

Clements wages war against education

Gary Skrehart

Election day, Nov. 7, 1978: Republican Bill Clements carries the Tech boxes with 71.5 percent of the vote and carries Lubbock County with 54.5 percent.

Tech students and Lubbock County residents were dancing to Clements' conservative tune of less state spending and lower taxes. And forget the lowered expectations that would go along with it.

Do the students who so

heavily supported Clements in November still stand behind him in February? Do they stand behind a man who has suggested cutbacks of proposed Legislative Budget Board allocations to higher education and a cutback of \$2 million to Texas Tech?

Clements promised cuts in the state budget, cuts in every area. Something was missing from those promises and it has shown up in his budget slashing ways in office. The intelligent way to approach budget cutting is to identify wastes and

eliminate them.

But Clements is in a hurry and wants to keep his promises no matter what the cost to many areas of the state. If education is damaged or set back by these blind efforts, the cost will be difficult to measure in dollars.

There is nothing wrong with conservative spending. There, is, however, a great danger in Clements' brand of budget cutting. Tech has suffered from a lack of funding in the past, and many areas at this university are straining now

under limited funding. Tech can survive the potential budget cuts. Survival is not progress.

Education, not only on the college level but at every level, seems to be one of Clements' favorite whipping boys. A selfmade millionaire seems to have problems understanding the value of education. Many people actually seek out an education as a route to a better lifestyle. Self-made millionaires are rare among the average citizen, but the rich do not seem to concern

Clements, anyway.

He prefers taking from teachers, an obviously privileged class. While most corporate sector businesses are budgeting for increases of 9 and 10 percent, Clements suggests a 5.1 percent increase in teacher's salaries. In effect, the teachers will lose ground in the economic fight.

Education is one of the few areas where Texas lags behind other states. It is amazing that the citizens and students of this state would stand aside as

Clements tries to hold back progress towards a better Texas educational system.

Clements has the right idea in wanting to reduce taxes and spending. The state wastes money in many areas, but education is not one of the villains.

Tech students said yes to Bill Clements in November. In February he is saying no to them and Texas Tech University. Is this what they were asking for?

Letters:

UD right

To the editor:

In response to the letters from Mark Rohrlick and Professor Henry J. Shine, and to the UD editorial, all printed February 21, 1979, may I say: Yea Gary Skrehart! Yea University Daily! Gentlemen, Mr. Skrehart has rebutted your narrow attitudes with the most excellent argument for free press I have heard in some time. Statements such as: "In conclusion, I hope the editor learns a lesson on printing worthless letters." and "Your lack of good sense and judgement brings neither credit to your paper and this University nor creditability to yourself." indicate a near total lack of understanding of the meaning of free press. The most dangerous thing to true liberty are those who would judiciously limit others' rights to free thought, speech and press.

Surely you gentlemen are aware that your letters represent a narrow, blind prejudice similar to that represented by Steve Becker's letter. You would censor his right to express his opinion and the UD's right to print it, but you would probably be most indignant were that same censorship applied to you and your letters. You deplore the UD's lack of good judgment in printing that letter, yet I see no evidence that you feel printing your letters is indicative of poor judgment. Do you have rights concerning freedom of expression that Mr. Becker does not have?

I disagree with Steve Becker's opinions. To me, his attitude reflects little knowledge of the facts and no concern for the truth. However, I will defend his right to have and express those opinions because an attack on his rights is an attack on mine. I see no fault with the UD for printing his letter. In that printing the UD is doing its part to uphold and defend the First Amendment for all Americans.

If, as you claim, God alone can judge us (i.e., sinners), who are we to discriminate against each other on the basis of who has committed which sin? When you say you plan to do everything in your power to "help others live for God" don't you really mean—admit it, now—that you want to silence all anti-Christian opinion until we all live your lifestyle? Haven't you ever noticed that the people who enjoy being preached to are those who are already converted?

You say we need to "think

own rights but the rights of others, even those with whom I disagree.

Jake Sales

Dangerous view

To the editor:

It is instructive to point out the irony reflected in the letters submitted February 21, by Mark Rohrlick and Dr. Henry J. Shine. Both attacked the University Daily for printing Steve Becker's opinion (February 19) on Adolf Hitler and Anita Bryant. Hitler and Bryant, and Steve Becker for that matter, are known for their repressive attitude on human freedom, and yet Rohrlick and Shine oppose the U.D.'s decision to publish opinions different from their own. Is this not the same argument as is in the hypocritical statement "No free speech for fascists?" Why are people so afraid to hear opinions that differ from their own? Even Christianity was started by a "subversive" who went against the norms of society of the day. I am not supporting Steve Becker; in the contrary, I think his ideas are absurd. I do, however, support his right to have his ideas printed, and I support anyone else who is not afraid to read about new ideas printed. An absurd idea will dissipate if it is allowed to be aired, while ideas that are forced underground and not allowed to surface are the truly dangerous ones.

Scott J. Levinson

A difference

To Carl J. Matthews:

How do you justify your comparison of gays and prostitutes with murderers and Hitler? Even you would have to admit that there's a big difference between enjoying one's right to privacy and taking the lives of others. Or is that too much for you to grasp...?

If, as you claim, God alone can judge us (i.e., sinners), who are we to discriminate against each other on the basis of who has committed which sin? When you say you plan to do everything in your power to "help others live for God" don't you really mean—admit it, now—that you want to silence all anti-Christian opinion until we all live your lifestyle? Haven't you ever noticed that the people who enjoy being preached to are those who are already converted?

You say we need to "think

through" our ideas and "follow them to a logical conclusion." Seldom is anything in the real world carried through to its logical conclusion (and referring to your letter as logical is really stretching things, don't you think?). Then you turn around and say that it doesn't matter what we think, as long as we live by the word of God. That smacks of hypocrisy. Are we to infer from your letter that your religion is not for thinking persons, or only that you yourself are incapable of rational thought?

L. Bedall

Vulgar act

To the editors:

Who is responsible for the presentation of Tiny Mac at the steak night in the Bledsoe-Gordon-Sneed cafeteria?

For ten minutes, Mr. Mac took it upon himself to amuse residents with filthy, vulgar jokes with none of the expletives deleted.

Steak night is a rare, special occasion during which residents often invite guests to enjoy steak and the trimmings. I'm only glad I didn't have a guest this particular evening. I would have been even more embarrassed.

I would like to have assumed the "ostrich" position and simply ignored Tiny Mac's crass humor, but he incorporated a loud speaker system which made such quite impossible.

Circle K has the right to present Mr. Mac in a show at which people pay to hear him. Those who wish to hear him in such a show have every right to do so. But no one has a right to force Tiny Mac's vulgarity on those who do not wish to hear him.

Mark Moeller
108 Sneed

Who's judge

Dear Carl:

There are a few points you seem to have forgotten in your letter.

1. Freedom, and our resultant democratic system, represent the right to hold whatever moral beliefs you wish, AS LONG AS you or your beliefs do not infringe on others' rights, which include THEIR rights to life and to freedom of religion, among others.

2. It is impossible for you to draw comparisons between prostitution or homosexuality and murder. Murder is an

infringement on the victim's "God-given" right to life. Prostitution and homosexuality represent lifestyles that have nothing whatsoever to do with you, unless you so choose. Any legislation on these subjects could also be used to regulate YOUR choice of an occupation, or YOUR sex-life.

3. Our moral code is more likely to have been an answer to man's necessity for self-preservation and survival. Our ideas on the wrongness of robbery and murder have evolved from the simple fact that they are (again) infringements on our rights to property, and to life. Without protection of our properties and our lives, our survival would be exceptionally precarious at best. Every world religion of today has incorporated this into their tenets, as it is an essential concept to the perpetuation of human civilization.

4. Lastly, because you have the right to believe in your religion, others also have the right to THEIR beliefs. To be painfully frank, it is none of your business, "to help others live for God." But thank you for your concern.

Name Withheld

Literally sick

To the editor:

I, too, was literally sickened by the letter by "Steve Becker." What bothered me most, however, was to find myself reading such deranged filth in the U.D., which I had picked up in all innocence that day. In a way, it's too bad so many earnest letters full of righteous indignation have poured in, replying to Becker point by point - it almost seems to justify the U.D.'s decision to print the letter (i.e. to provoke controversy) - a decision I consider irresponsible and indefensible.

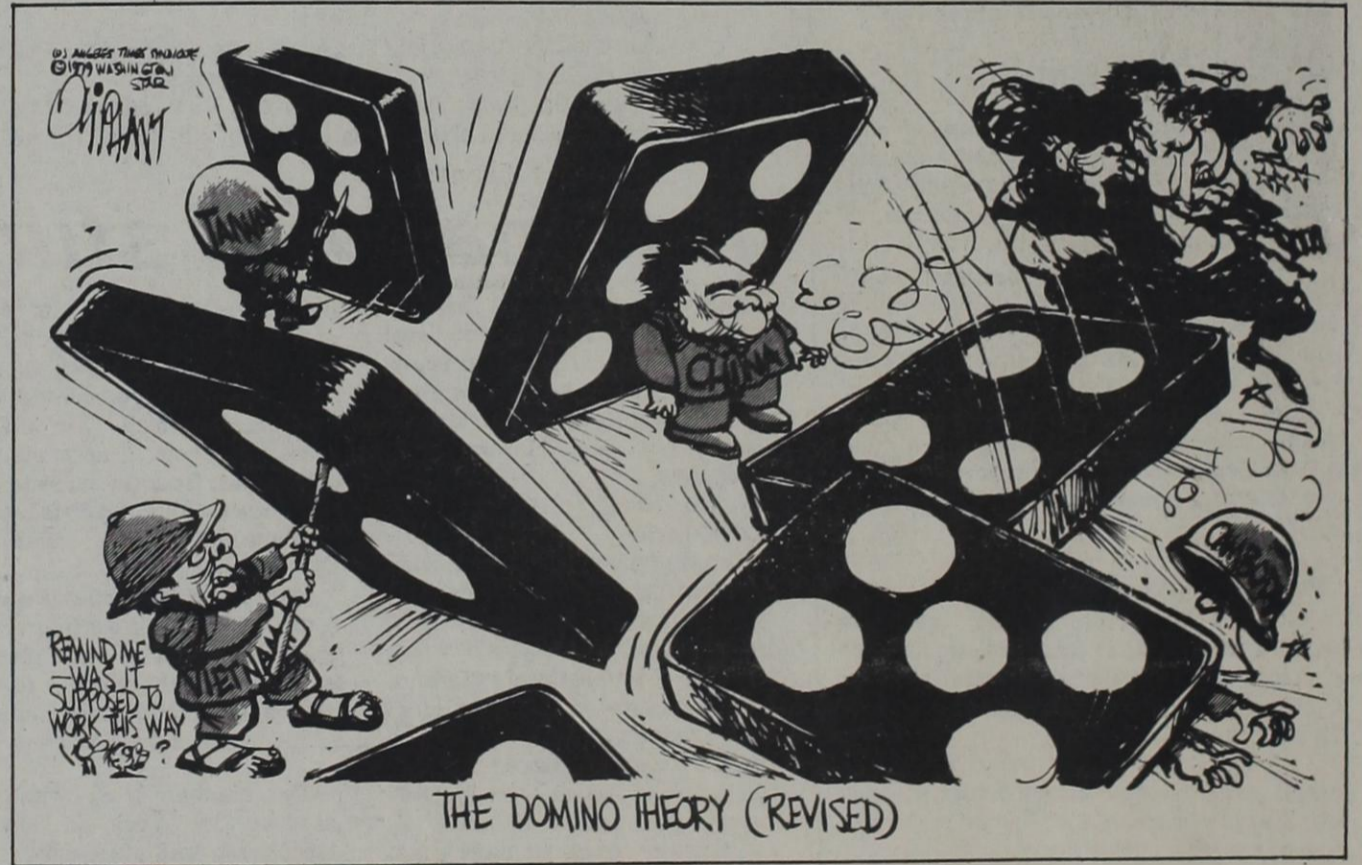
RE Gary Skrehart's apparently sincere but really quite patronizing and simplistic editorial: freedom of speech is essential, yes, but to silence a voice by force is one thing, and to actively help distribute and publicize a voice is quite another. Nothing in Becker's message qualifies as a "thought" or "opinion" worthy of a seriously disturbed person (we can dismiss the possibility of black humor - that would be equally disgusting). If Becker wants to stand in the street and spew his message, or undertake

to distribute it in written form, his right to do so is legal. But the U.D. is under no obligation to the Constitution or anyone else to help publish filth, and no decent purpose is served by so doing, least of all teaching a "valuable lesson to others."

Take the example of the recent Nazi march through largely Jewish Skokie, Illinois; the Nazis' right to demonstrate under their own initiative was legally defended, but I'm sure the local media felt no moral obligation to print and distribute Nazi propaganda. Would this make them less than a free press? Free newspapers print expressions of views and do not print lunatic obscenity. Someone must take the responsibility to know the difference.

If the U.D.'s policy is to print anything at all without discrimination, it is its own decision (a misguided one) and an act for which it is responsible. Mr. Skrehart, spare us the sanctimonious self-justification—admit a bad error of judgement. Those who called to complain were right; you were wrong, you did cop out. You have added needlessly to the ugliness in the world.

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Product liability concern

Senate Committee approves bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Injured consumers would have a harder time winning defective product suits against manufacturers under seven bills approved Monday by a Senate committee.

The Senate Economic Development Committee sent the bills, which pit powerful lobbies against one another, to the floor by unanimous or near-unanimous votes.

Floor action is not expected until after March 9, when the requirement for bringing up a bill drops from a four-fifths to a two-thirds vote.

Businessmen and lawyers

who defend manufacturers and dealers in products cases urged approval of the bills. The Consumers Union and the Texas Trial Lawyers Association opposed the legislation.

Bills approved by the committee would:

—Reduce an injured consumer's award in a product liability case if he or she helped cause the accident.

—Establish misuse of a product by a consumer as a defense for the manufacturer. Texas courts accept misuse as a defense only if the product itself is free of defects.

—Prohibit the award of money damages if an allegedly defective product was altered after purchase. The Texas Supreme Court recently upheld a \$1.8 million judgment against General Motors even though a young man had tampered with the carburetor before his truck ran out of control and crashed.

—Require juries to presume - unless an injured consumer's lawyers can prove otherwise - that a product was safe if manufactured in accordance with state or federal standards.

—Bar lawsuits against makers of allegedly defective products six years after manufacture or five years after sale.

—Wipe out the Texas Supreme Court's 1967 doctrine that manufacturers are strictly liable for injuries caused by product defects, even when they were not negligent. Consumers could win product liability suits only if they could prove negligence in manufacture - the pre-1967 standard.

—Raise as a defense the fact that a product complied with "the state of the art" at the time it was manufactured, even though it might be considered unsafe by today's standards.

Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, sponsor of four of the bills, said they are needed to correct in Texas "a body of law that has grown up like Topsy, creating an

unevenness of law across the country."

A House committee reported in January that

products liability insurance rates had gone out of sight, and that many Texas businessmen were unable to obtain coverage at any price.

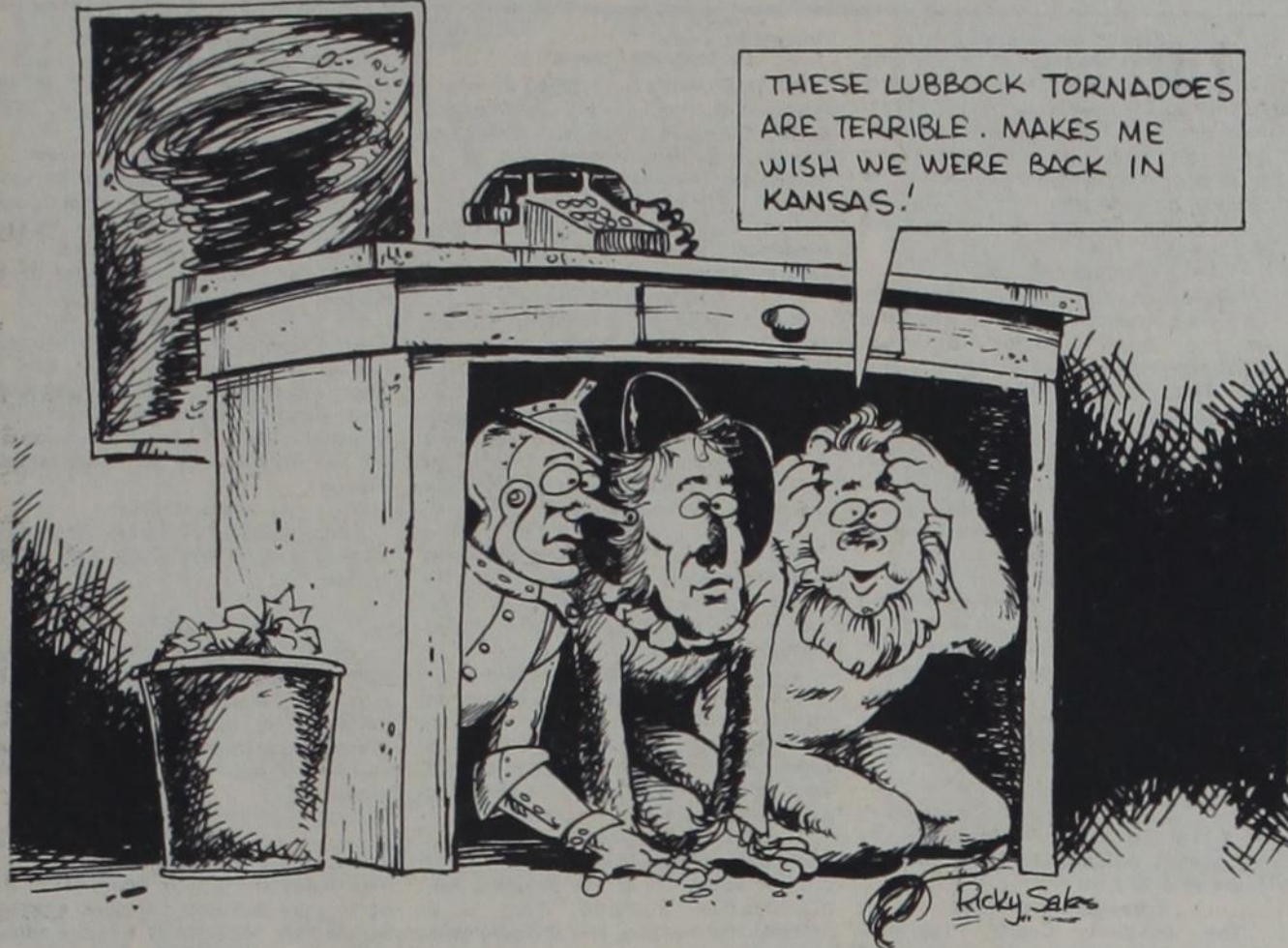
Professor to talk on possible draft

With several U.S. senators questioning the viability of an all-volunteer military service, the possibility of a military draft looms ahead.

Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Coronado Room of the University Center, George Flynn, professor of history, will speak on the reinstatement of the draft. The talk is sponsored by the Arts and Sciences Council.

Flynn says several senators, including Chairman of the Armed Services Committee John Stennis, D-Miss., and House minority leader Howard Baker, R-Tenn., are questioning not only the volunteer military's effectiveness, but the mobilization time required to meet the threat of war, which Flynn says, is getting longer and longer.

The last Selective Service Act ended January 1973.



University to test Tornado Warning System Wednesday

The campus siren, classroom bells and fire alarms will sound across the Tech campus at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday to signal students, faculty, staff and visitors to take cover.

In the event of a real tornado these warnings mean that a tornado has been sighted and every precaution against personal injury should be put into effect immediately.

effect. An opaque tornado on the screen tells viewers to take cover. The symbols for severe storms are differently shaped.

Civil Defense experts warn that "with a tornado, the lower you are the safer you are." The safest places are caves or underground structures or the basement of any sturdily built structure.

Outdoors, keep lower and at a safe distance from the nearest high, lightning conductive object. In open country, move away at right angles from the tornado's path. If there is no time to get away, lie flat in the nearest depression, face down, with your hands shielding your head.

Where shelter is available, move to an interior hallway on the lowest floor of a large building—other than a gym or any other structure with a broad, free-span roof. If possible, go to a basement or at least under heavy furniture in the center of the building.

Stay away from windows, glass doors or glass walls. Leave a radio or television on for weather news, but stay away from electrical appliances. Do not call the weather bureau or Civil Defense offices.

A small, interior windowless room, hallway or closet in a residence might be a last-

minute choice of emergency shelter. Post-storm research indicates that these locations often are the only things left of a home after a tornado rips its path through a residential area.

Because even well-anchored mobile homes are unsafe, occupants should leave them for better shelter. The danger in mobile homes is that wind-driven missiles, traveling at great velocity, can penetrate the walls and injure inhabitants.

Tornadoes can occur any time of year. Safety routes should be planned in advance and periodically checked for practicality.

The university's Tornado Warning System will be activated as a test, in preparation for the spring tornado season, heaviest in April and May in West Texas.

In West Texas there are tornado watches and tornado warnings. A watch means that weather conditions are such that a tornado could occur. A tornado warning means a tornado is at work.

Campus locations of dense population will receive a telephone call, supplementing the sound of the siren which is the warning for all who are out-of-doors. The residence hall fire alarms and the classroom bells will also ring at two-minute intervals.



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'Dog Day Afternoon'

Students aren't the only ones enjoying the spring-like weather with outdoor activities. Neither are Frisbee games limited to human participants. This player exemplifies good

form as he leaps to make an impressive catch and seems to be enjoying the "Dog-Day Afternoon." (Photo by Mark Rogers)

LAA formed to help improve owner-renter communications

By PAM WEIGER
UD Staff

Of the more than 20,000 students at Tech, 7,300 can be housed by the university. The rest of the students must find accommodations off-campus; the majority become renters.

To improve communication between owner and renter, the Lubbock Apartment Association was formed. The association is a non-profit organization whose total advertising budget consists of paying for bold type in the Yellow Pages. Perhaps this is the reason that few people are aware of its existence, and fewer people are aware of the services it provides.

While Lubbock Apartment Association's primary responsibility is to its members—the owners—renters can take advantage of several free services, including answering questions about renters' and lessors' obligations.

Among the free services available to renters are pamphlets on leasing and fair housing standards and an annual Rental Housing Guide listing all LAA members but excluding "rip-off apartments."

According to Larry Morgan, LAA executive director, much of the service to renters consists of answers to the many daily telephone inquiries.

"About two weeks after Tech lets out, we're snowed

with calls about 'when can I get my deposit back?'" Morgan said.

The Apartment Association also handles complaints from renters. Written complaints submitted to the organization are handled in a fashion similar to that of the Better Business Bureau. If the owner refuses to provide an explanation or resolve the matter with the resident, he may be dropped from the association.

"Usually, we send a letter to the owner and that's enough embarrassment. They almost always straighten it out right away," Morgan said.

Morgan said that no special problems between owners and Tech students have been called to his attention. He said that apartments tend to specialize. Student oriented apartments may have special items for students, such as game rooms and special parties.

"But some apartments may prefer to cater to different groups," he said. He added that for the most part, "owners feel that students are good renters."

About 80 percent of the apartment owners in Lubbock belong to the Lubbock Apartment Association. They represent over 175 apartment complexes. The owners must pay \$125 annual dues, which also affiliates them with the state and national associations. In addition, they must agree to abide by a code

of ethics which promotes high standards of honesty and integrity.

According to Morgan, three or four Lubbock apartment owners have been denied membership because of practices which violate the code and deceive the renter. "Tech students are very vulnerable," he said. "They don't know Lubbock and they get ripped off."

The member owners receive many services from the association, including monthly educational luncheons, books and publications, and miscellaneous seminars dealing with such topics as

loans, landscape, and partnerships.

A major function of the association is to educate people about renting. One program involves talking to high school seniors, who are easy prey for the unethical owner. Morgan said LAA will give a presentation for any group that requests such a class.

In summing up the functions of the Apartment Association, Morgan said: "Our first responsibility is to the owner. But we also help the renter, because what's good for the owner is bound to be reflected in services that are good for the renter."

Tech RHA to host convention

Convention fever will hit the Tech campus as the Residence Halls Association hosts the annual Texas Residence Halls Association Convention Thursday through Sunday.

More than 160 delegates from universities across Texas will visit Tech. Armed with banners, buttons and enthusiasm the delegates will attend workshops and get-togethers. In all, 220 students are expected to attend the convention.

"We had a bigger turnout than we expected with representatives coming from 12 different schools," convention co-chairman Kay Hairgrove said.

Events have been scheduled so that the delegates can learn from experts and from each other, Hairgrove said.

"The basic purpose of the convention is to give the delegates an opportunity to learn, take back and put to use the things that they have learned into the role that they play in residence hall operations," Hairgrove said. "We scheduled the workshops and the social activities to let everyone be together a lot and

share common experiences, goals and problems."

The workshops include "Effective Residence Hall Planning" conducted by Welan Mears of the Texas A&M Housing office; "Effective Residence Halls Housing Relations and Housing Office Relations" led by Clifford Yoder, assistance vice president for auxiliary services; "Intramural Sports in the Residence Hall and How to promote participation" by James Teague, associate director of Recreational Sports, and "How to promote Safety and Security in Residence Halls" with Assistant Director of Student Life David Nail, and two campus policemen, Samuel Head and Mario Gomez.

John Perez, director of the Midwestern Affiliate of College and Residence Halls Associations along with Ray Martin, president of the Texas association will discuss the reasons and advantages for universities and colleges to join THRA. Alfred Dooley, counseling assistant of the Tech Counseling Center will sponsor workshop on

"Relaxation from Stress and Pressure for Residence Hall leaders and advisers."

This convention is the first hosted by the Tech RHA. Planning and preparation began early last year. "We are hoping that this convention will bring Tech state and national recognition and be the first step in encouraging regional or national conventions to come here," Hairgrove said.

The convention will be stressing the future of TRHA and the unlimited possibilities and advantages in promoting residence hall associations. "We want to get across how far we have come and how

much further we could go if interest is generated," Hairgrove said.

Planning and preparation for the convention was handled by Tech committee chairperson Judy Tereletsy, housing and registration; Marisa Zeitun, hospitality; Otis Robinson, publications; Eric Mackie, social and Danny Franklin, school displays and transportation. Vicki Woolridge also was co-chairman.

"We are really excited and hope that it will go well. We received enormous cooperation from the Housing Office and personnel," Hairgrove said.

ERA receives new support

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A state Senate leader said Monday he is encouraged by new support for the Equal Rights Amendment and hopes to make a decision later this week on whether to bring it up in the Senate this year. Gene Howard, the Senate's president pro tem, said he is getting close to the 22 or 23 firm votes he feels he needs to have "a reasonable chance to pass it."

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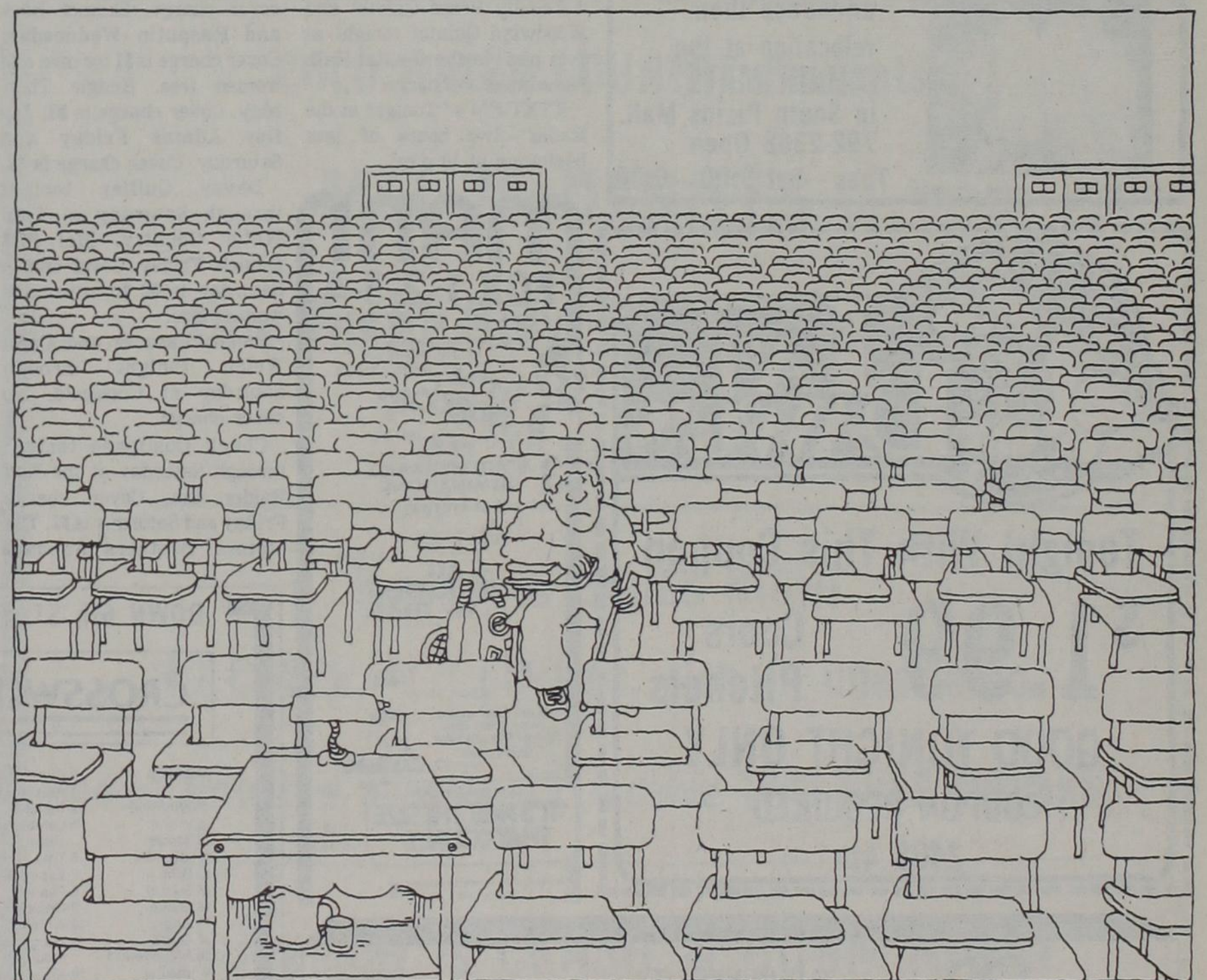
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Tech opens five game homestand

By JEFF REMBERT
UD Sportswriter

When it rains it pours, but when there is a drought there's no end in sight. Tech's baseball team experienced this last weekend, scorning the basepaths for 19 runs Saturday but managing to score only one run Sunday. Tech hopes to end this brief drought, opening its home schedule against the Hardin-Simmons Cowboys today at 1 p.m. The doubleheader will be the teams' second encounter of the season.

Last Monday the Raiders swept the Cowboys 7-5 and 5-1. Last weekend Tech split four games with St. Mary's and Texas Lutheran giving the Raiders a 4-2 record.

St. Mary's witnessed a Tech power display Saturday in the Raiders' 14-9 win. Tech then beat Lutheran 5-0 to complete the fireworks.

Sunday the drought set in. First Lutheran held Tech to

one run and four hits in a 5-1 win. Then St. Mary's completed the run embargo with a 5-0 win over the Raiders while Tech managed just two hits.

The Raiders will naturally hope to regain their stroke at the plate today. The starting line up for the games is virtually the same, but here's the rundown.

In the outfield, Larry Selby will play left, John Keller will play center and Randy Newton will occupy right.

Tech's infield will consist of Craig Noonan at first, Johnny Vestal at second, Brooks Wallace at short and Rusty Laughlin at third.

Dan Hejl will probably be the starting catcher, and the

starting pitchers will be Robert Bryant (1-0) and Gary Moyer (2-0).

Neither pitcher will pitch the entire ballgame in anticipation of pitching this weekend against the Rice Owls, Tech's Southwest Conference opener.

The designated hitter will be determined by what kind of pitcher Hardin-Simmons

throws at Tech. If the pitcher is a right-hander, Bobby Kohler will probably be the dh. If it's a lefty, Jeff Harp, Scott Leimgruber or Mike Farmer could be called to duty.

Hardin-Simmons will probably pitch Larry Martindale a left-hander and Wayne Norton a right-hander.



Coming through

John Keller, Tech center felder slides into third base during the Raider's workout last week. Keller and the rest of the Tech baseball team will open its home slate this afternoon at 1 o'clock with a doubleheader against the

Hardin-Simmons Cowboys. Tech swept the twinbill against the Cowboys last week in Abilene and will enter the series with a 4-2 record. (Staff Photo)

No name cagers can prove selves

Chuck McDonald



Now those averages aren't overwhelmingly high ones by any means, but look how balanced they are. Less than a single point separates the top four scorers on the team. I'm no expert on the sport but I think I'd much rather have a balanced scoring output like that than a one man show—ala Vinnie Johnson and the Baylor Bears.

Johnson may score 30 points an outing, but you've got guys on the Baylor squad—starters—who never even smell the ball during a game. In fact, both times Tech and Baylor met, the Raiders have come out on top this year. Another fact is that a Myers team has never lost to Vinnie Johnson and the Baylor Bears.

And just between you and me, I think Geoff Huston is as good a guard as I've seen play in the three years I've been watching SWC basketball. The only reason he doesn't pile up the stats that some of the bigger name guards do is because he's just too unselfish. And when he does get cranked up and go a little one-and-one, Huston can play with the best of them.

Remember that game in Waco when it was Huston against Johnson this year? Well, if you don't, ol' Geoff matched him shot for shot and wound up the night with 28 points to Johnson's 27.

So Huston and Tech's other two seniors, quick Tommy Parks and skywalking Joe Baxter, will finish their Tech careers this week down in the conference tournament in Houston. The Raiders will have to perform like they did back in December in the Sun Bowl tournament to win this thing—but they've got an outside chance.

But the Raiders will have to get by Texas A&M and Arkansas just to have a shot at the championship game. However if the Techsans do get that far—look out.

I'd like to see Tech's No-Names take some of the big boys to the ropes down in Houston. It's hard to explain the pleasure I get out of watching Jim Krivac's throw an air ball on a 25 foot jumper or see Rudy Woods muff an easy layup.

It's been a strange season for Tech. Big wins came against Texas and A&M—tough losses to Arkansas, Texas, SMU and of course, that early loss to Rice.

It's hard to forgive a loss to the Owls but winning the SWC tourney just might make up for it.

Gerald Myers leaned back in his chair and grinned. It was time to poke a little fun at himself.

"You know," he said "a lot of people were coming up to me in the Coliseum after the Rice game and asking how we ever lost to them the first time. Boy, I just don't know."

And most of those gathered for Myers' weekly press conference Monday at the athletic dining hall seemed to share his sentiments. How did Tech ever lose to this same Rice team that they walloped 82-49 on Saturday and crushed 78-56 in Houston.

One thing was certain—nobody really knew the answer. "Well, maybe that's why I got coach of the year," said Myers with tongue in cheek. "They figured I deserved it the way we regrouped after the Rice game. Maybe they figured we'd fall apart after that."

But I've got a few theories of my own about why Myers received co-coach of the year honors from his fellow coaches. If anyone remembers the all-SWC selections, they'll remember there wasn't much for Tech fans to remember. The Raiders didn't place a single player on either the first or second team.

Of course Arkansas had the player of the year in Sidney Moncrief, Texas landed a couple of spots between Tyrone Branan, John Moore and Jim Krivacs. The Aggies boasted the Newcomer of the Year, Rudy Woods and Rynn Wright and were right up there. Baylor had Vinnie Johnson and even the lowly Rice Owls placed Elbert Darden on the all-star squad.

But Tech just didn't get any honors. Yet somehow the Raiders managed to finish fourth in the SWC with their lineup of no-names. I don't think that it's because the players are particularly bad but rather because they are particularly balanced. Take a look at the scoring averages.

Since conference play began Tech's had four people average in double figures. Kent Williams leads with an 11.4 average, steady Geoff Huston is next at 11.1, close behind is Ralph Brewster with 10.8 and then Ben Hill has 10.6.

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Q & A: Tech's Huston looks back on years of glory as Raider

By JOHN EUBANKS
UD Sportswriter

In the spring of 1975, a tall, skinny lefthanded basketball player from Canaris High School in Brooklyn, N.Y., was trying to decide what college to attend.

He had more than 100 scholarship offers to consider. That quiet, young, man eventually weeded through all the promises and sweet-talk to sign a letter-of-intent to play basketball for Tech.

Four years later, that same young man is considering his future plans.

Geoff Huston is playing his final season for Tech.

Huston is one of three seniors on the squad, and is the only four-year letterman among those seniors. Tech recorded an 82-34 record during those four years. He is Tech's second leading scorer in conference play with an average of 11.1 points per game.

Huston's 28-point production against Baylor Feb. 3 was the most points scored in his career, and was also the most points scored by a Raider this season.

Although so-called "impressive" statistics do not impress Huston, he had his share of "stats" during his high school days.

He was named to several All-America prep teams, and his high school team made the city playoffs three straight years.

He was named All City his senior year, during which he averaged 21.9 points per game.

His 40 points in one game broke a school record set by Lloyd Free, now with the San Diego Clippers of the NBA. In four post-season tournaments, he was named All-Tourney

once and Most Valuable Player twice.

He joined Dean Meminger, Nate Archibald and Ron Behagen as MVP's in the Long Island Tourney. All three players went on to play professional basketball.

Huston talked about his past, his present and his future during an interview with The University Daily. How have you changed from your freshman year to now?

"Just trying to get used to the (Tech) environment was my biggest obstacle. When you first come to school you have a lot of hangups, but I have learned a lot on the court as well as off. I have improved through the years to become a total player...learning what it takes to win and not worrying about who gets the glory."

What year do you consider your best?
"Personally, my sophomore year because I shot well from the field and I could see that I was improving. But overall, I would say my freshman year because that was when we were most successful (Tech recorded a 25-6 record during 1975-76)."

What does it take for a team to win?



Huston

"Playing with a team concept is the important thing. Also having a winning attitude. Talented people with a winning attitude are the ones who are going to make it."

What do you think about the freshmen on this team?
"They have the talent and know-how to become stars. But they have to improve themselves. Talent can be wasted if you don't improve, but I think they'll improve."

Would you say that not improving is the main reason why great college talent never makes it to the pros?

"First of all, the chances of making pro ball are slim and none. There are a chosen few that have real exceptional talent. Mainly, it depends on where the demand is during the NBA draft. If there is a demand for big men, more big men will be drafted. If the demand's for guards, then guards go."

What about the rap that Tech ballplayers can't make the pros?

"It's not the school that makes the player. If you have the talent you can go pro from anywhere. As far as others not making it, that's something personal, not the school."

What are your chances of playing pro ball?

"I don't know. Right now, I'm not really paying attention to it, because I'm so involved with the tournament. I guess all basketball players have a dream of playing pro ball. I'll just sit back and not anticipate

anything."

What other schools did you consider. And Why Tech?

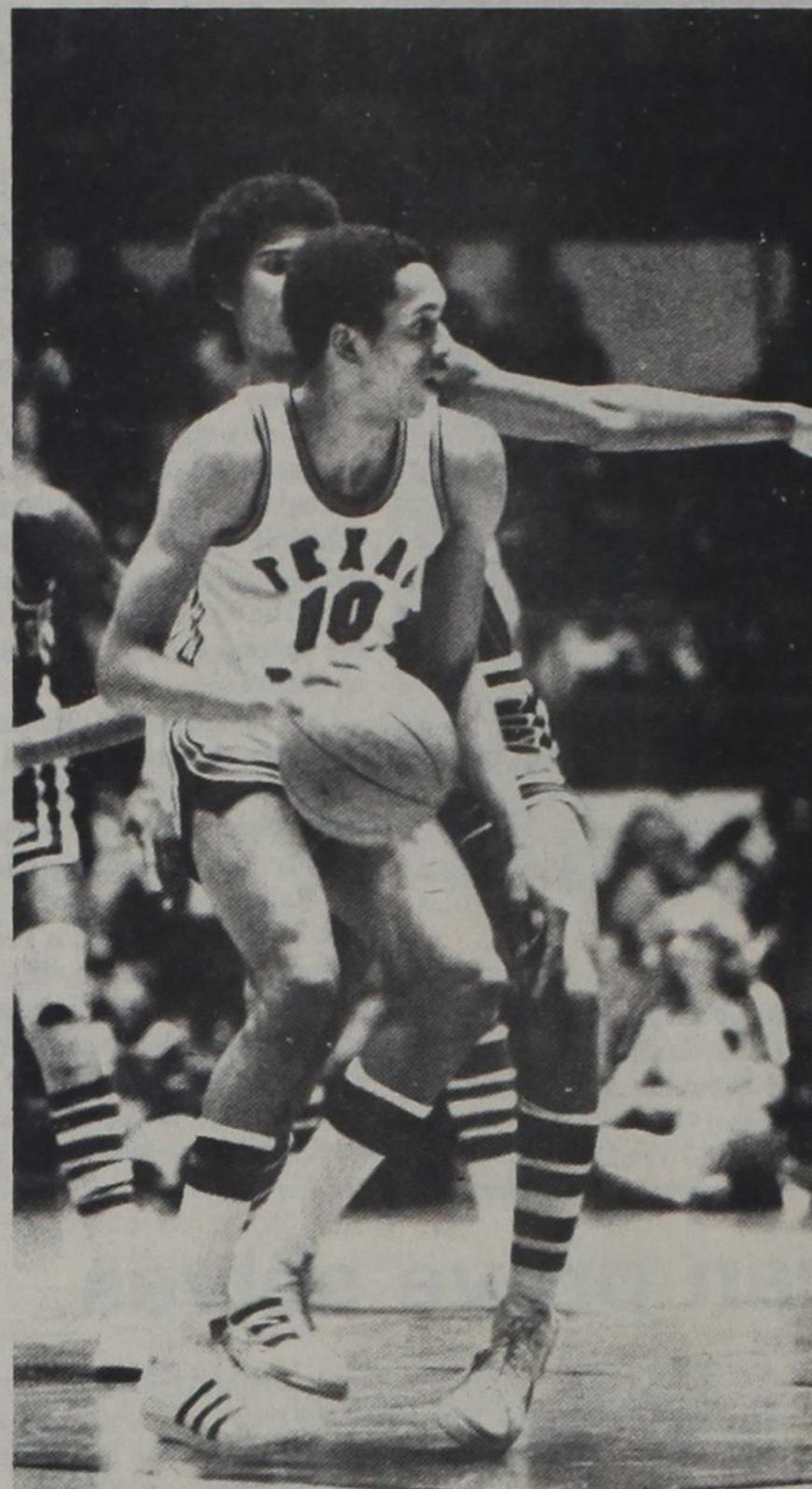
Michigan State recruited me and Kentucky was interested. I always had the fantasy of playing for John Wooden at UCLA, but when he left I didn't want to go there. I came to Tech because I felt it was a chance to grow with the conference. The players (Steve Dunn and Rick Bullock) I met, showed me that I was not only wanted for my ball skills but also as a person. Also, I wanted to pursue an education that I could look back on and be proud of (He will graduate in the summer with a business degree)."

What have you learned from your involvement in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes?

"FCA was good for me because I attribute a lot of my talents and knowledge I have to God. It gives athletes a chance to thank 'the man' for their talents. I have learned that anything you get involved in, should have total involvement."

What was it like to play your final home game last weekend?

"I didn't look at it as the end of the world. I just felt it was an honor to play at Tech. Being out there and hearing people cheer for me, I just hope I gave them something that they can look back on and say... 'hey, Geoff Huston was a good basketball player.'"



Veteran ballhandler

Tech's Geoff Huston is guarded closely by an Arkansas Razorback in action during the Hogs' 66-65 win over the Raiders last Tuesday in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. Huston, a three-year starter for the Techs, could be playing in his final collegiate game Thursday as the Raiders face Texas A&M in the second round of the Southwest Conference Tournament. The winner of the Tech-Aggle clash will face Arkansas Friday night at Houston's Summit. The victor advances to the tournament championship on Saturday. (Photo by Mark Rogers)

Tech rates 'good' at TAIAW meet

The fortunes of the Tech women's basketball team took a turn for the better last weekend in Nacogdoches as the surprise Raiders placed sixth in the TAIAW State Championships.

Their performance may give them an at-large bid to the Regionals in two weeks at Oral Roberts University. The first five teams, Stephen F. Austin, Texas, Qayland Baptist, Houston and North Texas State, all qualified.

The Raiders drew mighty UT in the first round Thursday, losing 80-52. They contained the Longhorns inside until three Raiders fouled out. Liz Havens led Tech with 17 points.

In consolation play, the Tech Women put together

three straight wins for the first time this year. Thursday night they beat Southwest Texas State 77-54 as Lynn Webb matched her season-high of 22 points.

Friday the Raiders turned away the seventh-seeded team, Lamar, easily 83-47, with Ruth Fortune providing 19 points, her best game as a Raider. Friday night sixth-seeded Texas Southern fell to Tech 73-66. Rosemary Scott hit for 19 points to lead the Raiders.

In the consolation finals, the Raiders battled North Texas State into overtime before losing 67-63. Jill Owen's fifth foul and three costly turnovers helped the Mean Green outscore Tech 10-6 in the extra period.

Netters face WTSU

The Tech women's tennis team will try and snap a four-match losing streak when the Raiders host West Texas State University at 3 p.m. on the courts behind the Intramural Gym.

The Raiders, who have not won a match in 1979, will be led by Debbie Donley, Karen Schuchard and Cary Garton, the number one, two and three seeds, respectively.

Tech Twisters sweep gymnastic competition

The Tech Twisters accumulated five first places and scored 156 total points, sweeping overall competition Saturday in the Southwest Texas State Invitational Gymnastics Meet in San Marcos.

The Twisters easily outdistanced Texas A&M, their closest competitor with 130 points, Southwest Texas State and Pan American University.

Tech's Drew Oberbeck placed first in two events and added a pair of thirds and a sixth. He placed in every event.

In the pommel horse event, John Biard took first place over teammates Kevin McDonald, who earned second place, and Oberbeck, the third place winner. Other placers from Tech in that event included Kerry Davis, fourth, Gary Arnwine, fifth, and Bill McClure, sixth.

Oberbeck garnered a first place award in floor exercise competition over teammates Gary Arnwine and Kerry

Davis, respectively. Arnwine landed third place, Davis took fifth and Kellee Bowers placed sixth.

The Twisters return home to compete Saturday in Recreational Sports' all-campus gymnastic competition. The event will be sponsored by Intramural Sports, and anyone is eligible to enter.

Saturday's meet kicks off at 1 p.m. in the IM Gym.

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