

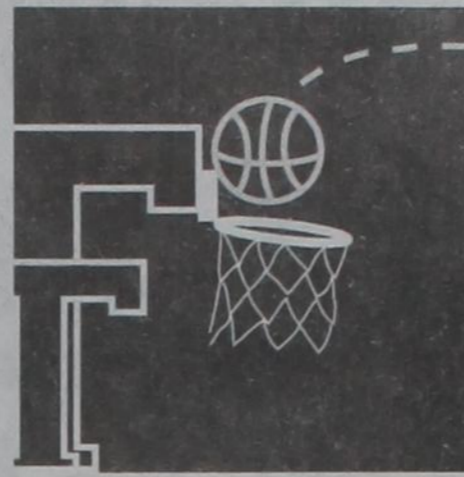
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# Gaines sparks additional NCAA probe

by Kristi Rieken/UD

The Texas Tech athletic program, which is already under fire by the NCAA, could face more problems because of a questionable semester of classes taken by a former football player.

Stephen Gaines, a former defensive tackle who started for the Red Raiders in 1992 and 1993, was enrolled in four recreation courses in one semester and received B's in all of them, according to Gaines' Tech transcript released Sunday in the *Houston Chronicle*.

He was enrolled in Introduction to Recreation and Leisure, Principles of Therapeutic Recreation, Advanced Methods in Therapeutic Recreation and Managing Leisure Service Organizations in the fall of 1992.



Gaines

In an interview with a *Chronicle* reporter, Gaines admitted he went to class early in the year but never attended later in the semester.

"I probably went to class about five times at the most," he said in an article in the Sunday edition of the *Chronicle*. "I never took a test. I never took my finals, and I got a 3.0 (GPA) that semester."

All of these classes, excluding the introductory course, had prerequisites that Gaines did not meet, and, according to the Tech course book, the managing class usually is reserved for students who are completing their degree in that area. According to the *Chronicle's* re-

## STEPHEN GAINES

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\*Gaines' transcript illustrates he was concurrently enrolled in four recreation classes, but only met the prerequisites for one of them. Information from the *Houston Chronicle*.

port, Gaines did not even know what material the courses covered.

"Something about parks and recreation,"

Gaines told the *Chronicle*.

"Being a game warden, a park ranger or something, I couldn't tell you."

Gaines did not return several phone calls made to his parents' home in Electra Sunday.

The professor for all of the courses was Ralph Atkinson, an assistant professor in Tech's department of health, physical education and recreation at the time. He retired in August 1995 after teaching at Tech for 20 years and was unavailable for comment Sunday.

According to some former Tech athletes, Atkinson was known around campus — especially among Tech athletes — as Dr. 'A' because of his reputation for giving easy tests and a lot of A's to his students.

Several football players also said he was particularly fond of the Tech football team.

"When I first came here, the word around

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## Twister leaves wreckage

SIMSBORO, La. (AP) — More than 100 old oak trees were strewn amid the wreckage of homes Sunday along the path of a tornado that ripped through town. Three people were killed.

The storm Saturday night destroyed six homes and damaged 49, while overturning trucks on a nearby highway and blowing a wall off a factory.

Tornadoes also skipped across parts of Mississippi, Alabama and the Florida Panhandle, causing scattered damage and injuries.

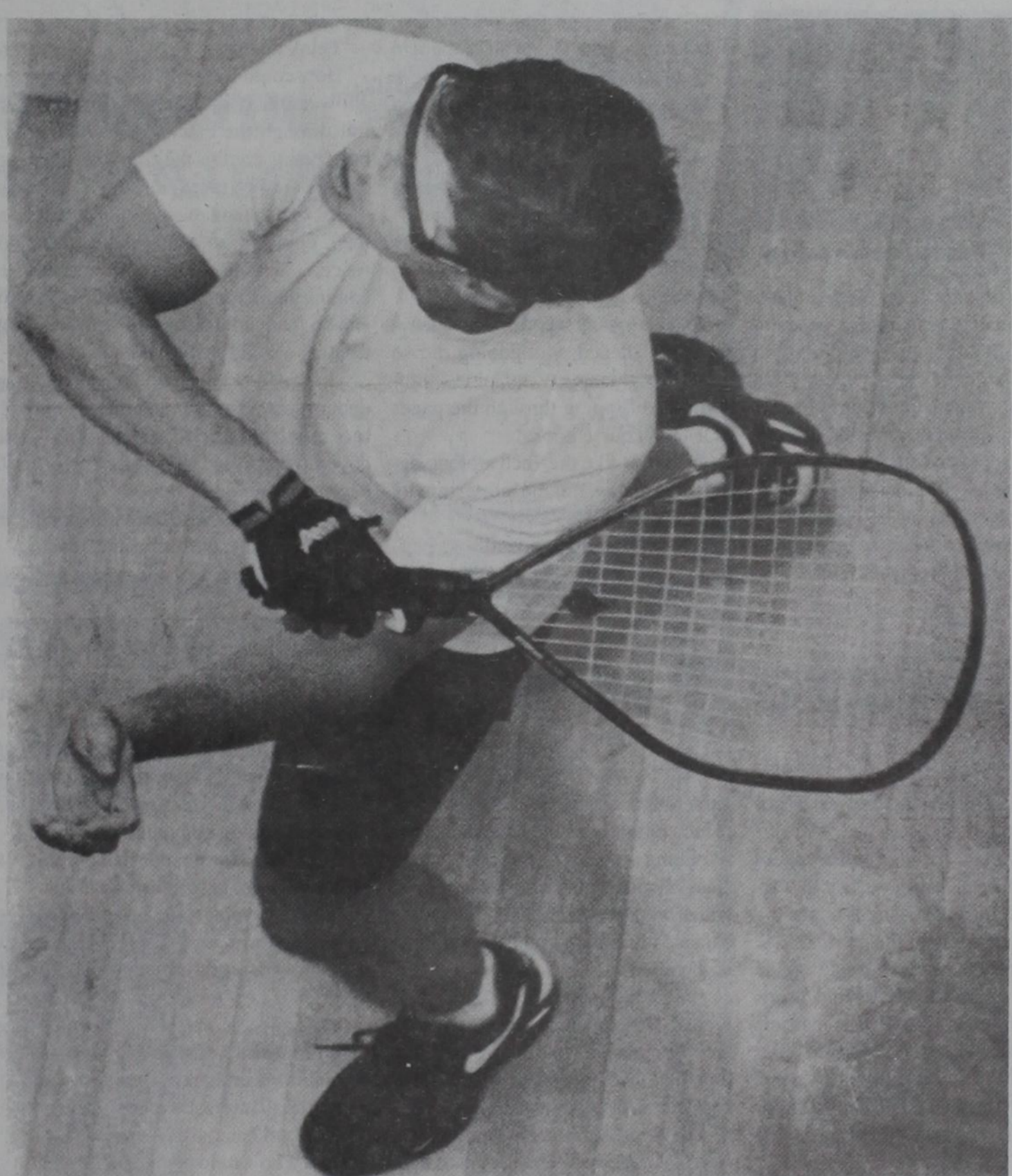
Emergency teams and volunteers helped this northern Louisiana community about 45 miles east of Shreveport clean up Sunday. Power was restored to most homes by morning.

"I'm just glad we didn't die," said 8-year-old Sara Solomon. She and her 10-year-old sister, Kasey, huddled on the hallway floor of their home when the storm hit.

"A tree fell on our house. We started crying because we were so scared," Sara said.

Some of the fallen oak trees had been standing for generations.

One that was 5 feet in diameter crushed the cab of a parked pickup truck, killing two men who were inside installing a radio.



John Woelke/UD

Hard at play: Ethan West, a junior mechanical engineering major from Carlsbad, N.M., plays racquetball to get in shape for the winter holidays at the Texas Tech Student Recreation Center this weekend.

## State Senate race deserves attention

by Tomi Rodgers/UD

With finals beginning Friday, students may be occupied with schoolwork, but they should not overlook the importance of their vote in the upcoming state Senate election.

The Dec. 10 election brings the heated District 28 Senate race between Republican Robert Duncan and Democrat David Langston to an end, with candidates still continuing campaign efforts to gain the seat vacated by Texas Tech Chancellor John T. Montford in August.

Cameron Graham, chairman of Tech's College Republicans and a junior history major from Lubbock, stresses the importance of voting in this election, even though it is in the middle of finals.

Graham reminded students to vote early. Early voting can be done Dec. 2 through 6 at United Supermarket at the corner of Parkway Drive and North University Avenue, the Lubbock County Courthouse at 904 Broadway, the County Annex at the corner of 82nd Street and Avenue X and the South Plains Mall. Voting hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today through Wednes-

day and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

"It's very important that Tech students get out and vote," Graham said. "This race will have a big impact on who is going to wind up controlling the Texas Senate."

The College Republicans will have tables set up today and Wednesday in the University Center to hand out information about Robert Duncan.

Since announcing their intent to run along with five other candidates in the Nov. 5 senate election, Duncan and Langston have attracted many local supporters, in addition to support from former Senate candidates.

Lubbock City Councilman and *Southwest Digest* editor T.J. Patterson gave his support to Langston Friday, along with Bidal Aguero, editor of *El Editor*, a local Hispanic newspaper.

The National Federation of Independent Business announced plans today to endorse Duncan in his pursuit of the Senate seat.

Langston served as mayor of Lubbock from May 1992 to September

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Cameron Graham, chairman of Tech's College Republicans

## AIDS day teaches global lesson

(AP) — In Rome, taxi drivers distributed AIDS leaflets. Across Thailand, gas stations offered free condoms. In South Africa, Nobel laureate Desmond Tutu went on TV to urge people to practice safe sex.

World AIDS Day was marked with renewed vigor around the world Sunday after a U.N. agency reported an accelerating death toll, with nearly a quarter of the 6.4 million AIDS deaths to date occurring in the past year.

In 1996, 3.1 million people were infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, bringing the total number of people with HIV or AIDS to 22.6 million, UNAIDS said.

In Asia, the site of an AIDS explosion, the war on the disease got graphic.

Activists posted photos of an emaciated AIDS victim in Beijing's central Zhongshan

Park near the ancient imperial palace, along with posters that read, "The risks of careless sex and lifestyle hygiene."

Health officials have warned that more than 1 million Chinese — 10 times the estimated present number — could be infected with HIV by 2000 if preventive measures are not taken.

In Thailand, which has an active sex industry, 420 gas stations distributed 3 million condoms to customers with the warning, "Be careful of AIDS when feeling naughty."

The health ministry and state-owned Petroleum Authority of Thailand sponsored the program. An estimated 800,000 of Thailand's 60 million people have the HIV virus, and 50,000 more have died of AIDS.

In the Philippine capital of Manila, about 250 government officials, activists and at least

four HIV patients joined in the 1 1/4-mile "First National AIDS Walk."

In Taipei, an AIDS awareness group displayed memorial quilt patches to honor victims of the disease.

Photo exhibitions carried the message in India, which volunteer organizations say has Asia's worst AIDS epidemic, with an estimated 1 million or more HIV cases. Charity organizations sponsored marches in Bombay.

More than 400 people gathered in Tokyo for the lighting of a 20-foot tree bearing 12,000 red ribbons, symbol of the fight against AIDS.

Europe warned against complacency.

In central Paris, several hundred AIDS activists marched with signs reading, "AIDS: The Epidemic Isn't Over" and "Zero Equals the Number of AIDS Survivors."

In Rome, two taxi companies

distributed AIDS information leaflets to passengers and included similar messages on their telephone answering service. Some players in Italy's top soccer league wore red bows on their uniforms.

Dozens of candles were lit at Madrid's Puerta de Alcalá monument in memory of the estimated 5,000 AIDS victims to have died in the Spanish capital since 1981.

In South Africa, retired Archbishop Tutu, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984 for his fight against apartheid, appeared in a TV advertisement to warn, "Our wonderful country faces a major crisis with HIV and AIDS spreading so fast. Please use a condom!"

Algeria had another solution. Reminding audiences that AIDS has no cure, state-run media recommended sexual abstinence as the only sure method of avoiding the disease.

## GOP resists welfare law changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Don Nickles, the Senate's second-ranked Republican, ruled out fundamentally changing the new welfare law, as the White House wants. Even Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the Democrats' leading expert on welfare, reluctantly agreed Sunday it won't happen in the coming Congress.

Nickles, appearing with Moynihan on NBC's "Meet the Press," also said the GOP doesn't want first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton actively involved in the welfare debate.

Clinton pledged when he signed the Republican-crafted welfare overhaul bill last August to fix aspects he

said were too severe — particularly cuts in food stamp spending and benefits for legal immigrants.

The White House is now considering a plan to restore \$13 billion of the projected \$54.6 billion in savings from the new law over six years.

The law shifts responsibility for welfare programs to the states and sets time limits for how long people can remain on welfare rolls.

"I think Congress is going to be very cool to make those changes," said Nickles, R-Okla., the Senate majority whip. "I think you'll see technical corrections this year. But significant reforming or undermining the welfare bill? No."

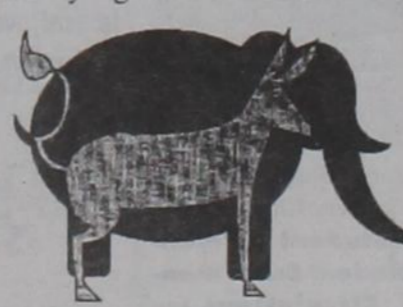
Moynihan, asked if he be-

lieves Congress would go along with White House-proposed changes, responded, "No. None. Whoever said that?"

Moynihan strongly opposed the legislation, predicting that ending welfare entitlements will significantly increase poverty in the United States.

Clinton emphasized in his weekly radio address Saturday, "Now that we have ended welfare as we know it, let the change not be to have even more children in more abject poverty but to move people who can work into jobs."

Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, said last week that House Republicans would fight "with energy" any attempt by Clinton to alter the new law significantly.





## Their View

### Silly institute promotes even sillier surveys



Megan Clark/editor

So much for strong, successful Southern women. According to a recent study, they're doing all they can to stay afloat in the United States these days.

A recent study completed by the Institute for Women's Policy Research in Washington, D.C. reported that Southern women are far behind their Yankee counterparts in the way of income, economic self-sufficiency, health and political clout.

To make it all that much more depressing, the institute reported that women in Texas are almost at rock bottom when it comes to those same categories.

Granted, the group reporting these findings is a self-professed liberal organization, but, nonetheless, this great state found itself in the bottom half of all but one of the institute's categories.

Texas women have a lower median annual salary than women in other parts of the nation. They receive an average of \$18,000 a year to the \$18,780 that other women receive, according to the institute's findings.

And if you look at women in comparison to men in Texas, women earn only 72 cents for every \$1 that a man earns.

Texas also ranked 32nd nationally in female vote turnout and reflected low numbers in the amount of women involved in government or members of groups that promote women's issues and interests.

In the institute's self-sufficiency index, which surveys educational achievements, the number of female business owners, women with insurance coverage and the percentage of women over the poverty level, Texas ranked 38th.

Not too good. But take a look at the states that did excel under the institute's scrutiny, and there are some puzzling factors involved.

The states that ranked well in the institute's survey were Maryland, Vermont, California, Oregon, Alaska, Washington state and Washington, D.C. Women in these areas earned high ratings because they earn more money, are more politically active and have more reproductive choices.

Reproductive choices? Since when did abortion factor into how successful, healthy and self-sufficient a woman can be? It shouldn't be a part of a checklist.

And if abortion is such a factor involved with this think tank's study, then of course women in the South will not fare as well.

Women in Mississippi, Louisiana, South Carolina, Kentucky, Alabama, West Virginia, Arkansas and Tennessee brought up the bottom in the institute's survey. And it's not really surprising considering some of these states have stringent regulations regarding abortion and reproductive rights.

This doesn't seem to be a fair calculation of female success rates if abortion and other issues surrounding abortion are involved. In that particular component of the study, Texas ranked 29th.

But all of the ludicrous study's information should be taken with a grain of salt.

Texas men didn't fare any better than their female counterparts. Men receive an average median salary of \$25,000 (yes, that's \$7,000 than Texas women) while the national median is more than \$2,000 above that figure.

If anyone listened to this survey, so much for strong, successful Southern people.

Megan Clark is a senior journalism major from Houston.



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### Tech athletics remains under NCAA scrutiny



Carrie Kilman/news editor

Looks like the Texas Tech athletic department may be in trouble — again. This time it's former Tech defensive lineman Stephen Gaines, whose 1992 transcript raised questions after a *Houston Chronicle* reporter discovered he had taken four recreation and leisure classes simultaneously.

The catch: one of the four classes was the prerequisite for the other three. The four courses usually take stu-

dents several semesters to complete, but Gaines made 'Bs' in all of them in only one semester, even though he admitted he rarely went to class and never took a test.

And, to make matters worse, the professor who taught the classes is rumored to give Tech athletes preferential treatment, according to former Tech football players who spoke to *The University Daily Sunday*.

The *Chronicle* reporter who uncovered this alleged wrongdoing did so by simply glancing over Gaines' transcript and flipping through the pages of a Tech course book.

It sounds like the Tech athletic department may not be covering its tracks very well.

Or maybe an overzealous, penny-pinching reporter may be stretching facts

to make a story.

Think about it.

How could the athletic department allow so many athletes to innocently fall through the cracks, not noticing how many credits they had or what classes they've taken?

It's understandable how the department could make a mistake once or twice — but one athlete after another coming under the NCAA's microscope and so many allegations of cover-ups floating around makes one wonder.

On the other hand, the Tech athletic department has too much money and too much power to orchestrate a coverup that could be detected by one newspaper reporter.

Tech officials, who have more than enough money within arm's reach, could afford a massive cover-up if they

really wanted one. So why would athletic administrators do such a sloppy job that one reporter could uncover the crime?

We'll probably never know the answers.

But if Tech's new administration is as good as it's supposed to be, things like this won't continue to happen. Hopefully, students a few years from now won't have their time at Tech marred by such ugly allegations.

Hopefully the administration will get its act together and keep a watchful eye over our somewhat questionable athletic department.

I'm proud of my school — I just wish the rest of the country, the NCAA and the *Chronicle* included, was too.

Carrie Kilman is a junior journalism major from Lubbock.

## State View

**The Odessa American on Hutu refugees:**

Once again, the plight of refugees fleeing various aspects of tribal warfare in Rwanda and Zaire is capturing attention throughout the world.

Hutu refugees who have struggled to return to Rwanda have told heart-wrenching tales of their compatriots who are fleeing camps in eastern Zaire — trying to escape fighting between Zairian troops and rebel forces — dying of starvation and thirst along the way.

While such suffering deserves sympathy and whatever voluntary help offers some promise of being effective, the United States should be cautious about committing American forces to any multilateral force that could be sent to the region by the United Nations. The conflicts in the area have deep roots by now — even though a case can be made that they have grown as vicious as they have more from ambition for political power than from inherent hostility between different tribal and ethnic groups — and outsiders are unlikely to be able to solve them.

In short, the situation is complex, dangerous and potentially explosive. A force of outsiders, however multilateral, would find it almost impossible to confine its mission to humanitarian

aid for innocent refugees. Any attempt to help refugees would have to include providing security, which could mean clashes with bands of armed people, which would have implications for the balance of military and political force in the region.

Even the apparently simple and logical step of returning refugees to their homelands would have political implications. And some of the refugees are afraid to return home.

Decent people surely weep at this ongoing tragedy and will want to help if they can. But humanitarian aid would be less likely to stir up more hostility if it came from private, voluntary relief organizations rather than from a consortium of governments in the United Nations.

In most of the world, political ambition and lust for power mean bloodshed and the loss of innocent lives. Will human beings ever learn this elementary lesson?

**The Monitor (McAllen) on campaign finance reform:**

Perhaps the biggest issue awaiting Congress when it convenes in January is campaign finance reform. It's certainly one of the most talked-about matters in politics today.

Democratic members of Congress ... called for making campaign reform

one of the primary issues of the upcoming session. Republican leaders Trent Lott of the Senate and Newt Gingrich, however, have indicated that other issues will have priority. Both oppose limits on campaign spending.

The Center for Responsive Politics reports that 52 percent of Americans want major changes to how political campaigns are funded. Another 20 percent want minor changes. The question is how to reform the system.

Many people are calling for publicly funded races, saying that would eliminate the influence of corporations and special interest groups that currently flood campaigns with cash.

And who would decide which candidates get the money to campaign?

Many people are calling for more limits on contributions to, and spending by, candidates. Clearly this is a major problem. President Clinton and GOP challenger Bob Dole each spent more than \$110 million to seek the White House.

Guarantees of free media access also could be sticky. Should privately owned media outlets be forced to provide access to all candidates, whether or not they support the candidates?

Perhaps the most practical answer is shortening the election season.

It's clear that reforming our election system is high on the minds of many Americans. But making those reforms, without skewing the system for or against certain candidates or groups, isn't going to be easy. Maybe

the issue won't be resolved in time to come to vote early in the next Congress. But committees should start work early to address the problem and review the alternatives.

We shouldn't have to endure these same problems four years from now.

**The Waco Tribune-Herald on what Texas schoolchildren should learn:**

In what's considered a weak-governor structure, Texas Gov. George Bush employed one of his greatest powers — that of the bully pulpit — to good effect last week.

Bush criticized the 1,440-page draft of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills — TEKS.

He called it vague and full of "touchy-feely" language rather than explicit guideposts for what Texas schoolchildren should learn in English, math, social studies, science and other subjects.

Back to the drawing board? That's what the governor and Education Commissioner Mike Moses are insisting. No, not back to Page 1, square one.

Considering that \$4 million already has been spent on TEKS, let's hope what's there can be altered to meet the sound objections being raised.

Here's a passage of empty phrasing from TEKS to show the problem: "Writing enables individuals to clarify, communicate, and give permanence to their thoughts."



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# Programs offer study tips, preparation for final week

Amount of sleep, reading habits key to test-taking success

by Ginger Pope/UD

As the semester winds down, many Texas Tech students are just beginning to feel the pressure and stress of finals.

Delana Ethridge, a freshman elementary education major from Corpus Christi, said she has no idea what to expect from her finals.

"I'm stressed out about the tests and about studying for them," Ethridge said.

"I have about six or seven tests, and some are comprehensive."

Most students seem worried about passing their tests and have a fear of the unknown, she said.

Stacia Becton, the program coordinator for Tech's Pass Learning Center, said students need to be realistic about studying and be aware of when they study best.

"Some students study better in the morning than at night, and the quality of studying is more important than the quantity," Becton said.

Other tips to remember are to study with short breaks and take the information a little at a time, she said.

Students often do not get much sleep before their finals, but they should try to get as much sleep as possible, she said.

"They ought to get up early before the test so they will be awake and ready," Becton said.

"But if they get to the classroom early, they don't need to talk about what they should have done to study (with other students). That will make them more nervous."

The Pass Center will not offer tutoring sessions during finals because many of the tutors are students and

**FINALS Study Tips**

- ✓ Quality over quantity.
- ✓ Analyze make-up of previous exams.
- ✓ Study using short breaks.
- ✓ Get up early before the test and do not worry about what you should have done.

therefore need time to study for finals of their own, Becton said.

But the center will be open throughout the week of finals, and students can go there to use video tapes and to study.

Help will be available if students need assistance with the extra study material or they have a few questions, Becton said.

Tutoring is still available at the center, room 205 in West Hall, for a short time, she said.

Today through Wednesday, students can receive last-minute help before classes officially end.

Individual tutoring sessions for math will be from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. today, chemistry and math tutoring sessions will be from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, and math, chemistry and

Spanish tutoring sessions will be from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Rolf Gordhamer, director of the Tech Counseling Center, said the center helps many students dealing with stress from schoolwork.

"Many students realize they haven't prepared as much as they should have," Gordhamer said.

"They have the usual fears of losing their financial aid and scholarships."

Before stressing too much and feeling behind, students need to stop and examine what kind of commitment they made to their classes and use their situation as a learning experience, he said.

If after studying for their tests, students still think they may not do well on a final, they have several options, Gordhamer said.

They may need to request an incomplete, talk to a professor or examine their major and decide if it is one they can handle, he said.

The Counseling Center will remain open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday during the week of finals and is located in room 214 of West Hall.

Scott Smith, a dietetics graduate student from Centralia, Ill., said he does not worry about finals because he has experienced them so many times.

Although many of his classmates procrastinate during the semester, Smith said he tries to work hard during the whole semester instead of waiting until finals to raise his grades.

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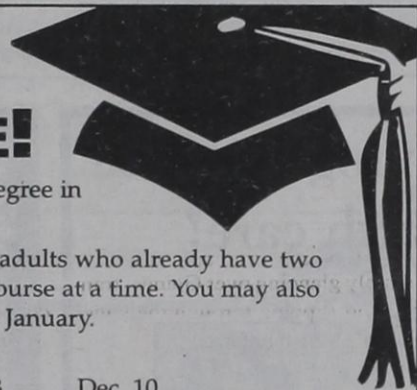
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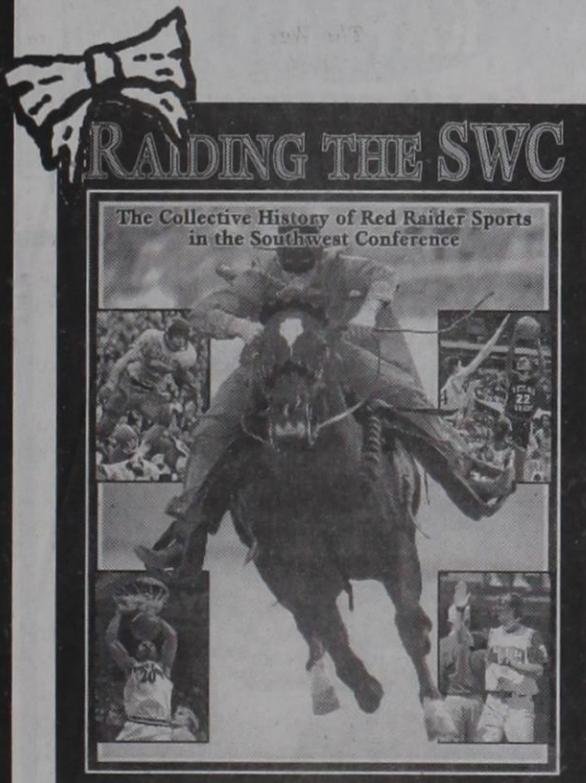
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**Gaines**

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school was that his (Atkinson's) class was a guaranteed A, but I got a B," said Joseph McCray, a former Tech fullback from Houston who was a member of the Tech football team in 1994 and 1995 and has since left Tech.

McCray was enrolled in Atkinson's introductory recreation and leisure course and said more than half of the approximately 50-

person class was composed of athletes — some of whom rarely attended class.

Another former Tech football player who took one of Atkinson's classes and spoke to *The University Daily* on the condition of anonymity said the professor favored football players and made his normally easy classes even easier for them.

"It seemed to me that he liked football players — he came to our practices," he said.

"I don't think a football player

could have failed his class if they wanted to."

He said that although he attended class and did the work assigned, several football players did not. He said the class was administered a final but that it was "too easy — I didn't even study."

As for Gaines and whether his statements are true, the former player said he knew Gaines and said he did not doubt that Atkinson would give grades that players did not earn.

"I think Dr. A would do anything

he could to let us stay on the team," he said.

Interim Athletic Director Gerald Myers and Tech NCAA Faculty Representative Robert Sweazy were unavailable for comment Sunday.

Gaines passed only two non-remedial courses at Tech before the fall 1992 semester. He took general psychology and beginning racquetball and received C's in both.

Other matters that the NCAA is looking into at Tech include an improperly used correspondence course

from Southeastern College of the Assemblies of God in Lakeland, Fla., that certified former Tech defensive tackle Jerome Lang for the 1993 season. The discovery of this violation caused Lang, a fifth-year senior, to lose his last year of eligibility.

As previously reported in *The UD*, a professor at San Antonio College claims he was tricked into giving junior split-end Malcolm McKenzie an A he did not earn in an American history course. His eligibility in the Copper Bowl depended on that grade, and

Tech officials still allowed him to participate after learning of the professor's allegations.

One former football player who spoke to *The UD* on the condition of anonymity said cheating among athletes happens a lot.

"Things like this always happen," said a former player who completed his eligibility in 1995. "You know that it happens. If a person wants to cheat to pass, it's possible. A lot of times it's other students that help the guys cheat."

# Number of college students traveling abroad increases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rising numbers of U.S. college students are studying overseas, and many aren't going to the traditional universities in Europe, a survey found. They're venturing farther afield, to Africa, Australia, the Middle East.

The number of American students

studying abroad rose 10.6 percent to 84,403 in 1994-95, continuing a 10-year upward trend, a report released Sunday by the New York-based Institute of International Education said.

Foreign student enrollment in U.S. schools, meanwhile, rose less than 1 percent the past two years.

"As recently as a decade ago, studying abroad was considered a luxury," said Richard M. Krasno, the

institute's president. "I think it's now considered a more instrumental part of undergraduate education."

Krasno said American students are warming to the idea of studying abroad because they are exposed to other cultures on their own campuses. Many recognize the importance of a second language and international experience in competing for jobs.

"When I went to school, they said 'Here, study French. If you even go to France, you'll be able to order off a menu.' Now, it's seen as a career asset," said Wayne Decker, director of the office of international studies at the University of Arizona.

Amy Hofsheier, 21, a student at the University of Arizona, is off to Israel next month to study 5 1/2 months at Ben Gurion University in Beersheva. She's majoring in archaeology and Judaic studies and hopes to see the country and improve her language skills.

"I think for myself it's really a necessity," said Hofsheier, who hopes to do archaeology work in Israel one day. "The majority of the kids are still going to Spain and France, but I think interest is opening up to other places."

Kenitra Burton, 20, a junior at Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y., spent a month in Thailand as a fresh-

man to broaden her knowledge of the country's language, culture and religion.

"I grew up a lot — it gave me a whole other perspective on being a minority," said Burton, who is black. "I had braids in my hair at the time. They were all curious and kept asking 'How did you do that?'"

A fast-growing economic market in China led to a 30 percent increase in American students studying there in 1994-95, Krasno said. Costa Rica also reported a 30 percent increase, partly because many students recognize the advantage of knowing Spanish.

He said Australia is aggressively

recruiting U.S. students. The country reported a 42 percent rise in American enrollees in 1994-95, with 3,346.

While these countries reported large percentage increases in American students, Britain still hosted the most — 19,410 students, or 23 percent of all study-abroad students. France, Spain and Italy ranked second, third and fourth with 7,000 to 7,900 students.

Despite a rising wave of Americans signing up for study abroad programs, the 453,787 foreigners on U.S. campuses this year is only 0.3 percent more than a year ago, continuing a six-year trend of slow growth.

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**Senate**

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1996. Duncan served as a member of the Texas House of Representatives until resigning three months ago to run for the Texas Senate.

The Dec. 10 special run-off election is necessary because none of the seven candidates in the Nov. 5 election received more than 50 percent of the votes required to win the seat. Duncan and Langston garnered the most votes in the Nov. 5 election, qualifying for the special run-off election.

Graham said Duncan's stance on education makes him the only choice for Tech students.

"Bob Duncan has proven to me to be the most viable candidate," Graham said.

Langston's campaign efforts include proposals for ethics reform, a plan to decrease juvenile crime and, as announced at a Saturday press con-

ference, a welfare reform plan.

Langston's press secretary, Chris Wallace, said Langston's plans will be instrumental in the next session of legislation.

"He'll take what he did locally and expand it on a state level," Wallace said.

Wallace emphasized the significance of students' votes and highlighted Langston's bipartisan manner as a quality many voters appreciate.

KLBK-TV and the League of

Women Voters will sponsor a debate between Duncan and Langston at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. The debate will be televised.

Dave Kirby, news director for KLBK-TV said it's difficult for people to learn about candidates through 30-second commercials and campaign information.

Kirby said the debate will help voters get to know the candidates and their platforms and make a better and more informed vote.

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# 'Attacks' successful sci-fi spoof

by Kirk Baird/UD

Finding the perfect balance between disdain and respect is often too difficult a task for spoof-style films.

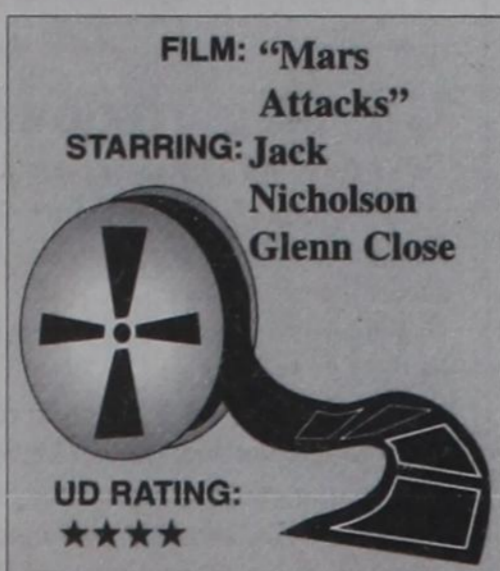
Not so, however, with "Mars Attacks," a lovingly made, contemporary version of a '50s sci-fi schlock flick. With state-of-the-art special effects, great cameos from an all-star cast, and the perfect mixture of humor, satire and affection, "Mars Attacks," which opens nationwide Dec. 13, joins an elite list of films such as "Young Frankenstein," and "Blazing Saddles" that manages to blend the elements of a spoof while maintaining a genuine affection for the genre.

Based on a '60s trading card series from Topps, the film's plot is self-explanatory: Martians invade Earth, and the human race must find a way to stop them.

Whether the Martians are attacking cities in their generic '50s-looking flying saucers, or blasting the populace into smoldering skeletons with their ray guns, "Mars Attacks" refuses to take itself too seriously, unlike a previous summer blockbuster involving aliens.

The result is a gee-whiz special effects extravaganza with enough humor, alien mayhem and wacky plot to satisfy most everyone, while creating just enough urgent atmosphere to keep an audience on its toes.

The cast is in fine form, with most



everyone playing their roles to the hilt without going overboard — the exception being Jack Nicholson's portrayal of a hick Las Vegas hotel owner. While his larger role as the bewildered U.S. president is on the mark, his hotel owner act is as transparent as Vegas itself, with his jokes falling flat.

The real stars of the film, however, are the Martians.

The effects dazzle as the Martians parade through frame after frame destroying landmarks and cities — with a sick sense of humor to match.

It's not enough that they're killing everyone they see. Instead, one Martian carries a translating device playing the message they come in peace over and over, even as they incinerate people.

Additionally, the film finds a way to borrow heavily from its precedes-

sors without being demeaning to them or becoming overly campy.

Strewn throughout "Mars Attacks" are scenes reminiscent of "Earth vs. the Flying Saucers," "War of the Worlds," "This Island Earth," "The Day the Earth Stood Still," and a touch of "Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb," for good dark comedic measure.

That's part of the joy in watching "Mars Attacks," watching for references to the these films; not just in the story line or various sequences, but in many of the characters themselves. Danny Elfman's excellent score also adds to the tone of the film with a subtle reworking of the Bernard Herrmann-style of sci-fi music.

Director Tim Burton ("Batman," "Ed Wood") has found the perfect vehicle for his campy affection of the '50s sci-fi. In what began as a tribute piece to schlock film master, Ed Wood, Burton has simply taken the logical progression: producing a schlock film of his own, only with a large budget.

Perhaps schlock and "big budget" shouldn't co-exist in a film, but Burton makes it work here, finding a way to laugh at these low-budget flicks while maintaining a sense of reverence.

It's precisely this reverence, mixed with clever humor and an ample dose of campiness, that makes "Mars Attacks" such a winning combination.

# Stained glass means stories for Texan

WACO (AP) — For Bryant Stanton, stained glass is story and symbolism, a detail-driven work dependent on light.

The original purpose of the art form in churches was to tell the tales of the Bible to those who could not read the text.

And Stanton, who has Stanton Glass Studio in Chalk Bluff, makes a living creating that language.

His work also appears in businesses and homes, but when most people think stained glass, it is churches that

come to mind.

Last month, a window he created was dedicated at St. Alban's Episcopal Church — a circle six feet in diameter that reflects in many ways the mission of the church and the attention to detail required of Stanton's art.

The window, which took about 90 days to complete, has a crown representing God's reign, a chalice showing the sacrament of the holy Eucharist and circles symbolizing unity.

Details of the church itself pop up in the window as well: The cross pic-

tured with the Lamb of God mirrors a cross hanging under the window; the grapes appear in woodwork in the church.

Stanton even got a little Texas heritage in the window with bluebonnets beneath the lamb.

"Bluebonnets are a symbol of rebirth in the spring here," Stanton said.

They were drawn from a photograph of bluebonnets.

He spends hours searching for models to draw by, using for example a children's book.

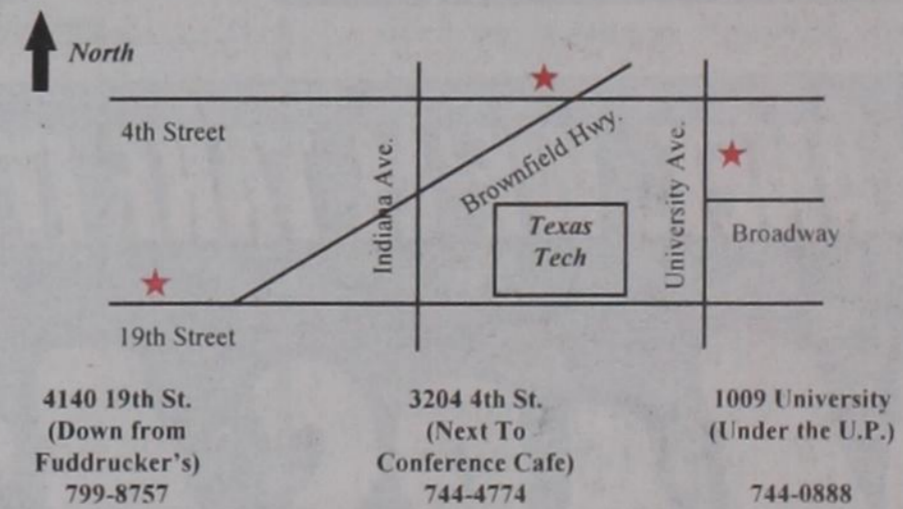


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## Groups form posse to pursue unity

by Sara Kattawar/UD

Various Texas Tech organizations will have the opportunity to participate in something new this spring semester.

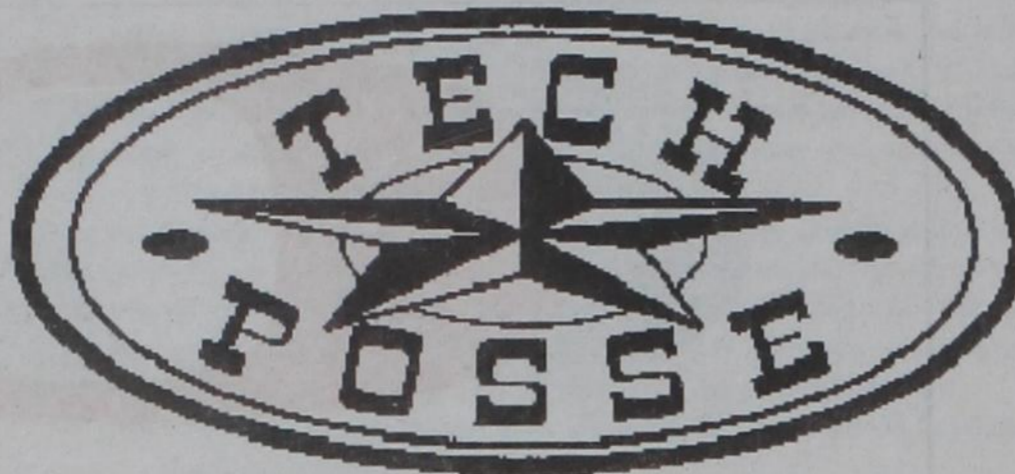
A group of fraternity members came together to form the first Tech Posse, an organization designed to create unity among Greek organizations and various student groups on campus.

The group sent letters to various Greek and student organizations inviting them to join the first class of Tech Posse.

David Payne, a senior marketing major from Lancaster and president of Tech Posse, said the idea came from a similar group which was formed at the University of Texas at Austin.

"The group was called Texas Posse, and it originated to create unity among the Greeks at the University of Texas," Payne said. "It served as a social contact between the groups and provided beneficial service to the community."

The Tech Posse will be modeled after the Texas group, he said.



"The Greeks will be involved, but we will expand invitations to other student organizations on campus," he said. "We will still implement the social aspect of Greek life."

Payne said this is a chance to create unity among Greek organizations and student groups on campus and do so while helping the community.

"We plan to have four or five philanthropy activities every semester and one major social event every month," Payne said.

"We will take the ticket proceeds

made and donate them to a charity."

Tech Posse will be classified as a service organization, he said.

"Membership will be based on a 60 percent, 40 percent split," he said. "For now, the Greek organizations will occupy the larger percentage of people."

The Tech Posse will start off with about 200 to 230 members, he said. Each organization will have four members to represent them.

"The male-female ratio will also be an even split," Payne said.

Presidents of the organizations will gain automatic membership, he said. The president of each organization was allowed to choose the members to represent their group in Tech Posse.

"Basically, we are trying to have a good time and bring together different groups of people," Payne said.

The first meeting of Tech Posse will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Sigma Chi lodge, 16 Greek Circle, said Mark Hoesterey, an architecture graduate student and chairman of Tech Posse.

"The organization is exclusive to juniors and seniors," Hoesterey said. "Anyone in an organization can join if they meet the criteria."

The Tech Posse is a good idea for those who want to provide service and get involved in the community, through unity, he said.

"I feel that there is not an organization that unifies everyone through service," Hoesterey said. "Tech Posse provides an opportunity for people to interact with others no matter what group they represent."

## Kentucky vampire cult members arrested

MURRAY, Ky. (AP) — For years, this quiet college town was perhaps best known as home of the national Boy Scout museum. Now it is newly notorious, and its residents increasingly afraid, with the discovery that some of its teens belonged to a vampire cult.

The news that four area teen-agers are suspected of beating a Florida couple to death was frightening enough. Now prosecutors say the youths were involved in a strange role-playing game that went much too far — from the mutilation of animals to drinking each other's blood and eventually to murder.

Few would discuss the case with

outsiders, but the cult was the hot topic of hushed gossip among residents.

"People are talking about it," said Greg Duncan, sipping coffee at the Hungry Bear restaurant. "Some people are afraid."

Details remain sketchy but the secretive cult known as "The Vampire Clan" is believed to have been active in Murray, where members were suspected of breaking into an animal shelter and mutilating two puppies.

"The fear of the unknown is always greater than the fear of the known," said another man at the Hungry Bear, who refused to give his name.

Murray, a town of about 13,000, lies in southwestern Kentucky near the

Tennessee state line.

Now the town is linked to three Murray teens arrested along with another youth from nearby Mayfield. All four, along with the daughter of the slain couple, were arrested Thanksgiving night in Baton Rouge, La. All are suspected in the Nov. 25 slayings of Richard and Naoma Wendorf of Eustis, Fla.

Police say Rod Ferrell met the Wendorf's 15-year-old daughter, Heather, when he lived in Eustis with his father. Ferrell, 16, moved back to Murray last year to live with his mother.

It was Ferrell who police think broke into the animal shelter, stomping

one dog to death and pulling the legs off another. Neighbors at the public housing complex where he lived say they never noticed anything unusual about him or his mother, Sondra Gibson.

Yet Sondra Gibson is herself charged with solicitation to commit rape. Police say she wrote to a 14-year-old, inviting sex and hinting she was involved in vampire-type activity.

"I longed to be near you ... to become a Vampire, a part of the family immortal and truly yours forever," the letter states. "You will then come for me and cross me over and I will be your bride for eternity and you my sire."

Accused with Ferrell and Wendorf of killing the Wendorf's are Dana Cooper, 19, of Murray, and Scott Anderson, 16, of Mayfield. Charity Keese, 16, of Murray was charged with being an accessory to murder.

## People briefly

### Gibson guns down Duke in survey

NEW YORK (AP) — Mel Gibson has dumped the Duke. Gibson, an Oscar-winner for "Braveheart" and star of the current hit "Ransom," edged John Wayne as America's favorite movie star in 1996, according to a Harris poll.

Wayne has remained near or at the top of the survey despite his death in 1979.

Demi Moore was the highest ranked actress, at No. 14. After Gibson and Wayne, Steven Segal was third, followed by Clint Eastwood. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Tom Cruise tied for fifth.

Tom Hanks, Denzel Washington and Kevin Costner came next, followed by Sylvester Stallone and Paul Newman in a tie for 10th.

The telephone survey of 1,000 adults was taken Nov. 8-11. The margin of error was about 3 percentage points.

### Young actress deals with success

NEW YORK (AP) — It wasn't that old black magic that made Melissa Joan Hart a TV success playing "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch." It was the magic of youth.

"Little kids like me, even though I have to tell them I'm not a witch," Hart says in the Dec. 9 issue of *People* magazine. "And teens are drawn to Sabrina because she deals with fitting in — and teen angst. I know all about teen angst. In fact, I think I'm still going through it."

The 20-year-old got her start on Nickelodeon in the sitcom "Clarissa Explains It All," offering words of wisdom to her youthful peers on screen and getting used to the downside of fame off screen.

"Because I used to talk to the camera on 'Clarissa,' people would really feel like they knew me," Hart says. "They'd come up and hug me on the street and I'd be like, 'Who are you?'"

But leaving her teens behind means times are changing in a big way. Hart has moved out of the family home and now shares an apartment with her 22-year-old boyfriend, aspiring actor James Fields.

### Tricky Dick merchandise going fast

YORBA LINDA, Calif. (AP) — Richard Nixon is still big with the American public, drawing admirers and detractors eager for presidential souvenirs.

People come from all over the country to buy autographed Nixon pens, photographs, posters and trinkets at the Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace gift shop.

"Nothing fascinates the American people as much as the presidency, and no president fascinates them as much as Richard Nixon, love him or hate him," said Sandy Quinn, Nixon library consultant.

There is a carved wooden Nixon flashing his famous double victory signs, and a signed, pumpkin-decorated Halloween card he once gave trick-or-treaters at his post-presidency home in New Jersey.

Ever-popular are knickknacks commemorating his 1970 White House meeting with Elvis Presley.

Nixon pens make excellent Christmas gifts, said Manuel Pires, 38.

"You lie a little," Pires said.

"You say, 'President Nixon gave me this.'"

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# Tech upsets No. 25 George Washington

WASHINGTON D.C. (Special) — The Texas Tech men's basketball team took its first step Saturday in proving that last season's 30-2 record was no fluke. The Red Raiders did this by defeating No. 25 George Washington 84-75.

Tech jumped out to an early lead with the help of sophomore guard Stan Bonewitz, who finished the game with 20 points, four assists and two rebounds.

The majority of his points came via the three-point basket as Bonewitz hit on 6-of-7 from behind the three-point arc.

Although the Red Raiders were shooting lights out from the field (.581) and from three-point land (.692) in the first half, the two teams went into the locker room knotted at 48 apiece.

Tech came storming out of halftime and opened up a 19-point lead before

## Red Raider Trio



• 8 of 16 from the field for 22 points

• 4 of 9 from behind the three-point arc

• Added two assists and three rebounds



• 7 of 9 from the field for 20 points

• 6 of 7 from behind the three-point arc

• Added four assists and two rebounds



• 7 of 12 from the field for 17 points

• 11 rebounds, 10 defensive and one offensive

• Added one assist and one block

allowing turnovers to narrow the final gap to nine points.

The Red Raiders' leading scorer was junior guard Cory Carr, who posted 22 points, three boards and two assists in 38 minutes of play. Junior center Tony Battie ended the game with 17 points and 11 rebounds while

battling with the Colonials' 7-foot center, Alexander Koul.

Tech got to see a little bit of its future Saturday as 5-11 freshman guard Rayford Young proved to be an integral part of Tech's nine-point victory. Young handled most of the point guard and ball-handling duties in his 27 min-

utes of play, finishing with 13 points, three assists and two boards.

Tech puts its undefeated record on the line as the Red Raiders face the Arkansas-Little Rock Trojans at 7 p.m. today at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. Tech leads the series 1-0 after a 71-62 win last season in Little Rock.

# Longhorns still reign supreme in sports arena



Heath Robinson/sports reporter

As a former student of the University of Texas at Austin, I simply could not turn down the chance to go to Austin this past weekend and watch what I consider to be one of the greatest rivalries ever played out on the football field.

The Longhorns were hooking up with the Texas A&M Aggies Friday morning, and for added excitement, the Texas Tech Red Raiders had stock in the game as well.

As former Longhorns, I'm sure you all want to know who my roommate and I rooted for. Well, we went down there thinking we couldn't lose. One of our two favorite teams was going to St. Louis. But as soon as we got there, our feelings changed.

A longtime friend of mine is a Texas Silver Spur, one of the people who takes care of Bevo before and after the game. Because he was a senior and it was his last home game, he was allowed on the field before the game and at halftime. When he and I hit that field, I knew it would be impossible to root for the Aggies to win. It's something Tech faculty and students may never understand, because Tech simply does not have a rivalry like this. There's no place like 6th Street where fans of the two teams can gather the night before and yell until they are blue in the face, which we did at four different bars. And there is definitely nothing like the walk across campus at Texas, where fans, even at 9:30 in the morning (the game started at 10:00) were prepared for war.

One of these days, I will have a degree that reads Texas Tech University on it, but I cannot change my ways. Longhorn runs deep in my blood and while I would take Tech, the school, over Texas, the school, any day, I will never be able to root against Texas on an athletic field.

So Friday morning, I watched with glee as Texas wiped the floor with the Aggies. Texas literally set Texas A&M on its ear with a 51-15 whipping. It may go down as the most beautiful sporting event I ever witnessed. Aggie fans, known to brag about being great fans who never leave early and never sit down, were seated in the third quarter, and half were gone in the middle of the fourth. A chant of "poor Aggies" filled the student section of the Texas crowd.

While I felt sorry for the Red Raiders a few times, thoughts began to fill my head. Think about how much you despise Texas A&M and the success they have enjoyed during the past decade in football. Well, this is now two years in a row the Aggies have been swept by Texas and Texas Tech. It can be said the Aggies are now the third best team in Texas. With good recruiting from Tech and Texas, and a bad class for the Aggies, the shift of power can be completed.

The reason the Big 12 Conference could not fill its six bowl spots was because Texas A&M let the conference down. After bragging about how they would be a power team in a power conference, the Aggies went 6-6. Much heralded Brannon Stewart, a quarterback transfer from Tennessee, turned out to be an over-hyped joke.

And it was not a total loss for Tech. The Red Raiders still go to the Aloha Bowl on Christmas Day to play California. Texas must face the daunting task of playing Nebraska. The Red Raiders already have gone 12 rounds with the Huskers. Let the Longhorns get beat. Besides, if Nebraska has its way with the Longhorns, people will forget all about how impressive the burnt orange and white looked against the Aggies. See, Tech can come out of this smelling like a rose. The only way Texas comes out a winner is to beat Nebraska on national television. Good luck. Take it from us, you'll have fun trying to score a touchdown.

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# Oilers keep playoff hopes alive with victory

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — All that is wrong with this dismal season for the New York Jets came together Sunday, and the Houston Oilers were the beneficiaries.

The Oilers (7-6) stayed in contention for a playoff berth with a 35-10 victory in the rain and wind and before 55,985 empty seats — a Jets record.

Of course, the Oilers are used to such small crowds as the 21,731 who braved the awful weather — they've had three home games with fewer than 28,000 fans after announcing they're leaving Houston for Tennessee for the 1998 season.

Rookie star Eddie George carried

28 times for 141 yards and two touchdowns, and Steve McNair operated the Houston offense like a veteran. The second-year quarterback didn't let the elements bother him in guiding a conservative attack.

For the Jets (1-12), it was just another loss in a season long since spoiled. But this one was even more ludicrous than most: Neil O'Donnell, returning from a separated shoulder that cost him six weeks, pulled a calf muscle in warmups and was scratched.

That left the quarterbacking to Frank Reich, 1-5 in O'Donnell's place. Reich found rookie Keyshawn Johnson for an 18-yard touchdown late in the first half. But he also fumbled

away two snaps, the second leading to George's 1-yard TD early in the final quarter, and was just 13-for-27.

Reich then was benched for Glenn Foley, who finished out New York's 10th straight home loss.

New York's defense was no match for an Oilers offense that ranked next-to-last in the AFC. Although his fumble set up Johnson's touchdown, George was the dominant player. McNair was close behind.

McNair, subbing for injured Chris Chandler, hit Frank Wycheck with a short swing pass that the H-back carried 23 yards for a TD in the first quarter. With 34 seconds left in the period, Chris Sanders beat rookie Marcus

Coleman and grabbed McNair's throw for an 83-yard score, making it 14-0.

After New York's Nick Lowery made a 30-yard field goal, George used a monstrous block by tackle Brad Hopkins to burst free for a 35-yard TD. That helped him to 92 yards at halftime.

After he left, Rodney Thomas added a 24-yard TD run for Houston.

McNair, the third pick in the 1995 draft who has been brought along slowly by the Oilers, made his first start in a victory over the Jets late last season.

He was 6-for-17 for 142 yards Sunday as the Oilers beat the Jets for the sixth consecutive time.

# Olajuwon hospitalized again with irregular heartbeat

HOUSTON (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon checked into a hospital Sunday after the Houston Rockets center noticed an irregular heartbeat during halftime of a game for the second time in less than two weeks.

Team doctor James Muntz said the 33-year-old Olajuwon is in good condition at Methodist Hospital, where he arrived about 10:30 a.m. Sunday after leaving the Rockets in Washington, D.C.

The abnormal rhythm, or arrhythmia, appears similar to an episode Olajuwon had 12 days before and once in 1991. Muntz said the 7-foot Olajuwon is otherwise in good health, and the arrhythmia does not mean he has a heart problem.

"He has a perfectly normal heart," Muntz said. "We don't think that arrhythmia is career-threatening. We

don't think it's life-threatening."

Olajuwon noticed the irregular heartbeat during halftime of the Rockets' 103-99 victory over the Washington Bullets on Saturday night.

Trainers took his pulse and consulted with team doctors, who determined it was safe for Olajuwon to play in the second half, Muntz said. Olajuwon played 39 minutes in the game, scoring 34 points and grabbing 17 rebounds.

Rockets spokesman Tim Frank said the star center felt "a little funny" while returning to the team hotel from a post-game dinner.

"He went to lay down. We called our trainer, our trainer checked him out and team officials decided it was in the best interest to fly him back and

get our own doctors to take a look at him," Frank said.

Cardiologist Tony Pacifico, an arrhythmia specialist, said he would wait until Monday to see if the heart corrects its own rhythm. If not, doctors will shock it back into sync with a defibrillator.

That procedure was used to correct the arrhythmia that struck Olajuwon during halftime of a Nov. 19 home game against Minnesota.

At that time, he was immediately taken to Methodist, where he remained for two days while undergoing precautionary tests.

Doctors said they can't tell if the arrhythmia is sporadic or chronic and are considering putting Olajuwon on a drug to keep his heartbeat regular.

It's not known why such arrhythmia occurs. Between 1 percent and 2 percent of all people are believed to have the condition at one time or another, Pacifico said.

Olajuwon, who led the Rockets to consecutive NBA titles in 1994 and 1995, had the same problem during the 1991-92 season, but it didn't recur until this year.

In 13 games this season, Olajuwon is third in the league in scoring at 25.8 points per game, and his 9.5 rebounds per game are second on the team to Charles Barkley.

Olajuwon also had anemia during the 1994-95 season. Before the 1990-91 season he was hospitalized with a blood clot in his left leg, and blood thinners dissolved the clot.

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## Volleyball team enjoys record-breaking season

by Christy Apple/UD

The Texas Tech volleyball team's starting six is a record-breaking group that has led the Red Raiders to national rankings and into the NCAA tournament for the second straight year.

Tech coach Jeff Nelson, who has assisted each of the record-breaking players in reaching their goals, said he looks at the progress of the program for the future.

"I think that it is great," Nelson said. "It keeps improving the program and sets it up for the girls behind them."

Starting senior and middle blocker Jill Burness was named to the District Six Academic All-American team. Burness has maintained a 4.0 GPA in mathematics and is a Rhodes Scholar candidate. Before transferring to Tech, Burness made the GTE All-American team and is a two-time basketball recipient of GTE Academic All-American honor.

"I am really excited about the All-American again," Burness said.

Burness needs 39 more kills to set the single-season record of 384. She has had 19 double-figure kill matches and hit better than .300 in the last 19 matches. She ranks ninth in Tech's record books in total kills after playing for the Red Raiders for just two years.

"I take care of the classroom and on the court," Burness said. "I don't worry about the records. I just go out and play my game."

Cristine Martin, senior outside hitter and leader in all-time serving aces, has chalked up 56 serve aces this season alone, the most in a single season at Tech.

"Now that it is getting closer I think

about it," Martin said. "I know it's not a big deal to me."

Serving is not the only area in which Martin excels. She just moved into the top-10 in kills with 754 and is the ninth Red Raider to pass the 1,000 mark in digs.

"I really don't think about it," Martin said. "It is more of a fact of winning, and it is neat to have individual accomplishments."

Fourth in all-time swings, sixth in kills and digs and 11th in total blocks is the third senior from the starting six, outside hitter Lacy Nye. She has hit the ball 2,529 times, killed it 934 times and has 220 blocks.

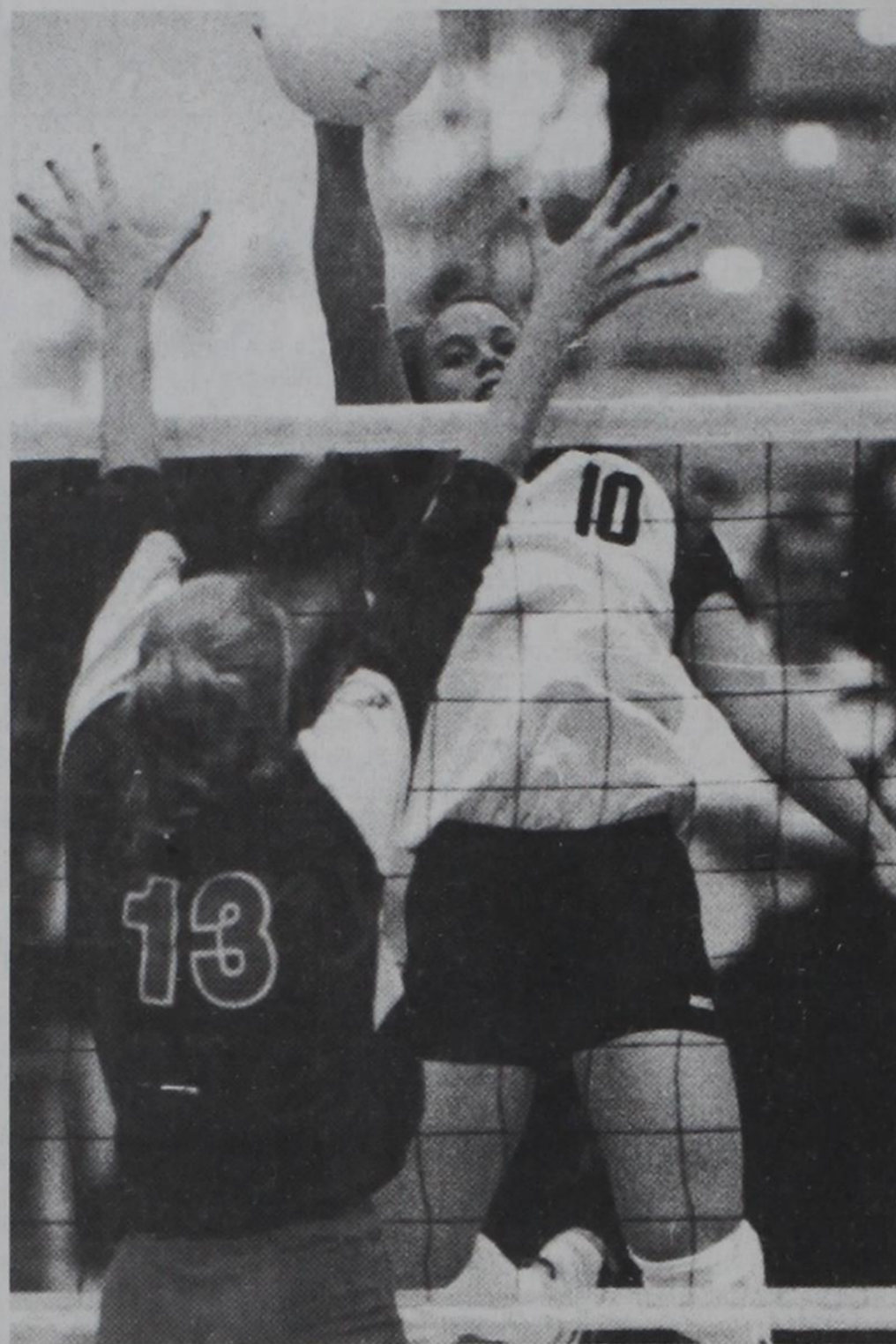
The fourth senior, Courtney Thames, leads the team in most consecutive starts with 435 games. Though the streak ended against Missouri, she still has played in the 421 games of the 435 during her career at Tech.

Starting sophomore setter Lisa Hilgers, who plays each game with a sprained wrist, set records as a freshman in assists and is on pace to break her own record with 1,197 assists.

"We are all excited about it," Hilgers said. "Just knowing that each year someone is breaking a record is neat. With four matches left and the NCAA, everyone is excited."

The middle blocking position played by Burness also is played by junior Brande Brown. Brown gives Tech confidence at this position for next year because she will be a returning starter.

"Brown is on line to do good things for next year," Nelson said. "She is second in all-time hitting behind Jill. She will be close to the 1,000 mark in kills next year for a record."



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Up high: Lacy Nye goes for a kill against Kansas. Nye is one of six Red Raiders on course to set individuals records during their Tech careers.

Tech was the first team to tally 20 records than in any previous season. "This just shows the beginning of good volleyball at Tech," Martin said.

## Tech prepared for challenge of second NCAA tournament

by Christy Apple/UD

Their hands were clammy, their stomachs in knots and the room was silent while the television announcer proceeded to tell the Texas Tech volleyball team it was invited back to the NCAA tournament.

The Red Raiders found out they play Washington, who is 22-8, in the first round at 5:26 p.m. Sunday at Washington.

"It is just a relief we know we are good enough to get in," senior outside hitter Cristine Martin. "It is a big relief."

This will be Tech coach Jeff Nelson's second consecutive appearance at the tournament since being at Tech. Last season, the Red Raiders were invited to the tournament, and they made it to the second round after beating Arkansas State in Lubbock. Tech then had to take on No. 4 Florida and maintained their ground, but lost in five games.

"We are excited," Nelson said. "Honestly, we have the toughest draw this season compared to last season."

Tech plays in the Eastern District where nine of the teams selected are ranked or were ranked at some time this season.

Tech plays Washington in the first round, and if the Red Raiders win, they play Saturday against Brigham Young, which just beat No. 1 Hawaii.

Tech coach Jeff Nelson, who led Tech to the best regular-season

record since 1991, was excited about winning the last two games of the season and was thinking of the postseason.

"You get to this point, and it's a new season," Nelson said.

"It all boils down to playing a great match."

Senior middle blocker Jill Burness has her eyes on going further than the team went last year.

"It just made it all very satisfying," Burness said.

"We just want to go further than we went last year. We ended up sixth in our conference."

After the win against the Oklahoma Sooners Saturday in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum, Tech posted a 25-8 overall record and 12-8 in the Big 12 Conference.

Tech finished sixth in the conference behind Kansas State, Colorado, Texas A&M, Texas and conference winner Nebraska.

Nelson, who sees the postseason play as a clean slate, is depending on all of the seniors because they were a part of the program last year when Tech made it into the tournament.

"Put your kids out there and you let them do it," Nelson said.

"I told the seniors that this could be their last season or a continuation of the season."

Burness said the blood runs faster now that this team has made it to this level of play.

"Adrenaline will play an enormous part," Burness said.

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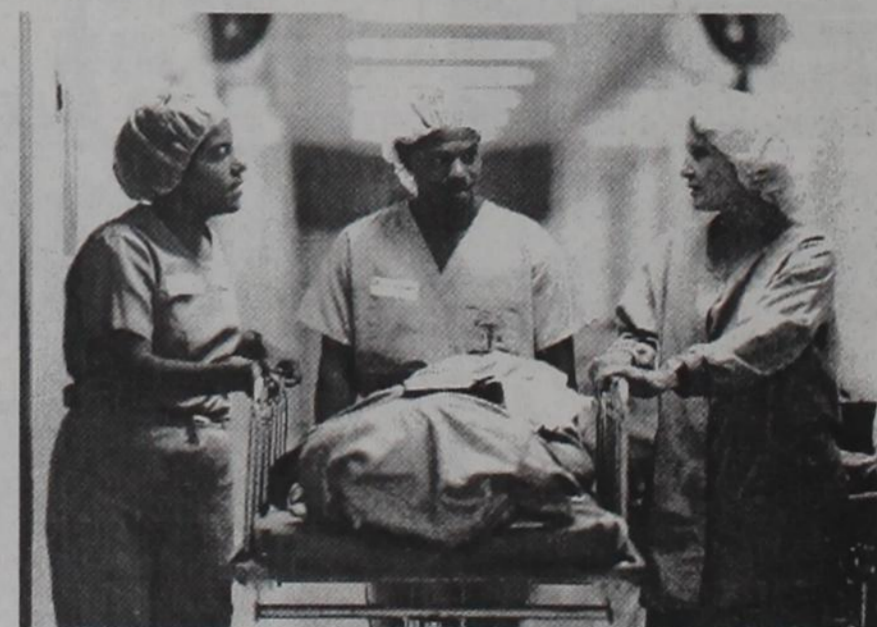
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## UCLA falls victim to Lady Raiders, 95-80

LOS ANGELES (Special) — The first road game of the season was a success for the Texas Tech Lady Raiders as they defeated feisty UCLA 95-80 Friday at Pauley Pavilion.

The Bruins started four players more than 6 feet tall and ran a pressure man defense that gave Tech (3-0 overall) problems in the first half. UCLA built leads as big as six points early in the first half as the defense caused the Lady Raiders to turn the ball over and make sloppy shot selections and ball-handling mistakes.

Six straight points by sophomore guard Rene Hanebutt tied the score, but she had to sit on the bench most of the first half after tallying three fouls. UCLA then rallied as both teams traded slim leads, but Tech used late free throws to post a 37-31 halftime lead.

"Those kids responded great," Tech assistant coach Linden Weese said. "That's what great teams do. The perimeter kids did a great job."

UCLA strayed away from the post pressure in the second half to concentrate on the perimeter players who had the hot hand in the first half. But the Lady Raiders made

the Bruins pay for their second half strategy as post Alicia Thompson finished with 22 points and 12 rebounds while post Cara Gibbs finished the game with a career-high 10 points.

Tech pulled away with leads of up to 13 points early in the second half, but the play of UCLA forward Maylana Martin pulled the Bruins within two points with six minutes left in the game.

A three-point play by Gibbs helped pull the Lady Raiders away for good.

Spurred by freshman point guard Melinda Schmucker, Tech finished the game on an 18-8 run.

Schmucker was pulled for most of the first half because of sloppy play against the pressure Bruin defense but came back strong finishing with a career-high 19 points and four rebounds in her third game as a Lady Raider.

"She did a great job," Weese said. "She learned more than anybody out on the floor did. She learned all about what big time basketball on the road was."

The Lady Raiders continue their post-Thanksgiving road trip as they play the North Texas Eagles at 7 p.m. today in Denton.

## Osborne, Mackovic to meet in St. Louis

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska coach Tom Osborne and Texas coach John Mackovic have at least one thing in common. They both think the Longhorns have improved greatly in the past few weeks.

It's an observation Osborne keeps in mind as the No. 3 Huskers prepare to play Texas this week for the inaugural Big 12 Conference championship in St. Louis.

Both coaches predictably played down the fact that Nebraska (10-1, 8-0 Big 12), clinging to hopes for a third straight national title, will probably be heavily favored to beat unranked Texas (7-4, 6-2 conference).

"We may be favored down there, but I would say the way Texas is playing lately, it's anybody's ball game," Osborne said on his weekly television show Sunday.

"It seems like the last four or five games they've really stepped up their play," Osborne said. "They really did a tremendous job taking (Texas) A&M



Osborne



Mackovic

apart through the air. We hope we won't be that vulnerable to the pass, but you never know."

Mackovic lauded the Cornhuskers during a telephone news conference Sunday, but made it clear that his Longhorns "feel very good about how we were able to play down the stretch ... we made a lot of improvement."

Mackovic acknowledged that some had written off Texas, concluding that Nebraska is destined to play Florida State in the Sugar Bowl.

"They might not know enough about our team," Mackovic said. "Certainly some people are looking at records and probably making up their mind on that. That's why they

play the games, though."

"We know what are chances are. If we play well we can have a heck of a game. We are an underdog but, hey, sometimes I like being the underdog."

Nebraska's offense struggled against Colorado Friday but the defense came through to win North Division championship with a 17-12 win. The Buffaloes beat Texas, 28-24, in October.

The Huskers moved up one notch in *The Associated Press* college football poll in the wake of Florida State's 24-21 victory over Florida.

Florida State moved up one place to No. 1. Florida fell to No. 4.

The Longhorns, in their fourth straight win, beat the Aggies 51-15 on Saturday to win the South Division title.

The Black Shirts, Nebraska's top defensive unit, stifled Colorado quarterback Koy Detmer and the Buffaloes' receiving corps on Saturday.

Colorado had the ball inside the

Nebraska 30 seven times but were held to four field goals. Linebacker Jay Simms intercepted a pass and returned it for a touchdown, linebacker Jamel Williams stopped a fourth-quarter Buff drive with an interception, and freshman cornerback Ralph Brown's breakup of seven passes set a Nebraska record.

James Brown threw four touchdown passes, connecting with Mike Adams on two of them, to lead Texas to its win over the Aggies.

Nebraska's offense sputtered in a constant rain, and both the Huskers and the Buffaloes were plagued by turnovers and penalties.

Freshman DeAngelo Evans rolled up 123 yards on 25 carries as he provided offensive steam after starting I-back Ahman Green and his backup, Damon Benning, were injured early in the game.

"I hope we can get an I-back or two healed up because we finished the game with one," Osborne said.

## Couples sneaks in to win second straight Skins title

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Fred Couples' game wasn't great, but his timing was.

As Tiger Woods and Tom Watson matched birdie putts and raised the stakes, Couples sneaked in with a 7-foot birdie putt Sunday to win \$240,000 and his second consecutive Skins Game title.

The dramatic putt on No. 15, with money carried over from six holes, gave Couples a total of \$280,000 for the two-day event.

Watson, at 47 the senior member of the foursome and 27 years older than Woods, played the best golf of the competition.

After the final three holes of regulation and one playoff hole were tied, Watson made a 6-foot birdie putt on the second playoff hole for \$120,000, giving him a \$220,000 paycheck for the two days.

Woods, whose presence sparked a big jump in the TV audience for an

event that had been fading with age, earned \$40,000 by winning one hole on Saturday.

The first day's telecast hit 8.2 in the overnight ratings, 74 percent higher than a year earlier, a Skins official said.

John Daly, the fourth player in the event, outdrove Woods most of the time in the matchup of the PGA Tour's longest hitters.

But Daly's putting touch and confidence were shaky, and he won no holes and no money.

On the final regulation hole, Daly had only to make a 5-footer for birdie and \$120,000, but he jerked the putt to the left. He immediately picked up the ball, put it back on the same spot, and missed again.

Earlier, he missed an 8-foot on No. 15 to give Couples the chance he needed.

Couples also had a big payday on one hole in the Skins Game a year ago. He sank a 10-foot birdie putt to win

his only hole, worth \$270,000. With that putt, he defeated Corey Pavin on the fifth playoff hole.

This time, after Watson and Woods tied the ninth hole with birdies on Saturday, the \$80,000 at stake there carried over to the second day.

The first five holes Sunday were tied, and the prize money mounted until Couples cashed in on the par-4, 338-yard 15th.

Woods and Daly tried to drive the green, a dogleg left protected by a lake down the left side. Woods hit in the rough on the right, then couldn't get his second shot onto the green. Daly's tee shot was straight, but 10 yards short of the green.

Playing it safe, Couples hit a 3-iron off the tee straight down the fairway, leaving him about 100 yards to the pin.

He hit a wedge, and the ball dropped down in close birdie range.

Daly missed his putt. Couples' putt

began breaking to the left, but was dying as it caught the left side of the hole and spiraled into the cup.

With \$1.19 million in his five Skins Game appearances, Couples became the first \$1 million winner in the 14-year history of the event.

Watson, who won the first hole of the inaugural Skins Game back in 1983, ended the 1996 renewal with his six-figure putt in the playoff, on the 10th hole at Rancho La Quinta.

Woods had the best chance of the other three competitors to make a birdie, but the 20-year-old pulled his 20-foot effort.

In the Skins format, the first six holes were worth \$20,000 each, the next six \$30,000 and the last six \$40,000.

The low scorer wins a hole, a "skin," and the prize money. If at least two players tie, that money carries over to the next hole and all four players are back in the hunt.

## Kansas pulls out 79-72 victory

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Paul Pierce scored 18 points in leading a sluggish and foul-troubled Kansas past San Diego 79-72 Sunday, giving the No. 2 Jayhawks their 24th straight home-opening victory.

Kansas probably will be the nation's top-ranked team Monday since No. 1 Cincinnati lost to Xavier last week. The Jayhawks have won their first five games despite starting the season without point guard and preseason All-American Jacque

Vaughn, who is lost at least until January with a wrist injury.

With 6-foot-11 Scot Pollard and 6-10 Raef LaFrentz saddled with four fouls apiece the final six minutes, the Jayhawks were unable to pull away from the Toreros (2-1), who cut a 12-point halftime deficit to five midway through the second half.

Pierce's steal and breakaway basket gave Kansas a 78-65 lead with about three minutes to go. San Diego then closed the game with a 7-1 run.

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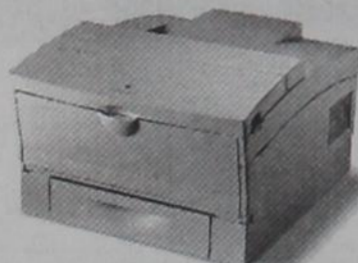
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