for 2½ months. She said she estimates that she owes MCI \$3,000 to \$5,000. She said she obtained the code from a person who told her it was a stored number and that nobody would be billed for



the calls.

"I'm scared about how I'm going to pay it back," she said.

She said she feels the restitution is a good service and that she recommends that students turn themselves in.

"There is no second chance," she

said. "If you don't go in, they'll go after you."

MCI officials said there will be no deals made with repeat offenders and said students have the chance during the restitution program to redeem themselves in a learning, educational experience.

Students have to fill out a form on which they are asked to provide their names and addresses, the access codes they used, the numbers they called using the codes, the time span during which the illegal calls were made, the names of people to whom they distributed the codes and the names of people who gave them the codes. Students are not asked to sign the form and will be billed for the calls they made.

Officials said that by filling out the form, a student can go from having

criminal problems to having credit problems.

"Pay the bill and there won't be a problem," an MCI official said.

Students are wrong in believing that by being honest and coming forth with information they will be prosecuted anyway, officials said.

MCI invited other long-distance telephone companies to come to the Tech campus to determine whether their access codes were being illegally used by Tech students. TTI and First Fone officials were present at the University Center Wednesday.

MCI officials said they will provide information to the other companies on the illegal use of access codes through the Communication Fraud Control Association, a worldwide association of which most of the major long-distance telephone companies are

members. MCI officials said students who do come forth with information about illegal use of other long-distance companies' codes probably will not be prosecuted because they are protected under the MCI restitution program. The MCI officials said they could not guarantee that such students would not be prosecuted, however.

Earlier this year, the North Texas State University campus was rocked with a similar long-distance scandal involving illegal use of MCI access codes. On Wednesday, *The University Daily* contacted Greg Sawyer, NTSU assistant dean of students, who said MCI officials were honest in their dealings with the more than 1,000 NTSU students involved in the Denton scam.

## Athlete graduation rates shock Tech Faculty Senate members

By CINDY PANDOLFO  
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A report containing the graduation and retention rates of student athletes presented to the Texas Tech Faculty Senate during its Wednesday meeting left many faculty senators shaking their heads in disbelief.

The report revealed that 26 of 33 athletes recruited in 1985 to play on Tech's intercollegiate teams were admitted conditionally.

The report, which was prepared at the request of the Faculty Senate, was presented by Clint Ramsey, assistant to the athletic director. Students admitted conditionally didn't have an acceptable score on either the SAT or ACT college entrance exams or had low high school grade point averages. The average high school GPA of the 33 recruits was 2.63.

Current requirements for scholarship recipients are 15 on the ACT or 700 on the SAT. Ramsey said conditional admissions of recruits have improved the past two years.

"One way I know that our recruits are better is the reading test administered freshmen entering the athletic department," Ramsey said.

"Before 1985, two-thirds of the scholarship recipients read below the 10th grade level. Since 1985 only about one-third read below the 10th grade level."

Other statistics presented in the report were compiled using a five-year graduation rate for the freshman class of 1980. Of the 89 total 1980 recruits, 67 were male and 12 were female.

The combined graduation rate of 65 percent includes seven sports with individual graduation rates ranging from 30 percent to 100 percent. Football players averaged 35 percent, basketball players 100 percent, swimmers 83 percent, baseball players 30 percent and track athletes, tennis players and golfers 33 percent. Female athletes had a 100 percent graduation rate in swimming, tennis, basketball and softball and 33 percent in track.

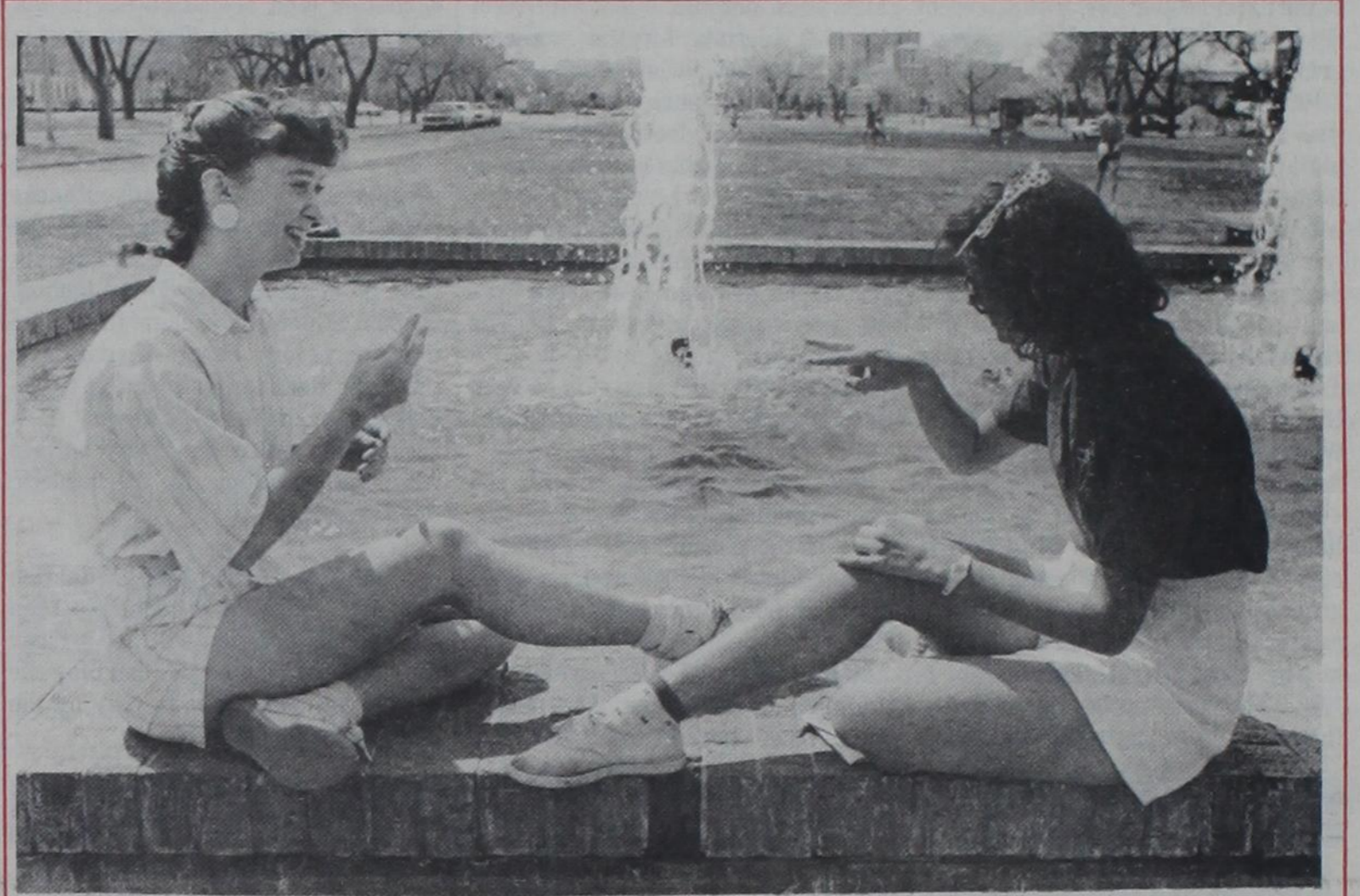
Tech Athletic Director T. Jones told faculty senators he is not happy with the report but is working to improve the results.

"I want you to know that I am very much in favor of Proposition 48, which states that high school athletes must have a 2.0 GPA with acceptable SAT or ACT scores and fulfill the requirements of the core curriculum."

Jones said he told Tech coaches to take the opportunity when visiting high schools to investigate the academic record of possible recruits and evaluate the academic background of athletes when making decisions.

In other business, faculty senators elected officers for the 1987-88 school year.

Georgette Gettel, an associate music professor, was elected as the new Faculty Senate president. Mathematics professor Thomas McLaughlin was elected vice president, and Michael Stoune, an associate music professor, was elected secretary.



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### Quiet talk

From left, Sean Elizabeth Horton, a freshman deaf education major from Boerne, and Susie Melander, a freshman deaf education major

from Killeen, practice sign language Wednesday near the Tech fountain on Broadway.

## Third arrest U.S. officials widen probe into espionage

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A third Marine who worked as a security guard in Moscow and Leningrad and in the U.S. Embassy in Rome has been arrested on suspicion of espionage, causing American officials to broaden their investigations into security breaches in American diplomatic missions.

Sgt. John Joseph Weirick, 26, of Eureka, Calif., was arrested Tuesday night and held in the brig at Camp Pendleton, Calif., said Robert Sims, chief Defense Department spokesman. He is suspected of espionage while working as a security guard at the American consulate in Leningrad in 1981 and 1982, Sims said.

Meantime, as American officials sought to measure the damage caused by the infiltration of American diplomatic missions by KGB agents and electronic eavesdropping devices, there were these developments:

- FBI Director William Webster acknowledged at a Senate hearing on his nomination to head the CIA that the Soviets use their new hilltop embassy complex in Washington to intercept U.S. telephone communications. But he said he was unable to say "how much damage they are doing."

- Secretary of State George Shultz told reporters that Soviet eavesdropping at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow had cast "a heavy shadow" over the talks he will have next week in the Soviet capital. He said he intended to tell the Soviets "that they can't expect to continue to create a hostile environment for our people overseas without cost to themselves."

- Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky said the U.S.

charges that the KGB had bugged the new U.S. Embassy in Moscow are "dirty fabrications" intended to spoil Shultz's trip. He accused President Reagan of making "hostile remarks."

- In Congress, bills were introduced to require the Soviets to abandon their new Washington embassy site and negotiate a new agreement with the United States. Sen. William Roth, R-Del., said he believed the new U.S. Embassy in Moscow would have to be torn down because it is so heavily bugged.

At the Pentagon, spokesman Sims declined to elaborate on the specific nature of the allegations concerning Weirick beyond said the Marine had become involved with Soviet women while posted to Leningrad.

But other Pentagon officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said military investigators now believe that Weirick "got some money from the Russians" and "may have allowed access to the consulate; more limited than Lonetree, but access."

The arrest of Sgt. Clayton Lonetree in December triggered the current military investigation, which has so far led to three other arrests. Lonetree and Cpl. Arnold Bracy, who worked together as Moscow embassy guards in 1985 and 1986, have been charged with espionage.

Staff Sgt. Robert Stufflebeam was charged Wednesday with three counts of improperly fraternizing with Soviet women. He has not been accused of espionage, but was arrested as a result of the Lonetree probe.

Pentagon sources have said Lonetree and Bracy allegedly became involved sexually with Soviet women while working in Moscow.

## Rudd says Tech could face more budget cutbacks

By SCOTT BRUMLEY  
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AUSTIN — Texas Tech faces further budget reductions if Gov. Bill Clements stands firm on his commitment to veto any proposed tax increases, state Rep. Jim Rudd, D-Brownfield, said Wednesday.

Rudd, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said the state will be forced to cut 7 percent of its total budget if action is not taken to bring in new revenue.

The budget issue continues to indicate an uncertain economic future

for Texas, Rudd said.

House and Senate members have failed to produce compatible budget figures, he said, with differences between House and Senate budgets running as high as \$2.5 billion.

Wayne Roberts, a financial planner for the Legislative Budget Board, said uncertainty over state spending makes Tech's situation unclear.

During a March meeting with the House Appropriations Committee in Austin, Tech administrators submitted a budget outlining university expenditures for the upcoming biennium totaling more than \$200 million.

The Tech budget calls for a pay increase of 9 percent during 1988 and 10 percent in 1989 for both faculty members and university staff.

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center administrators submitted a budget proposal during the same meeting requesting more than \$53 million for 1988-89.

Rudd said Tech's share of the state's budget could reflect either an increase or decrease of several million dollars depending on how lawmakers resolve the differing budget figures.

The House Committee on Higher

Education has requested a \$500 million increase in spending for the state's colleges and universities, but Rudd said the increase probably never will come to pass.

"I hope to see some increases in higher education spending, but I don't think we're going to see \$500 million," he said. "That's just unrealistic, right now."

Mike Sanders, Tech director of public affairs, was unavailable for comment Wednesday on the budget situation.

### Webster claims

## North suspected of criminal involvement

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Justice Department official expressed suspicions as early as last October — almost a month before public disclosure of the Iran-Contra affair — that Lt. Col. Oliver North eventually could come under criminal investigation, FBI Director William Webster told Congress Wednesday.

Webster acknowledged reading an Oct. 30 FBI memo that outlined speculation by the Justice Department official concerning the activities of North, who later was fired from his post as a National Security Council aide at the White House.

But Webster said he had forgotten about the memo by Nov. 21, when Attorney General Edwin Meese, declining Webster's offer of FBI help, undertook an informal inquiry into secret U.S. arms sales to Iran.

By the time the Meese probe turned into a formal criminal investigation, on Nov. 26, documents crucial to the inquiry already had been destroyed or altered, according to government investigators.

Webster made his comments at a Senate Intelligence Committee hearing on his nomination to be head of the

CIA. The committee's chairman, Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., scheduled a second day of hearings for today, but he and vice chairman William Cohen, R-Maine, said they had seen nothing so far that would endanger Webster's confirmation.

During Wednesday's testimony, Webster pledged to keep Congress informed of CIA covert activities. He said holding back information on such matters as the Iran arms deal — as the Reagan administration did — violates the spirit of a law on the subject, and he said he would resign rather than go along with such a situation as CIA director.

He also said he would not be a member of the president's Cabinet, unlike former CIA Director William Casey, on grounds that the agency should be a gatherer of intelligence rather than an advocate for any particular policy.

As for the Meese investigation, senators asked Webster if, in retrospect, it would have been better if the attorney general had called in the FBI in the first place.

Webster said that had he thought at the time there might be criminal activity involved, he "absolutely" would have gotten the FBI involved.

However, he asked, "Could the FBI

agents have done a better job of conducting such an inquiry or looking for materials? I'm not sure I'm in a position to answer that. There's also the downside of sending FBI agents into the White House when there is no known criminal activity to investigate."

At the White House, spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said he didn't think President Reagan had looked into all the legal actions that Meese had or might have taken during the period from Nov. 21-25, but he said Reagan believes that Meese "did the right thing and was very helpful ... that Ed Meese did an excellent job."

The memo, which is in the possession of the special counsel investigating the Iran-Contra affair,

was disclosed by the Senate committee as it opened Wednesday's hearing.

Webster said that while the memo did not alarm him, some in the administration had concerns about what they felt was North's "gung-ho" personality and lack of judgment. "We worried about his influence at the NSC," Webster said. "I discussed this with the attorney general. He was aware of Ollie North and the kind of personality that he was."

Meanwhile, Meese's chief spokesman, Terry Eastland, said Wednesday that the attorney general had known nothing of the memo. "There was no reason for him to know," he said. "This was handled through the normal channels in the appropriate way."

## THURSDAY

### In today's UD:

- After visiting a local palm reader, Lifestyles writer Jill Johnson looked into why people believe in and sometimes depend on spiritualists. See the story on page 6.

- Maurice Artis, a 7-foot center from Killeen, signed a national letter of intent Wednesday, the first day of the national signing period, to play basketball at Texas Tech. For more on Artis and Tech's recruiting situation, see the story on page 8.

# viewpoint

## Low graduation rate hurts all students



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A college education affords a student many social and recreational opportunities, but the top priority of a student should be pursuit of academic achievement. In the case of the Texas Tech football team, however, only 35 percent of all recruits from fall 1980 obtained a degree in five years.

Tech's graduation figure compares to the nation's average of 44.8 percent of major college football players graduating in five years.

When considering all teams for men's and women's sports, Tech's picture doesn't appear so bleak. A total of 49.5 percent of all male recruits and 86.6 percent of all female recruits from fall 1980 obtained a degree in five years. The department had a total of 65 percent of all 1980 recruits graduate in five years, according to a detailed report presented by the Tech athletic department Wednesday to the Tech Faculty Senate.

That figure compares to the nation's average of about 50 to 60 percent of all students who enter college graduating in four years, according to an Associated Press story published in *The University Daily* on Feb. 9, 1986. The assumption is that the figure would be higher if considered

for a five-year period. However, a breakdown of the men's teams shows that the situation is worse than what it appears. The 49.5 percent graduation rate for 1980 recruits is padded because the one basketball recruit and five of the six swimming team recruits received diplomas. Tech no longer has a swimming team. The other teams fared poorly: football, 33 percent; track, 33 percent; baseball, 30 percent; tennis, 33 percent; and golf, 33 percent.

The women's team average would have been higher except that only one of three track recruits in 1980 graduated. The other women's teams registered 100 percent graduation rates. Most notable is that all five of the 1980 recruits for the women's basketball team earned diplomas.

The reason for such a poor graduation rate for the football team probably can be attributed to the type of students Tech is recruiting. For example, the 33 1985 football recruits had an average high school GPA of 2.63. Their average SAT score was 718, with a range of 1,090 to 460. The ACT scores ranged from 4 to 24. As a result, 26 of the recruits entered Tech under special admissions provisions.

What's discouraging about the whole situation is that the vast majority of the recruits receive athletic scholarships, which cover dorm housing, food, books, fees and tuition.

Many legitimate reasons exist for obtaining an education. Learning a job skill and broadening intellectual

horizons probably are the ones most cited. Playing on the varsity team should not be a factor for a student deciding whether he should pursue a higher education or other avenues after high school. Playing on a varsity team should be a secondary reason for attending a university.

To Athletic Director T. Jones' credit, he told the senate he has been concerned about the graduation rate since coming to Tech in 1985. He said he supports Proposition 48, which stipulates that a high school student with a GPA below 2.0 cannot play on a college team. He has instructed his coaches that if a student has a poor academic high school career to not bring the student to Tech no matter what the student's athletic abilities are.

In a time when universities are scraping by to make do with cutbacks in state funding, Tech should not be wasting classroom space and faculty time on students who do not belong. Student athletes who come to Tech to play sports for a couple of years also drain the dwindling amount of financial aid available to students. As a result, the entire university suffers from the situation in the athletic department.

If the situation of a poor graduation rate for Tech athletes continues, then high school athletes will get a clear message: as long as you can play the game, you don't have to play by the academic rules at Tech.



## Artificial wombs next after surrogacy



**William Safire**  
Syndicated  
Columnist

WASHINGTON — A deal is a deal, held a New Jersey judge in the surrogate mother case, and a new sense has been added to the phrase "deliver a baby."

Now state legislatures will step in to assert the public interest in these private deals. We can expect laws to guarantee responsibility in the case of children born handicapped, or in any way not to the taste of either of the contracting parties; laws to require brokers to provide both surrogates and infertile couples with objective counseling and a reading of their rights; and a mandatory escape hatch — a mother-love option — to enable the child-bearer to abort the agreement just after the child is born.

Thus regulated, surrogacy will grow. In effect is the law of supply and demand: as abortions have risen, the supply of babies for adoption has fallen, and infertility breeds a desperation for a new way to obtain a child. That is why we will see more would-be parents turning to artificial insemination of a woman willing to (a) sell her egg and (b) rent her womb.

In a few years, the egg-selling part of that arrangement will come under close scrutiny by the woman in the childless couple: why should she be denied a plunge into the gene pool? In many cases, her egg is sound; the technology is available to bring about conception of sperm and egg in vitro,

"in glass" or a petri dish. The next stage will be the increased implantation of already-fertilized eggs in the wombs of hired child-bearers.

A few years after that, pressure will mount to overcome the weakness in the deal: too often, the woman retained to carry an implanted embryo to term may grow attached to her assignment and come to think of the emerging baby as her own.

That mother-love thing must be upsetting to anybody writing a contract in this field. The more sentimental of these mothers or bearers become reluctant to deliver the product; their word is not as good as their bond.

How to overcome this drawback? The mother-love clause, which will be legally required in many states, will surely cause suffering to infertile couples. The answer will be the artificial womb. Reproductive physiologists are hard at work today on that ultimate labor-saving device.

At the Eastern Virginia Medical School at Norfolk, where the first in vitro fertilization in the U.S. took place in 1981, scientific director Gary Hodgen says we are learning to grow maternal tissue outside the human body, extending the time an embryo grows in the dish before it must be implanted in a human uterus.

At the same time, working down from the other end, "we've got the zone of survival of prematurely born infants down to 22 weeks, nearly half the gestation period, and to 700 grams, little more than one pound." Hodgen predicts that within a generation the two researchers will meet at 14 weeks, for what he calls "a totally extra-uterine development."

That means without the need of a mother's body. In an artificial womb,

or prenatal incubator, babies will be grown with their nutrients, hormones and temperature controlled by computer — not in Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World* but in the U.S.A., announced on the TV news by one of our current anchormen.

Are we ready for that motherless child? Today's controversy over the mere way station called surrogate motherhood, with lawmakers and ethicists scrambling to catch up with judges, demonstrates that we are not. The Vatican, at least, is clear in its guidance: the Catholic stand is foursquare against scientific appeals to the verdict of nature on fertility.

"Our motive is therapy," insists Hodgen, "not convenience." The scientists working on the artificial womb want to defeat infertility and overcome the risk of birth defects, and they want it known they are not driven by a desire to make reproduction easier for couples who are too busy, lazy or fearful to go through nine long months.

But convenience, the wave of the present, is the danger of the future. The day is coming when "womb-bearing" may be seen as nice if you have the time and inclination; like breast-feeding or natural childbirth, it will be undertaken by do-it-yourself gentry.

My position on this consists of a creepy feeling. The patriarch Abraham's wife, Sarah, was barren, which is especially hard on a patriarch; he took a concubine to bear him a child, Ishmael. Later, when Abraham and Sarah unexpectedly begat Isaac, the slave and her child were driven away.

Solutions to infertility lead to desperate measures and unexpected results. On this one, call me Ishmael.

### LETTERS

#### Affirmative action's place

To the editor:

We are writing to clear up misunderstandings and misconceptions espoused by Mr. Randolph in his April 2 letter on affirmative action.

Initially, there needs to be a clarification on the Supreme Court case he is attacking. The decision involved a controversy in which a man and a woman applied for a dispatcher position within the California highway department. Although aptitude tests indicated that they were roughly equally qualified, the woman was given the job based on gender. Thus, the case dealt with sexism, not racism, despite Mr. Randolph's comments.

Mr. Randolph asserts a view of government as empowered only to maintain an army and police force. However, he seems to underestimate the variety of internal dangers to a society. If a member of a racial subgroup is denied a job or a promotion on the basis of appearance, the economic and psychological damages are just as great as if he had been robbed at gunpoint. If a government can only act against the robber armed with a gun, but not the robber armed with the more powerful weapons of employment and promotion, there is a clear problem with that government.

The founding fathers of the Constitution and the authors of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments realized the crucial importance of maximum liberty consistent with equality of opportunity. Any time equality is sacrificed for excessive liberty, society is endangered.

Mr. Randolph's position on affirmative action seems to assume that racial discrimination has been eliminated and that affirmative action is merely retribution for past injustices. However, racism has not been and will not be abolished in the foreseeable future because it is impossible to abolish a state of mind through legislative mandates. After all, the mid-1960s civil rights litigation occurred just 20 years ago. Twenty years is clearly an insufficient length of time to achieve a radical cultural and social turnaround on the

discrimination issue. Anyone interested in supporting evidence of this assertion is referred to the front page story in the April 3 edition of *The Wall Street Journal*.

As such, affirmative action programs are not a response to historical discrimination, but an attempted remedy to the invidious discrimination in current society. The Supreme Court decision could not have rested on historical deprivation of the female population in favor of the male population, because the family structure represents an income distribution structure in which if one member gains, all members gain. In legal terms, females are not a "discrete and insular minority." Thus, the court's decision had to be based on the discrimination in contemporary society.

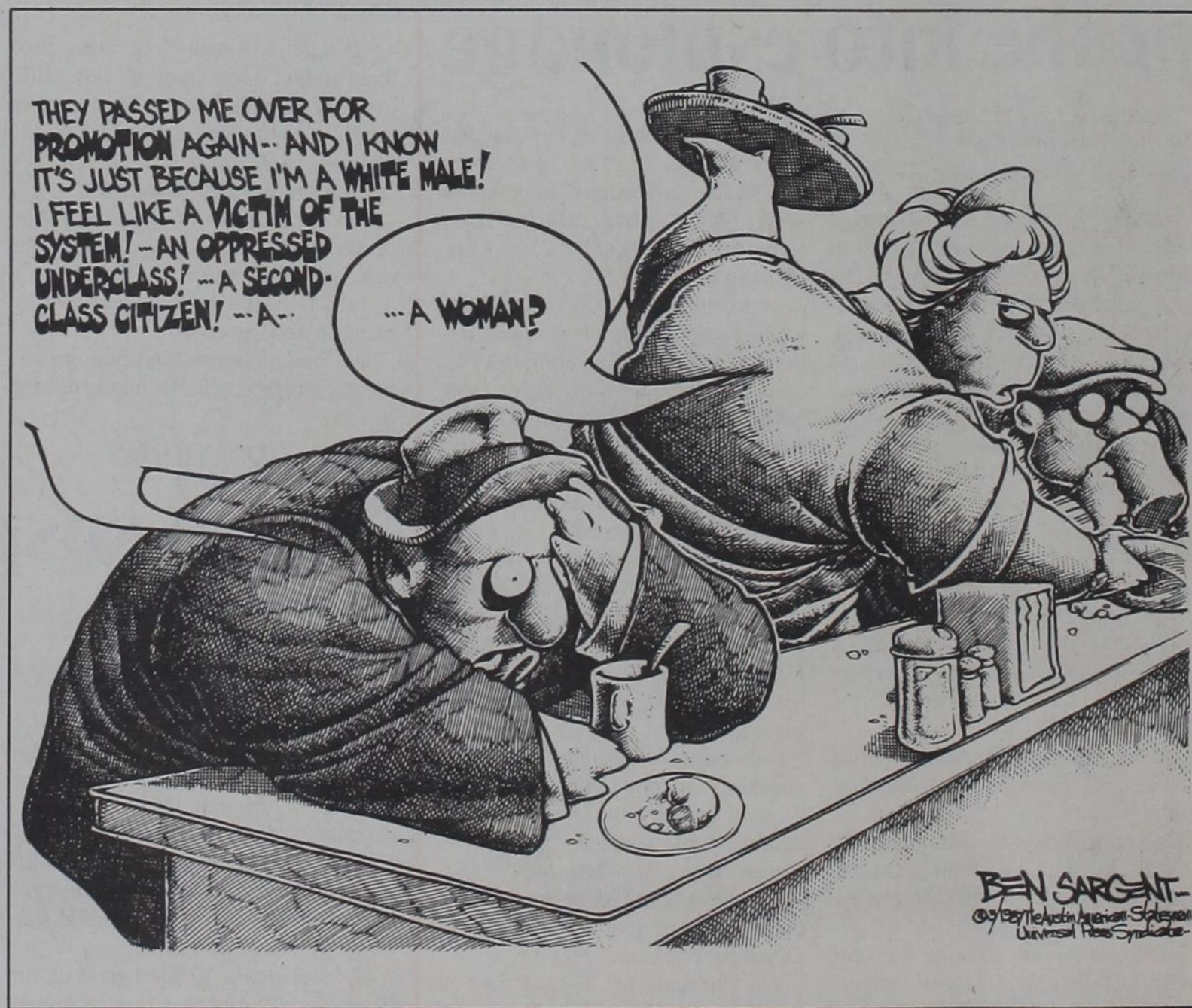
Mr. Randolph's assertions regarding the caste system in India are insufficiently supported, and a detailed discussion thereof would exceed the limits of the reader's attention and the editorial page's space.

Mr. Randolph concludes that affirmative action programs are increasing, rather than decreasing, racism and sexism. Empirically, we believe an examination of the socio-economic status of minorities in the United States will bear out the claim that the post-Civil War advances of minorities was insignificant compared to the changes that have occurred since affirmative action programs have been implemented. Thus, if Mr. Randolph is maintaining that affirmative action has hurt minorities, he is empirically disproven.

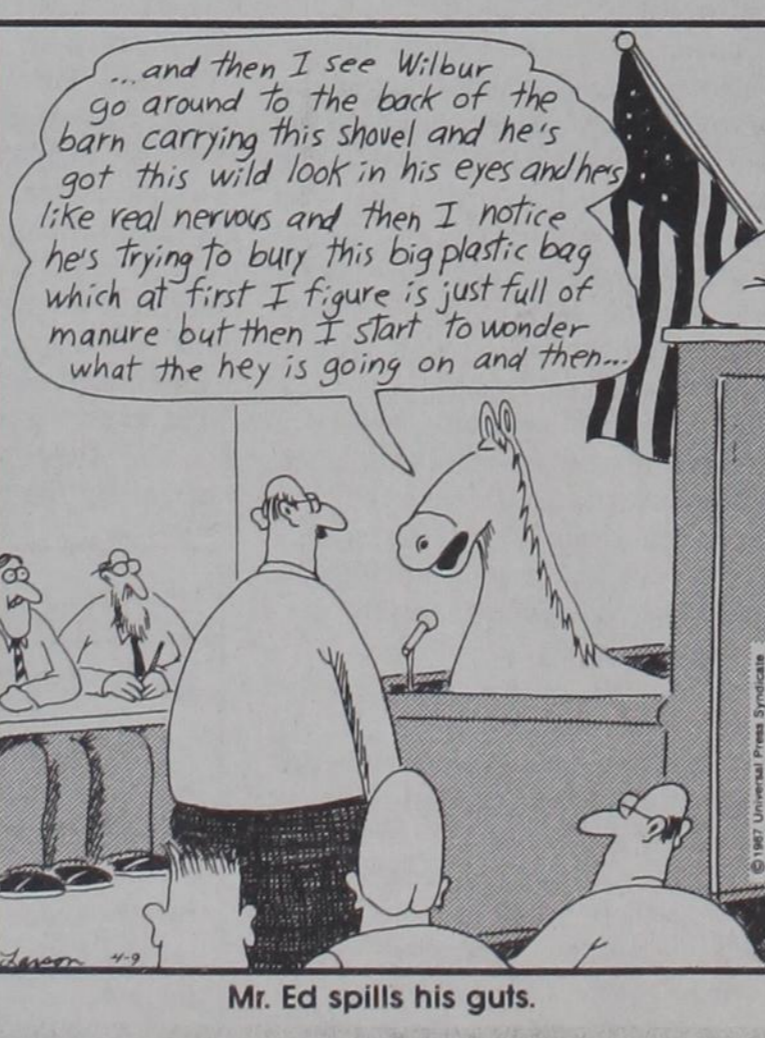
On the other hand, if Mr. Randolph is arguing that affirmative action programs are extremely distressing to racial bigots because of the non-minorities' relative loss of socio-economic power, then Mr. Randolph has made a serious ethical error. It is no more legitimate to give moral weight to the wishes of bigots than it is to give moral weight to the wishes of slave owners.

Thus, although there are some meritorious arguments against a system of affirmative action of reverse discrimination, Mr. Randolph is unfortunately far wide off the mark in his remarks.

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#### Bloom County by Berke Breathed The Far Side by Gary Larson



Mr. Ed spills his guts.

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# Senate rejects proposal for AT&T deregulation

By The Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Senate on a 16-15 vote rejected a proposal Wednesday that would have freed AT&T Communications from state regulation of long-distance phone calls within Texas.

The bill sponsored by Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, would have removed AT&T's distinction as the only regulated long-distance telephone company in the state.

The measure passed without the deregulation provision and with so many amendments that Montford said he was not immediately sure what it did.

"I think it's a step forward, but I'll have to look at it,"

Montford said.

US Sprint, MCI and about 160 other phone companies set their own rates and pick whom they serve and what services are offered, but Sen. Chet Edwards said those 160 companies include small operations that sell answering services and mobile phones.

Edwards, D-Duncanville, said AT&T had long-distance revenues last year of \$19.1 billion and held 80 percent to 100 percent of the market in many rural areas of Texas.

Montford acknowledged that an amendment by Sen. Hugh Parmer, D-Fort Worth, had blocked his attempt to achieve total deregulation for AT&T and said he was not sure he would support the amended bill, which was sent

to the House on voice vote.

"I would have a hard time in total defense because of the Parmer amendment, but I'm not ruling it out," he said.

AT&T executive Tom Jones described the amended version of the bill as "regressive" and said, "We're in worse shape than we were."

The amendment by Parmer, D-Fort Worth, states that "dominant carriers" — as AT&T has been identified — would be subject to regulation by the Public Utility Commission in applying for a rate increase.

AT&T could lower its rates without PUC regulation, but the commission would have authority to set a "just and reasonable rate" if it appeared a lower proposed

rate would be "anti-competitive or reflect monopolistic pricing that would be anti-competitive."

Another amendment would call on the PUC to hold hearings this year on whether AT&T still dominates the long-distance market and yet another would reinstate PUC regulation of AT&T if the company is found to engage in price-fixing, abandons rural service or engages in "preferential or discriminatory activities."

Montford said Sen. Eddie Bernice Johnson's unexpected vote for the Parmer amendment was the key to its approval.

Just before the vote on the amendment was announced, Parmer tracked Johnson, D-Dallas, to the front of the Senate chamber and spoke with her.

## House approves measure to decrease work injuries

By The Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas House Wednesday advanced a bill touted by its sponsor as crucial to curtailing on-the-job injuries in the state.

Rep. Lloyd Criss' measure would require the State Board of Insurance to scrutinize accident-prevention programs offered by insurance companies that sell workers' compensation coverage.

The bill, tentatively approved in a non-record vote, also authorizes the insurance board to hire at least five inspectors to check job sites and accident-prevention programs.

The measure faces a final House vote, probably today, that could send it to the Senate.

Also Wednesday, the House voted preliminary approval to bills that would:

- Exempt people under 17 and over 65 from fishing license requirements.
- Require hospitals to set up a system for identifying potential organ donors.
- Allow possession of drugs by people who train drug-detecting animals.
- Require the Texas Department of Corrections to set up a treatment program for sex offenders.
- Require all state aircraft, except those used for law enforcement, be

marked with the Texas state seal.

In pushing his job safety bill, Criss, D-LaMarque, said the state's poor safety record helped give the state the nation's highest on-the-job death rate and workers' compensation premiums.

The bill won backing from the Texas AFL-CIO and the Association of Fire and Casualty Companies in Texas. Criss said many business groups also back the bill.

"The cost will be, per business, 85 cents per year. And they're willing to pay it. That's a cup of coffee and a doughnut," Criss told the House.

Federal statistics show an average of 776 deaths a year at Texas jobsites from 1980 to 1984, the nation's highest rate.

Current Texas law requires insurance companies to provide accident-prevention programs, but it contains no state enforcement provisions.

The fishing license bill, already approved in the Senate, sparked more than an hour of debate. The measure makes it legal for people under 17 and over 65 to fish without a license. Under current law, they must get a license, but the \$8 annual fee is waived.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### IRS gives wrong answers to taxpayers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service provides the wrong answer to almost one-fourth of the taxpayers who call the agency's toll-free telephone lines with questions about their income tax returns, congressional investigators said Wednesday.

The General Accounting Office, in a report to a House subcommittee, said IRS employees gave the wrong answer 22 percent of the time when investigators posing as taxpayers called IRS assistance centers and asked 21 typical tax law questions. An additional 15 percent of the answers were correct but incomplete.

IRS Commissioner Lawrence Gibbs, whose agency cooperated with the GAO survey, expressed concern about the findings and said he was "neither pleased nor satisfied about our performance in taxpayer assistance."

He blamed the inaccurate answers on a lack of training of the seasonal workers the IRS hires to man its toll-free lines and on problems created by the continually changing tax law.

#### Doctor denies wrong in fat removal case

HOUSTON (AP) — A doctor being sued for \$1 million over the death of a woman after she underwent fat removal surgery at his clinic says he is confident he will be cleared.

"I'm 100 percent sure the truth is going to come out," Dr. Hugo Ramirez said. "I believe so because I haven't done anything wrong."

Patsy Howell, 39, died March 30 after undergoing liposuction treatment March 27 in Ramirez' Pasadena clinic.

A second woman, 31-year-old Patricia Rogers, underwent the same procedure the same day at the clinic and remained in critical condition Wednesday at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital with a massive infection.

On Tuesday, Mark Howell, Mrs. Howell's husband, filed suit in state district court against Ramirez, asking \$1 million in punitive damages for gross negligence in connection with the case, said attorney Lanny Temple.

"You can't put a money value on my wife or what I'm feeling right now," said Howell. "The main reason I'm doing this is that I want to save people some grief."

## Deadline nears for 1986 IRA tax deduction claim

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Only slightly deterred by confusion about a new law, taxpayers are grabbing their last chance to make a universally tax-deductible contribution to an Individual Retirement Account.

For most people, April 15 is the deadline for filing a federal tax return. It also is the last date for claiming an IRA deduction for 1986. And because of the new law, it is the last time several million taxpayers will qualify for the full deduction.

Through March 27, the latest figures available, 10.4 percent of all couples and individuals who had filed returns had claimed an IRA deduction, IRS spokesman Steve Pyrek said Wednesday. At the same time last year, 11 percent had taken the deduction, but for the entire year the figure was 16.1 percent.

"Some people apparently are holding back making their contribution this year because they have heard they are no longer eligible," said Don Underwood, a vice president with Merrill Lynch brokerage. "But I suspect that by April 15, there will be a rush toward IRAs because the message is becoming clear" that the old rules still apply for 1986 IRAs.

Al James Golato, chief of public affairs for H&R Block, which prepares

about 10 percent of all individual returns, noted that the pace of filing returns has been down for most of the year.

On 1986 returns, any worker under age 70½ may set aside \$2,000 or total earnings, whichever is smaller, in an IRA and pay no tax on that money or the interest it earns until it is withdrawn.

A two-earner couple can contribute up to \$2,000 to each of two accounts. A one-earner couple is allowed two accounts totaling up to \$2,250, with no more than \$2,000 in either.

But for income earned this year and later, things get more complicated. As many as 6 million higher-income couples and individuals will lose the entire IRA deduction; others will lose part of the writeoff.

The new tax law creates two classes of workers for IRA purposes — those who are covered by employer pension plans and those who are not. If you are not under an employer plan, you still can make a deductible contribution of up to \$2,000 a year regardless of how much you make.

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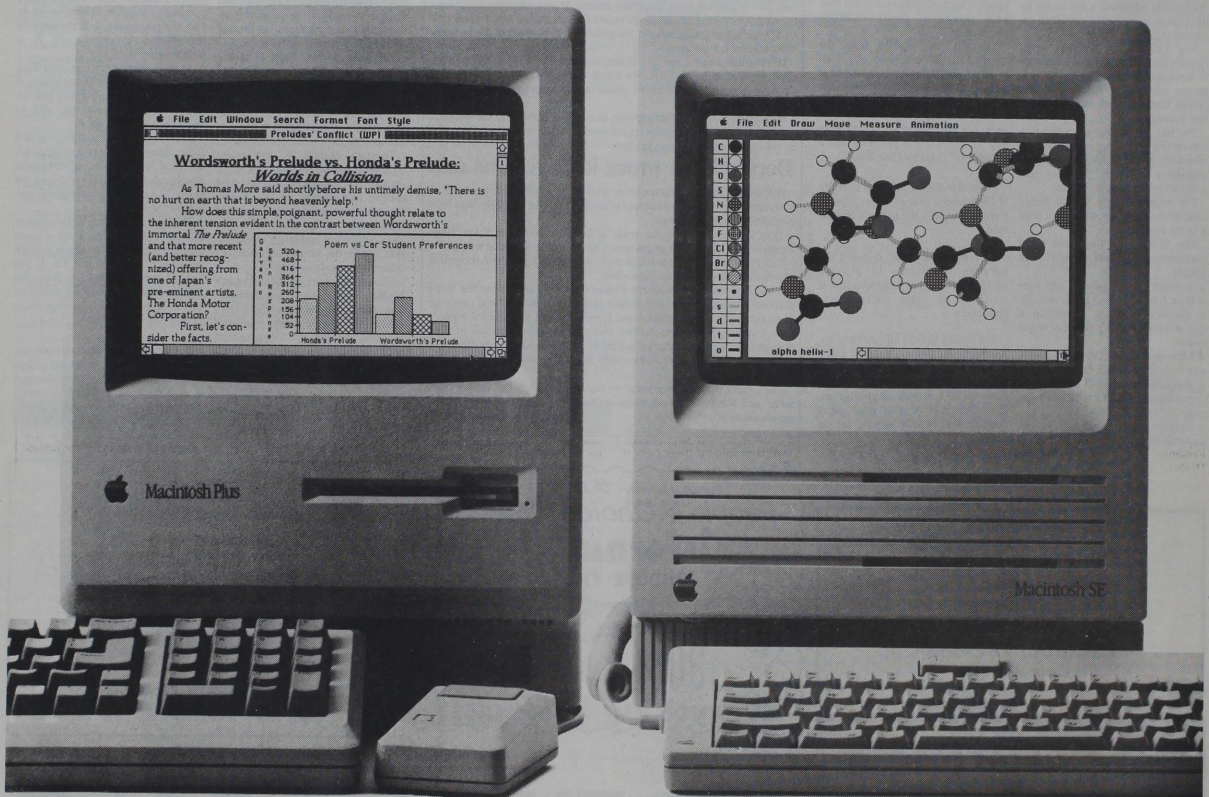
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# Group says economic change needed to improve farmers' plight

By EDWARD GATELY  
News Staff Writer

The plight of the American farmer has become a problem of large proportion and the future of agriculture may be just as bleak as the last few years have been, according to the results of research conducted by a group of Texas Tech agricultural specialists.

The Tech research team, which examined various reasons for the depressed farm economy, was composed of Gary Condra, a visiting associate agriculture professor; Jesse Reyes, a visiting assistant agriculture professor; Don Ethridge, an agricultural economics professor; and Dean Hughes, an associate professor of agricultural economics.

The purpose of the research was to look at the regional profitability of field crops in Texas, Condra said. The results of the research indicate West Texas farmers are in deep financial trouble and that the situation will only

worsen under the current economic conditions and farm plan, he said.

The research focused on three different market price levels for crops produced in different parts of the state, Condra said. The three categories of market price include short-run shutdown, long-run shutdown and break-even, he said.

In the short-run shutdown category, the market price of the crop produced is enough to make payments for production of the crop only, Condra said. The profits made are not enough to cover other expenses such as repair or replacement of farm equipment or payments on the land, if rented, he said. If the amount needed cannot be raised, the farmer should not plant that year, he said.

In the long-run shutdown category, the market price for the produced crop covers the cost of production and should cover the cost of replacing worn-out machinery used to produce the crop. If the product price cannot cover the cost of worn-out machinery,



the farmer will go out of business, Condra said.

The final category, the break-even market price, covers all the above expenditures and the farmer is able to make payments on the land, if rented, but receives no personal payment for his work, he said.

Condra said that in West Texas, the market price for dryland wheat is right at the break-even market price point but that other crops produced in West Texas, such as irrigated cotton, are below the long-run shutdown point and will not be able to continue producing for any extended period of time.

"At this point, they (the farmers) are treading water," Condra said.

"The High Plains (encompassing most of the Texas Panhandle and the Texas South Plains, including Lubbock County) is in worse shape than any."

"Unless we have higher market prices, lower production costs or changes in the current farm policy, the future looks serious."

Condra said farmers who are not under the current farm plan, in which the government, through payments, helps alleviate the problem of overproduction and low market prices, are in worse shape than those participating in the plan.

He said the idea of a new farm policy is a heated debate between farmers and government officials. The current farm policy pays deficiency payments to the farmer to make up the difference for overproduction, but the payments may not be enough, Condra said.

The government pays farmers in the program for the overproduced product. Condra said farmers cannot

survive on the amount sold at the current market price and must rely on the government to buy their over-supply. Farmers cannot cut back production because competition is necessary and there would be no profit in farming, he said. If the government did not make up the difference, consumer prices would rise to inflation rates, Condra said.

Proponents of a new farm bill say they can't survive without it, while opponents say they do not want the higher the taxes that would come with it, Condra said. He said one approach would be to raise the deficiency price for over-supply, because those payments were supposed to match the cost of production but currently do not.

Condra said there are no easy answers to the problem. At a time when cutting the budget is taking precedence, asking for more tax money is not easy, but farmers cannot cut back on production, he said.

If farmers were to cut back on pro-

duction, people working for area farmers would be hurt and many farmers would go out of business, leaving others to take over the land, Condra said. He said cutting back also would hurt the West Texas economy.

Condra said cotton, some oil, Tech and Reese Air Force Base are the primary resources in the Lubbock region but that cotton constitutes the bulk of the economy, which relates to all other areas of input.

"Lubbock depends on agriculture," he said.

He said a change in the economic situation is needed and that someone has to pay for the production. Banks are losing money and suppliers are going broke, Condra said, and many farmers feel a new farm bill is needed while others say it would make things worse.

He said research on the financial crisis in agriculture is continuing despite the lack of funding.

## RHA Election

### Committee OKs runoff results, vetos new election

By PATRICIA REYES  
News Staff Writer

After deliberations Monday night, the Residence Hall Association election committee decided to allow the runoff election results to stand, said Mike Callahan, RHA president and election committee member.

Vernon McCullough was declared the unofficial winner after the runoff election with 908 ballots, or 50.78 percent of the vote, cast in his name. Kristy Hurt received 880 ballots, or 49.22 percent of the vote.

Both Hurt and McCullough were charged with alleged campaign violations as stated in the RHA constitution. Alleged violations against Hurt were filed by McCullough's campaign

workers, while alleged violations against McCullough were filed by Hurt, Callahan said.

An election committee report sent to both Hurt and McCullough listed all the alleged charges and the committee's decision on each individual complaint. Complaints listed in the report against McCullough, which the committee ruled could be substantiated, included election workers telling voters to "Vote for Vern," McCullough's campaign workers acting in a rude manner by calling opposing campaign workers "liars" and placing campaign material on automobiles.

The committee-substantiated violations against Hurt included Hurt and a campaign volunteer holding up

campaign posters and pointing them toward the voting booths and Hurt holding a campaign poster in plain view of a ballot box.

The election committee report stated that the allegations canceled each other out. The report also stated that a second runoff election not only would yield the same results but would be detrimental to RHA as an organization.

Callahan said some of the complaints seemed to be trivial. He said both candidates were eager to win and thus were noticing every detail of the opposing candidate's campaign procedure. "We took all protests and analyzed them according to the constitution and then made a decision," Callahan said. "We felt most of

the protests were pretty unsubstantiated."

Callahan said the committee's decision to abide by the runoff election results was a fair one to all parties concerned. Either candidate can appeal the committee's decision to the RHA judicial branch. As of 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, an appeal had not been made, Callahan said.

RHA is accepting applications for national communications coordinator, adviser to RHA, director of student life, director of marketing, director of programming and director of rules and regulations through 5 p.m. Monday in the RHA office in 128 Doak Hall.

## Freshman Who's Who selected

By PATRICIA REYES  
News Staff Writer

Eight Texas Tech freshman students are recipients of the 1986-87 Freshman Who's Who Award, said Mechelle Gilliland, Freshman Who's Who committee chairman.

A total of 20 freshmen applied for the award. Gilliland said that to avoid any biased decisions, a committee of four faculty members and two student members reviewed all applications without interviewing the applicants themselves. She said the seven judges received applications containing the students' Social Security numbers without the individuals' names.

The students were selected for the honor on the merits of their current GPA and participation in community, university and previous high school activities.

The eight recipients are Amy Boyd,

a business and merchandising foods and nutrition major from Devine; Dee Buschner, a broadcast journalism major from Plano; Diana Deadwyler, a pre-law major from Dallas; Doug English, a finance major from Lubbock; Kendra McKenzie, a public relations major from Arlington; Amanda Plank, a horticulture major from Cleveland, Texas; Cynthia Simmons, a pre-medicine biochemistry major from El Paso; and Paul Stafford, an arts and sciences undecided major from Fort Worth.

Gilliland said all applicants were scored on a point system. She said all 20 applicants scored high.

"Everybody turned in impressive applications," Gilliland said.

## MOMENT'S NOTICE

**BSA**  
The Black Student Association will not meet today. Sign-ups for officer elections on April 23 will start at 8 p.m. Monday in the Dean of Students Office in 250 West Hall. For more information, call Tonya Orebo at 742-6201.

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## Predictions purpose of palmists

By JILL JOHNSON  
Lifestyles Staff Writer

Within every soul grows a burning desire to see into the future and be able to predict the outcome of an individual's life; most people accept fate, knowing it is impossible to look into their future — or is it?

There are ways a person can learn about what is to come, events that will take place or happen throughout the course of one's life. A person has the option of looking ahead through several extrasensory channels, one of them being palm readers.

Placed in the category of occult, palmistry is an attempt to infer human characteristics and foretell the future from the lines, shape and size of the palm. Dating to the 15th century, the fortune-telling technique has been a preoccupation with humans for a long time.

Many people feel that playing with nature in such a way goes against moral and Christian beliefs, while others brush it off with skepticism and disbelief. On the other hand, there are some who believe in the power of the psychic reader with an unshaken faith.

"I think we all want an answer," said Tech anthropology professor Robert Campbell. "It's a general feeling of insecurity with life."

For the individual who desires higher knowledge, it is not uncommon to seek out a palm reader. Palmists usually are easy to find.

Campbell said seeing a palmist is a less complicated form of fortune-telling than other forms such as astrology or numerology.

"Palmists offer a direct confidence in a short amount of time," he said.

The problem with the art is a person's fear of what they might find when they arrive at the reader's residence. Whether it be the news they are about to hear or simply the apprehension of what the place of business will be like, seeing a palm reader involves some extent of anxiety.

Several staff members of **The University Daily** recently traveled to visit a palm reader, a sister of the unknown.

The reader who was visited works out of her home. The residence was immaculately clean and not particularly foreboding, with the exception of the plastic Buddha statues placed oddly around the room.

Enter Sister Stella (not her real name), a young woman who seemed as normal as anyone on the street. By looking at her, one would never suspect she is a fortune teller.

"Now, anything I tell you is just what I see. Good or bad, it is honest, OK?" said Sister Stella.

"Hold a dollar in your palm and make two wishes."

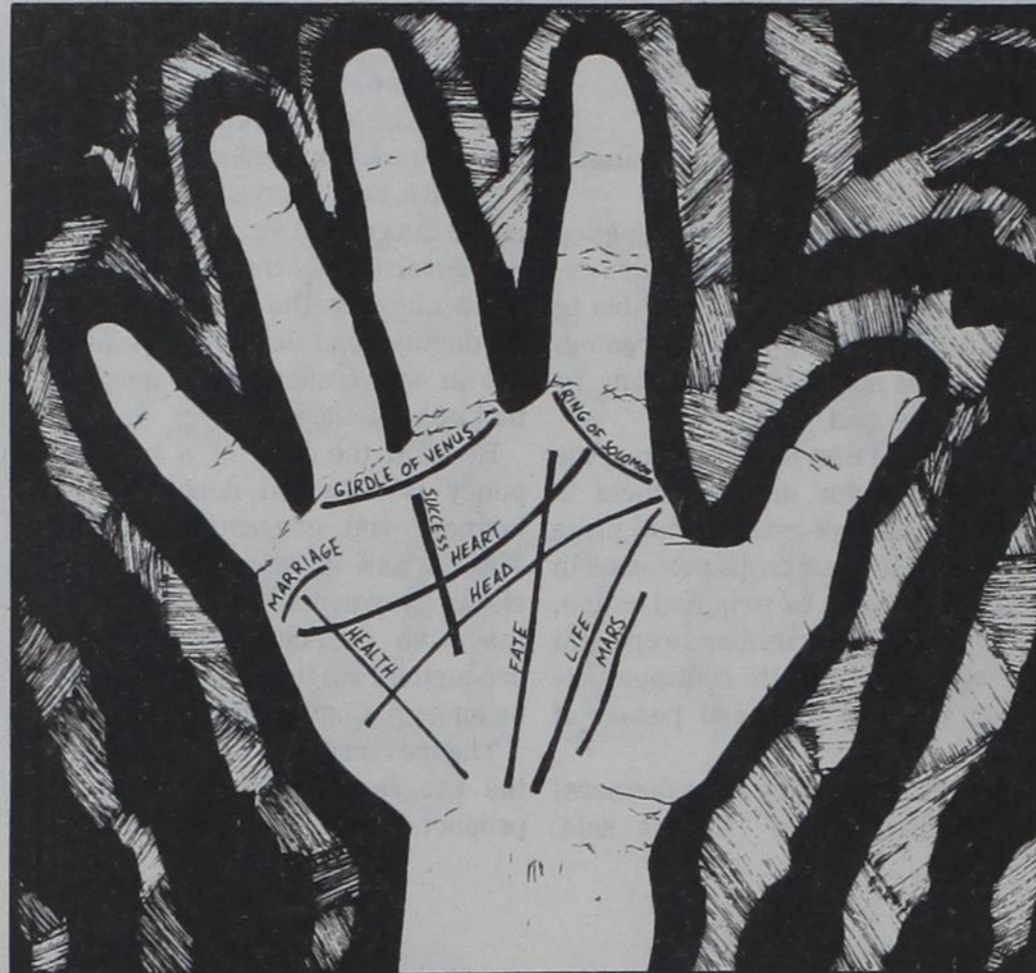
After confiding what wishes were made, Sister Stella went on to look at the palm and peer into the future.

One might think the conversation could have been steered by the definition of the wishes, but after staring at the shaking palm for a few moments, she spoke about a variety of topics.

A lot of generalizations were made, including life, health, love and friendships, but several things Stella said rang true for more than one person.

Is it a farce, or could all the things she said actually be true?

The significance of the palm dates far into history, and examples can be



found in virtually any medium. Even the Bible states, "He raised his hands to God." The concept of hand-reading is that the secrets of the mind are embodied within the palm.

Physiology has been found to play a prominent role in palm reading, with the leading factor being that health affects temperament and character. Health factors can be found by looking at creases in an individual's palm, with each line representing some aspect of a person's life.

For instance, certain distinct and definite creases represent the life line, heart line, head line, lines of affection and lines of influence. Through these, the reader is able to predict how long a person will live, whether marriage is in the picture and how healthy the person's life will be.

Marcel Broekman, who authored *Palmistry*, stated that "palmistry can be used as a common-sense everyday guide for living. Our hands seem to reflect our inner self, telling us our strengths and weaknesses."

Broekman found that past events in peoples lives can be detected easily by deformations or markings in the major lines of the hand.

Since past events clearly show in the hand lines, it might be surmised that future events can be seen in the same manner.

It is a matter of physiological factors combined with a twinge of occult that produce beliefs about palmistry and fortune-telling. The lines are there, palmists are available, leaving the hardest decision to be the choice of seeking out a reader. To see or not to see, that is the question.

## Veteran visitor lists criteria for palmists



**Missy Costello**  
Lifestyles Staff Writer

scheme of things.

The sister told me a lot of great prophecies — a lot of generalized kinds of things, but at least they all were good. She told me I am a strong-willed person with a soft heart. That's true enough, I guess.

OK, I admit it. I was one of the brave who accompanied Jill on her palm-reading expedition. I wasn't nervous, though; I was, after all, a spiritualistic veteran. In high school I once went to see Mother Lisa and Sister Mary with *University Daily* news editor Jay Miller, again presumably on a story idea.

The psychic Jill and I visited could be gotten at the mere price of one measly dollar. A bargain-basement, blue-light special kind of palm reader. I could hardly wait.

It was just like I remembered it. Although I don't profess to having great knowledge of palm readers and the like, my experiences with three of these oracles has led me to believe there are several criteria for running a palm reading joint.

- All palm readers must have red carpet. Bright red. Or red and black.

- All palmists must cover their furniture with plastic covers. And sheets. Though I don't really understand this, I can kind of see the value in it. I mean, I probably wouldn't want some of the people who go to spiritualists in my house, not to mention sitting on my couch.

- Spiritualists must have at least three statues of Buddha in their workplace. Now, Buddha was a revered man and a spiritual kind of guy, but I'm not sure what his connection with palmists is. Frankly I'm not sure he would appreciate being associated with palm readers. But then again, what do I know?

- All spiritualists must cram as many religious icons as possible into their workplace. Maybe that's where the Buddha fits into the

She also said I like to finish things that I start. That's true too, except for domestic-type chores that I try to ignore and hope they go away.

All the things she said to me were pretty much true, but they could have been true for almost anyone. She said I will have a good career, that I will make a good living and will have a happy life. So far, so good.

She also told me that I like to make and save money. Make and spend is closer to reality.

She told me I will have three children, two girls and a boy. The session ended with the stereotypical prophesy, "...and I see you taking a journey in the next three months that will last less than two weeks." Hmmm. Summer is within the next three months, and most people take a vacation during the summer months lasting less than two weeks, so I'm not counting this as any great revelation.

I don't understand my fascination with palm readers. I know that my father at this point would tell me there's a sucker born every minute.

Although outwardly I try to pass myself off as somewhat intelligent and reasonable, I have to admit that some little part of me wants to believe Sister Stella was for real. I would like to think I could learn what my future is to be for one dollar. On the other hand, if the events in my future are worth only one dollar, I probably don't want to know.

To be or not to be...

## Dancing to be banned at Starck Club for 15 days

By The Associated Press

DALLAS — A band may be playing at the trendy Starck Club, but no dancing will be allowed for a 15-day period.

The ban on dancing came after the nightclub agreed to pay a \$10,500 fine in a negotiated settlement of charges that it permitted blatant drug use, authorities said.

In a raid last August, police arrested 36 people. Officers allegedly found a large variety of drugs in-

cluding cocaine, Ecstasy and marijuana scattered throughout the nightclub, locally famous for its unisex bathrooms and its trendily dressed patrons.

Club management waived a hearing before the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and pleaded no contest to allowing patron use of controlled substances, Allen Johnson, TACB director of hearings, said Tuesday.

The club could have been shut down for 60 days, "but the law provides they can pay a fine of \$175 a day in-

stead of closing," Johnson told *The Dallas Times Herald*. "They either have to shut down or they have to pay."

"That's a very substantial penalty. The amount of the fine is very substantial," he said. "I don't remember a penalty being that large."

Wes Mikel, who heads the Dallas police alcohol and licensing unit, said the club agreed to ban dancing from April 20 through May 4. The police unit issues dancing permits.

Club officials referred telephone calls by *The Associated Press* to spokeswoman Teresa LaBarbera, who had no immediate comment but said a statement would be issued later.

The Aug. 8 raid followed a three-month police undercover investigation triggered by citizen complaints, officers said.

Police arrested 17 people for public intoxication, 15 for drug possession and four, including two club employees, on charges alleging sale of drugs. Eleven others from whom police allegedly had bought drugs inside the club were arrested later. There were about 350 people in the club at the time of the raid.

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ting Around Talking." The play opens at 8:15 p.m. today at 2201 Ave. H, and admission is \$5, \$3 on Thursdays for Tech students with an ID. Performances will be tonight, Friday and Saturday and April 16-18.

**Campuses in controversy over community land development**

"No wonder the ruined woods I used to know don't cry for retribution; he thought: The people who have destroyed it will accomplish its revenge."  
— from the short story "Delta Autumn" by William Faulkner

By The College Press Service

OXFORD, Miss. — The University of Mississippi lost its fight last week to keep a developer from building condominiums in the woods near the home of the late novelist William Faulkner.

Oxford's planning commission, ending an involved battle about spiritual values that Faulkner himself might have written, gave developer J. Roland Adams approval to build 16 condos in the area.

The saga's literary aura makes it a little unusual in the annals of campuses squaring off against college towns over development.

Usually, however, it is the college that wants to do the developing.

In recent weeks citizen groups in Boston, Tucson and Austin, for example, pleaded to keep Emerson College, the University of Arizona and the University of Texas, respectively, from building new facilities in areas surrounding their campuses.

In Oxford, campus advocates joined citizens complaining to the planning commission that the developer would kill every tree and destroy a nature trail to build the condos.

Adams' plans for 16 condos — he earlier had proposed building 36 — "were technically in accordance" with building and zoning regulations, said Lucy Turnbull, director of Ole Miss museums.

Adams did promise to build a six-foot wall around the condos, separating them from the arboretum's nature trail.

Turnbull now said, "We want to organize a clean-up committee to replant some of the woods" that Adams had begun clearing.

At best, college towns and their campuses ought to have "excellent symbiotic relationships," said Bill Harold, director of public relations at Emerson College in Boston.

Emerson just finished a political battle with citizens upset about its building plans.

The communications college, established in Boston in 1880, decided to move to Lawrence, Mass., in fall 1991, after the "hostile" towns of Lexington and Bedford, which surround the current campus, resisted its efforts to build new facilities.

Lexington "had little open land" and did not want a quiet, residential area disturbed by construction and 2,500 students plus faculty, Harold said.

Bedford's city services, like sewage and water facilities, already were overburdened, and an independent poll showed two-thirds of the city's residents opposed Emerson's coming there, he said.

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**Strawberry festival continues in spite of dim outlook for growers**

POTEET (AP) — The volume of strawberries cultivated near this South Texas community has dwindled, but the annual Poteet Strawberry Festival continues to grow.

Forty years ago, more than 3,000 acres of strawberries were cultivated in the area surrounding Poteet, compared to today's 50 acres of strawberries.

But this weekend more than 100,000 people are expected to invade the town of 3,000 for the juicy red berry and the activities celebrating its harvest.

A city ordinance allows only Poteet-grown strawberries to be sold in the city limits. The price during the 40th annual festival is about \$1 per pound.

Variety shows, children's entertainment and strawberry contests await the visitors to Poteet, located about 30 miles south of San Antonio.

But the festival is a bittersweet celebration because farmers know next year it will be more difficult to plant, maintain and harvest the delicate crop, which two weeks ago escaped a freeze.

The cost of growing strawberries makes it less and less attractive to farmers.

"Our farmers find it very expensive to grow strawberries," said Sammie Franklin, spokeswoman for the 40th annual Strawberry Festival. "It's almost impossible for us to produce enough for the festival. At the end of

every festival we start preparing for the next one."

A.F. "Otto" Aigner, 87, who has planted strawberries since he was a child and who will serve as the grand marshal for Saturday's parade, said this season is the first in 60 years he hasn't planted strawberries.

"I used to have 28 to 30 acres and I used to have 100 hands out there helping me," said Aigner, whose father began commercial production of Poteet strawberries in 1918.

"Ten, 15 years from now, I don't know what's going to happen. It's going to be rough," Aigner said.

Sulema Chavez and her husband, Jose, champion strawberry growers in years past, hope to win yet another

title at this year's festival.

"Sometimes we make money. Sometimes we don't make money," said Chavez.

But Kenneth Hoffman, 66, and his brother, Glenn, 54, are banking on keeping the industry alive.

Kenneth Hoffman, who also raises peppers and other vegetables, is responsible for ordering new strawberry plants each year and provides the plants, equipment and fertilizer for four farmers who grow

strawberries on about 25 acres.

He said it costs about \$1,500 to plant and maintain each acre.

"If I didn't keep priority of the plants here, production would drop off to nothing," Hoffman said.

Glenn Hoffman, meanwhile, is working with the H.E.B. Grocery Store chain, providing it with strawberries for a specialty Poteet strawberry ice cream.

"With the economy the way it is, we hope this will be a shot in the arm."

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## Raiders open depot to 'A-Train'

By DON WILLIAMS  
Associate Sports Editor

Texas Tech went 1-for-2 as national signing day opened Wednesday. But the Raiders got their "A-Train."

Paris' 6-4 guard Darrell Mickens turned down Tech to sign with Houston, but the Raiders rebounded to ink a rebounder in 7-0, 230-pound Killeen center Maurice Artis.

So it's move over, Artis Gilmore, and share your nickname.

Killeen's Artis, *The Dallas Morning News'* No. 14 prospect in the state, turned down Temple, Seton Hall and Tulsa to sign with Tech Wednesday afternoon.

"Maurice made a big decision for our program by signing with us," said Tech Coach Gerald Myers, who called his signee one of the top two schoolboy big men in the state. "Today is his

17th birthday, and I think considering his age he is one of the top young prospects coming out of high school this year. He played his entire senior year at 16 years old, and you can just see that he has great potential. I really think that he can be as good as he wants to be."

The Tech women, with six scholarships available, did not sign a player Wednesday but remain in the running for several highly regarded prospects from Texas and New Mexico.

Myers, however, filled one of his three remaining scholarships with Artis' signature.

That number does not include scholarships for 6-8 freshman Steve Miles of Dallas Samuell and 6-6 freshman James Johnson of Tyler Tech Coach Gerald Myers, who called his signee one of the top two schoolboy big men in the state. "Today is his

Killeen went 30-8 this season and advanced to the regional round of the state playoffs, while Artis compiled averages of 13 points a game, eight rebounds and five blocked shots. He was an All-District 14-AAAAA choice.

Artis also was named to state Top 25 lists by the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and the *Dallas Times-Herald*.

He already has met the eligibility requirements for Proposition 48.

Artis gives Myers two imposing signees to help build the inside game. Nebraska Western College's J.D. Sanders, a 6-9, 225-pound forward from Buffalo, N.Y., inked with Tech during the NCAA's early signing period in November.

Should all the Tech players return next season, there would be fierce competition inside between 10 Raiders who stand 6-6 or taller.

Tech hopes to land another juco transfer in Midland College guard Todd Duncan. The Raiders are believed to have the inside track at signing the 6-1, 155-pound Lubbock Coronado product, although he will not announce his decision until early next week.

Duncan apparently will choose between Tech and Colorado State, although he also is being recruited by Arkansas, Cal State-Fullerton, Nevada-Reno, New Mexico State and UT-Arlington.

Duncan made 57 of 111 three-point field goal attempts this season and averaged 17 points a game.

Tech, Houston, Texas A&M and San Jacinto Junior College remain in the running for 6-1 LaPorte guard Charles McCoverly, who helped his team to the Class AAAAA state title.

## Building Raider line an Unbehagen undertaking

By CHRIS HOOTEN  
Sports Staff Writer

The cliché "no guts, no glory" doesn't apply for most football offensive lines. "All guts, no glory" probably would be more appropriate.

After you've talked with Texas Tech offensive line coach Ted Unbehagen, who coached receivers at Tech in 1971-74, the Red Raider big boys in the trenches are lacking neither guts nor glory (translated effort and deserved praise).

"To come in and take over an offensive line that's made up of a bunch of young men who are good people, not just good athletes, is a great situation," Unbehagen said. "The thing which makes this group better is their work habits, hustling and coachability. They're just a great bunch of kids to work with."

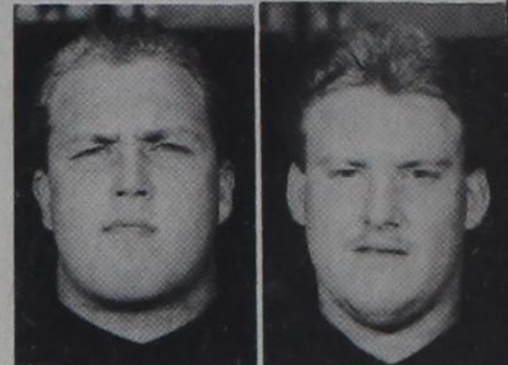
Unbehagen had nothing but praise for the offensive line, which will return veterans Jeff Keith and Mike McBride at the guard spots and David Stickels at right tackle.

Keith and McBride's thumbnail sketches are almost identical. Both are 6-3, 270-pound seniors who have won three letters at Tech. Keith was named second-team All-Southwest Conference a year ago and, along with McBride, is a legitimate candidate for league honors this season.

According to Unbehagen, both seniors are taking up where they left off in 1986.

"The guy who is really setting the tone and showing some leadership out here is Jeff Keith," Unbehagen said. "He's a hustle player and a practice player. He's a bell cow — the guy who has taken our leadership over and is doing a great job."

"At the other guard, Mike McBride is right there with Jeff. I watch him run and pull and do the things we ask him to do, and he does



Keith McBride

them all full speed."

Stickels, the other returning starter, is another senior who will prove tough to knock out of his position because of his consistency.

"David is Mr. Consistency, Mr. Steady," Unbehagen said. "You've got people who might have a little more ability than him, but he is such a good technician it is going to be hard for anybody to beat him out."

With the two guards and right tackle seemingly sewn up, the question marks going into spring were at center and left tackle. Unbehagen believes he has found the men for the jobs.

"It was kind of an unknown who would come in and take Chris Tanner's place at center, but Bryan Lee has stepped in and really done a great job," Unbehagen said. "He's doing some things that I've had centers for three or four years not be able to do."

"Charles Odiome is filling the job vacated at left tackle. 'Odi' has a chance of becoming a fine football player because he's young, bright and an intelligent kid."

As the Red-Black game approaches Saturday, the offensive line continues to improve. But Unbehagen is quick to point out his troops still have a way to go.

"We've made progress and we still have room for improvement, but that doesn't mean we won't get there, because we will," he said.

## Artis, Darrin Terry top first-day signings

By The Associated Press

DALLAS — The top players already were committed, but Texas Tech signed 7-foot center Maurice Artis of Killeen and Texas A&M landed 6-5 swingman Darren Terry of Hughes Spring on Wednesday's national basketball signing day.

The state's three most highly sought players — high school all-Americans LaBradford Smith of Bay

City, Larry Johnson of Dallas Skyline and Johnny Pittman of Rosenberg Terry — signed last November during an early signing period, which made Wednesday anti-climactic.

Smith signed with Louisville, Johnson with Southern Methodist and Pittman with Kentucky.

Terry was a two-sport star for Hughes Springs. After winning all-state honors as a defensive back in football, plucking 16 interceptions in 10 games, he led Hughes Springs to a

35-0 record before they lost, 66-64, to Sweeny in the Class 3A state championship game.

Terry connected on 10 of 11 field goal attempts in the second half of the championship game and was named to the all-tournament team at state.

The University of Houston announced the signings of two players they eagerly sought — 6-1 guard Horace Chaney of Garden City (Kan.) Community College and 6-5 swingman Darrell Mickens of Paris.

Chaney, an honorable mention junior college all-America selection, averaged 25.1 points and six rebounds last season for Garden City, which produced Final Four Most Valuable Player Keith Smart of Indiana. Chaney played with Smart last season and also at Baton Rouge, La., where they were on the same high school team.

Chaney hit 80 of 202 attempts from outside the 3-point line, which impressed Houston Coach Pat Foster.

"Horace will fill our need as an outside shooter," Foster said. "He has excellent potential to be a very good player in the Southwest Conference." Chaney picked Houston over Clemson and Florida State.

Foster already has landed one of his former players at Lamar University, 6-7 Brazilian forward Eduardo Drewnink.

Baylor announced three signings, including a unanimous Louisiana all-state guard, 6-3 Melvin Hunt of Tallulah, La., who averaged 17.67 points and nine assists last season.

"We were looking for a high school  
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# Dodgers' VP resigns after racial comment

By The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Al Campanis, vice president of player personnel for the Los Angeles Dodgers, resigned Wednesday at the request of the team following his controversial statements about blacks.

"Comments given by Al Campanis are so far removed from what the organization believes that it is impossible for Al to continue his responsibilities," Dodgers President Peter O'Malley said after breaking the news to the 70-year-old Campanis.

Campanis had been in charge of the Dodgers' player personnel since 1968 and a member of the club's organization since 1943 in capacities ranging from player to vice president. Fred Claire, the Dodgers' executive vice president, will assume the player personnel duties.

Campanis was asked Monday night on ABC's "Nightline" about the paucity of blacks in baseball front offices and as managers.

"I don't believe it's prejudice," Campanis said. "I truly believe that they may not have some of the necessities to be, let's say, a field manager, or perhaps a general

manager...

"I don't say all of them, but how many quarterbacks do you have? How many pitchers do you have that are black? So, it just might be — why are black men, or black people, not good swimmers? Because they don't have the buoyancy?"

The statement drew an angry reaction from blacks, including some current members of the Dodgers and Hank Aaron, baseball's all-time leading home run hitter and now the vice president for player development of the Atlanta Braves. Aaron said it showed that baseball still is prejudiced against blacks in front office positions.

Campanis apologized Tuesday for the remarks, calling the incident "the saddest of my career." But O'Malley said he thought about the situation all night and decided to ask for the resignation Wednesday, calling it "the only proper and appropriate thing to do."

Campanis was part of the Brooklyn organization when Jackie Robinson became the first black to play in the major leagues April 15, 1947. The first black manager was Hall of Famer Frank Robinson for Cleveland in 1975.

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point guard of this caliber. We feel that his size and ball-handling ability will pay great dividends for us over the next few years," said Baylor Coach Gene Iba.

Baylor also announced that Dennis Lindsey, a 6-2 guard from Brazoswood, and Jim Harman, a 6-7 forward from San Antonio Madison, had signed national letters-of-intent.

Rice announced the signing of David Willie, a 6-5 guard-forward who averaged 25 points and 15 rebounds last season for Austin Crockett. Willie was named the MVP on the Austin American-Statesman's all-Central Texas team.

Darryle Johnson, 6-6 of Houston Yates, was among the state's top players who was still unsigned on Wednesday. He reportedly was trying to decide among Oklahoma, Houston and Arkansas.

Taju Olajuwon, 6-7, of Houston Marian Christian, brother of Houston Rockets center Akeem Olajuwon, was debating between Houston and Louisiana State.

Texas added two power forwards to its list of basketball signees on Wednesday. The Longhorns snared 6-8 Thomas Gipson of Seguin and 6-8 Alvin Heggs of Florida Community College. Gipson averaged 19.3 points, 11 rebounds and 5.5 blocked shots last season. Heggs averaged 19 points and 14 rebounds.

Daron "Mookie" Blaylock, a 6-1 guard from Garland who led Midland College to second place in the national junior college championships, eliminated Houston from consideration Tuesday and indicated he won't decide until later in the month.

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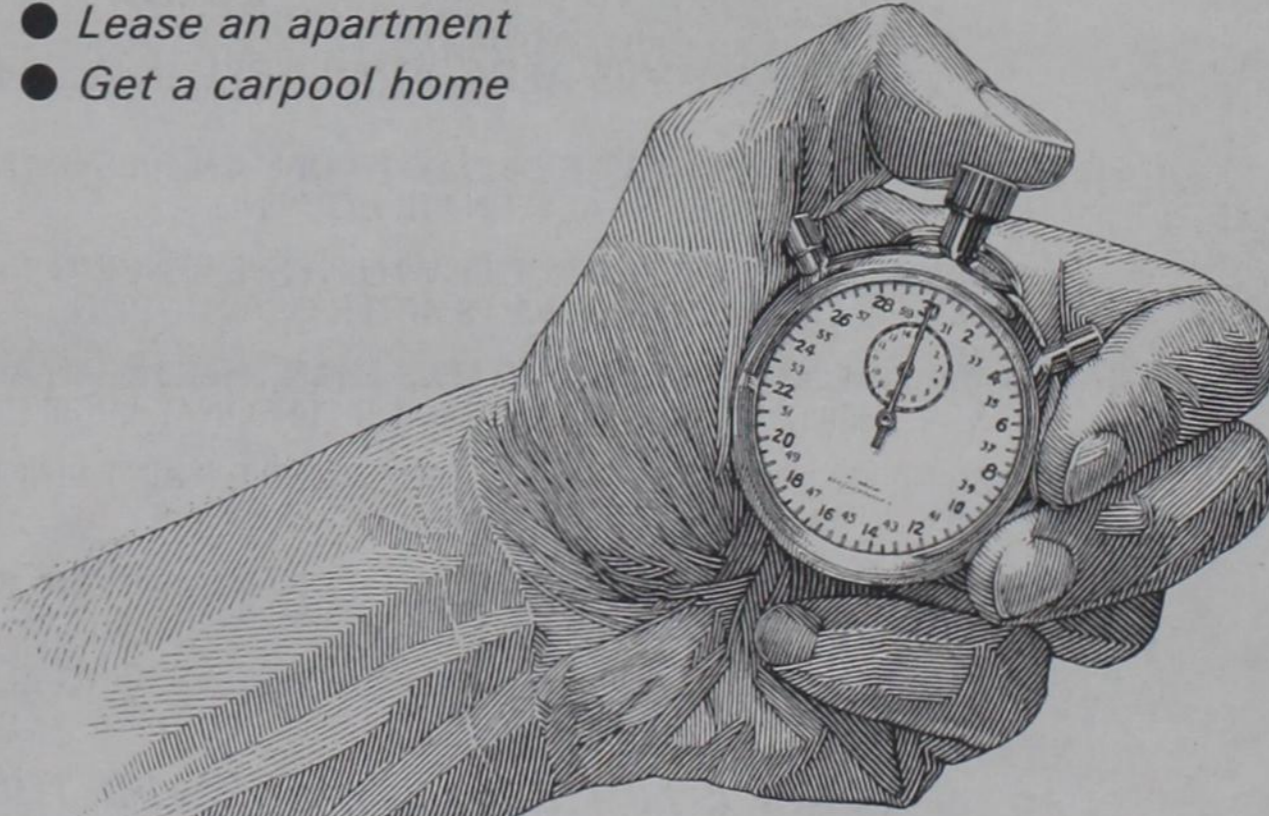
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Hays gets blue-chipper

## Plano outfielder inks with Red Raiders

By DON WILLIAMS  
Associate Sports Editor

Texas Tech baseball coach Larry Hays inaugurated his first letter-of-intent signing period with the Raider program Wednesday by inking one of the state's top high school prospects, a player Hays believes can make an immediate contribution next season.

Jeff Boydston, a 5-10, 160-pound centerfielder from Plano, was the first recruit to officially join the Tech camp as the national signing period opened Wednesday.

Boydston was touted by **The Dallas Morning News** as the top player in the Metroplex this season.

"Jeff is a true blue-chipper, I believe," Hays said. "He is one of the

few freshmen that I feel like can come in and make an immediate contribution to our program. I consider him the best outfield prospect in this part of the state."

Boydston said he also considered Arkansas, Houston and TCU.

Boydston is hitting .600 in District 12-AAAAA play this season and is batting .364 for the year.

He was an All-District and All-Metro selection last season as a junior as he helped Plano to a 27-3 record and a regional finals berth. As a junior, he hit seven home runs, drove in 38 runs and had 20 stolen bases.

"Tech was one of the two places that I ever wanted to go," the left-handed hitting Boydston said. "When Coach Hays first called me and offered me a scholarship it was like icing on the cake for me. I'm just looking forward to playing for him and getting Texas Tech among the best teams around."

Boydston is the first of what could be several recruits to sign with Tech by the end of the week. Hays said Tuesday he hoped to ink as many as five players by Sunday.

The Raiders will be playing a three-game series with the Texas Longhorns in Austin Friday and Saturday.

Tech also is expected to ink an undetermined number of junior college transfers, although they cannot



Hays

be signed to letters-of-intent until the end of their seasons.

Boydston was an All-District football cornerback on Plano's state championship team in the fall.

His addition figures to give Tech plenty of outfield competition numbers-wise.

The Raiders have an abundance of underclassman outfielders on the roster, but a lack of speed has been a problem defensively all season, Hays has said.

Of the seven Raiders who have played in the outfield, only Stacy Ragan will use up his eligibility at the end of this season. Sophomore centerfielder Mike Humphreys, however, has been the only constant in the Tech outfield as Hays has juggled the defensive alignment from series to series.

## Netters look to rebound in New Mexico tourney

By TONY RENTERIA  
Contributing Writer

The Texas Tech women's tennis team will try to rebound from disappointing losses to TCU and Arkansas Tech's other win came against Utah, as the Red Raiders put their 20-4 record on the line this weekend in the Road Runner Invitational at Las Cruces, N.M.

Tournament action begins today at 8:30 a.m. Tech will see its first action at 9 a.m. today against UTEP. A win would place the Raiders in the semifinals to face the winner of the New Mexico State-UNLV dual match at 8:30 a.m. Friday.

Bowes said he believes the Raiders have a good chance of winning the tournament. His squad has lost only one non-conference dual match, a 5-4 decision to the then-ninth-ranked In-ship each of the past two years, defeating Midland College 8-1 last year.

The Raider netters also have the advantage of already having beaten five of the nine other teams in the Texas A&M in the finals.

tourney in previous matches. Of those five, Tech has shut out four, including 9-0 decisions over UT-San Antonio, Basin and a 7-0 decision over UTEP.

"It's a breather from the conference status. I'm going to try to play our seniors no more than what next year will look like."

"I'm glad to get this chance, because we can play everybody without worrying about hurting our younger kids get some valuable experience in at the same time."

Bowes plans to use his regular lineup but will shuttle Barbara Fiterer and Shannon Cizek into singles play as much as possible.

"I think those two should do well," he said.

The Raiders have captured the Road Runner tournament championship in 1985 with a 5-4 win over the Texas A&M in the finals.

## RAIDER ROUNDUP

By DON WILLIAMS  
Associate Sports Editor

## Next up

Texas Tech will try to snap a six-game Southwest Conference losing streak this weekend but will have to do it against one of the best baseball teams in the country when the Raiders meet Texas Friday and Saturday in Austin. The Longhorns, 38-7 overall and 8-1 in the SWC, are tied with Arkansas for the league lead. Texas is ranked No. 2 in the country in the latest ESPN-Collegiate Baseball poll.

The two teams will play a single game at 7 p.m. Friday at Disch-Falk Field and meet for a 2 p.m. doubleheader on Saturday.

After dropping both ends of a doubleheader to Sul Ross State on Tuesday, the Raiders are 16-20. Tech is 3-9 in SWC play and in seventh place, just ahead of 1-8 TCU.

Bret Marshall (3-4, 5.96 earned run average) will start the series opener for Tech, Coach Larry Hays said. Bill Schutt (2-3, 4.53) and Mike Beiras (5-3, 8.42) will pitch Saturday.

Tech is only 2-18 against the Longhorns since 1980.

## Lobo lethargy

Hays was disappointed by what he perceived as lackadaisical play in the Raiders' losses to Sul Ross and criticized his team for a rare lack of effort against the Lobos, who ranked 23rd in the nation in NAIA.

"If we keep this up, we'll get blown out this weekend," Hays said. "It's all right not to have a lot of talent, but we've got to have better effort than

that."

## Bouncing back

While most of the Tech lineup was handcuffed Tuesday, just-reinstated infielders Dave Geck and Kevin Lowery rebounded from their two-week suspensions with a good day at the plate, going a combined 7-for-14.

Lowery had four hits in seven trips, and Geck went 3-for-7.

## Cold bats

Centerfielder Mike Humphreys took the collar against Sul Ross with no hits and a walk in six at-bats. Humphreys hit only one ball out of the infield, struck out once and was retired four times on infield grounders. First baseman Brian Christiansen had a similar day, going 1-for-7 with five infield outs. Christiansen is mired in a 1-for-18 slump over the last five games.

Also in droughts are outfielders Billy Lance, who has three hits in his last 16 at-bats, and Boo Arnold, who is in a 1-for-12 slump.

## Strong SWC

Arkansas jumped into the top 10 with Texas in the ESPN-Collegiate Baseball poll. The Razorbacks moved from 13th last week to No. 9. Arkansas is 27-7-1 for the season.

Rounding out the rest of the SWC are Texas A&M (6-3), Houston (5-4), Rice (5-7), Baylor (3-6), Tech and TCU.

## Dallas' Septien pleads guilty to indecency charge

By The Associated Press

DENTON — Dallas Cowboys kicker Rafael Septien pleaded guilty to indecency with a child Wednesday in a plea bargain agreement, authorities said.

Septien made the plea in an agreement for a sentence of 10 years' deferred probation and a \$2,000 fine.

"The matter has been resolved by the court and he's still a member of the football team," Cowboys President and General Manager Tex Schramm said.

Septien, 33, was indicted Jan. 22 in

connection with the sexual assault of a 10-year-old friend of his roommate's daughter in The Colony, a community near here. He originally pleaded innocent to the charge.

"The court has made its ruling and, hopefully, the matter is now closed," said Cowboys Coach Tom Landry in a statement.

Septien entered the guilty plea before State District Judge John Narbutis. The first year of Septien's sentence would be under intense supervision. Under deferred probation, if Septien follows the terms of his sentence, it will not go on his record as a conviction.

"I am relieved that this matter has been resolved in the best interests of all parties," said Septien. "I am looking forward to making a positive contribution to the Cowboys and the community."

Septien was accompanied in court by his attorneys Jay Ethington and Gerald Banks.

The only evidence presented by Assistant District Attorney Lee Gabriel was a signed confession by Septien.

Gabriel said during the hearing Wednesday morning that the victim's family told lawyers for both sides it was "their desire to dissolve the case

in this manner."

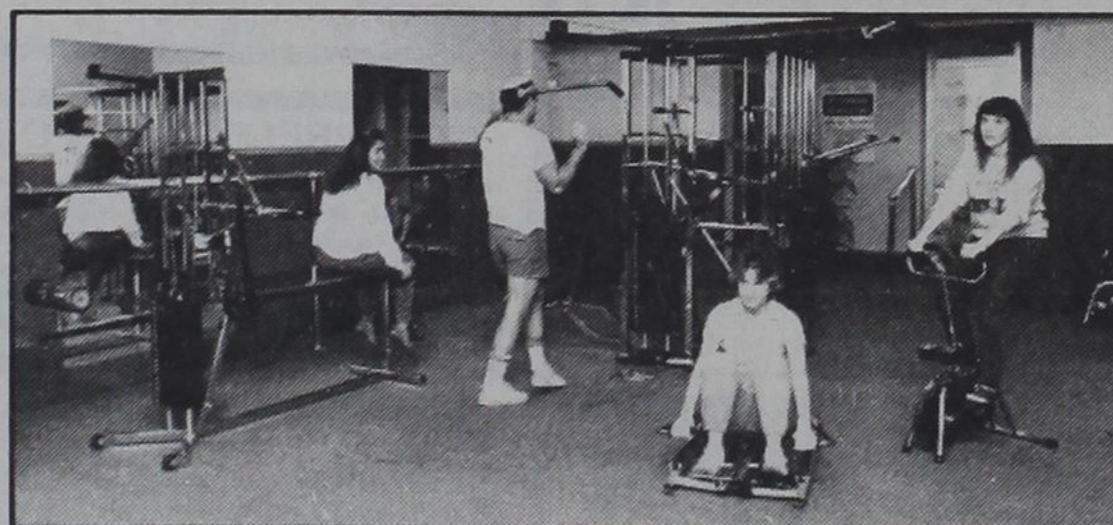
Septien, as part of the terms of his probation, was ordered to avoid alcoholic beverages and notify the probation office the first and third Tuesday of each month.

The native of Mexico joined the Cowboys in 1978 after attending college at Southwest Louisiana.

Septien was the 10th-round draft choice of the New Orleans Saints in 1977 but was released in training camp and signed by the Los Angeles Rams.

He was released by the Rams after the final preseason game of 1978 and immediately was signed by the Cowboys as a free agent.

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