

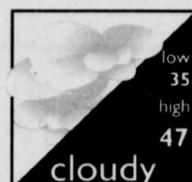
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Iraq wants to air grievances Tech's fate lies with committee

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United States asked the U.N. Security Council Monday to condemn Iraq and threaten it with "serious consequences" unless Baghdad backs down from its refusal to cooperate with Americans on U.N. weapons inspection teams.

Despite the harsh words, the United States appeared more interested in preserving council unity than punishing Iraq.

Russian Ambassador Sergey Lavrov said his government opposes "any threat or use of force" in the crisis and indicated Iraq's complaints needed to be heard.

The U.S. envoy to the United Nations, Bill Richardson, said the United States opposes Iraq's request for a

Security Council hearing to air its grievances. Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz, who made the request, wants to argue Baghdad's case that the Americans are manipulating the U.N. inspection teams.

Arriving for the private council meeting, Richardson said he would ask the 15-member body to adopt a "strong resolution" to condemn Iraq, demand full compliance with U.N. orders, impose a travel ban on Iraqi officials who interfere with inspections and warn of "serious consequences to follow."

Richardson said if the council refuses, "all bets are go, all options are open."

Significantly, council diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity,

said the American proposal did not declare that Iraq had breached the 1991 Gulf War cease-fire — a condition for military action to force compliance. It appeared the U.S. priority was to get all 15 council members to state for the record that what Iraq did was illegal rather than push for punishing measures or military action.

The council meeting ended after about 2 1/2 hours and there was no indication when a vote would be taken. U.N. officials said they expected it by midweek.

The diplomatic sources said France argued that Baghdad should be given more time to comply with U.N. orders before the council adopts punitive measures.

They said U.S. and British diplo-

rats were working Monday night on a draft resolution. Faced with Russian and French objections, the final draft was expected to soften the warning from "serious consequences" to simply "consequences."

Washington is furious at Iraq for refusing to cooperate with American weapons inspectors and threatening to fire on U.S.-piloted U-2 surveillance planes flying U.N. missions.

France, China and Russia have joined with Washington in demanding that President Saddam Hussein rescind his decision to expel the six American inspectors from Iraq.

A U.S.-British proposal imposing an automatic travel ban failed last month to gain support of five of the 15 council members.

BY GINGER POPE
The University Daily

The future of Texas Tech's athletic program since the release of NCAA charges could be determined during the hearing of the NCAA Infractions Committee in April.

Tech officials released charges Nov. 3, compiled by the NCAA Committee on Enforcement, and Tech now has 90 days, or until February, to respond.

After Tech has compiled its response, it has 30 days of a prehearing with the Committee on Enforcement to compare evidence for charges and to determine if any charges should be thrown out. Then the information will be presented to the Infractions Committee.

David Swank, infractions committee chair and law professor at the University of Oklahoma, said the enforcement committee will present its charges, and then the university can admit and present reasons, or it can contest.

"During the presentation of the charges and the case of the university, no one is allowed to cross-examine, and any questions are to be directed to us," Swank said.

The length of time for hearings by the Infractions Committee usually lasts a half-day or a day, but some cases, such as Tech's, can last longer.

Once the hearing of infractions is over, then the committee meets to discuss what sanctions, if any, are to be applied, Swank said.

"We try to make tentative decisions while still at the meeting sites, but sometimes we have to do it by conference telephoning," he said.

The infractions committee eventu-

Road Less Traveled

February 1996
NCAA investigation began

February 1998
Respond to charges

April
Appear before NCAA Infractions Committee

Oct. 31 1997
Charges received

April
End of prehearing with NCAA Enforcement Committee

End of April or Beginning of May
Receive sanctions if any

ally agrees on facts of whether infractions occurred and what penalties to assign, Swank said. A member of the committee is assigned to write a report, which is circulated among other members.

The report is reviewed by other committee members and if not approved, is rewritten, he said. Once a final draft is agreed upon, then the report is sent to the university.

"Normally, we try to do it in four weeks, but sometimes it takes five to six weeks before a decision is made," he said.

In the NCAA official letter of inquiry, David Berst, group executive director for Enforcement and Student-Athlete Reinstatement, described the charges Tech faces as being "major," meaning a real possibility of sanctions. However, Tech does not fall within a five-year repeat violator time period, even though Tech was on probation in 1987 for football recruitment violations.

Chuck Smrt, director of the NCAA Committee on Enforcement, said in order for Tech to fall into the repeat violator category, Tech would have had to have gone before the infractions committee before the infractions committee event-

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Walking Through the Fire: Dave Echels, a senior wildlife management major from Fort Worth, gets ahead of a controlled burn in southern Lubbock County.

photos by John Woelke/The University Daily

Council members immune to tickets

BY JASON BERNSTEIN
The University Daily

Members of Texas Tech's Chancellor's Council may be getting off ticket free when illegally parking on campus, while students continue risking tickets and towing.

The Chancellor's Council is composed of people who donate at least \$1,000 to the university and pay a monthly fee after the initial donation.

"The Chancellor's Council is basically the university's main source of discretionary funds," said Marcie Johnston, executive director of Tech's

Chancellor's Council and Board of Regents. "The council consists of 901 members."

Parking decals are issued to council members and their spouses by the chancellor's office to provide easier access to visitor parking on campus.

"I would estimate that we have issued 2,000 decals to council members," Johnston said.

Chancellor's Council members are entitled to park in visitor parking spaces only, Johnston said.

However, a traffic and parking attendant, who spoke to *The University Daily* on the condition of anonymity, discovered two cars Nov. 4 illegally

parked in a loading zone, one with a Chancellor's Council decal and the other with a commuter decal. The commuter car was the only one the attendant ticketed.

"To my knowledge, we are unable to ticket vehicles with the Chancellor's Council decal on it," the attendant said.

"Personally, I think that if a vehicle is parked illegally, it deserves a ticket."

Bert Castillo, Tech's operational supervisor for traffic and parking, said Chancellor's Council members are not subjected to ticketing on the first offense.

"When members of the council park illegally, we usually request that the chancellor's office notify the owner of the vehicle before we issue a ticket," Castillo said. "Because they donate large sums of money to the university, we think they are entitled to some courtesy. We basically go on a case by case basis."

However, the member of the Chancellor's Council whose vehicle was illegally parked in the loading zone and not ticketed said he has not received any word.

"I have yet to receive any warning," said council member Wally Kline. "I may have parked in an illegal zone last week."

Making sparks



Fire Starter: Assistant professor Rob Mitchell (far left) instructs students on how to use a starter torch.

Students warm up to class work

BY WES UNDERWOOD
The University Daily

An 8-year-old boy gets his first shotgun and goes on his first duck hunt along the Platt River in central Nebraska. This feeling could last forever, he thinks.

Rob Mitchell grew up along these banks of the Platt River near Elm Creek, Neb., where hunting and fishing are some children's greatest joys.

Mitchell always wanted to help wildlife, so he went off to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln to learn how.

Mitchell received his bachelor's and master's degrees and his doctor-

ate in range and forage science at Nebraska.

After college, Mitchell's friends were getting jobs managing people at state parks and various other places.

"I spent two years as a restaurant manager," Mitchell said. "I managed people. I wanted to get into managing habitat."

He has been able to do just that at Texas Tech.

Mitchell is heading up the premier fire ecology program in the nation. He is an assistant professor in Tech's range and wildlife department and leads the controlled burns that the department conducts.

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Tech receives \$1 million donation from local couple

BY JONATHAN CARROLL

The University Daily

Bill and Corinne Wright donated \$1 million to the College of Human Sciences and the College of Engineering at Texas Tech.

Tech Chancellor John Montford

accepted the donation Monday.

The Wrights operate Associated Supply Company, a general construction machinery and equipment wholesaler in Lubbock.

"We are here today to publicly thank the Wrights for their very generous gift of \$1 million,"

Montford said.

"We've have had ... like 20 members of our family attend Texas Tech and received numerous degrees," Bill Wright said.

The family has made other donations to several Tech programs during the past 25 years.

"Corinne and I are glad to be able to do something for the future of Texas Tech," Bill Wright said.

Dean Elizabeth Haley of the College of Human Sciences said it is people like the Wrights who make Tech's future brighter than it is today.

"We are very proud of our heritage with your family," Haley said.

"Thank you for this wonderful gift Corinne and Bill, and what you mean to Texas Tech and the College of Human Sciences."

The donation will count toward the \$300 million Horizon Capital Cam-

paign goal Tech has set to raise in private donations.

"I predict this campaign will be successful and will usher in a new era of academics for Texas Tech, this campaign ... will be successful because of the support of people like Bill and Corinne Wright," Montford said.

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Fire ecology and controlled burns of native range lands and Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) grasslands are a specialty for Mitchell, having conducted more than 100 burns so far. All fires are dangerous, and a controlled burn is no exception.

Being accident free is the main goal for Mitchell and the fire ecology class.

Controlled burns are carefully planned. Many factors such as wind speed, temperature and humidity are considered before a burn takes place.

Mitchell attributes never having any accidents to "being well prepared and having good people around you. And being generally conservative by nature does not hurt either."

The main purpose for a burn is to remove accumulated growth. A burn contributes to the recycling of nutrients in the grassland and increases the amount of sunlight needed for growth.

"Fire ecology is a science," Mitchell said. "It is a supplement to both range and wildlife programs."

The range and wildlife depart-

ment charges for its services. Rates range from \$2 to \$5 per acre for a burn. Proceeds are used for student education in the fire ecology program.

"Fire is one of the best management tools we have," Mitchell said. "If we can train our students to conduct fires like no one else in the nation does or can, we are one up on the rest of the world."

Farmers and ranchers are looking into controlled burns as a viable alternative to mowing. Mowing costs \$2 to \$5 more per acre than burning.

"Fire cuts down on the wear and tear of operating tractors and equipment and does a better job reducing residue," said Jack Stanford, an area farmer.

Stanford is allowing the fire ecology class to burn off a CRP grass patch on his farm southwest of Lubbock. Stanford hopes the burn will reduce residue and help control the boll weevils.

One hundred percent of the boll weevils are destroyed during a burn, Mitchell said.

Brent Racher, a graduate student in range management at Tech, has helped Mitchell with approximately a dozen burns and points out that fire is a valuable tool in reclaiming and maintaining range land.

“Fire ecology is a science.”

Rob Mitchell, assistant professor in the range and wildlife department

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tions committee by 1992.

"The repeat violator applies to cases within five years of previous cases," Smrt said.

"This situation would have to have been processed to conclusion by '92."

Bob Burton, director of compliance, said if Tech had fallen within the repeat violator bylaw, it would have been stated in the NCAA's official inquiry.

Thursday, Chancellor John Montford self-imposed sanctions on Tech athletics by agreeing to withdraw the football team from Big 12 championship contention and from bowl consideration.

Robin Green, director for the NCAA Infractions Committee, said the infractions committee takes serious consideration as to whether an institution has imposed sanctions upon itself.

The charge or order of the infractions committee is to impose sanctions in response to the degree of violations incurred, Green said.

These could include a two-year probationary period, a reduction in recruitment privileges as well as loss of scholarships and disciplinary action upon staff members involved in the violations.

Other NCAA penalties could be a loss of representation in the Big 12 Conference or NCAA, loss of television games and bowl games.

Judge frees au pair

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — A judge reduced Louise Woodward's murder conviction to manslaughter and set the English au pair free Monday in hopes of bringing "a compassionate conclusion" to a case that threw a spotlight on everything from working moms to the American legal system.

As the world watched, Judge Hiller B. Zobel sentenced Woodward to the 279 days served since her arrest last February in the death of 8-month-old Matthew Eappen.

The round-faced 19-year-old showed no reaction in court, not even the enigmatic smile that crossed her lips from time to time during testimony. Her lawyers said she would have no comment. Accompanied by her parents, she got into a vehicle with tinted windows in the basement parking garage and left with a police motorcycle escort.

Hours earlier, the judge ruled that she killed the baby by shaking him violently but that her actions did not constitute second-degree murder because she did not act with malice. Second-degree murder carries a man-

datory sentence of life in prison with the possibility of parole after 15 years.

"In selecting the sentence here I do not denigrate Matthew Eappen's death nor his family's grief," Zobel said.

But he added: "It is, in my judgment, time to bring the judicial part of this extraordinary matter to a compassionate conclusion."

Cheers went up outside the courthouse and inside a pub in her village of Elton, England. "Thank you Judge Zobel — Elton," said one sign held by a supporter. Others drank champagne.

The baby's parents, Sunil and Deborah Eappen, were out of state, but in suburban Chicago, the child's grandmother said the decision upholds the essence of the jury's finding.

"It still proves that she's guilty," Achamma Eappen said from her home in Hinsdale, Ill. "All that we wanted was for us to know what has really happened, and this still shows that she's guilty."

The child's grandfather, a pediatrician also named Sunil Eappen, told the BBC that the family was "outraged and disappointed" and that Woodward's sentence was "totally inadequate."

Prosecutors immediately said they would appeal the reduction of the conviction to involuntary manslaughter, and Zobel ordered Woodward to stay in Massachusetts until a court decides she can leave.

"In all my years of prosecuting cases this is the most bizarre series of events I have ever seen, perhaps the most bizarre series of events that anyone has ever seen in this courthouse," said District Attorney Tom Reilly. "I'm sickened by what happened. I'm saddened by what happened. I really am."

"After extensive, cool, calm reflection, I am morally certain that allowing this defendant on this evidence to remain convicted on second-degree murder would be a miscarriage of justice," the judge wrote.

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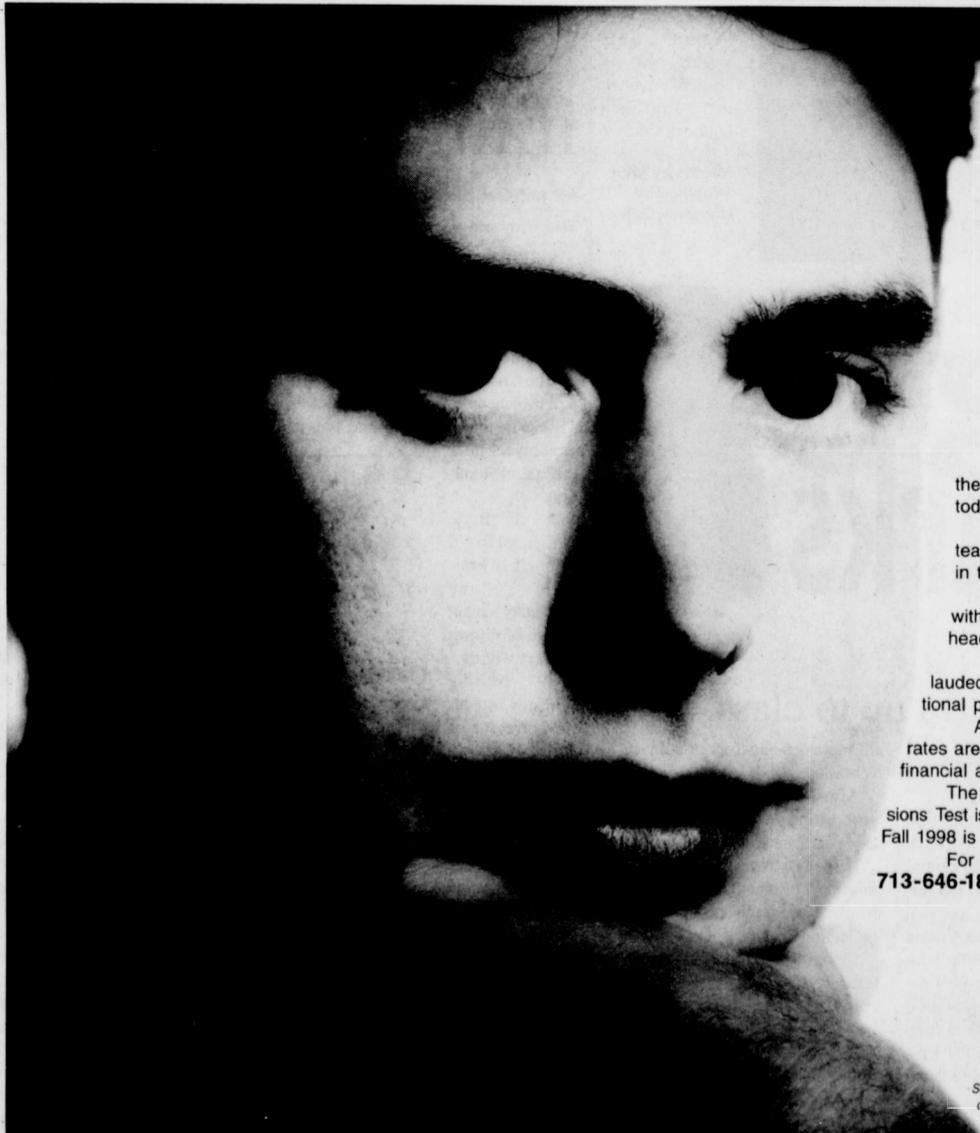
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Pantera gives concert performance of the year



Rockin' In The U.S.A.: Pantera's lead singer Philip Anselmo rocks concertgoers Sunday night at the Fair Park Coliseum. The performance was the band's second leg of its tour with Anthrax and Coal Chamber.

BY SEBASTIAN KITCHEN

The University Daily



Sunday evening, madness overcame thousands of people in Lubbock when the hardest, wildest concert to hit Lubbock in a while stopped at the Fair Park Coliseum.

More than 3,000 people watched Pantera, Anthrax and Coal Chamber in their first night touring together.

Sunday marked the first night of the second leg of Pantera's "Official Live: 101 Proof" Tour. The tour started the leg in Lubbock after a three-week break.

The concert brought hours of music, flying bodies and some bodies who chose not to keep their clothes on.

For people who like hard music, the lineup for this tour is a great one. All three of the bands hit the crowd with nonstop power.

Coal Chamber, the youngest of the three bands, got the crowd's attention from the start with its hit song "Big Truck."

Every band went over big with the crowd, but Coal Chamber set the tone for the rest of the night.

Anthrax, who has sold more records than the other two bands put

together, took the stage next. As one of the most enduring metal bands, Anthrax played old and new tunes alike.

Early in the 1990s, the band did a remake of Public Enemy's "Bring the Noise."

Following the release of the song, the two bands collaborated for a sold-out tour.

Anthrax finished with its rendition of Public Enemy's chart-topper.

During all three bands' performances, there were masses of people crowd surfing, moshing and jumping to the angry music.

Before Pantera took the stage, some women worked to outdo each other as they flashed the crowd, and the people working the spotlights had nothing better to do than highlight them.

After a long break, the coliseum went pitch black and people began to move again in anticipation of the world's most popular metal band.

Pantera put on a great show, high-

“ Before Pantera took the stage, some women worked to outdo each other as they flashed the crowd ... ”

lighting songs from its arsenal.

The band has sold 8 million records worldwide with only five albums to its credit, the fifth being the live album.

Pantera lead singer Philip Anselmo stressed crowd participation, letting the crowd know he would be out of a job if it was not for them.

"We are hired by you," he said. "I would not be here if it was not for you. We will do anything you ask."

Pantera showed its strong following why the band currently is the most popular metal band in the world,

bringing people to their feet with such hits as "Respect" and "Cowboys from Hell."

Fans who paid their \$22.50 (in advance, \$25 at the door) got their money's worth.

The "Cowboy's from Hell" brought hell with them to Lubbock last weekend.

With them, Pantera brought a metal legend in Anthrax and a future great in Coal Chamber.

The lineup is one of the best for metal shows. The Lubbock concert was definitely a can't-miss for metal fans.

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Non-athletic departments deserve money



JULIE MITCHELL
COLUMNIST

I can't believe the officials of Texas Tech are being criticized for their attempts to rebuild this university. The plan is genius. I mean this university is in a public relations nightmare (what with our football team being cheaters and some magazine calling us a fourth-tier school and all). Tech has to find some way to recruit students. So why not build a golf course in lieu of a research facility? I mean,

how else is Tech going to be appealing to potential students?

Everybody knows that it would be a terrible idea to put extra money into creating more scholarships or into attracting good professors. It's ludicrous to think that students might benefit more from smaller classes taught by people with degrees than by classes of 200 students taught by students. But putting money into remodeling, now that's a good idea. Tech is sure to attract good students and faculty with a pretty campus. If you build it they will come.

And if you are wondering why Tech has you run all over campus in order to register (rather than just put in a system that allows you to register over the phone), or why Tech has you run all over Lubbock trying to find a legal parking spot and get to class on time, well that's because it's more important to use your money to build a new arena than to build a decent registration or parking system.

If you sometimes think to yourself, "Why am I paying thousands of dollars to take classes taught by students who don't necessarily want to teach but have to pay for school somehow?" Well that's because it's more important to hire 20 people to ensure that the football team stops cheating than to hire 20 professors to ensure that you get a good education. I mean we have to make sure the football team can compete on their field, not that graduates of Tech can compete in their field.

One need only try to get on campus on a game day to discover where the priorities lie at Tech. They pay police to keep you out of the very place you pay to get into. You can't even get on campus to go to the library.

One particular game day last year there was a performance at the University Theatre, and the actors weren't allowed on campus much less the patrons. This is the way a good university should run. Absolutely no studying or extracurricular activities during a Tech game.

Sports, entertainment and looks — the three major components of a great school.

And Tech either has or is trying to get them all. I'm telling you, before you know it we'll be a fifth-tier school.

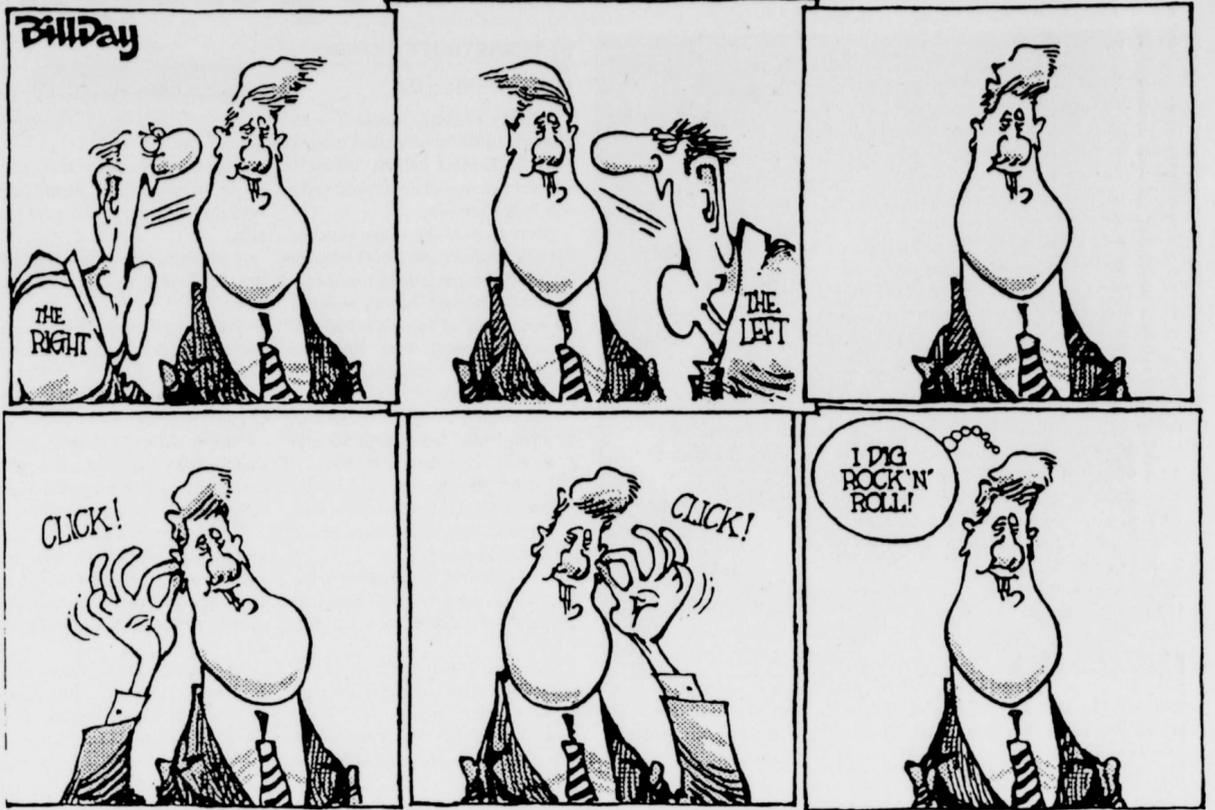
The final result of all this remodeling will no doubt be beautiful. But there are other things that need to be taken care of first. Even the priorities on the new buildings are out of whack. Did you know that dance majors have two professors and one dance room (which has a floor that can't be tapped on) stuck in the women's gym?

A better facility for these students should have been arranged before a new arena to replace one that was fine to begin with was arranged. Building a decent dance floor in decent accommodations would have cost a tiny fraction of what it is costing to build a new arena.

Theatre students have nowhere to rehearse in the theatre building. We don't even have classrooms. We rehearse on the back stoop and in the lobby or the hallway while people walk through us. Hmmm, I've never seen a football player practicing in a hallway because Tech didn't allot them enough room.

Rearranging cafeteria food on fine china doesn't make the taste any better. You know what I'm saying? Give me a scholarship, give me a professor, give me a parking space, give me a better way to register, give me an education that will prepare me for graduation before you give me a good football team or a pretty campus.

Julie Mitchell is a senior English/theatre arts major from Corsicana.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mendez should do more homework

To the Editor: I am writing this letter in response to the column dated Nov. 7. As usual, this newspaper has printed a totally uneducated opinion.

Jesse Mendez' column expresses the opinion that "Starship Troopers" is yet another tacky Hollywood film, lacking any creativity or originality. He refers quite sarcastically to the "ground-breaking plot" of the movie. He seems to think that the movie is yet another piece of cinematic crud from the people who gave us such intelligent and original pieces such as "The Coneheads" and "Independence Day."

He might be right. I have no idea what the movie is going to be like until I catch the show. It may very well be the most awful movie of the decade. (Though it will have stiff competition. Anybody other than me see "The Quest" starring Jean-Claude Van Damme?)

It will not, however, be the result of "Starship Troopers" being an original story line. The book was written by a guy named Robert A. Heinlein, who is considered one of the most thought-provoking science fiction authors who has ever lived. It was written and published in the 1950s. Mulla that one over for a minute.

If the movie descends into the typical moronic level that most movies these days work off of, it is because the author of this science-fiction classic isn't alive to pitch a fit about how Hollywood butchered a great novel.

The book details a future in which only those who serve in the military can vote and contains some of the best social and political commentary that I have ever read. In this novel, Heinlein manages to predict what the United States would end up as in the 1990's — a nation crippled because the power of the people to think and defend themselves was crushed out by a leftist-liberal federal govern-

ment. Whether we will be able to rise out of this particular abyss the way Heinlein foresees remains to be seen. Read the book, it's actually quite scary. The science fiction takes a back seat to some really troubling issues that this nation now faces.

But if the movie stinks, it is not because the original idea was bad. Instead, it's because Hollywood caters to the average moron that our country seems to be populated with more and more — those who want nothing more intelligent in their entertainment than "Beavis and Butthead."

Mendez, along with the rest of the sheep/American populace, would benefit themselves and society by reading the book.

Who knows, we might be able to avert Heinlein's apocalyptic totalitarian state by becoming a little smarter ourselves.

If we did, maybe we could dictate to the entertainment industry, instead of them dictating to us.

Kyle Miller
third-year law student

Tech athletes need praise in bad times

To the Editor: Texas Tech athletics, in defending itself from allegations, has more to say than simply being in full compliance. Tech athletics and Tech media can easily overlook the accomplishments and successes of Tech athletes.

How easy it is to jump on the bandwagon of allegations and accusations regarding our athletic program. Although some may be true and sanctions are in the near future, focus should not only be toward the negative or even repairs of past wrongs. For a moment, allow me to focus you on past rights.

The vast majority of Texas Tech athletes are hard working students

who do very well or even excel in the classroom. Travel schedules are abundant with missed classes and exhausting weekends, where study is uneasily accomplished. Yet athletes excel. The fall of 1996 honored 136 student athletes with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Spring 1997 honored 140 athletes with high GPAs. This is more than 35 percent of all Tech athletes.

Every year our football team competes vigorously to be top in the Big 12 Conference.

Let it be known that Texas Tech is second only to Nebraska in graduation rates of football players, according to statistics released by NCAA in 1996.

Students with less time to waste than most excel. I agree more emphasis should be put on academics and not just winning, but so far I think we have a admirable start. Aside from some major and minor infractions, we are continuing to be successful and will improve.

Lory Knowles
senior
art history/public relations

UD offers boring, mindless opinions

To the Editor: Perhaps bold print shows of hypocrisy aren't always the best idea.

Thursday, as I read through our "award winning newspaper," I read over a few mindless Disney "observations" and what started off as a promising column about topless laws in Texas (Hodges: "Gender Dictates Topless Look").

Unfortunately, I was disappointed as usual by another article in *The UD* that seemed not to follow any coherent train of thought.

Hodges went from writing about the double standards of men having the opportunity to take off their shirts

in public and women getting arrested for it, to saying "instead of testing her gender boundaries and making a spectacle of herself, maybe Carreras should try playing with the boundaries of respectability and class..."

After having a sour taste in my mouth from this column gone bad due to a lack of stance by Hodges, I looked down to find these words in huge bold print: "Stop being such an apathetic group of students. HAVE AN OPINION!"

Well, besides insulting what little audience *The UD* has left, you also brought up a definite cause-effect relationship.

If *The UD* was to write a few articles that were somewhat controversial and somewhat well written, you might find an influx of letters from the students.

But as things have stood lately, nobody cares about anything written in *The UD* and thus, few people have opinions to share.

There are many things going on in this world besides cartoons and the latest persons gripes about the ever popular Hanson brothers. Let's find a little innovation and guts and write something that people will find interesting.

With all this said, I don't mean to sound as if everything ever written by *The UD* is mindless and boring — just about 95 percent of it.

Until this changes, I'll stick with Ben Sargent's comics and the crossword. Which brings me to my final complaint: Quit putting it in the middle of the page — how am I supposed to fold the newspaper around that?

Jesse Bicknell
sophomore
pre-physical therapy major

Editor's Note: *The University Daily* receives anywhere from five to 10 letters per day. The paper also has a 97 percent reader rate on the Texas Tech campus.



Lady Raiders play first exhibition

BY CHARLIE RAPIER

The University Daily

The Texas Tech Lady Raiders will play the first of two exhibition games at 7 p.m. today when they face Slovakia in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

The Lady Raiders are coming into this season with a deeper bench than in the past, coach Marsha Sharp said.

"We have a surplus of talent to use this season, and Tuesday's exhibition will help us find who this year's starters will be," Sharp said. "With Alicia Thompson, we will build around her talents and hopefully construct a flexible starting lineup from exhibition play."

Slovakia is returning from a 68-58 victory over Texas-Arlington Friday. Beata Renertova of Slovakia scored a team high with 13 points, while Renata Plavkova and Andrea Slosiarova both scored 12.

Thompson, a All-America and Naismith Award candidate, will lead

Tech on the court.

Last season, she led the team and the Big 12 with 23.7 points and 9.9 rebounds per game.

Thompson has already been picked as a first team All-American by *Street and Smith's* College Basketball pre-season edition.

"Alicia has the chance to be one of the very best basketball players in the country this year," Sharp said. "She has proven she can score, and I think we are going to be pretty balanced with a very strong inside game, and our perimeter game will match that."

Tech's returning starters include All-Big 12 third team selection Rene Hanebutt, who led the conference in three-point field goal percentage at 45 percent.

Hanebutt said she is looking forward to a successful season with the help of a deep roster.

"We know we will be able to score points on people, we just need to re-evaluate the defense and use our

depth," Hanebutt said.

Crystal Boles, the Big 12 leader and the nation's seventh leading shot-blocker last season, will help the Lady Raiders on the court.

Junior Julie Lake also will return after being the team's best free throw shooter during the 1996-97 season.

Putting a Lady Raider uniform on for the first time are four newcomers, three of who have previously achieved All-America honors.

The Lady Raiders also received a dash of speed with freshman Katrisa O'Neal of Plainview High School who made first team All-State selection last season.

Sharp said O'Neal may be the fastest talent on the team this season and will help tremendously on the perimeter and on defense.

The Lady Raiders will open the 1997-98 regular season Nov. 22 at the Texas-San Antonio Classic Tournament. The Lady Raiders open the home season Dec. 6 when they play McNeese State.



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Jump: Tech guard Rene Hanebutt puts up a shot last season. The Lady Raiders begin the exhibition season at 7 p.m. today in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum against Slovakia.

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Red Raider volleyball takes on Nebraska

BY CHARLIE RAPIER

The University Daily

The Texas Tech volleyball team will travel to Lincoln, Neb., for a re-scheduled match at 7 p.m. today against No. 13 Nebraska.

After coming off a roller coaster weekend with an upset over Texas A&M in College Station Friday and a pounding loss at Texas Saturday, the Red Raiders are regrouping to take on the Cornhuskers.

Nebraska has been upset more times than expected this season by underdog opponents but still is a dangerous team with several powerful players, Tech coach Jeff Nelson said. Nebraska sports an 18-6 overall

record along with a 9-4 Big 12 mark.

Nelson said he is returning to Nebraska where he used to be an assistant coach, and he knows if his team plays well, it can win.

"I feel we can win Tuesday, but we will have to play with good ball control," Nelson said. "Nebraska has several big players on the outside and can easily take control with a fast

offense. They have been more vulnerable this year than in the past."

Tech comes into Tuesday's match with a 20-7 overall record to go with a 7-6 Big 12 mark. Tech is currently seventh in the conference.

The Red Raiders' victory over Texas A&M gave Tech the honor to be the first team in the

Big 12 to have more than 20 wins this season. Senior outside hitter Brande

Brown said she is finding herself playing confidently again and hopes to see the team play well in Lincoln.

"I think the momentum of our upset over Texas A&M will give us an edge in Nebraska, but we will have to play our best volleyball," Brown said.

In the past weeks, Nelson said he has been using a variation of players in his starting lineup.

"There's other people seeing action, and we're not afraid to try different things," Nelson said.

"We used all 12 of our players again against A&M and Texas. We've cut back our practice time to one hour and a half to keep everyone fresh for these last few crucial weeks."

"I feel we can win Tuesday, but we will have to play with good ball control."

Tech coach Jeff Nelson

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Big 12 South race clears up without Red Raiders

BY HEATH ROBINSON
The University Daily

When the Big 12 South Division race failed to simplify itself on the field, Texas Tech Chancellor John Montford made everyone in Aggieland breathe easier.

By declaring the Red Raiders ineligible for postseason play this season, Montford gave Texas A&M a clear path to a matchup against the No. 3 Nebraska Cornhuskers in the Dec. 6 Big 12 Championship game.

Since Tech is ineligible, and the Aggies already defeated the Cowboys, Texas A&M must simply defeat hapless Oklahoma and Texas to make it to the Alamo city.

If the Aggies beat Oklahoma and the Red Raiders defeat Oklahoma State, Texas A&M will clinch the title Saturday.

"We were certainly shocked to hear the announcement at Tech," Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum said. "We knew we needed help to make the championship. I don't think this

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is the help we were counting on."

Since Tech defeated Texas A&M 16-13, the Red Raiders held any tiebreaker advantage over the Aggies before the announcement. Tech players went from bowl talk to simply talking of spoiling the postseason plans of others.

Tech already knocked Texas out of bowl consideration, although any bowl considering the Longhorns this

year deserved to be considered for a mental hospital.

This week, Tech can hand its most bitter rival, the Aggies, a berth in the conference championship game. What a backhanded twist these NCAA allegations have taken.

Because of alleged cheating, the Red Raiders are now in position to hand a team they have beaten three straight seasons a ticket to play Nebraska.

For the South, Tech's announcement was only one of two happenings

last week that changed the landscape.

When Missouri nearly pulled an upset of Nebraska, it gave hope that the South representative could stand a chance against the mighty 'Husk-ers.

If not for an incredibly lucky kicked ball on the final play of regulation, Nebraska would be out of the national championship picture.

According to Oklahoma State coach Bob Simmons, it proved Nebraska is human.

"They've been killing people all

year," Simmons said.

"That was a great game. But it wasn't all that surprising. Missouri beat us, and we knew what a great team they had. Nebraska is beatable, you just have to have confidence in yourself to do it."

Thursday, Montford knocked one team out of the race to play Nebraska. Now the team he leveled can finish out the picture by dropping the Cowboys.

"It certainly is dangerous to play them," Simmons said.

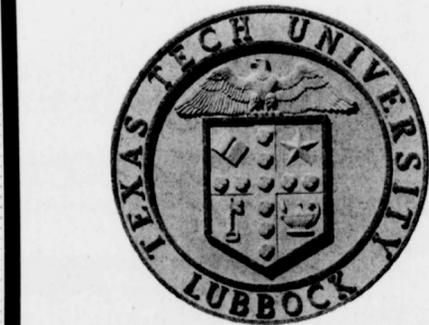
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NBA soon to double money in TV deal

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA and its television partners have agreed on a contract worth at least \$2.4 billion over four years, more than double the current deal.

The contract breaks down to at least \$1.6 billion for NBC and \$800 million for Turner Sports, two industry sources told *The Associated Press*, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The deal is expected to be announced today after being approved by the NBA's Board of Governors.

Neither NBC nor Turner would comment on the deal.

Under the current four-year contract, which expires at the end of this season, NBC paid \$750 million and Turner paid \$350 million. That deal also included a revenue-sharing provision that will net the NBA additional revenue.

The NBA is now firmly established as the No. 2 television sport, trailing only the NFL, which earns \$4.4 billion over four years in a deal that expires after this season. Baseball gets \$1.7 billion over five years from NBC, Fox and ESPN, an agreement that expires after the 1999 season.

This new contract underlines the NBA's turnaround from the early 1980s, when the league struggled to find a network to show its games and its championship was broadcast on taped delay.

"There is a much broader public acceptance of the NBA now than there was 15 or 20 years ago," said Neal Pilson, who ran CBS Sports when the network had the rights to the NBA. "The NBA has established sponsors who support the league on television. It has achieved the prestige and respect it did not have a decade ago."

The NBA was looking for a sizable rights increase to keep up with the exponential growth in player salaries. That fueled speculation the league might add a third partner on either the cable or broadcast side.

With NBC's and Turner's exclusive negotiating period set to expire Sunday, neither of the networks wanted to risk competing with another.

"A substantial part of the increase is attributable to the desire by distributors to retain exclusivity in regards to broadcast and cable rights," Pilson said.

"That is what is driving the expanding sports rights ship — the desire to keep your competitors out."

NBC is entering its eighth season broadcasting the NBA and Turner, which shows games on TBS and TNT, is in its 14th season. The league has grown dramatically under NBC's stewardship, and that played an important role in the NBA's decision to retain its current partners.

"The track record with the NBA and (commissioner) David Stern is that they are very loyal to their broadcast partners," said Steve Grubbs, a media buyer at BBDO advertising agency.

"If the NBA had gone to Fox or ESPN, it probably could have made more money. But it is looking to create a solid relationship by keeping its partners happy."

One factor that has propelled the NBA's popularity is that its marquee event is played at a time with little competition for viewers.

The NBA Finals, which used to be played in May, now finish in June, when there are few other major sports events and mostly repeats on network prime time.