

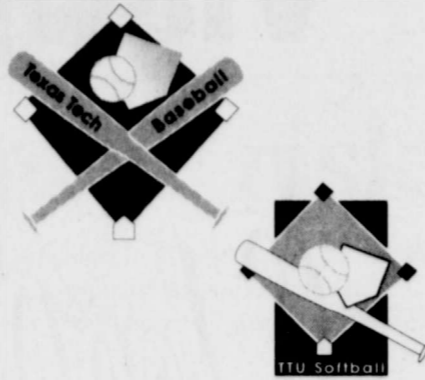
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Tech forfeits Big 12 wins

Academic ineligibility prompts NCAA penalty Players in awe of season's sudden end

by Ginger Pope/UD

Texas Tech's athletics department will spend this week investigating how and why it overlooked NCAA regulations that led to Friday's announcement of the ineligibility of two Tech basketball players.

The academic ineligibility of junior forward Gracen Averil and senior guard Frederick "Deuce" Jones caused university officials to withdraw from consideration for a berth in the NCAA tournament and to forfeit 10 Big 12 Conference wins.

This was announced Saturday at a 12:20 p.m. news conference at Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Mo., after Big 12 officials denied Tech's appeal of the



Averil round game against Iowa State, and Averil was declared ineligible at the end of the first half.

Tech's men's basketball program and football program have been under an NCAA investigation for more than a year.

Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers said athletic officials have scheduled a series of meetings this week to investigate how the problem occurred.

Tech administrators met with team members and coaches Sun-

day to answer any questions about the ineligibility, the Big 12 forfeiture and the NCAA tournament withdrawal.

"Team members are hurt and disappointed about not going to the tournament," Myers said.

"The problem was an inadvertent administration error."

The player's ineligibility may have been discovered by the NCAA as early as Thursday, but Myers was not notified until Friday.

"We (Tech officials) were scattered throughout the (Kemper) arena, and I was told



about the first player being ineligible and there were questions about the second," Myers said.

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by Brent Dirks/UD

After the 1996-1997 season abruptly came to an end Saturday for the Texas Tech men's basketball team, the Red Raiders were in shock.

Senior forward Gionet Cooper, who finished his eligibility with Tech this season, said he still is thankful to have had the opportunity to play with the Red Raiders.

"They have brought me a lot of memories, a lot of championships and a lot of games won," said Cooper, Tech's only four-year letterman. "We came out there and had no control over what happened."

The Red Raiders learned of the news after returning from the Big 12 Tournament Saturday afternoon, Cooper said.

"It's just something that just dropped my heart," Cooper said about learning of the forfeiture of Tech's 10 Big 12 Conference wins, and withdrawal from postseason play. "It's something I can't control. You have to go on with life. Texas

Tech basketball goes on after I'm gone."

The decision also could have ramifications in the NBA draft eligibility of junior center Tony Battie and junior guard Cory Carr.

Both have been speculated to be first round picks in the June draft. The pair, who accounted for more than 50 percent of the Tech's offense during the season, have neither denied or confirmed their draft eligibility.

"Right now, I haven't even thought about the draft," Battie said. "My mind and all my physical expectations were solely based on the season. From here we are just stuck in the middle of a bad mistake. The rest will be thought out later."

The forfeitures hit Tech at the wrong time of the season, said Battie, who was named to *Basketball Weekly's* first team all-American team Friday.

"All the time I've been here at Tech, the guys at the top offices have tried to run a legitimate, See Players, page 3

Republicans to inspect Chinese lobbying efforts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican leaders pledged Sunday to find out what the White House knew about an FBI investigation into alleged Chinese attempts to buy influence in American politics last year. Leon Panetta, White House chief of staff at the time, said his office knew nothing about it.

Panetta and his successor, Erskine Bowles, also mounted a defense of the Clinton administration's aggressive fund-raising activities before the 1996 election, saying they were forced to collect a lot of money to stop the Republican agenda from winning.

As they have for weeks, campaign finance scandals dominated Sunday's television news programs. The chief topic was a story in *The Washington Post* that the FBI warned six members of Congress they were targets of an illegal effort by China to funnel laundered money to influential lawmakers.

The article, quoting government officials, said investigators had "conclusive evidence" that Chinese funds entered the country last year, although it remains uncertain whether any of the money reached congressional or presidential campaigns.

ABC News reported later Sunday that China established a \$1.8 million fund to influence U.S. elections and that as many as 30 members of Congress were warned they might be approached to receive illicit contributions.

One senator, Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., confirmed through a spokesman that she was briefed last June about the Chinese money-laundering threat.

The other five were not identified by the *Post*, but ABC reported that Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., was among them.

A spokesman for Boxer did not immediately return a telephone message seeking reaction to the ABC report.



Reaching for the sky: Maritza Gamboa, a sophomore undeclared College of Arts and Sciences major from Lubbock, qualifies for ropes course certification Friday.

Increase in voters due to easy access

by Tomi Rodgers/UD

Voter turnout in Texas Tech Student Association elections has climbed during the past decade, possibly caused by an increase in student access to the campus government.

Although voter turnout in last week's SA general election was less than the 1996 turnout, SA officials say voter turnout still is higher than in years past. Turnout in last week's election totaled 3,244, compared with 3,410 in the 1996 general election.

SA presidential candidate Clint Freeman, a senior engineering major from Farmington, N.M., said the general increase in student voting may be caused by a rise in student involvement with the student government, such as with the Contact Senator program, which matches student senators with campus organizations so students can learn about events happening in the Student Senate.

"By people being more informed, less people are apathetic and more willing to voice their opinion on voting day," Freeman said.

SA presidential candidate Russell Thomasson, a senior finance major from Lubbock, said students have become more involved because of Internet access to the student govern-

ment and the SA Spotlight, a section of *The University Daily* outlining events in the SA.

"The SA has helped to increase involvement and student concerns for what the student government is doing," Thomasson said. "You hit it with all ends with these programs, and make it (the SA) more accessible to students."

In the early '90s, voter turnout in SA elections reached record lows on the Tech campus. In 1990, 2,654 students voted in the general election, and during the next few years the numbers went down, with 2,222 students voting in the 1993 election and 2,086 in 1995.

"Last year there was a great rivalry between the presidential candidates which affected the entire student body," Freeman said.

This rivalry spurred an increase in voter turnout in 1996 and resulted in a runoff election that attracted 105 more votes than the general election.

Last year's runoff did not mirror the only other runoff election to occur in recent years — 1,084 fewer students voted in the 1990 runoff election than did in the 1990 general election, and 789 fewer students voted in the 1987 runoff election than in the general election and 2,086 in 1995.

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	election	runoff
1997	3,244	N/A
1996	3,410	3,515
1995	2,086	N/A
1990	2,654	1,570
1987	2,922	2,133

Ex-Techsan addresses value of success, reflects on experiences

by April Castro/UD

Achieving success by setting goals and making dreams a reality is like climbing a mountain and struggling over each hill and valley, said Texas Tech Regent and former astronaut Bernard Harris.

The importance of setting goals and striving to meet them was the focus of a program Harris presented Saturday at the Tech Museum.

"Dreams are important in creating realities and setting the future," said Harris, a 1982 graduate of the Tech School of Medicine. "My story is about dreams, achievements, success, setting goals and striving toward those goals — it's a good story for young people to hear."

Harris' speech, which highlighted his life-

long dream to become an astronaut and the steps he took to achieve his goal, concluded the museum's weeklong celebration of Spaceweek, an international program designed to focus world attention on space exploration. The 1997 theme was "Space for Our Children."

"We've had a full week of activities," said Elizabeth Locke, programs manager for museum education. "We've had planetarium tours and shows — what a wonderful way to end the program, with an astronaut."

Harris joined NASA's Johnson Space Center in 1990 as a clinical scientist and flight surgeon and became an astronaut in 1991. He currently qualifies for assignments as a mission specialist on flight crews.

Harris became the first black man to walk

in space, during his second trip to space on Shuttle Mission STS-63.

His duties included clinical investigations of how people adapt to space and the development of adaption techniques for extended duration space flights.

Harris, who has participated in two space flights and has logged more than 438 hours in space, now serves as staff vice president of operations for SPACEHAB Incorporated-Micro Gravity and Life Science, a space contractor in Houston.

Harris said he first wanted to become an astronaut in 1969 when Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, he said.

"I remember when Neil Armstrong first stepped on the moon," said Harris, who was

13 years old when Armstrong completed the first space walk. "I watched it on a black and white television, and it changed my life."

Harris said he learned about space travel from watching science fiction programs on television but realized it could become a reality when he saw Armstrong walk on the moon.

"It demonstrated that we could go to another planet," he said. "For the first time I could see, feel and sense the reality I already had in my mind."

Harris said the process of dreaming and achieving his goals was a process of three steps that continue even today.

"First was my education, second was my medical degree, and third was becoming an astronaut," Harris said.



Aim high: Texas Tech Regent Bernard Harris stresses the importance of making goals. The program was sponsored by the Tech Museum.

Their View

Improprieties abound with Tech rent home



Megan Clark/editor

Enough is enough. Even I, as part of the negative, liberal media, am tired of the countless stories abounding about Texas Tech that deal primarily with our not-so-positive athletics and image.

But the athletic department is just one of the many facets of this university that needs to be scrutinized a little bit more.

Take our chancellor for example. He takes hits a lot, and not just from *The University Daily's* intrepid reporters and editors. I know this.

But this time, I can't leave well enough alone. If readers saw *The UD* Friday, they would know that Montford is living temporarily in a home that is costing Tech \$2,800 a month. At this same time, the \$400,000 former president's home is empty and waiting to be sold. Tech's Board of Regents is planning to build Montford a new home on campus, you see, and no costs have yet been determined.

However, it seems to me as if this university has already spent well enough on the chancellor and the many changes he brought with him when school began in August.

Enough is enough. I mean, \$2,800 a month for a rent home is more than extravagant, especially considering Tech has a perfectly good residence the chancellor can permanently live in until a new home is built on campus. Makes sense, right?

Wrong. And to make matters that much worse, the chancellor is personally spending money, along with some Tech funding, to improve the rent home at 4915 19th St.

Tech officials claim the renovations are perfectly legal to make because the rent home is considered a Tech facility.

Well, it's just temporary, right? Not permanent.

Just because Montford lays his head down there every night does not make it a part of the Tech campus.

Tech officials also claim that students' money will be left untouched in reference to rent and renovations payments. "No money will be taken from the classroom," Tech Deputy Chancellor Jim Crowson said.

That's true. But the money budgeted for rent and renovations could easily be used in other areas like the classroom. Maybe someone needs to tip the Board of Regents off about this.

It's great the chancellor wants to move on campus and become even more a part of the Tech community. In the meantime, how can anyone rationalize \$2,800 in rent for a home Tech doesn't even own?

There are students all over this campus who work numerous jobs to pay for school and rent. They don't have the luxury of even thinking about living in a home that costs \$2,800 a month. Neither should Montford.

Enough is enough for Tech students. They deserve more and the chancellor deserves what's readily available to him.

And that's the former president's home at 4603 21st St. Check it out, it's not so shabby.

Megan Clark is a senior journalism major from Houston.

Our Point

Athletic department needs serious help

Pointing fingers is considered rude. But in the case of the Texas Tech athletic department, they deserve every rude gesture they can get.

What happened to the Tech men's basketball team Saturday may not be considered fair to all parties involved, but it's just another item in a long list of blunders committed by Tech athletes or administrators.

And it's time someone or something put a stop to the seemingly never-ending barrage of mistakes happening within Tech's athletic programs.

Because of an academic oversight involving an NCAA rule and the ineligibility of two players, Tech's basketball team forfeited all Big 12 Conference wins and declined from accepting any NCAA tournament bid offered. This is just another perfect example of a school year full of oversights committed by players, former players, their coaches and administrators.

At this point, it doesn't really matter who's to blame anymore. The damage has already been done.

The chancellor, president, athletic director, coaches and players can point fingers at whomever they please, but that will do little to restore Tech's reputation. The Red Raiders' pristine "Home of Champions" image was tarnished long ago. Oversights or not, Tech officials continue to deal with an ongoing NCAA investigation, football players with zero GPAs and a former football player filing a lawsuit about unkept promises.

All of this mess adds up to faulty leadership and spoon-fed athletes willing to take their supervisors' word as truth. Sometimes, it may not be. That's not to say there aren't Tech student-athletes who excel and take an interest in how their role on the field and in the classroom affects this university. There also are administrators at Tech who are equally as interested in doing a thorough job to create a clean athletic program. It's the Tech athletes and administrators who aren't doing what they need to who must be pointed out.

The University Daily editorial board voted 6-0 on this issue.

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Your View

Chancellor does not deserve rent home

To the editor: I could not believe my eyes when I read Ginger Pope's front page story about the remodeling of our beloved chancellor's (John T. Montford) temporary home (*University Daily* 3/7/97). Montford is having his temporary home remodeled and he is having Tech pay for some of the renovations. He also is contracting Tech maintenance to do the actual work. And with that big, fat paycheck that he receives, Tech is still paying for more than \$5,000 of the renovations. What a crock. Tech also is picking up the tab for the grounds maintenance work. Montford is only paying for \$718 of that bill, which will come to a total of \$6,606.

What I don't get is that, according to the article, this home is only temporary for Montford. He has somehow talked the regents into building him a home on campus (which I am sure will take up more of the commuter parking spaces). So why has Tech spent all of that money just to remodel a home that you will not be in that long? I mean, what could be so wrong with a house that Tech pays \$2,800 for a month of rent?

I can't even imagine what kind of luxurious home that must be. My wife and I are barely able to pay \$450 a month rent for a one bedroom apartment and you are living in a home that cost more than six times that amount and it is not good enough for you? And after all of these renovations (which I am surprised that you are paying for any of these renovations yourself) you are going to move into a home on campus. What is the point? Why do you feel it necessary to spend all of Tech's money? Is there going to be another fee increase in my tuition for future semesters to cover the cost of your new, on-campus home? And since the Tech is footing the bill for your rent, car and living expenses, what do you spend that fat paycheck on? *The UD* has printed your salary in previous issues, so we all know that you make more in a year than many our parents make in three years. And, yet, you still feel it necessary that Tech pay for the repairs on a home that is not your own.

Don't you think that the money that I (and my fellow students) are now spending to remodel your temporary home could go to something more useful, like repairing elevators in resi-

dence halls? Or how about building a larger, more efficient parking space for commuters? Or, ever better, what about spending that money on the labs in the computer science building that are going to the dumps?

The way you throw around my money is unbelievable. First, you spend the money on the unnecessary construction of the United Spirit Arena and now you waste my money on the remodeling of your personal living quarters. With the way that you spend our money, I am even beginning to believe that the only reason that you and the regents even disciplined the athletes whom were receiving zero GPAs, not attending class and still receiving playing time was because someone threatened to take money out of your pocket.

And I agree with James Crowson's remark about Montford not spending time on the building of his new house because he is spending more time on academic funds. Yeah, he is too busy trying to figure out ways to spend all that money than to worry about the new home that Tech (I mean, my fellow students) will foot the bill for.

Dwayne Isbell, senior computer science and electrical engineering major

Athletic issue deserves additional scrutiny

To the editor: I join my faculty colleagues in applauding Chancellor Montford's statement about athletics and academics. However, I believe a concern not addressed in his statement should be addressed. No coach ever assigned a passing grade in an academic class to a student who had not met the usual standards of academic performance; grade assignment is purview of the faculty. If, as has been alleged, students have received a passing grade without having attended class or passed course examinations or other requirements, corrective action should be applied to faculty, and future abuses should be prevented by appropriate oversight of department chairs or other administrative officials.

Robert Bell, Tech psychology professor

People should not defend Jim Rose Circus

To the editor: Lubbock, Texas has been on the receiving end of jokes for

as long as I can remember. "Lubbock is flat, dusty, cold, hot, dry (in every sense of the word)." There isn't much I haven't heard when it comes to complaints about Lubbock. I have lived in this area for the majority of my life and have heard enough to laugh-off most of the cracks.

An editorial in *The University Daily* concerning the Jim Rose Circus and their recent arrest in the Hub City certainly caught my attention on Tuesday, however, Sebastian Kitchen, the TechLife reporter for *The UD*, took issue with the fact that the group was forced off stage after only 15 minutes of performing. I don't know much about the group. I don't even know what it is that they do. I do know, however, that at least one member of the group defied explicit instructions by the City of Lubbock concerning their show. The city informed the group of local ordinances dealing with pornography well before the start of the performance. The group knew the rules. They chose to break them. They were arrested. It all seems quite simple to me.

So now Sebastian has to make a big deal about this. And like every argument concerning arrests and entertainment, the First Amendment had to be mentioned. Actually, I'm glad he wrote the article. It raises a couple of interesting points.

First, the Bill of Rights has been thrown into more ethics discussions than anyone could probably guess. Not the least of those discussions covered censorship and the First Amendment. Personally, I think Sebastian copped-out when he used the freedom of speech provision as a reason why the Jim Rose Circus should not have been arrested. If he and his buddies truly are defenders of the Constitution, then they should have no problem in respecting the moral foundation upon which the Constitution of the United States rests, and why people, much like myself, can hold dear such freedoms and at the same time take the City of Lubbock's side in this situation.

The other point I would like to make is this. It is no secret to anyone that this is a very conservative town. That is one of the qualities I appreciate most about Lubbock and West Texas. Other do not. However, those that are conservative make up the vast majority in Lubbock. It has been that way long before Sebastian and I have

existed. It will be that way long after we both are gone. People here are not going to put up with acts like Marilyn Manson and the Jim Rose Circus. And though there may not be a lot of residents can do to stop them from coming to Lubbock once the acts are booked, there is a whole lot we can do to relay the message that we don't want those things in Lubbock, Texas. It's our "right" to take offense to those groups.

One last thing. People who attend Texas Tech know full well what all Lubbock has to offer. Nobody is forced at gunpoint to attend this school. Nor is anyone forced to live here after they graduate. Lubbock is Lubbock, not Houston or Chicago or New York. If you don't like it, go to another college in another city. Otherwise, stop whining and get used to it.

Jason T. Hill

Tech students deserve more understanding

To the editor: I should have seen it coming. When I found out that the new arena was going to be built in my commuter parking lot, I caught myself laughing. Here they go again, the university takes yet more from its students.

First, it was the student section at the basketball games, which might I add, could be the reason for poor student attendance. Probably not though, those seats are really good and, heck, why not get more money by selling those court side seats to the public? Whose ever idea it was to put the students behind the basket had either never been to a basketball game. And thanks now for this great idea to solve the parking problem by parking us a mile from school. I have another good idea (since I know my first one didn't take too much to think of): since the students have been so considerate as to give up their parking spaces in order to park out in the wild, why not give us parking stickers for next year or at least drop the price substantially? What's next? Will I be in line getting my schedule for fall for an hour and a half? Wait a minute, I already do that. Don't get me wrong, I like Tech and wouldn't want to be anywhere else. But really, where is it going to end? Or am I just going to have to be glad that I graduate in a year?

Michael Lackey, junior finance major

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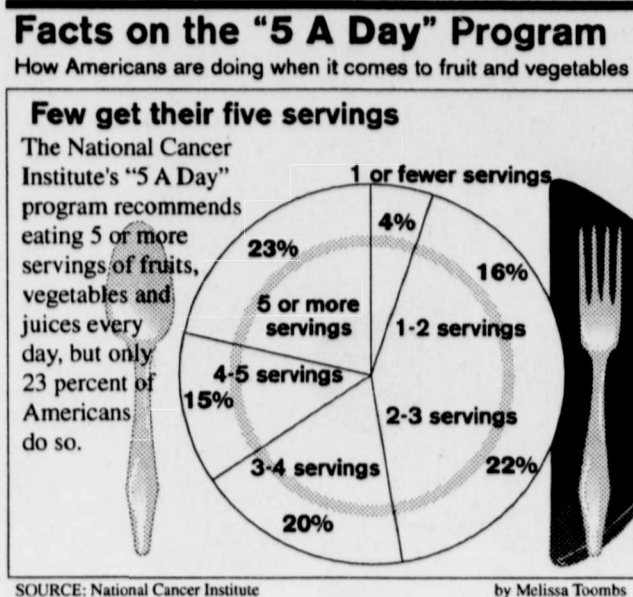
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Healthy eating reduces cancer risk

by Hollye Hodges/UD
 In an effort to improve public awareness that one-third of all cancer deaths are caused by poor dietary habits, the American Cancer Society recently released new guidelines about reducing the risk of cancer. The guidelines include choosing most foods from plant sources, strictly limiting high-fat meats and maintaining a physically intensive exercise routine. The ACS targets people who are college-age and younger. "We want to instill healthy eating habits early in life," said Lou Ann Pierce, ACS associate director of prevention. One out of three people in the United States develop cancer, but odds are improved by not smoking or drinking and by exercising and eating healthy. "I would think that almost anyone would want to do whatever it takes to



decrease their odds for developing cancer," said Jacinda Hall, a Texas Tech freshman business major from Amarillo. "Alcohol is full of empty calories, and it has been linked to mouth, throat and liver cancer," Pierce said. "The risk of developing cancers of the mouth and throat increases for people who smoke and chew tobacco, as well." Recent medical studies show small

amounts of alcohol decrease the risk of coronary disease, Pierce said. "Unfortunately, this sends a mixed message," she said. "At the American Cancer Society, we stick with the message of limiting alcohol, not stopping all together." Pierce addressed the need for healthy eating habits in college, especially in residence halls. "When you live in the dorm, you're at their (the cafeteria staff's) mercy," Pierce said. "But healthy options are always available." Tech health care professionals recommend eating in moderation. "If you eat in moderation, no foods are bad for you," said Michelle Pettus, health educator with Student Health Services. "For example, if you want doughnut, eat a bagel instead." In addition to good eating habits, a sound vigorous exercise routine is important to help maintain a healthy weight, Pierce said.

Players

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 clean program," Battie said. "This is something that just hit us from the blue, at the wrong time of the year. I guess the rest is history." Carr, who was named to the second team all-Big 12 squad last week, said the events were hard for everyone on the team. "I think at the beginning of the season our guys sat down and set a lot of team goals as far as winning 20 basketball games and trying to go as far as we could from that standpoint," Carr said. "We really worked hard this season." Sophomore guard Stan Bonewitz said every player gets excited about the NCAA tournament, which he said Tech had a good chance of getting invited to before the forfeitures. "You work hard every day, practice hard to get to the Big Dance," Bonewitz said. "Once you get in you never know what happens." Bonewitz said he felt sorry for the squad, including seniors Deuce Jones and Cooper. "It's a bad and sick feeling," Bonewitz said. "It's something we are going to have to get used to and live with right now. All we know that it is over for us." Tech coach James Dickey said

the weekend's events were horrific. "It still is almost like a nightmare to me. It probably will be for a long time," Dickey said. "We haven't always played well, but we've played hard, and their ultimate goal was to be in the NCAA tournament." Jake Browning, a sophomore management information systems major from Lubbock, said he believes the blame does not lie with the team or the players. "I thought it really wasn't (the players fault)," Browning said. "I thought it had to do more with the administrative end." Browning said the future of the men's basketball program at Tech is dependent on a number of factors. "I guess it depends if Dickey leaves and gets another job offer," Browning said. "And it depends on whether they get rid of the people who did this, which I think they should." Jennifer Mitchell, a junior dietetics major from Lubbock, said the players should have followed the rules. "If those rules are ones that they have to follow, they need to be up with those rules," she said. The problems that caused the forfeitures need to be dealt with now, or the entire university may be affected, Mitchell said.

Penalty

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 ticipates must be forfeited by the member institution using the ineligible competitor. Tech Chancellor John T. Montford said that if Tech allowed a D to count toward a major, this situation could have been avoided. "At the University of Kansas and Kansas State University, they accept a grade of D in their academics," Montford said. Basketball coach James Dickey said he still does not have answers to questions about the forfeitures

and hopes the problem will be resolved in the coming days. Because Tech was required to forfeit all of its 10 conference wins, the Red Raider's 1997 league record will read 0-16, with an asterisk explaining the forfeited games. Rule 7.4 says the forfeiture could be overruled by Big 12 officials if they wished to make an exception. Tech made an appeal at about 7:30 a.m. Saturday but was unsuccessful. "We brought the error to the conference's attention and asked them to give consideration so we wouldn't have to forfeit," Myers said. "We have already made plans as

far as changes in the procedures we need in our certification process." Montford said he has plans for a series of meetings addressing academic policies within the athletic department. "I've expressed concern about the problem of certification," Montford said. "We want the problem rectified." Myers said that although several people are responsible for knowing whether a student-athlete is certifiable, the coaches are not to blame for the events leading to the ineligibility of the two players. "The NCAA interpretation was listed in the NCAA News (last year),

but a lot of people who are here now were not here then," Myers said. "But if there is any doubt, questions or someone doesn't understand, they should have picked up the phone to call and ask. We can't point any fingers at coaches or players." Dickey said during Sunday's meeting that the team's morale is low. "Students miss a lot of classes going to games, and they have the rest of the semester to make good grades," Dickey said. "It's time to get back to work on classes."

Voters

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 election of the same year. Wednesday's election determined senators and internal and external vice presidents for the 1997-98 academic year. Blythe Clayton, a junior public

relations and journalism major from Amarillo, ran unopposed for the external vice president position and earned 100 percent of the 2,747 votes cast. A candidate must earn 51 percent of the votes to be elected SA president. Freeman came closest, earning

49.59 percent of the votes, with Thomasson earning 45.22 percent. David Scott, listed on the ballot as "Inky," earned 5.18 percent. Since none of the candidates earned the required 51 percent, this week's runoff election between Freeman and Thomasson was scheduled.

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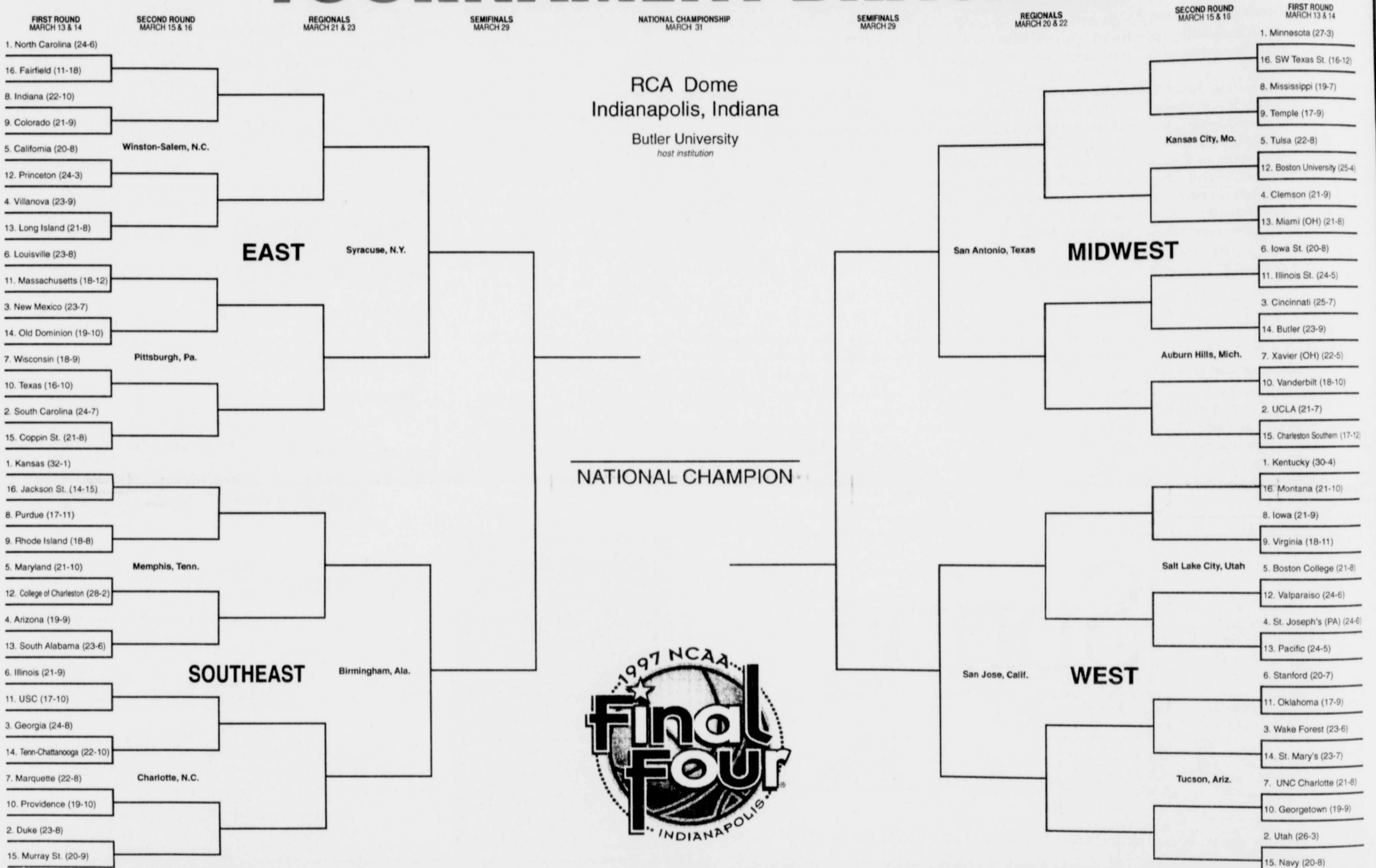
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The rapper, also known as Biggie Smalls, was the second major rapper to die in a drive-by shooting in the last six months. Tupac Shakur was killed in Las Vegas last fall.

The 24-year-old rap star, whose real name was Christopher

Wallace, was killed outside a party while sitting in his parked GMC Suburban, which was punctured by at least five bullets in the gang-style attack. Wallace was rushed in the same vehicle to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead. No immediate arrests were made.

He was attending a party at the Petersen Automotive Museum in celebration of the 11th annual Soul Train Music Awards staged Friday, according to Kevin Kim, who witnessed the shooting.

Walking to class proves dangerous

Students need survival tips to avoid embarrassing falls on campus



Laura Hensley/TechLife reporter

As a college student, I face the everyday danger of walking endless miles to class. During these daily journeys, I often have encountered many obstacles. Some days it will be the horrible weather. On these days I battle the elements in order to satisfy my hunger for knowledge, just to be cold and miserable all day.

Other days it's the belligerent driver who refuses to yield for pedestrians. It's as if they are on a mission

from God to see how many college students they can take out. They actually speed up when they see you coming.

Alas, the most dangerous obstacle is something that happens to the best of us all. We have all had our not-so-graceful moments — we have tripped or eaten the pavement a couple of times.

I remember one day I was heading up those hazardous steps in the math building, and a student in front of me was just in too big of a hurry. He plummeted head first to the floor, almost wiping out everyone within three feet of him. After observing this

beautiful display of grace, I must admit I was amused. OK, I laughed. I tried to hold it in, but it was funny.

Well, I actually started thinking about it and would like to share some helpful tips to help people play off your not-so-graceful moments when walking on campus.

1. When you trip, just begin jogging. Hey, I'm late anyway. A little run will do me good.

2. Look at the object that made you fall, point at it and look around with a concerned look on your face. You want to warn others of this hazardous

feature on the Tech campus.

3. Take a bow. Hey, you just bit the big one, and just maybe you made someone laugh. Take credit for it.

4. While on the ground, roll around, moaning, holding your leg and pretend you are hurt. Maybe you will receive pity from some passers-by.

I am not a cruel person, and I must admit I have had attacks of uncoordination myself. Stairs and ramps are not my friends. I have even tripped over what seemed to be nothing. The crack in the pavement just reached up and grabbed me. I know I have served as the morning's entertainment for many people, and by golly, I am proud of the fact that I may have brightened their day.

The next time you take a dreadful spill — of course you'll feel a wave of embarrassment — just pick yourself up, dust off and head to your next class. Maybe on your way, you will have the pleasure of seeing another poor soul trip, and you can laugh.

Laura Hensley is a freshman journalism major from Gail.

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Men's golfers hope to find improvement

The Texas Tech men's golf team looks to right its season beginning today in the Louisiana Classic Intercollegiate in Lafayette, La.

Tech's struggles this season leave them in danger of failing to qualify for the Central Regionals in May.

"We have to start playing well, soon," Tech coach Tommy Wilson said.

"We have a few guys playing pretty good right now, but as a team we're inconsistent."

Teams will play 36 holes today, and the final 18 will be played Tuesday. Seniors Patrick Barley and Chris Hill lead the Red Raiders.

Barley is coming off his most impressive performance of the season, finishing in a 10th-place tie at the Crown Classic Feb. 21-22. Tech finished 10th overall as a team in the tournament.

"Patrick is playing pretty well right now," Wilson said.

"He's swinging better than anyone on the team. We just need to get the whole team on that level."

Wilson said he still has faith his team can turn the season around but that Tech can't waste any more time.

Hill finished 19th in the Crown Classic, two shots behind Barley.

The senior duo is being counted on heavily to help lead the Red Raiders back to a winning season.

"Obviously, Patrick and Chris are our two big guns," Wilson said. "We've got some good young guys, but Chris and Patrick are the ones with the experience."

Other teams competing in the tournament against the Red Raiders from the Central Region include Southwest Louisiana and Northeast Louisiana. McNeese State and Stephen F. Austin also are competing.

Football spring practice mixes old, new

The Texas Tech football team forgot about its recent public relations problems Saturday and got down to business.

In a 75-minute scrimmage at Jones Stadium, the Red Raiders found a possible replacement for Byron Hanspard at tailback and rediscovered an old friend at the fullback spot.

Clint Robertson, a sophomore from Dallas, showed flashes of brilliance during the scrimmage, rushing for 87 yards on 10 carries, including a 60-yard run up the middle on the first play.

Later, sophomore Sammy Morris scored on a 61-yard pass from senior quarterback Zebbie Lethridge. Morris sat out the final five games last season after being declared academically

ineligible following the Red Raiders' 13-10 victory at Texas A&M. In that game, he caught the winning pass.

"It felt really good to get back out there and play," Morris said.

Tech scored three touchdowns and two field goals during the scrimmage. Lethridge scored on a sneak from the 1-yard line following Robertson's run, and Robertson scored from two yards out for the final score. Jaret Greaser and Tony Rogers kicked field goals of 49 and 28 yards, respectively.

Robertson is the leading candidate to fill the shoes of Hanspard, who left Tech after his junior season to enter the NFL draft. Hanspard rushed for 2,084 yards last season. While Robertson ran for more than 2,000 yards his senior season at Dallas

Hillcrest, he is avoiding comparisons.

"I'm not trying to be another Byron," Robertson said. "I'm just thankful I got such good blocking from the offensive line."

Lethridge finished 3-of-7 passing

for 109 yards, and backup quarterback Rob Peters completed 4-of-8 passes for 24 yards.

Tech resumes spring drills today and has three more scrimmages before the drills end.

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Tech softball team ends tourney 0-5

by Christy Apple/UD

The Texas Tech softball team did not fare as well as it had hoped while playing host to the Red Raider Classic.

The Red Raiders placed fourth in the tournament with an 0-5 record.

New Mexico State finished first in the tournament after defeating Purdue 10-5 in the championship game, and Oklahoma City University placed third.

Tech coach Renee Luers-Gillispie said the weekend losses were caused more by a lack of concentration on the part of her team than anything else.

"It was definitely a loss of low intensity," Luers-Gillispie said.

"We were not ready to play, and we had a lack of focus. It did not turn our way."

Tech lost its final game, 4-1, against Oklahoma City with the only

Red Raider run being scored late in the sixth inning on an error.

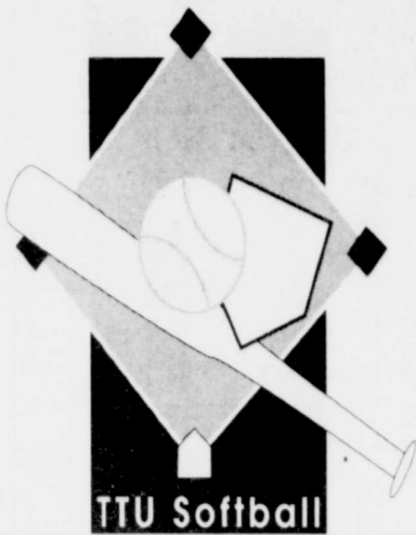
Throughout the weekend Tech continually had a hard time driving and placing the ball, Luers-Gillispie said. "We made contact, but there was just not power put behind the hits," she said.

Luers-Gillispie said she wished her Red Raiders could play four-inning games instead of the required seven innings, because the fifth inning is when Tech seems to struggle.

"In the fifth inning we always get tired and get in trouble," Luers-Gillispie said.

"Our pitchers did a great job for us this weekend, but it is always the fifth inning where we hurt."

Denise Jackson said this weekend was frustrating for the team especially



Wes Underwood/UD

Photo finish: Texas Tech softball team member Stephanie Walls stretches at first base in hopes of putting out an Oklahoma City Chief runner. The Red Raiders found winning difficult in their own tournament, going 0-5.

on the offensive side.

"We hit the ball," Jackson said. "There was just always someone there."

"But we never gave up and played hard." Freshman shortstop Paula Work-

man said this weekend loss was very disappointing because Tech did not get the job done.

"Out sticks did not come through," Workman said. "We played tough but we did not execute, which was pretty disappointing."

Sports briefly

Lady Raiders get West's No. 8 seed

Amid controversy with the Texas Tech men's basketball team, the Lady Raiders found out when and where they will be beginning their run for the national title.

Tech received the No. 8 seed in the West Regional and will face No. 9 seed Montana in the first round. This will be the first meeting between the two teams.

The game will be played on the Stanford campus. No. 1 seed Stanford was able to play host to the first and second rounds because the women play the first two rounds of their tournament on the campuses of the top 16 seeds.

Other schools in Tech's region include Iowa State, Virginia, Vanderbilt, Kansas, Arizona and Georgia.

Baseball finds confidence in Austin

Members of the Texas Tech baseball team went to Austin Friday with doubts about how good their team was. The Red Raiders left Austin Sunday with confidence after taking 2-of-3 games from the Texas Longhorns (17-6 overall, 1-2 Big 12 Conference) and beginning Big 12 play with a 2-1 record.

Tech (13-2 overall, 2-1 Big 12) lost Friday's game 7-6, won Saturday's game 5-4 and won Sunday's finale 10-6.

In the final game of the three-game series, Tech scored five runs in the top of the third with Keith Ginter's two-run home run highlighting the inning. The junior finished 3-for-4 with three runs scored and two RBIs.

Adding extra offensive punch was junior left fielder Jason Landreth and freshman catcher Josh Bard. Landreth went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and three RBIs, and Bard hit a solo home run that cleared the 20-foot high center field wall that is more than 400 feet from home plate. He became only the 19th player to hit one over the "green monster" and the first since 1994.

Sophomore right-hander Shane Wright improved his record to 3-0, giving up five runs on 10 hits and striking out five, Texas' Kendal Adare (2-1) took the loss, giving up seven runs on eight hits in three innings.

One negative note in Sunday's Tech win was the end of senior third baseman Joe Dillon's hitting streak. The streak ended at eight games, but Dillon's presence was still felt as he drove in a run on a sacrifice fly.

Tech's Saturday win went to junior left-hander Jason Gooding, who allowed four runs on seven hits and struck out six in eight innings of work.

The Red Raiders are back in action today when they open up a two-game series with West Texas A&M. Today's game is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at Dan Law Field.

Tennis team loses to Baylor, A&M

The Texas Tech women's tennis team went 0-2 this weekend as the Red Raiders were beaten by Baylor 6-3 in Waco Saturday and defeated by Texas A&M Friday in College Station.

In singles action against the Bears, Eva Eguiguren pulled out a 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 victory over Carolyn McGrath. Amanda Earhart defeated Hortensia Hernandez 7-6 (7-3), 6-4. Beyond that, the Red Raiders could not pull out any more victories against Baylor.

Misty Meyer, Sarda Ravindra and Christine VanRegenmorter were all defeated by their Baylor opponents in straight sets.

In doubles action, Tech could only pull out one victory. Meyer-VanRegenmorter defeated Hernandez-Lauren Spears 9-8 for the Red Raiders' third point of the match.

Against the Aggies, Tech received its worse loss of the year, a 9-0 defeat.

In singles, only Eguiguren could win a set against the Aggies before falling to Nancy Dingwall 5-7, 6-4, 7-6. The rest of the Red Raiders were defeated in straight sets by their Aggie opponents.

In doubles, it was more of the same as Texas A&M swept all three doubles matches and cruised to the easy victory.

Knicks pass test against NBA's best

NEW YORK (AP) — Patrick Ewing scored 32 points and made New York's only two baskets over the final six minutes as the Knicks passed perhaps their biggest test of the season Sunday by holding off the Chicago Bulls 97-93.

The Knicks played well and led for most of the game, but allowed Chicago to come back from a 14-point deficit in the final six minutes.

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