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Tech fraternity investigated Reese AFB

BY CAREN CARNEFIX

The University Daily

the fraternity.

But Dean of Students Michael behind the fraternity's suspension or his Shonrock said. office's investigation of Sigma Nu.

chance to get together with their national taken similar measures with, he said.

organization and their adviser," said Dean of Students Michael Shonrock.

"It was brought to our attention within Texas Tech's chapter of Sigma Nu has the last week. I anticipate by the end of been temporarily suspended as a regis- this week we'll have a better understandtered organization, and officials in Tech's ing. Many times these things can be re-Dean of Students office are investigating solved very quickly. We don't take these things lightly."

A national member of the fraternity is dents. Shonrock would not divulge the reasons in Lubbock to investigate the situation,

"Part of our concern is that we don't instances occurred with other organizawant to jump the gun until we've had a tions that the Dean of Students Office has

Other officials in the Dean of Students office would not comment on the reason nor, would not comment on the investigawhy the Sigma Nu's are being investigated tion. or why they were temporarily suspended.

"The Dean of Students office is not allowed to comment on the Sigma Nu situation — out of respect for Sigma Nu," said Patricia Honacki, assistant dean of stu-

According to the Student Affairs Handbook, a student organization can lose its sion. Within the last year, about six similar registration status if the Dean of Students Office determines the group's actions have been detrimental to the students' educational process.

The president of Sigma Nu, Kevin Se-

Sources say the members of Sigma Nu will not be allowed to participate in Homecoming activities because their student organization status was suspended.

Robert Moreland, the Sigma Nu adviser, said Tuesday that he had not heard of the investigation or temporary suspen-

"I hadn't heard a thing," Moreland said. "I'm supposed to meet with the president once a week, but I haven't seen him since last week."



smoke: Blake Thompson, senior public relations major and Victoria Sperbock, a senior merchandising major from El Paso, puff

Up

away at Elwood Cigar's smoking room.

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at the

Tech cigar club sparks interest among student smokers

BY LAURA HENSLEY

The University Daily

With a puff of smoke, a little hard work comed 26 members and is expecting and the sweet smell of tobacco, the idea many more people to attend next of starting a cigar club at Texas Tech began three years ago.

boom, five Tech students began working Cigars, 1113 University on the establishment of an organization Ave. where students could get together to enjoy a fine cigar.

"Basically we are not trying to do any-

also going to promote the etiquette of cigars and cigar awareness."

Last Wednesday, the club welmonth's meeting. Members pay \$20 to receive a T-shirt In response to the nationwide cigar and discounts at Elwood Cigar

> "I think it's a great idea," said Trey Medlock, owner of Elwood Cigars.

"There are clubs for anything at Tech, thing but to get people together and smoke and this a great way for a group of stu-so. cigars," said Dustin Burnett, a senior bi- dents to get together and get to know one ology major from Roswell, N.M. "We are another, and they have a conversation

piece - the cigar."

Burnett said he was surprised an hour, unlike what a cigarette gives you." to see so many different people at the meeting. He said people attended.

enjoying a fine cigar," he said.

Medlock said many students are lookules, and the club is the perfect way to do

"It's a great way to break free from school and all of its hard work," Medlock David Barkley at 784-0403.

said. "It's just a nice way to enjoy life for

Medlock said many of the students in the club are not cigarette smokers and only from both sexes and all races smoke cigars about once a week.

"There are many factors contributing "The group was so di- to the cigar boom," Medlock said. "One versified, but we all have of them is the bashing the cigarette indusone common interest of try is taking. And people are still looking for a release.'

"It's not a fad," Medlock said. "We like ing for an escape from their hectic sched- to refer to it as a trend. A fad comes and goes, and it's gone. And cigar smoking has been around for a long time."

For more information on the club, call

shuts doors, Tech moves in

BY APRIL CASTRO

The University Daily

The last day of operation for Reese Air Force Base has come and gone, and the first tenant to lease space, Texas Tech University, already is in place.

Reese officially closed its doors Tuesday after months of planning the base's re-use capabilities.

Tech's new Institute of Environmental and Human Health is now housed on 11 acres of former Reese AFB, now renamed the Reese Center.

Other facilities to be located on the now-empty 3,000 acres of Reese, include a golf course and the offices for the Lubbock Reese-Redevelopment Authority, said David McCafferty, Air Force Base Conversion Agency site manager.

Other applications now being considered include a hospital, child care facilities, an industrial flight line and building use for a number of businesses.

"There are a wide variety of options being looked at right now," McCafferty said.

State Rep. Carl Isett, R-Lubbock, was on hand Tuesday to unveil a historical marker at the front gate of the base commemorating Reese AFB.

"The marker was something for folks to remember what Reese was," Isett said. "It was always something we were proud of, and it lent a great deal to the social fabric of the city. It will

State Sen. Bob Duncan and State Rep. Delwin Jones also were present for the unveiling of the marker.

Close to 3,000 jobs were estimated to be lost with the closure of the Air Force base, but officials say the jobs created by the re-use plan will eventually outweigh those lost.

"I think we will meet that and then some when it's all said and done," Isett said. Isett said Lubbock's unemployment rate is at its lowest in 25

years and is expected to remain at low levels. "It (Reese) draws the community together as we try to fill it

up," he said.

The LRRA currently is working to connect Reese's sewer system into the city's, he said.

"LRRA has asked for grant money to connect two and a half to three miles of sewer line from Milwaukee (Street) towards

this direction," Isett said. "Within a year, I think construction will begin on that."

Another Texas inmate executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned killer Johnny Cockrum received his request Tuesday night with his execution for the 1986 murder of a Northeast Texas convenience store clerk.

Cockrum, who had a religious conversion while on death row, decided he wanted death for his crime. The 38-year-old man was pronounced dead at 6:17 p.m., eight minutes after an executioner started the flow of lethal drugs into his arms.

Asked if he had a statement, Cockrum said, "I'd like to apologize to the victim's family for the pain I caused. I'd like to tell my family I love them and will see them again soon."

When offering his apology, he turned to the victim's granddaughter, who was standing a few feet away, watching through a window.

The woman, Jana Isaac, cried quietly.

Cockrum began praying as the drugs started flowing, thanking God for strength and forgiveness.

"I want to thank you, Lord, for using me ... ," he said, his prayer cut short by a gasp as he slipped into unconsciousness. Cockrum's lethal injection, the 29th this year in Texas, adds

to what already is a record year for executions in the state.

Deputy chancellor named in lawsuit against former business

■ Bankrupt corporation may have misused funds

BY GINGER POPE

The University Daily

A suit filed by a bankruptcy trustee against former Lomas Financial Corp. directors and officials includes James Crowson, Texas Tech deputy chancellor and former Lomas senior vice president and general counsel.

The suit is for \$300 million and was filed Thursday by Martin Pollner on behalf of a special trust that represents the claims of creditors and others from Lomas' 1995 bankruptcy filing. The suit claims frivolous spending and reckless management, which led to the Dallas mortgage company's two bankruptcies, the first in 1989.



Crowson said he has not been served with the lawsuit yet, but he has already sought legal counsel.

"It's a baseless, groundless lawsuit, and I don't believe there is a case," he said. "I don't want to comment on the case as far as my job there."

Crowson

Hay said no one has been served with the suit yet, but if it is served, he does not think Crowson will face much of a problem.

"Crowson was a principal officer, but I don't think he's going to have a problem with this lawsuit," he said. "If served with the suit, we engaging in high-risk interest rate swaps, as well as accounting pracintend to defend the case vigorously."

The suit also charges that Lomas missed several opportunities to survive the 1995 bankruptcy because of irresponsible management and alleged self-dealing by Hay and other officers.

Lomas allegedly spent large sums on parties and personal "monuments" to the top executives, including about \$500,000 spent in 1994 Jess Hay, Lomas chairman, also is named in the to produce and print a coffee table book called "Lomas, The First One Hundred Years," according to the suit.

Executives also allegedly funded a Lomas museum and spent \$250,000 on a going away party for Hay when he retired in 1994.

The suit also contends that top executives mismanaged the firm by

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NEWS

HSC interested in hospital purchase

Center has expressed a desire to purchase South Park Hospital.

"We've expressed an interest in the property, but we do not know if anything will come to fruition," said John Walls, spokesman for HSC.

"We've been a growing institu-

Texas Tech's Health Sciences tion, but beyond that, we don't think it's appropriate to discuss the specifics of the situation."

> Clint Matthews, CEO of South Park Hospital, said South Park is on the market and will cease operation Oct. 31.

"I can't disclose who is bidding on the property," he said.

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UNT professor placed on leave after making racist comment

DENTON (AP) — A University of and students. About 200 people, in-North Texas professor who told a school forum that minority students have poor class attendance habits has been placed on paid administrative

Chancellor Alfred Hurley said Hurley, said Don Staples, a professor of radio, television and film, will remain out until he completes cultural diversity training and talks with other people about cultural sensitivity.

"It is conceivable that he may decide not to resume teaching until the start of the year," Hurley said .

Staples, who has taught at UNT for 18 years, made the comments during the last five minutes of a University Roundtable Forum designed to improve relations between faculty, staff classes to films about or made by

cluding Hurley, attended Friday's gathering.

Art Goven, faculty executive assistant Staples made a generalization that minority students do not come to class very often.

According to people present, Staples made the comment in re-

the amount of attention given in

Staples said that he does not remember exactly what he said, and he

wants to view a video of the forum to have a I hope people unbetter understanding of exhow actly what he said. apologetic I am.

UNT has

sealed a tape of the forum at the Don Staples, UNT professtudents' request.

"My remark was an unfair

sponse to a student's question about generalization about minority students enrolled at the university," Staples said.

"I hope people understand how apologetic I am."

The remark sparked outrage at the school, where about a dozen students held a protest rally Monday.

Reaction was widespread from university employees as well as from students. The university has 25,026 students, including 1,871 black and 1.645 Hispanics.

Cassandra Berry, assistant vice president and director for equal opportunity for the university, said she froze "like an ice cube" when she heard it.

"He made a very inappropriate comment about an entire group of people," she said.

"He actually said minority students did not attend class."

Safety measures worthwhile Lawsuit

derstand

DALLAS (AP) — The cost of making Texas schools safer reached \$80.6 million last year, and the extra spending may be working, figures compiled by the Texas Education Agency show.

The spending on police, metal detectors and other security measures breaks down to roughly \$21 per student, The Dallas Morning News reported Tuesday.

"The public made it clear that they want safe schools in Texas and the message has gotten through to local school boards and the Legislature," said Dallas school administrator

Robby Collins, a school finance ex-

Houston's \$7.5 million on security was the most in the state. San Antonio had the highest rate at \$77 per student. Fort Worth was second in both categories at \$4.9 million overall and \$65 per student.

In some urban districts, security spending was about the same as on extracurricular activities.

Dallas' per student rates were \$36 for security and \$41 on student activities. In Houston, the figures were \$36 for security and \$35 on sports and all nonclassroom activities.

The Suit

continued from page 1 tices allegedly designed to overvalue its mortgage servicing port-

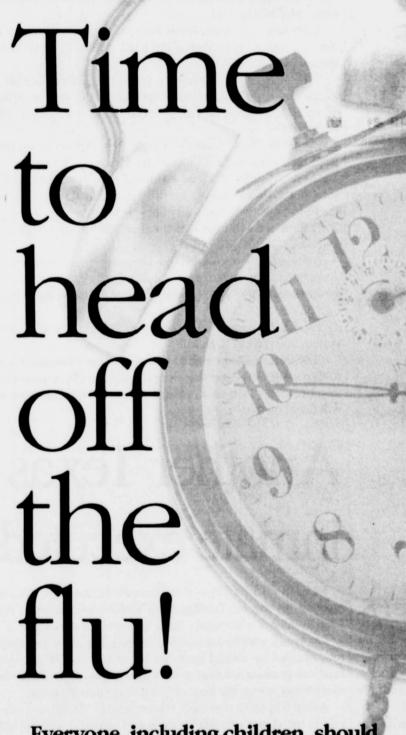
Hay is charged with ignoring changing conditions in the real estate market leading to the company's downfall.

According to the lawsuit, Lomas emerged from bankruptcy in 1996 with only two offshoot units still operating.

The suit was filed in the 134th District under judge Anne Ashby. Other defendants include Robert E.

• \$300 million Claims frivolous spending and reckless management leading to two bankruptcies

Byerly Jr., former Lomas director and senior vice president for finance and treasurer; Gene Bishop, former vice chairman and chief financial officer; Paul D. Fletcher, former vice presidentfinance; and Michael E. Patrick, former executive vice president and chief financial officer.



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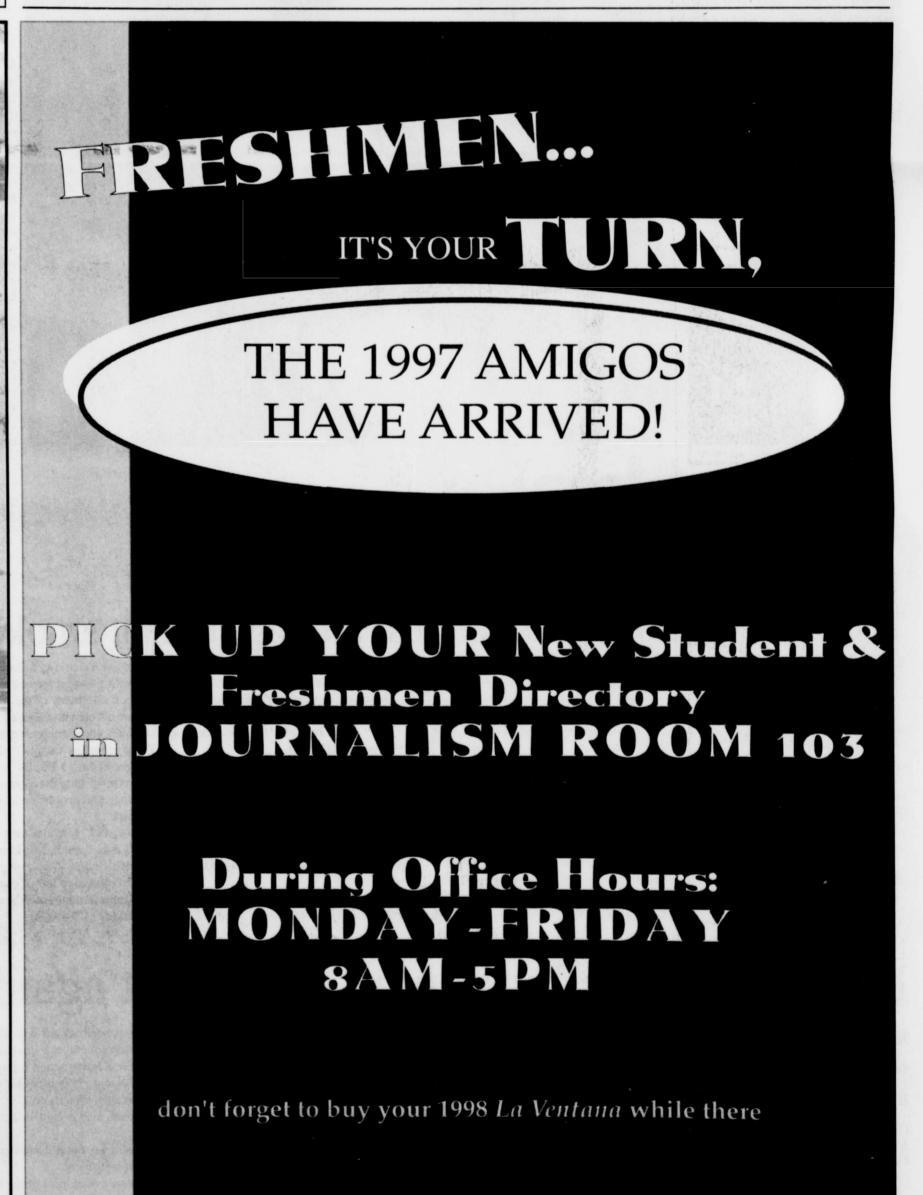
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NEWS

Tech libraries join ranks of nation's premiere

BY JASON BERNSTEIN

The University Daily

Texas Tech has been admitted into the Association of Research Librar-

The ARL is an organization that includes the nation's premiere scholarly libraries.

"We have been very interested in joining the ARL for years," said E. Dale Cluff, dean of the Tech librar-

The membership is an institutional membership that includes the Tech library as well as the School of Law library and library of the Health Sciences Center, Cluff said.

Tech joins the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Houston, Rice University and Texas A&M University as the only ARL members in

An electorate board of directors make recommendations as to the admission of new institutions in the ARL, Cluff said.

"We basically evaluate academic and non-academic institutions on a number of qualitative and quantitative measures," said Julia Blixrud, senior program officer for ARL.

Rankings are based on an overall index level that is determined by a num-

Such factors include the number of doctoral programs offered, the expenditures for library services and ma-

ber of factors.

terials, the number of volumes of material within the library, as well as

When the library benefits, the students benefit.

Dale Cluff, dean of the **Tech libraries**

the quality of the collections offered -2.25 must be maintained in order to

by the library.

Tech has been recognized with with an index level of 2.43. an index level of index for 1995-96, Tech would rank -1.43.

In comparison, the University of Texas is registered with a 0.82 index level while Rice University ranks

Public libraries also are eligible to become ARL members. with a -2.15 in-

keep membership status.

academic institutions.

within North America.

Harvard University tops the list

Based on the ARL membership

There are 121 ARL members,

Blixrud said. Of those 121 members,

110 are academic institutions, all

within the top 75 academic and non-

"ARL membership will definitely help Tech recruit more top-notch A minimum standard ranking of a graduate students and faculty," Cluff

"When the library benefits, the students benefit."

Other ARL members include Yale University, the University of California at Berkeley, Stanford University

and Dartmouth University. Membership is based on a calendar year and will be renewed Jan. 1, Cluff said.

Additionally, membership dues will cost Tech \$14,450 for 1997 and will increase to \$15,100 in 1998.

Dues primarily go toward ARL employees' salaries and the cost of compiling of reports and studies.

Relatives can learn more about law at 10th annual Family Day

BY JONATHAN CARROLL

The University Daily

Some Texas Tech students' families are going to law school.

The Texas Tech School of Law is hosting the 10th annual Family Day for first-year law students at 9 a.m. Saturday. Families have the opportunity to meet the law faculty, attend a class and watch a mock trial.



"I think my parents learned about the law school atmosphere," said Dolores Calderon, a second-year law student from El Paso.

The goal of the program is to educate the families on the Tech School of Law and the expectations of the law students.

"It's just to help families and spouses of law students understand some of the demands that are made upon them and the expectations the law school has from it's students," said Kay Fletcher, assistant dean of the School of Law. "It's just to give them an idea of the rigors of attending a law school class."

In addition, the program not only educates, but it gives the families an opportunity to see their loved ones, Fletcher said.

Frank Newton, dean of Tech's School of Law, begins the program with a short speech to the families.

"He welcomes them (the families), congratulates them on having a stu-

dent in school and explains why they may not be available," Fletcher said. The faculty and law students are

then formally introduced. They then attend a mock class taught by Thorton Professor Rodric B. Schoen. Parents are mailed in advance the two legal cases that will be

discussed during the mock class. This year's topic is primis liability. These cases concern personal in-

jury caused by the negligence of others. An example of this is a person being injured because of a faulty movie seat in a theater, Fletcher said.

During the mock class, the professor calls on family members to answer specific questions concerning the cases.

The professor also lectures on the cases, and the family members discuss the cases.

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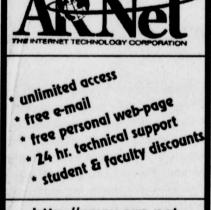
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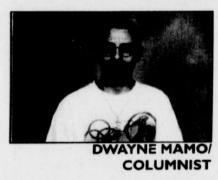
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Calling all idiots: don't be hypocrites



I'm using the term "idiot" loosely to refer to a group of people that generally act stupidly or have no sense whatsoever. It seems like wherever one goes there's always bound to be the token idiot, like they're part of the equal opportunity clause. So, because of such a policy, we all have to learn to deal with these people.

For example: freshmen, people who complain about the fact that I

failed to mention squeezable pudding in my last article - you know who you are, people who write nonsensical letters to the editor, that person in your language class who thinks they can speak the language and so they find it necessary to speak that language throughout the class, that person at the library who fills up the printer buffer with a zillion jobs so no one else can print out anything for the next few hours, and finally, Rush Limbaugh.

I'm sure that we've all come across these people, but after a while you just can't help but write about these annoying and unaware citizens of our land of the free. This whole weekend for me was an excursion with idiots (not the people I was with, but rather the people that were at the venue). I started out the weekend by going to the ZZ Top concert with my friends. We were on the fifth row so we had great seats, and it seems like everyone down on the floor was pretty excited about being so close. The first outburst was when Los Lobos played two Tejano songs and the idiots rang clear with different variations of "aih, aih yareeeba!"

I could handle that because even sane people would do that, that was fun. However, the true suave-impaired came out when ZZ hit the stage. There were drunk people all over the place dancing and pointing to themselves, mouthing "I'm the man" and other such gibberish. In fact, this one overweight lady in a tight pseudo-leopard-skin outfit next to us didn't stop dancing until the end of the show. She was even dancing during the part where everyone starts chanting the band's name for an encore.

What was even more idiotic was that she did the same slow, groove-oriented gyrations the whole time. Even more amazing than that was that her ample hips kept swaying into my friend's head, beer and everything else of his that happened to be within a two-mile radius of her. That took care of

Now for Saturday. This day some friends and I went to the "Kiss the Girls" sneak preview and stayed to watch "In and Out." The first movie involved us being next to an overdramatic woman who ruined our movie-going experience because she felt it necessary to comment throughout the movie with sighs, deep breaths, "oh my God," and my personal favorite — "Rip his balls

The second movie is about homosexuality, and I was already braced for homophobic and judgmental comments, but what I heard surprised me. I was not prepared for such close-minded, Bible-belted comments. Throughout the movie I heard (along with sighs and deep breaths) the following: "yuk," "ooooooo"; which weren't so bad. The comments that became intolerable were: "faggot," "that's enough of that," "I don't want to see that crap," etc. This primitive, sub-human mentality really irked me. I felt like I was living during the times of slavery.

That Americans in the '90s have such hateful opinions of people who simply have different preferences is deplorable and disgusting. No one cares if a heterosexual has a preference for blondes or well-endowed women, but as soon as someone likes someone else of the same sex everything changes. Why? They're still the same person and they still are contributing members of society. These are the '90s, and we're almost into a new millennium. It's time for people to WAKE UP.

There are good and bad idiots. We are all idiots in the eyes of others, and at some point, we all do idiotic things. The difference is that most idiocy is done in the spirit of fun (like the dancers at ZZ), but some is done out of pure hate and true ignorance. I guess there will never be a time when everyone will realize that opinions and preferences are neither wrong nor right. So, if you're a hateful, ignorant idiot keep your comments to yourself and don't go to movies that you already knew had personally offensive material. You few plague the many, and there's something wrong with that. It's because of this that idiots rule.

Thank goodness I had an idiot-free Sunday. Dwayne Mamo is a junior philosophy/creative writing major from Malta.

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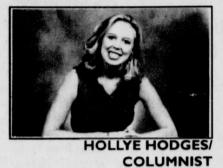
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A guy in my marketing class may have been admitted to Texas Tech just

A proposed Tech tougher admissions policy may soon leave students like him back at Austin Community

But the guy is hilarious.

On the days he comes to class (always without notes or a pen), he reclines in the lecture hall chair and sleeps until the point just before his neck snaps in half from being bent backward over the back of the chair and right before he drowns from his open mouth filling up with drool.

When he wakes up in a daze, he complains to me about the drink prices at various bars around town and the inaccessibility of the strip from his apartment.

The poor guy almost cries when we talk about the unfortunate closing of the Beergarden.

Marketing is the last thing on his mind. Actually, from what he tells me, his accounting class is the absolute very last thing on his

mind. He's considering dropping it. He's already on his second try for marketing.

From what he has said, I don't think he did too well in high school

He's a fun person to know, but I have to wonder how this guy was ever admitted to a major university where learning is supposed to be a top priority.

him

Knowing him makes me proud to

be at Tech — the university where you don't have to be a genius to be admit-

Actually, you don't even need note-taking materials.

don't have to be a ge-That is a bad image for Texas Tech, and it illustrates our growing need

for a tougher admissions policy. The Tech Board of Regents' recent report on admissions and goals for

academic standards seems to be a good remedy, and the sooner it is implemented, the better.

The plan calls for 50 percent of Tech's admissions from the top 10

percent of high school classes and 80 percent from the top 25 percent.

That still leaves 20 percent of admissions to students who score high on college entrance exams but didn't

make grades a priority in high school. The report requires an average student SAT score of 1200 and admission denial to more than half of the people who apply for application.

After you get past all the boring facts and figures, a tougher admissions policy points to one key element that Tech doesn't really have right now - state and national academic respect.

With this respect comes larger grants, a better quality of students and a lot more to brag about for Tech students, alumni and professors.

But what about the guy in my marketing class? Who will accept students like him? I think it's Texas A&M's turn to try and mold these guys into serious students.

Hollye Hodges is a junior broadcast journalism major from Amarillo.



READERS ASK

him for an STD?

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I'm always hearing about how many drinks will get you drunk. Just what is "a drink?"

Most studies and research define a drink as one 8 oz. beer, one mixed drink (alcohol content 1.5 oz), one wine cooler or one shot glass of liquor (again, 1.5 oz.)

I've heard that viruses can pass through condoms. Is that true?

Viruses can pass through animal skin condoms; however, the condom to use for safety should be made of latex. Latex condoms, if used right out-of-pocket funding would be and if the directions are followed, are Katherine Chauncey, 743-1177, a regsafe against viruses. If someone tells istered dietician. A Tech discount is

What do you do to a guy to test condom, I would tell you that they probably either started intercourse and then stopped and put the condom on, or they had a hole in the condom and were not aware of it or they put it on wrong or pulled it off wrong.

> My friend has an eating disorder. Where can they go for help?

Two very good sources on campus for assistance are the University Counseling Center in West Hall, 742-3674, and the Center for the Study of Addiction, 742-2891, in the College of Human Sciences. The counseling center has group therapy with other individuals suffering from the same disorder. Their professionally led group will provide a place for students to explore their personal issues which might underlie disordered eating, and they seek to provide supportive alternatives for healthy resolutions. The addiction center has two support groups, including L.I.F.E. (Living In Full Essence) and the Eating Disorders Support Group, which is based on a 12-step recovery program. An off-campus source that would require you that they caught an STD using a available. May I also suggest that if

your friend has admitted that there is a problem but is reluctant to go for help that you offer to accompany them as a supportive friend. It may be all they need to finally take that difficult step toward help and recovery.

I just married and moved to Lubbock to go to Tech. I am experiencing some problems sleeping and it's starting to affect my grades. What can I do to sleep better?

Any number of things might be causing your problems. You may be sleeping on a mattress that you're not used to. It could be too hard or too soft, causing stiffness and painful pressure. If you smoke, the nicotine in cigarettes can act as a stimulant and keep you awake. You are sleeping with a partner now but failed to mention if they snore or toss and turn. That could affect your sleep patterns. Do you wear sleepwear to bed and is it too tight? Do you drink a lot of coffee or caffienated drinks before bedtime, and if you come home after drinking for the evening, alcohol may help you fall asleep quicker but can provide a much more restless night. If none of these seem to stand out as your problem, I recommend you see a health care professional.

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SEBASTIAN KITCHEN **A&E REPORTER**

Last week, my lady friend and I went to the movies and wanted to see something that would make us laugh.

Our choice was not hard because we had heard all good things about "In and Out."

It is a great flick about a homophobic, fictional small town -Greenleaf, Ind. The movie is good for a laugh, but it really made me think about a lot of things.

The people in the town changed their opinions of a popular teacher, played by Kevin Kline, after a former student said Kline was gay as he was accepting an Oscar on national television.

He was the same person, but their opinions and attitudes changed toward him once they suspected he was homosexual.

Although Kline's character had not figured out his sexuality, everyone else had him tagged.

My uncle, Doug, "came out of the closet" just over a year ago, and like Kline's character, people's opinions of him started to change. It was very rough on some people in my family, yet it was much harder on him.

Just like the teacher in the movie, my uncle is a teacher in a small town in central Ohio. The small town he and my father grew up in had a population of about 400, including pigs and other assorted

four-legged creatures. In this close-minded town, minorities were almost unheard of, so I imagine homosexuality was taboo.

While all of his brothers were athletic, my Uncle Doug was in choir and band.

He may not have had the athletic prowess in the family, but he was smarter, more creative and more artistic than his brothers.

He has a great sense of humor and is one of my favorite relatives to spend time with. Everybody loved Doug.

The fact that Doug is gay did not surprise me. Everyone in my family took the news well - except for my grandmother. She has basically disowned him.

He lived with my grandparents for years to take care of them because they could not take care of themselves.

He gave up years of his life to take care of his parents, and now his mother has made life more difficult for him. She said Doug is not allowed around her house with his boyfriend.

He could no longer spend holidays with all of the people he loves because his parents will not allow it. And Doug ceased to talk to my immediate family after he came out of the closet.

People may not agree with the lifestyle of someone else, but if you love or care for that person, don't give up on them because you see differently on certain aspects

Although I do not agree with his lifestyle, Doug is still the same person and one of my favorite relatives. I can't imagine life without him.

Sebastian Kitchen is a sophomore journalism major from Lubbock.

Anatomy of Prejudice

Iowa school teacher disusses discrimination tests with Tech students

BY JAMES WALKER

The University Daily

Jane Elliott wants every American to understand what it means to be a victim of discrimination and preju-

After the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, Elliott decided to teach her third grade class a lesson. Tuesday she visited Texas Tech University to talk about that lesson and the lessons she learned in the process.

What happened in her class that day came to be known as the "Blue Eyes/Brown Eyes Experiment."

Elliott separated her class into two groups based on a physical characteristic, eye color.

She told her students that blueeyed students were better and smarter. She told them that brown-eyed students were lazy, stupid and insignifi-

Elliot held the brown-eyed students back from recess and restricted their drinking fountain and lunchroom privilege. She placed large black collars on brown-eyed students so their peers could spot them from a

Elliott said she was shocked by the results. In only one day, students in

the brown-eyed group learned more slowly, and they became quiet and

Students in the blue-eyed group became aggressive, teasing the other students and flaunting their privilege. On a videotape of one of the experiments, one blue-eyed student suggested that his teacher keep her yardstick on her desk "in case any of those brown-eyes get out of line."

The next day, Elliot switched the roles. When the experiment was over, the children ripped the collars off and threw them in the trash. One of the students in the experiment tried to physically tear his collar to pieces.

Asked why the children performed poorly when they were wearing the collar, one child responded, "We were

Another said he felt like he was locked in a prison.

Since that first experiment, Elliott has performed the experiment many times in classrooms and workshops. She has been the subject of three documentaries and will be the subject

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of an upcoming movie starring Susan Sarandon.

Elliott said her experiment demonstrates the anatomy of prejudice. People pick out a group and treat them negatively, and when the group responds negatively, they blame it on 1/ the inferiority of the group.

Discrimination can be based on any characteristic, she said. People discriminate based on gender, age, disability, weight and many other uncontrollable characteristics.

Elliott noted that eye color was often used by the Nazis to spot people who might be Jews trying to pass as Germans. Thousands of people were sent to gas chambers simply for having brown eyes, she said.

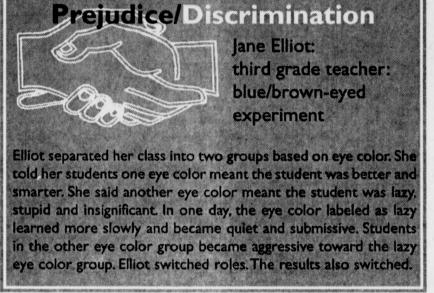
More than 300 Tech students attended the presentation.

"She is a very brave woman for getting up there and expressing herself like that," said Michael Jeffrey, a sophomore theatre major from Lub-

"I think what she's doing is beau-

He agreed with Elliott that everyone should experience the experiment

"If every school did this, I think we could put an end to racism," Jeffrey said.



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New TV ratings system to go into effect today

NEW YORK (AP) - A new system for warning parents about the sexual and violent content of TV shows takes effect on Wednesday, without the participation of television's top-rated broadcast network.

Under the system, the letters "V," "S," "L" and "D" will show up alongside age-based ratings, such as "TV-PG" and "TV-14." that now flash for 15 seconds in the upper-left corner of screens as programs begin.

The letters stand for violence, sex and language that could be viewed as offensive. The "D" denotes suggestive dialogue that conveys sexual innuendo.

Most major networks agreed to revise the warning system that began earlier this year after parents and advocacy groups urged that it be made more specific.

Citing constitutional concerns, NBC has refused to go along. But it has begun to occasionally include its own warnings, saying things like "this program has some violent scenes."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said he had written to NBC's president to urge the network to comply.

McCain said he would ask the Federal Communications Commission to conduct hearings to evaluate whether television stations that don't use the system should lose their licenses.

McCain said he would also consider legislation that would restrict violent programming to later hours.

"NBC's intransigence seems as firm as it is inexplicable, and this leaves me with no other choice," McCain said.

"By its failure to adopt the TV ratings system, NBC challenges us to choose between NBC's interests and the interests of parents and children."

NBC did not return a telephone call Tuesday.

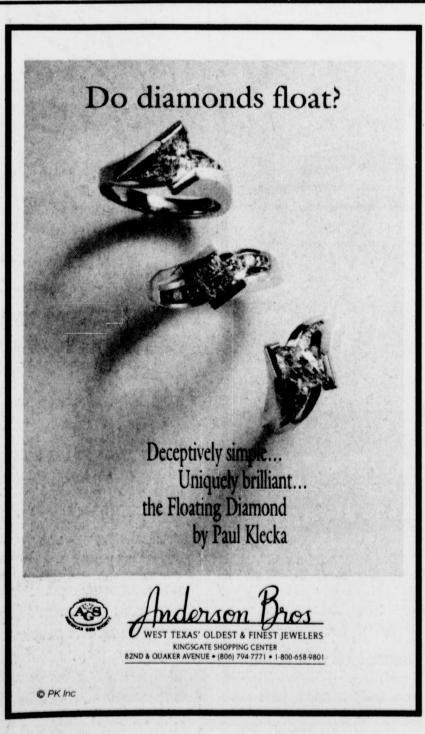
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NEW YORK (AP) - "The City of Light," an Italian merchant's firstperson account of his visit to the Orient four years before Marco Polo's journey, was a publisher's dream -

lively, detailed, historically significant. There was one problem: It may be a hoax.

Publication of the book, purportedly translated directly from a 700year-old manuscript, was postponed indefinitely this week after historians questioned whether Jacob d'Ancona's alleged travelogue was the real thing.

"We recently sent the galleys out to scholars for critical readings, and, as a result, questions have been raised about the authenticity of the manuscript," read a letter Monday from Little, Brown and Co. "Therefore, Little, Brown and Co. will postpone publication indefinitely, pending fur-

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ther academic study."

Little, Brown's sister company in England is going ahead with plans to publish the book next month.

"The City of Light," due out Nov. 3, was supposedly written by d'Ancona after his

travels through China, Syria, the Persian Gulf and India from 1270 to 1273.

"An extraordinary manuscript discovery — a 13th-century Jewish merchant's remarkable chronicle," ad copy promised. D'Ancona was identified as the grandson of a rabbi and may have been a rabbi himself.

He detailed the bustling harbor me-

...questions have been raised about the authenticity of the manuscript.

Letter from Little, Brown, and Co.

relaxed sexual code. But only the book's translator, David Selbourne, has seen the original manuscript. Selbourne says the handwritten text has been hidden for generations, and he received access only after agreeing to keep the

owners' identities secret. That was enough for Little, Brown, which never had a single editor or expert examine the original.

Defenders say the book is so evocative of the era that it must be authentic. Critics point to a gullible industry already victimized by elaborate hoaxes, from the bogus Hitler diaries in the mid-1980s to the recent bestselling autobiography of an Australian aborigine who turned out to be white.

Andrew Wille, Little Brown's senior editor in London, acknowledged the publisher was taking "a gamble." But the book's detailed description of the era convinced the publisher to proceed.

The decision to postpone publication came after Jonathan Spence, a Chinese history specialist at Yale, questioned the authenticity of passages about sexual behavior, street life and a debate about the military.

Little, Brown then asked other academics about the book, and decided to postpone publication.

Alec Baldwin to campaign, raise funds for Democratic candidates in 1998 elections

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Although Alec Baldwin is mostly noted as being a movie star, he also is a rival to New York's Republican Party. State Democratic Party chairwoman Judith Hope said Baldwin wants to help bring down the GOP's Gov. George Pataki and Sen. Alfonse

D'Amato in next year's elections. Baldwin's interest comes as the struggling New York Democratic Party opened its fall meeting Monday. Baldwin was not at the meeting, but Hope said he has offered to campaign for Democratic candidates

Miss Lubbock sign-ups Sunday

never been married are eligible to compete in the Miss Lubbock pag-

and to fund raising.

An orientation meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Briercroft Academy of Dance, 50th Street and Avenue Q.

"It (the orientation) is basically to tell everybody what the pageant is all about and to see if they want to participate," said reigning Miss Lubbock Angie Clark, a junior family studies major from Dallas.

The orientation will give women

All women ages 17-24 who have a chance to sign up for preliminary completions, which will be held Oct.

The preliminaries will consist of only a talent competition and an interview. Finalists will be chosen during preliminaries to compete in the final pageant in December.

Miss Lubbock will receive a Texas Tech scholarship and other prizes. She will then represent Lubbock in the Miss Texas Pageant and have a chance to go to the Miss America Pageant.

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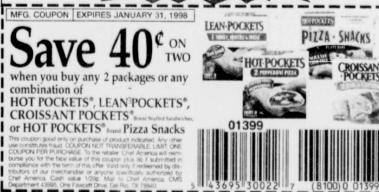
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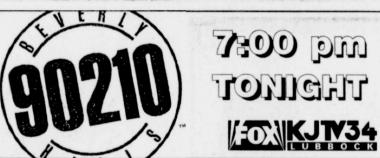
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Red Raider soccer team hopes to end losing streak

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN

The University Daily

The Texas Tech soccer team plays the first of a three-game set of nonconference opponents today when it faces TCU at 3:30 p.m. at R.P. Fuller Track Stadium.

The Red Raiders are in the midst of their worst losing streak ever after consecutive losses to conference opponents Baylor, Texas, Iowa State and Nebraska.

Tech coach Felix Oskam said the key to turning the team around is to play the entire game with intensity and to not let up for the entire 90 minutes of the game.

"We need to play a good solid 90 minutes," Oskam said. "Not 20, not 30, not 50 or 60 or 89.99, but 90 full minutes."

Adding to the Red Raider's list of woes is an injury to senior midfielder Julie Clement.

Clement suffered a knee injury in Tech's contest with Iowa State. Oskam said Clement has been seen by a physician, but her knee is still too swollen for an MRI to be per-

Clement is a co-captain of the team and the only starting senior, so Oskam said someone is going to have to come forward and lead the Red Raiders.

"Without her, we don't have any senior leadership," Oskam said. "We need some people to step it up and take charge.

One freshman said in order to begin winning again Tech must remain confident.

"We need to overcome these losses and stay confident," said midfielder Lindsay Thompson.

"We also need to relax and play stronger.' The Horned Frogs return six start-

ers and seven letterwinners from last year's 7-13 squad. They are led by coach David Rubinson, who is 88-103-14 in 10

The Red Raiders blew past TCU 5-1 in the teams' last meeting during

Oskam said although his team has not been playing the way he would like them to play, he is pleased with the players' efforts.

"The effort is there," he said. "Right now the way we are playing is just not good enough."

Due to an injury, last season's starting goal keeper, Lizzie Pruitt, has been medically unable to play.

She was recently cleared, and after playing sparingly against Baylor and Iowa State, she started against Nebraska.

Oskam said Pruitt got the starting nod because freshman goalkeeper Kellie McCallister had trouble with some high balls against the Cyclones. Although she had 10 goalie saves, she also allowed five goals, and Oskam said the sophomore from Arlington had some improving to do.

"I think she could have done a lot better," he said. "She made some mistakes."

Oskam said he has not decided on a starting goalkeeper for today's contest and said it will be a game-to-game decision on who starts.

Sophomore Cece Dillon said the Red Raiders need to learn from the losses and then move on.

"Right now we need to move on and work hard and concentrate more," said Dillon, a defender from Irving Nimitz.

"We have to play like we know how to play and use all of the talent we have."

Following today's game with TCU, the Red Raiders have road games with Georgia Southern and South Alabama before returning to conference play against Texas A&M

Oskam said the upcoming games are all winnable, and it should be a good time for his team to regroup before facing the Aggies.

"The non-conference games are a time for us to find a way to get back on the winning track," Oskam said of the Red Raiders.

"It is not time to fold but instead time to stay focused, and hopefully we will turn it around."



Heads Up: Senior midfielder Julie Clement heads a ball in the Red Raiders' 2-0 loss to Texas Sept. 21. Tech plays TCU today at 3:30 p.m. in Lubbock.

Lofton, Maddux help Atlanta cruise to 2-1 victory over Houston

Maddux gave the Braves the kind of pitching they take for granted, Kenny Lofton showed Atlanta what a little speed can do.

Lofton, hampered most of the season by a pulled groin muscle, created a first-inning run with his daring on the basepaths, and Maddux limited Houston to seven singles as Atlanta defeated the Astros 2-1 in the first game of NL division series Tuesday afternoon.

"I'd like to think I can pitch better than I pitched today," Maddux said with a shrug. "I don't think you're ever satisfied unless you throw a perfect game.

Darryl Kile and two relievers held the Braves to only two hits - none after the first pitch in the second in-

ATLANTA (AP) — While Greg ning — but Atlanta scored a run off each one, showing the experience of an unprecedented sixth straight postseason appearance.

> Houston, playing in the postseason appearance since 1986, has played the Braves close all year. The 11 regularseason games each were decided by one or two runs, with Atlanta winning

> But the Braves are supremely confident of beating the Astros now that they've got the first game of the series out of the way. Tom Glavine starts Game 2 on Wednesday before the best-of-5 series shifts to the Astrodome Friday.

"Winning the first one is the key," catcher Eddie Perez said, more businesslike than boasting. "Our chances are excellent of going up 2-0, and

we've been even better on the road. I think it's going three.'

Atlanta, a one-base-at-a-time team during most of its run as the team of the '90s, acquired Lofton in a blockbuster trade with Cleveland during training camp. But the groin injury and unfamiliarity with NL pitchers held him to 27 stolen bases, the lowest output of his major league career in a full season.

"After I got hurt, I just tried to prepare myself for the playoffs," he said. "I wanted to make sure my body was where it needed to be, because the playoffs are the bottom line."

Lofton demonstrated that he was healthy in the very first inning.

He blooped a hit just inside the left-field line and turned on the speed

Lofton tagged and sprinted for third on a fly to medium right, sliding in just ahead of the throw from Derek Bell. Lofton scored on Chipper Jones' sacrifice fly to left.

"You've got to make the other team work," Lofton said. "You've got to put pressure on them."

Shortstop Jeff Blauser said of Lofton: "When you have that kind of weapon, it can change the complexion of the game."

Ryan Klesko led off the second with a homer to right, giving the Braves a 2-0 lead. Kile threw a hanging curve, and Atlanta's top home-run hitter made him pay.

"It was the pitch I wanted to throw," said Kile, a 19-game winner this season. "I hadn't thrown a curveball for a strike (in the first incould throw it for a strike. He hit it out of the park. What can I say?"

Klesko's homer was the Braves' final hit of the day, but that was all they needed with Maddux on the mound — especially in a day game. He was 10-0 with a 1.94 ERA in daytime starts during the season.

Working on eight days' rest, the four-time Cy Young Award winner allowed more than one hit in only one inning and shut down the top three hitters in Houston's order. Craig Biggio, Bell and Jeff Bagwell were a combined 0-for-12 with three strikeouts.

"We didn't go out and choke," Bagwell said. "The top three guys went up there and didn't get any hits. But, shoot, Maddux has done to that

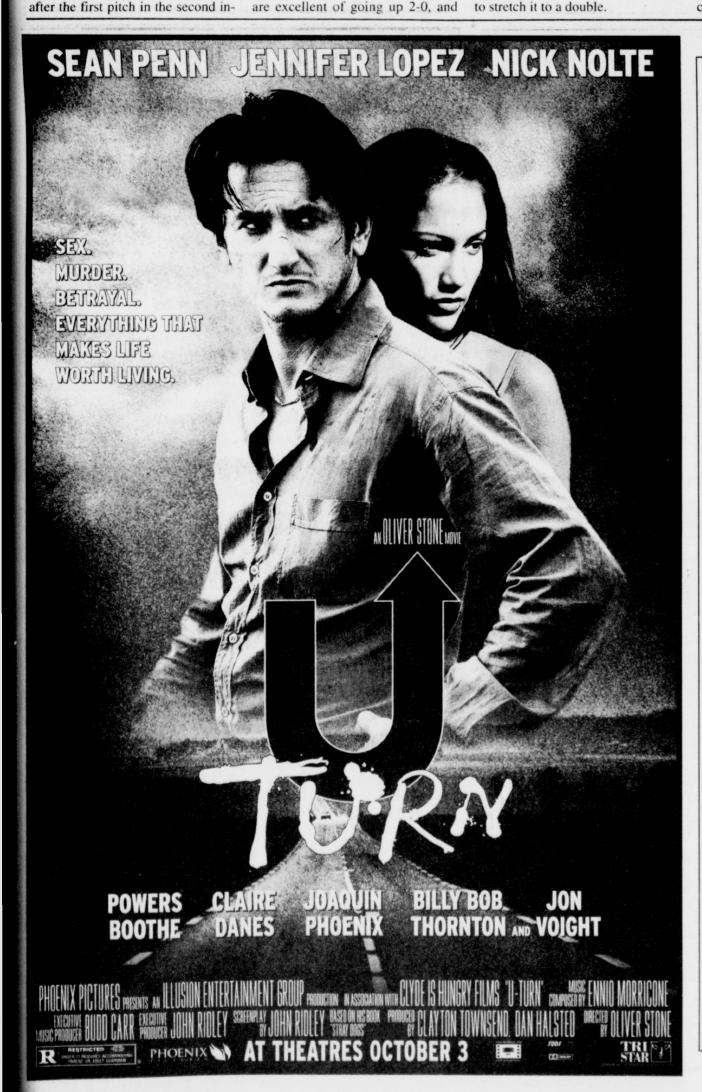
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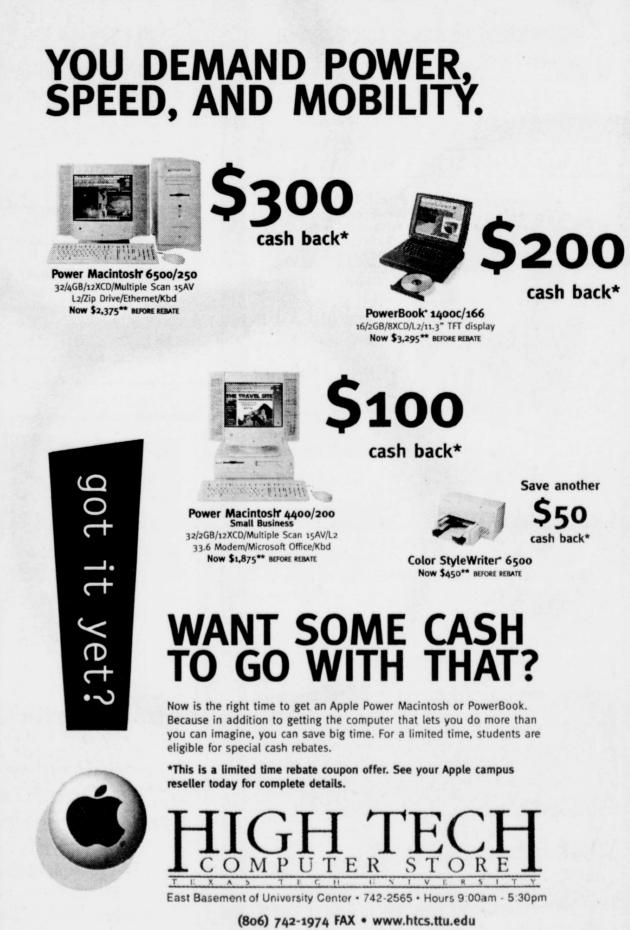
Bagwell, who had 43 homers and 135 RBIs, struck out swinging in the eighth with a runner at second. Maddux's 114-pitch complete game ensured the Braves didn't have to go to their shaky bullpen.

The Astros scored a most unlikely run in the fifth. With one out, Tony Eusebio singled and stunned the Braves with the first stolen base of his major league career.

The slow-running catcher has gone 296 regular-season games without swiping a base.

Eusebio moved to third on a groundout and scored on Kile's single up the middle. Kile, who hit .124 with 38 strikeouts in 89 at-bats this season, was 2-for-2 against Maddux.





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SPORTS

Big 12 South Division race still up for grabs

BY HEATH ROBINSON

The University Daily

There may not be a better race in college football this season than the race to represent the Big 12 South Division in the conference championship game Dec. 6 in San Antonio.

"Any one of the six teams can win, without a doubt," Oklahoma coach John Blake said. "In the North, you can kind of tell there is a couple of dominant teams. I don't see that down here."

Last season, the South appeared to be in the same spot.

Texas won the South with a 6-2 record, which tied them for just the third-best record in the conference. But Texas rescued the South's

reputation with a stunning 37-27 win over 10-1 Nebraska in the Big 12 Championship game.

Analysis

This season, Texas entered as a huge favorite to defend the crown, but the 'Horns were sent reeling after a 66-3 loss to UCLA.

Several key injuries appear to have seriously hindered Texas' hopes.

The Longhorns (2-1 overall, 0-0 Big 12) look to have lost receivers Wayne McGarity and Dustin Armstrong for the season, as well as sophomore defensive tackle Casey Hampton.

Senior All-American candidate Chris Akins, at defensive tackle, and linebacker Josh Taft are also out for extended periods.

Texas coach John Mackovic agrees the injuries will hamper his team but is confident the Longhorns still have

"You just don't lose those players and shrug it off," Mackovic said of the injuries. "There are a lot of weapons missing, but then again we still have a lot as well. We'll use some players earlier than we really wanted to, so they'll need to come in and help out. Certainly, nobody is out of anything yet."

The pecking order looks to begin

with Texas A&M right now, although the Aggies have played an overly soft schedule on their way to a 3-0 record. Texas A&M will know more about themselves after a trip this weekend to No. 18 Colorado, a team the Aggies lost to in each of the last two seasons.

But Texas A&M's three wins over inferior opponents certainly don't distinguish them from the crowd.

The Aggies are a combined 0-4 against Texas Tech and Texas since 1995, and the team plays road games against Tech, Kansas State and Okla-

The Aggies, Longhorns, Red Raiders and Sooners all look to have legitimate chances at the title, and Oklahoma State is creeping into the South title picture as well.

Coach Bob Simmons has the Cowboys at 4-0 for the first time since Barry Sanders roamed the sidelines. Oklahoma State will find out its place over the next two weeks with home games against Texas and Colorado.

"I'm really proud of the way my guys have responded so far," Simmons said. "But there's no doubt that the meat is coming up in the next two months. For a 4-0 team, we have a lot of questions that need answers. I suspect we'll get some here pretty quick."

For schedule purposes, Texas may still be considered the favorite. Texas plays Tech and Colorado at home, and the Oklahoma game in Dallas is hardly a road game.

Still, the South Division may rest

in the outcome of yet another Texas-Texas A&M battle, this time in Col-

lege Station. After that, the real fun begins. Is there another Texas in the making, or will Nebraska finish the job this sea-

son and win the Big 12 title? The No. 3 Cornhuskers appear to be on track for a national championship shot after embarrassing Washington on their home field.

Mackovic was asked if he could see Nebraska losing again this year.

"I really am not thinking that far down the road at all," Makovic said of the Cornhuskers. "But obviously, anyone can lose in this conference. It's just a season-long grind. Whoever can take the most shots without falling down will win."

Gators lose versatile Jackson for season

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GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — No. 1 Florida is about to find out how many players it takes to re-

place Terry Jackson. Jackson, the most versatile player on an offense that was just beginning to hit its stride, tore a ligament in his right knee against Kentucky and is out for the sea-

"Only time will tell if his absence is going to hurt us," coach Steve Spurrier said Tuesday.

That could be revealed at any

number of places.

Jackson, who moved to fullback this year as part of Spurrier's plan to keep his best players on the field, gave the Fun 'N' Gun an extra dimension.

Along with his running ability - he led Florida with eight rushing touchdowns a year ago — he was an adept blocker against the blitz and gave the Gators a surehanded receiver at fullback.

The timing couldn't have been worse for Florida (4-0, 2-0 SEC).

Despite critics, Cowboys still the best



CHARLIE RAPIER **SPORTS REPORTER**

Enough talk about the Texas Tech football team and their almighty triumphs, lets talk about the Dallas Cowboys.

In the prime time world of the NFL, any time a team with an infamous profile such as the Cowboys screws up, network giant ESPN and every other major sports critic ruthlessly attack.

Since last season, the Cowboys have been taking blow after blow off the field — and on the field. On the field, particularly this season, Dallas has already taken a lot of heat from media criticism.

Now that all the controversy about the vandalism of dormitory cameras at St. Edward's in Austin during train-

ing camp and coach Barry Switzer football team that has won three of accidentally leaving a .38 caliber handgun in his suitcase at DFW Airport has passed, the boys from Valley Ranch have added more dirt to their already tarnished image off the field.

On the field, Dallas is trying to reestablish a World Champion team.

Critics say the Cowboys aren't the same team since Emmitt Smith is not racking up record yardage and touch-

Dallas is currently 3-1 in the toughest division in the NFC and is fairly healthy on both sides of the ball with no major injuries.

The Cowboys just have the problems many NFL teams experience each season.

The ability to stay clean in the media spotlight, finding a way to win and possibly advance into the playoffs are difficulties every team must go through. The only difference is Dallas is being nailed to the wall for not being perfect.

When a team like the Cowboys is successful, the public looks and judges the players by their pasts. The fact is that Dallas is a professional

the last six Super Bowls this decade, and a team that unfortunately carries the burden of being "America's Team" everywhere it travels.

What's all this negative talk about Dallas? Look at the World Champion Green Bay Packers. They have already lost two games this season.

Sunday, the Cowboys defeated the 0-4 Chicago Bears 27-3 and proved their defense and offense are alive and can get the job done.

Deion Sanders' punt return for a touchdown sparked the return of the big play capability that Dallas seemed to have missed last year.

The outstanding performance of the defense is far better than expected with the escalated play by rookie linebacker Dexter Coakley combined with the best defensive secondary in all of football.

So far things look good, but you always have voices of twisted opinion out there that pick out every sad

I'm a fan of John Madden, but FOX's marquee sportscaster said Sunday the Cowboys aren't the same

team they use to be. What?

The only dimension missing from 1995's Super Bowl team is the running game.

Smith has not scored a touchdown or gained 100 yards in a single game this year, but who cares? Dallas is winning.

When did the satisfaction of just winning a game jump out the window? Could it be Dallas is running a new offensive game plan in order to compensate for the running game and a deteriorated offensive line?

these changes Dallas has shown, but every team changes and has to adjust to the players available. Dallas is compensating and doing it well.

Many different things contribute to

After all they still have their "Fab Four" in Troy Aikman, Smith, Michael Irvin and Sanders.

Not even Madden should think Dallas can't get the job done. True, they are not the same team, they have a few new players, but still are just as good. Just watch, they'll play in San Diego in January.

Charlie Rapier is a sophomore journalism major from Allen.

Tennessee governor joins Oilers' detractors

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The to the Oliers' organization. Oilers have dealt with empty seats and alienated fans in their first three months in Tennessee. Now they can add Tennessee's governor to their list

Gov. Don Sundquist thinks the team bungled its relocation, needs to change its name and generally get its act together.

'They absolutely botched it," Sundquist told the Kingsport Times-News in a story published in Tuesday's editions. "I don't know if it's a (public relations) disaster, but I think it is clear they have not done a good job."

His comments came as a surprise who brokered the city's \$149 million

Coach Jeff Fisher gave Sundquist a game ball from their first regularseason game in Tennessee for his part in their relocation from Houston. And, Sundquist helped convince state lawmakers to pitch in \$55 million for the team's new Nashville stadium, scheduled to open in 1999.

"We regret that the governor holds that view, and we certainly acknowledge that we have a lot of work to do in the future," said Don MacLachlan, the Oilers' executive vice president for ticketing, broadcasting and mar-

Nashville Mayor Phil Bredesen,

agreed with Sundquist about the Oilers' mistakes.

He has even talked with NFL

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue about some of the team's problems, though he declined to provide details. "No question, there have been

some missteps and decisions like the name issue that I wish had been made in another way," Bredesen said. The Oilers got off to bad start with

Tennessee fans even before they moved from Texas.

By locating his practice facility away from downtown near the edge of Nashville, owner Bud Adams was able to invoke a clause giving his team

contribution to the stadium deal, a rent reduction in the new stadium once it's built.

Then he backed off on a planned contest to let fans vote on a new nickname that would be more reflective of Tennessee than "Oilers."

"When a team like that moves to Tennessee, there has to be a sense of ownership by Tennessee and Tennesseans and certainly by Nashvillians," Bredesen said.

The decision to play home games at the Liberty Bowl in Memphis until the Nashville stadium is finished also has drawn criticism.

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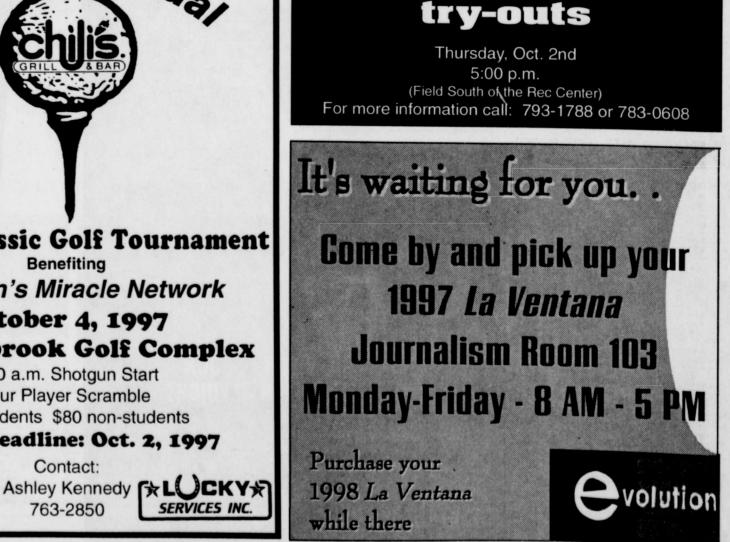


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Robinson totes best shape of life

Elliott remembers looking down at the San Antonio Spurs bench last season and seeing David Robinson in street clothes hunched over with back pain, a broken bone in his left foot and a lost look on his face.

"I was one of the doubters," Elliott said. "I was real quiet about it. The way I saw him last year, at the end of the season, sitting at the end of the bench, I thought he would play half the games this year. I had question marks about his back."

So did Robinson, the Spurs' All-Star center who began having back pain after suffering a hernia just before the 1996 Olympics and then never got the injury rehabbed before last season.

But after months of carefully paced strength and conditioning work, Robinson, whose absence from the Spurs for 76 games last season helped lead to the biggest one-year drop by a team in NBA history, says he is in the best shape of his life, painfree and full of rookie enthusiasm.

"I've been out here every day, running and shooting or playing," Robinson said after a recent workout at the University of the Incarnate Word. "My back has responded extremely well."

That's good news for the Spurs, who were without Robinson for seven preseason games, the team's first 18 regular-season games due to the back injury and then the team's final 58

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Sean games due to the broken bone in his

San Antonio, which went 59-23 in 1995-96, was 20-62 last season as Chuck Person (back), Charles Smith (knee) and Elliott (knee) also missed most of the season.

Eleven players missed games because of injury, forcing coach and general manager Gregg Popovich to use 24 different starting lineups.

Popovich watches Robinson race up and down the court and bang bodies with fellow 7-footer and NBA top draft pick Tim Duncan and smiles.

"It means the whole world having David healthy," Popovich said. "We learned that last year, obviously. He's about 90 to 95 percent and getting contact every day.

"He's stronger than he ever has been, and we are very optimistic that he can return to his old self."

Robinson said putting off surgery to repair the hernia until after the Olympics last year, allowed his stomach and back muscles to deteriorate, increasing the vulnerability for a back injury, which occurred during the Olympics.

"The back problem persisted, especially after the hernia surgery, it got worse," Robinson said. "When I started training camp last year, I couldn't run."

He was also told by doctors that his jumping mechanics were poor, that he used his lower back too much instead of relying more on his legs.

He's stronger than he ever has been, and we are very optimistic that he can return to his old self.

Gregg Popovich, coach and general manager

Over the summer, he did thousands of situps and leg lifts to re-strengthen his stomach and lower back and changed the way he jumps.

"I have no concerns whatsoever when it comes to playing game after game," said Robinson, adding that he won't pronounce himself totally fit until he starts the season and is painfree, night after night.

"Nothing compares to playing night-in and night-out, and that's why I don't say I'm 100 percent. But I feel great. In fact, physically I'm probably in the best shape of my life."

Robinson, who has averaged 25.5 points, 11.7 rebounds, 3.1 assists and 3 blocks per game over eight years and was the NBA's most valuable player in 1995, said the injury made him realize he still loves the game.

"When you sit out, there's a couple things that can happen," he said. "You can realize you enjoy sitting out, or you can realize that you really enjoy playing."

He said he has the same enthusiasm for this season as he did his rookie season.

"A lot of times you can get caught up in the idea that everything is on your shoulders, that you've got to go out and get 15 rebounds, score 30 points and block five shots and make sure the team wins every night," he

"That gets tough after about six or seven years of doing that. You stop looking at it like a game. You start thinking, 'This is a job, it's really tough and you've got to do it every night.'

"I've enjoyed playing over the last few years a lot, but I feel like the incentive is fresh, like when I came out of college."

Spurs guard Vinny Del Negro said, 'David doesn't seem tentative at all. He doesn't seem reluctant to make any moves."

Curtain's up as Wings go out for an encore

Stanley Cup in 42 years, the Detroit Red Wings now face the hard part - repeating.

"Our team is going to be tested a lot," said coach Scotty Bowman, whose Red Wings play at Calgary in one of 10 season-openers on Wednesday. "It's up to us as coaches to get them prepared."

The defending champions face a daunting task. There hasn't been a repeat winner in the NHL since Pittsburgh in 1991 and 1992. There have been six different league champions in the last six years, and 11 different teams in the finals.

Last season, Colorado had the best record in the regular season and was favored to repeat. But the Avalanche were beaten in the Western Conference finals by the Red Wings, who had the fifth-best record in the NHL.

"You can't win the Stanley Cup in the regular season," Bowman said. "You have to get to the playoffs to get a shot at it."

Bowman speaks from experience. The year before, the Red Wings had the best record in NHL history and were heavily favored to win the Cup. But they were eliminated by the Avalanche.

"I told them to have a passion," Bowman said. "Just because ing without free agent Paul Kariya.

(AP) — After winning their first you've won the Cup, it doesn't go away with the first game. They've got to realize, everything changes."

Things have certainly changed in Detroit since the Red Wings won the Cup: Goaltender Mike Vernon, the most valuable player in the playoffs, is gone in a trade. Free agent forward Tomas Sandstrom left the Red Wings to sign with another team. And superstar center Sergei Fedorov is a contract holdout.

Then there is the loss of star defenseman Vladimir Konstantinov, who is still recuperating from a near-fatal limo wreck after a team celebration.

The Avalanche open the season at home against the Dallas Stars in a meeting of elite teams. The Stars had the second-best record in the NHL last season while winning the Central Division.

Anaheim and Vancouver open their seasons Friday and Saturday in Tokyo - the NHL's first regular-season games to be played outside of North America. The Canucks will be led be former Ranger Mark Messier, who signed with Vancouver as a free agent this

The Mighty Ducks will be play-

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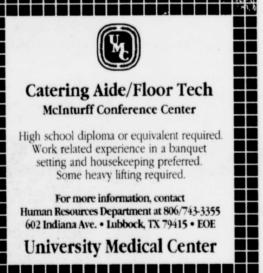
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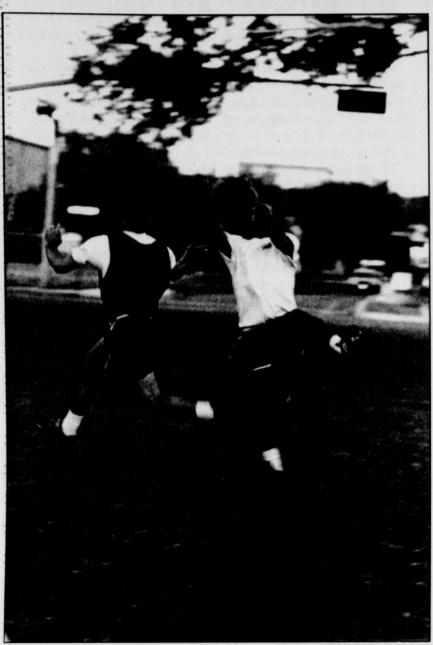
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> For more information on any club team, call the Rec at 742-3351

Club teams faring well

Men's soccer club undefeated

The Texas Tech Men's Soccer Club is undfeated in the Texas Collegiate Soccer League with a 5-0 record midway into the season. The club has defeated Angelo State (6-1), Abilene Christian (3-1), University of North Texas (4-2), Howard Payne University (5-1) and North Texas (1-0).

The club is building momentum for the Texas State Championship at the end of October. The team came in second in the open division in a national tournament in 1995 and third in 1996. The soccer club will play Baylor this coming Saturday at 2 p.m. in Fuller Track Stadium. Come and cheer for the men's club team for an undefeated season.

In-Line Hockey competes at nationals

The In-Line Hockey team competed in the College Club Division of the USA Hockey In-Line Cup in Las Vegas, Neveda.

They competed Sept. 17-20. In reational Sports at 742-3351.

pool play, Texas Tech played University of Missouri- Rolla and lost 4-2. They followed that with a win against Pepperdine University out of Malibu, California. They won 9-2. They lost their final game in pool play against the University of Neveda- Las Vegas 7-2.

In the playoffs, they went on to beat Sam Houston State 12-2 and then lost in the quarter finals to Truman State University out of Kirksville, Missouri in a grueling 6-5 game.

Curt Barnett, the sport club president, stated that Tech finished the best out of all Texas schools.

Their cross-state rivals, Texas A&M, lost all of their games.

Tech was at a disadvantage throughout the entire tournament because only six of the team members were able to compete in Las Vegas. A normal team consists of seven play-

If you are interested in playing In-Line Hockey, the team currently practices at 'The Rink' on 82nd and Oakridge. They compete in the Lubbock City League and also in In-Line Hockey tournaments throughout the year. For more information, contact Curt Barnett at 762-3409 or call Rec-

Singles Golf Tourney

5 p.m. today for this year's Intramural Singles Golf Tournament in the Rec Sports Office, SRC room 202. Entries must be accompanied by a non-refundable \$19 green fee made payable to the Elm Grove Golf Course. The tournament will be played Sunday, October 5th,

Entries are being taken through with tee times available on a first come, first serve basis beginning at 1 p.m. All entrants may selct their tee time at time of entry. This is an 18 hole, low gross score tournament played according to USGA and course rules. For more information, contact the Intramural Sports Office before today's deadline at 742-3351.

Roof being Bump, Set erected

A new roof is being erected this week at the Tech Aquatic Center.

The roof was purchased from Yeardon Fabric Domes of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Once the roof is in place the pool will be transferred from an outdoor facility to an indoor pool hours will remain the same but the cooler fall and winter weather will not be a factor for swimmers trying to get their

Upcoming activites at the pool include Long Course Swimming at 12 noon Saturday, Adult swimming lessons beginning Monday and Stroke Mechanics workshop scheduled for next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Interested swimmers should call the pool to insure that the top is up and the pool is back open.

The phone number to the Aquatic Center is 742-3896.

and Spike! Intramural volleyball play will be-

gin soon!

Volleyball entries will be accepted next week (Oct. 7-9) from 8 a.m. until

ter room 202. Copies of the available leagues can

They will be accepted in Rec Cen-

be picked up now upstairs in the Rec

Plan to enter as early as possible in order to secure your most favorable playing time and/or location.

In order to enter a team, simply bring your roster with the team member's names, addresses and phone numbers to SRC 202 during the entry period.

A refundable \$25 forfeit fee is also

The intramural staff is anticipating over 100 teams to participate so plan to enter early.

Upcoming Events

Entries Due Intramurals Oct. 1 Golf Singles Oct. 7-9 Volleyball Oct. 7-10 Trap and Skeet

Special Events

2-person Golf

Tomorrow Rappeling Workshop Oct. 4 Long Course Swimming Flexibility Testing Oct. 6 Oct. 7 Kayaking Workshop Oct. 7 Stroke MechanicsWorkshop

Upcoming Workshops for Outdoor Enthusiasts

Oct. 6-15

Rappeling workshop set for tomorrow

A hands on rappeling workshop that will teach beginners the basics, will be conducted tomorrow on the north end of the Rec Center at 5 p.m.

Students will learn about equipment, proper procedures and the

safeeety of rappeling. All participants will then have the oppurtunity to rappel down a 25 foot wall outside the Rec.

Kayaking workshop to be held Tuesday

Want to try an eskimo roll? Ever want to get the feel of a kayak?

If you have, you may want to attend the kayaking workshop.

The workshop will be held next Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Tech Aquatic Center.

This will be an oppurtunity for interested students to learn kayaking strokes.

Also, they will learn what to do when you tip over in a kayak.

Once you master the basics you will cruise around the pool in your

You will learn what you need to know right on campus in the heart of Lubbock.

No sign-ups are required.

Just come and bring your swim suit. Show up Tuesday at the pool and learn all there is about the sport of kayaking.



Greg Henry/Rec Sports

Catch Me If You Can! An Alpha runner tries to outdistance the Tri Delt defenders during last Thursdays flag football game held on the Rec Fields. In this game, Tri Delt "B" defeated Alpha "A" 18-6.

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