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Costs for Naval Reserve exceed expectations

Ginger Westbrook
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Costs for the transformation of the old Naval Reserve building are exceeding the \$2.2 million allotted budget.

The Office of Facilities Planning and Construction is working on plans to create more space for departments on campus by transforming the old Naval Reserve

building on Fourth Street into a new Administrative Services Center.

"Construction costs are running really high," said Theresa Drewell, director of facilities planning and construction.

"They are at a premium right now, and nation-wide bidding is going over the budget."

Robert Cameron, staff architect

for the Office of Facilities Planning and Construction, said the reason for the exceeding expenses is due to the building's mechanical and electrical deficiencies, the changes to renovate the building and making the number of departments fit. Plans to create additional space were initiated in the summer of 1996, and bids opened July 1 with Sandia Construction, based

in Lubbock, as the lowest bidder.

"Bids opened up several weeks ago and were higher than we hoped for, so we're working with the lowest bidder to try to cut something out or get their price within our budget," Cameron said.

Drewell said she and Cameron are going to negotiate with the contractor to see what they can change to lower the cost.

If their attempt is unsuccessful, they will ask the Board of Regents for additional funds, as long as the administration is in agreement with giving the additional funds.

Drewell said that construction cannot begin until the asbestos abatement is finished in the Naval Reserve building.

But, if they can negotiate a con-
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Wes Underwood/THEUD

Back in the old days...: Richard Marshall of Deluxe Business Cards demonstrates a linotype machine to students in the history of American journalism class.

New vice provost prepares for new job, more responsibilities

Ginger Westbrook
THEUNIVERSITYDAILY

Sitting in her office surrounded by authentic art from different lands, Virginia Sowell is ready for the challenge as the new vice provost.

Long time Tech faculty member, Sowell was appointed vice provost by Provost John Burns.

Sowell has worked in the Office of the

Provost since 1984 and moved up in the ranks by accepting more responsibility along the way by working with the Academic Council and various university committees such as the Commencement Committee, she said.

She has been a full-time faculty member teaching graduate level classes for teachers for the blind.

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Local stores accept Tech Express

Jason Curtis
THEUNIVERSITYDAILY

Check, cash, Visa or Tech Express may soon be the payment options Texas Tech students will have to choose from — throughout Lubbock.

Varsity Bookstore and Double T Bookstore are the first businesses to launch Tech's endeavor to make the university's debit card system available to Tech students through local merchants.

Plans are being made to advance the sys-

tem to other interested businesses, but it is a start for now, said Jim Burkhalter, director of Tech Housing and Dining.

"It's being done on a case-by-case basis," he said. "This is not a cost-effective system at the moment, but it does comply with the spirit of the law."

The law, which goes into effect Sept. 1, states that all Texas state universities' debit card systems must be made available for use by outside merchants.

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SPOTLIGHT on Staff

Carrie Kilman
THEUNIVERSITYDAILY

Texas Tech staff members are one step closer to having what some hope will be a unified voice in campus issues.

A subcommittee of Tech's Quality Service Committee will meet at 1 p.m. today in the

University Center Lubbock Room to lay the groundwork for a Staff Senate, which committee members hope will be under way by the beginning of the fall semester.

"This will allow staff members to have a representative voice and constituency," said UC Director and committee chairman Tom

Shubert. "The staff on campus have not had a cohesive body to do this (in the past)."

Although still in the preliminary planning stages, the proposal to create the senate should be finalized in "a few weeks," Shubert said.

"After Friday's meeting, we'll

have a framework and a direction," he said. "But no concrete decisions will be made."

Subcommittee members want to establish a fair method of representing Tech's 2,500 staff members, Shubert said. That number could grow to al-

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WEATHER



TODAY
High 95
Low 65

Saturday 95/66
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IN BRIEF

WORLDNEWS



MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's Orthodox Church warned Boris Yeltsin Thursday his rejection of a bill restricting "nontraditional religions" — evangelical Christianity and Roman Catholicism — threatens the structure of Russian society.

Debate over the Russian Orthodox-sponsored bill, strongly opposed by U.S. lawmakers and the Vatican, threatens to open a rift between the president and Patriarch Alexy II, whose church is the dominant religion in Russia.

NATIONALNEWS



WASHINGTON (AP) — A human protein thought to be a useless byproduct of insulin may protect against devastating heart and nerve damage that diabetes causes.

A new study in rats backs up a handful of reports from Sweden suggesting human diabetics may benefit from the substance. Scientists say the findings are intriguing enough for in-depth study of whether adding C-peptide to insulin therapy could help people.

STATENEWS



AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AP) — A Texas Air Force Academy cadet died after going into cardiac arrest during a field training exercise.

Cadet Third Class Stephanie Louise Pollard of El Paso died Monday night, said academy spokeswoman Lt. Maureen Metzger.

Pollard experienced trouble breathing during a survival training exercise in the Pikes Peak National Forest, then went into full cardiac arrest, Metzger said.

CAMPUSCALENDAR

To publish a campus or community event in the CampusCalendar, submit in person, by telephone or by e-mail a brief description of the event, including time, date and location. All events must be submitted to the editor five days in advance. Campus Calendar is a free service to the Tech and Lubbock community.

TODAY

• Mike Pritchard's Blue Thunder and Lightning Horns will play at Stubb's Bar-B-Q. The cover is \$5 and the show will start at 10 p.m.

• Plaid Joe, a classic Rhythm and Blues group, will play at the Beer Garden. The cover is \$5 and the show will start at 10 p.m.

• Nazareth will play at the Palladian "Live." The show cost \$13.50 in advance and \$15 at the door and will start at 9:30 p.m. The opening band is Enuuff'z'Nuff. Tickets can be purchased at both locations of Ralph's Records, University Records and Stubb's Bar-B-Q.

• The John Ellis Group will play at the Hub City Brewery at 10 p.m. The cover is \$5.

• Reed Boyd will play at Chelsea Street Pub and Grill in the South Plains Mall. The entertainment starts at 9 p.m. and there is no cover charge.

• The Cactus Theater, 1812 Buddy Holly Ave., and Don Caldwell Productions will host "Romantic Music with Porfirio Bas in Concert." The show starts at 8 p.m. and tickets cost \$10.

SATURDAY

• Catch 22 will reunite and play together one last time at Stubb's Bar-B-Q at 10 p.m. The cover is \$5.

• Lubbock country singer and guitarist Pat Green will play at the Beer Garden. The show starts at 10 p.m. and the cover is \$5.

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p.m. The cover is \$5.

• Reed Boyd will play at Chelsea Street Pub and Grill in the South Plains Mall. The entertainment starts at 9 p.m. and there is no cover charge.

• Creed will play at Daybreak Coffee, 82nd St. and Quaker in Kingsgate North. The show will start at 9 p.m. and the cover is \$3.

• "Best of the 70's" will start at 7 p.m. at the Cactus Theater, 1812 Buddy Holly Ave. Tickets cost \$10. It will feature many local musicians playing the 1970's hits.

• The Avalon Theatre, 2405 34th Street, and Runs with Scissors Productions will present a double-bill of two Anton Chekov plays. The two one-act comedies are The Marriage Proposal and The Boor. The show will start at 2 p.m. and there is no set admission price. Donations towards the costs of scripts will be accepted.

SUNDAY

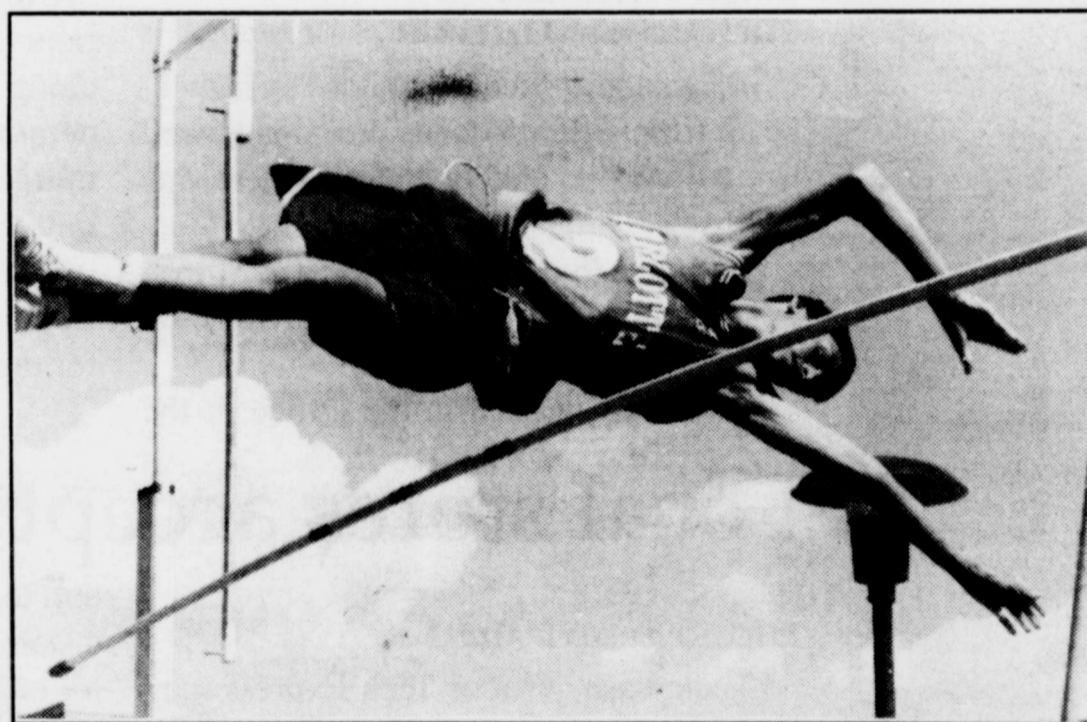
• The West Winds Brass Band will play as a part of the Concerts in the Park series. They will play at 8 p.m. at Clapp Park, 45th Street

and Avenue U. The concert is open and free to the public.

• The Mexican Masks of the 20th Century exhibit will open at the Texas Tech Museum, Fourth Street and Indiana Avenue. The exhibit is free to the public and will be at the museum through Sept 7. The Reverend Richard Kellaway and his wife, Jean, will speak at 2 p.m. in the Kline room about their collection of Mexican masks. The lecture is free and open to the public.

• The Sunday Night Jam takes place at Stubb's Bar-B-Q every Sunday night at 9 p.m. There is no cover charge. Local musicians are open to play the three regulars.

• The opening of *Teeth and Consequences*, an art exhibit with painting and sculptures by Robert Terrell, will open at the ARTary, 4509 Clovis Highway. The opening will last from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The ARTary's hours are from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on weekdays and 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. on weekends. Admission to the show is of no charge, and it will be on display through August 29.



Wes Underwood/THEUD

Pole Power: Edwin Billot, of Beaumont, pole vaults at the Games of Texas Thursday afternoon. Billot won first place in the 13- to 14-year-old category. See related story, page 10.

POLICE BEAT

The following information was compiled by The University Daily from University Police Department reports. For more information, call the UPD at 742-3931.

July 21

• A University Police Department officer investigated an assault that occurred July 18 in the 1400 block of Akron Avenue.

• A University Police Department officer investigated the theft of a woman's wristwatch from the student recreation center.

July 22

• A University Police Department officer investigated suspicion of stolen property at the Texas Tech bookstore.

• A University Police Department officer investigated an accident in the Z-2A lot.

• A University Police Department officer investigated a theft in the men's gym.

WEEKENDSPOTLIGHT

• Catch 22

The band Catch-22 was a mainstay in Lubbock for years, but they last played together Aug. 31, 1996 — almost a year ago.

"We have decided to get together and play one last time," said guitarist Graham Kepfer.

The band will reunite for one performance Saturday at Stubb's Bar-B-Q, U.S. Interstate 27 at 19th Street. The concert starts at 10 p.m., and cover costs \$5.

The members of the band split as they made other priorities.

"Many people I run into here in Lubbock always ask me when we're going to play again," Kepfer said. "Well, I always said that was hard for us since we have all gone our separate ways now, but recently we've all admitted that we really miss playing a lot."

Marc Ferrino, the vocalist, received a degree in art design from Texas Tech and is now designing watches for Fossil in Dallas.

Drummer William Farrow soon will graduate from Tech with a

business management degree.

Bassist Mike Goodman is attending the University of Houston Law School.

Kepfer has a geology degree from Tech and will be leaving for Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma for pilot training.

"It's time to play again," he said. "Not only for our own desires, but also by the request of many Catch-22 fans and people who have heard our name, but never got the chance to see us."

The band recorded an album two years ago. They will play more than half originals and some cover songs.

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In the HOTSEAT • FOCUSING ON CURRENT EVENTS

PASS • Thumbs up to the senate committee that reauthorized federal support for the National Endowment for the Arts by a vote of 14-4 Wednesday. The committee approved \$105 million for the NEA. This comes after much debate about whether the NEA would receive any funding at all.

FAIL • Thumbs down to the Eastern New Mexico University student arrested Thursday after distributing fliers threatening to kill a homosexual each week. The fliers listed names of eight professors and students from the school's English department who were rumored to be gay. The top of the fliers read, "The Fist of God."

FAIL • Thumbs down to NBC for refusing to broadcast an episode of the talk show "Leeza" that discusses the newly enacted TV ratings, which NBC refused to adopt on the basis of censorship. But refusing the episode, some argue, is another form of censorship — NBC should practice what it preaches.

CAMPUS VOICE

Do you believe \$500,000 is too much for Texas Tech to pay in legal fees involving the NCAA investigation into the Tech athletic department?

61 percent yes
32 percent no
7 percent not sure

CampusVoice is a weekly survey of 100 anonymous, randomly chosen students. Survey questions are printed every Tuesday, and results are printed every Friday. Any registered Tech student can answer survey questions, either in person or by e-mail. A current Tech ID is required.

READERS REPLY

Professor should reevaluate religion

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to professor Higdon's letter (7/18/97) that continues the argument over the Southern Baptist Convention's decision to boycott Disney due to its homosexual policies.

In it, Dr. Higdon proceeds to rip the Bible, apparently riding (sic) off any authority or truth contained therein. His arguments are not only hurtful to Christians like myself, but are simply not true.

Yes, the Bible was technically written by men. But it was divinely inspired by God himself.

This simple fact may go beyond human understanding, but that's often the way God works. I'm not really sure I understand him or the Bible sometimes, but I certainly know that what is on its pages greatly enhances my life.

Dr. Higdon also implies from his letter that he seems to think the Bible is old and outdated. True, it was written a long time ago, but if I ever have a problem, I can always find strength and guidance through it.

Some of the biblical values may be considered old-fashioned or even ridiculous in today's society, but I assure you there is something quite remarkable about its advice — advice that works whether the world changes.

Once again, I can't really explain it — it's God's work and he knows what's best

for those that believe in him. So before you completely ride (sic) the Bible off, Dr. Higdon, why don't you just give it a try?

Also, I want to briefly clear up this Disney homosexuality thing.

I don't know why some people are homosexual — I guess nobody really knows yet. But God's word says that this action (of homosexuality) is wrong.

Notice I said "action." We as Christians were taught by Jesus to love one another. Christ loved sinners so much, yet he hated the sinful actions. I personally have to admit that there are some gay people out there with wonderful personalities, yet their lifestyle is not something to go wild about. The Southern Baptist Convention took its stand against the sinful actions, not the people.

Disney was singled out in particular because it had traditionally produced "family" entertainment.

But its new policies threaten God's ideal definition of the family, a value many of us Christians cling very closely to.

True, there may be some debate over the Southern Baptists' method of protest, but the bottom line is that homosexual people need Jesus' love.

So all I ask Dr. Higdon is to give us a little charity. I didn't write the Bible, and I have no authority to edit it. But someone up above apparently knows a lot more than we think we do.

Please try to keep that in mind.

Frank Weber
freshman biology major



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Tanning may cause cancer

Mark McLeod
THEUNIVERSITYDAILY

Each year about 700,000 Americans are diagnosed with skin cancer, according to a study by the American Cancer Society.

Jo Henderson, health education coordinator for Texas Tech Student Health Services, said she believes students should be more aware of the risks involved in tanning.

"Actions have consequences," Henderson said. "We all are intelligent enough to make good choices."

Henderson promotes the "surf, sun, sand and sex program," which places emphasis on safety during spring break.

People who tan a lot when they are young face the consequences later in life, Henderson said. People who tan when they are young accelerate the aging process, making the skin lose its tone faster.

"You're older a lot longer than you're younger," Henderson said.

Marc Gallagher, a sophomore public relations major from Lubbock and a local landscaping director, said he is aware of the dangers that come with working in the sun.

"I get worried because I get freckles on my arms from the sun," Gallagher said. "That (skin cancer) can kill you in no time at all. If I get (skin cancer), I hope I can detect it in time."

Lera Derrick, a junior psychology major from Dallas, tans on a regular basis.

She started tanning in salons when she was 15 and still tans, both indoor and out, Derrick said.

"I prefer tanning in the sun," Derrick said.

Derrick said she is aware of the dangers involved in tanning but feels better about herself by having a tan.

Derrick goes to tanning salons

mostly in December and does not use sunscreen or sunblock when tanning outdoors, she said.

Skin cancer is one of the most prevalent cancers in the United States, and the number of cases has risen since the 1970s, said Tech Health Educator Michelle Pettus.

Since tanning bed usage has increased, the frequency of malignant melanoma skin cancer has grown by 4 percent, Pettus said.

Skin cancer awareness has captured the attention of many Americans as more are seeking early detection of the disease, she said.

"I think people are more aware whenever they tan outdoors," Pettus said.

Any overexposure to the sun is the main cause of skin cancer, she said. Studies on skin cancer have shown that people with fair skin, light hair, and blue or green eyes are more susceptible to getting skin cancer than people who have darker complexions, Pettus said.

She said there is a 95 percent recovery rate among people who detect the cancer in the early growth stages.

Ancient monkey skull found, changes researchers' ideas

NEW YORK (AP) — Researchers have found a skull from a 15-million-year-old monkey that suggests that a still-undiscovered ancestor of both monkeys and people looked different from what many scientists thought.

It tells us what our relatives looked like 25 million years ago.

Brenda Benefit, researcher

The new finding suggests its face looked more like an orangutan's than many scientists thought, Benefit said.

The fossil, found in 1994 on Maboko Island, Kenya, is the oldest known skull from an Old World monkey. It came from a creature called Victoriapithecus, a fruit-munching, 11-pound monkey that walked on the ground and climbed trees.

"It tells us what our relative looked like 25 million years ago," said researcher Brenda Benefit of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

That undiscovered ancestor stood at a crucial split in the evolutionary family tree. One branch went on to produce apes and people; the other branch led to Old World monkeys, which live in Africa and Asia today.

Scientists have been trying to figure out what this ancestor looked like.

Victoriapithecus is not an ancestor of people, since it comes from the evolutionary branch of Old World monkeys. But it's closer than any other known monkey to the split with the ape-human branch, so it probably resembles the ancestor of monkeys and humans that occupied the split, Benefit said.

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Provost

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"Special education was the primary reason I came to Tech," she said.

Sowell said she will teach one class a semester for graduate students learning to become teachers for the blind and one freshman seminar course each semester. Several departments and campus offices will report to Sowell.

"(The departments will) inform me of the status of future and present programs, financial standing and the staff employment in each department," she said.

Sowell said her role as vice provost is to support and provide services for Tech for academic programs.

Sowell will serve as the facilitator of programs for the Texas Tech Museum, International Cultural Center, University Press, University Interscholastic League, Official Publications, Operating Policies and Procedures, Women's Studies and University Transition Advisement Center.

Sowell will work with the co-

ordinating board to help colleges implement proposed programs and advise on the feasibility of the proposal. Then the program will move to the Academic Council, which she heads.

"One of the things I really enjoy is having the opportunity to learn different things about the university," Sowell said. "How the various colleges operate in terms of faculty and students, the purposes of the museums and the International Programs and the University Press and how they operate."

Sowell's duties also include overseeing the Academic Council and Associate Dean's Council, which works with students on degree plans and other academic affairs.

"I really enjoy that because I get to see what's going on in all the colleges," Sowell said.

She also is a member of Rotary International and is an honorary member of the Paul Harris Fellow; a member of Achievement Rewards for College Scientists; and a member of the Lubbock YWCA's Women of Excellence committee. Sowell said that she wants to make a degree from Tech something students can always be



Wes Underwood/THEUD
Virginia Sowell

proud of.

"We set our niche for Tech — our niche is that we see every student as a person rather than a number," Sowell said. "We really believe that's our strength."

Sowell came to Tech after receiving her bachelors degree in English and journalism from Sam Houston State University, her masters degree from Trinity University, and her doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin.

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Bob Davenport, general manager of Varsity Bookstore, said he requested his business be part of the new system.

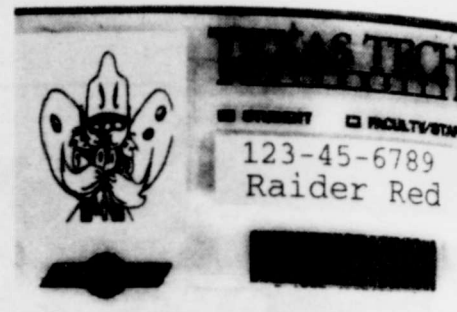
"The reason we're doing this is to give the students and faculty the convenience to shop at our store," he said.

Davenport added that he didn't expect Tech Express to have an immediate impact.

"I don't expect it to be that big of a deal at first, based on the numbers I've seen at the Tech Bookstore," he said. "There have been students in the past, though, who refused our service because we did not take Tech Express."

Dirk Rush, general manager of the Double T Bookstores, said he believes the amount of new business he receives depends on how many students currently use Tech Express.

"I think that the more students begin to use Tech Express, the more businesses will begin to accept it," he said. "Someone outside of the bookstores will have to jump in, though, before this thing takes



off."

The Texas Aggies Bookstore has profited from using their university debit card, Aggiebucks, said general manager John Raney.

"When Aggiebucks started on campus, I lost one-third of my business to the campus bookstore," he said. "Since we passed the bill that allowed us to accept Aggiebucks, I have regained all of my business, and it continues to grow."

Raney added that Texas A&M has close to \$10,000,000 annually deposited in Aggiebucks accounts, as opposed to the \$5,000 in annual Tech Express accounts.

The new system will work much like a normal debit card. The student will deposit money into a Tech account in his or her name, and, after the student makes the purchase, Tech will reimburse the business in the amount of the transaction.

AOL backs down on plan to give phone numbers to telemarketers

NEW YORK (AP) — Bowing to angry protests from subscribers, America Online Thursday dumped a plan to give members' phone numbers to telemarketers selling everything from vacations to long-distance service.

But in a move that could still irk its 8.5 million members, AOL said

it might instead use its own employees to make telephone sales pitches.

The plan to give phone numbers to telemarketers came to light Thursday morning, with AOL saying its members would benefit because they would be able to buy products at a discount.

America Online had planned to combine the phone numbers with other personal information such as demographic profiles and buying habits, based in part on other marketing databases.

But during the day, word of the move unleashed a storm of criticism.

Privacy advocates slammed it as an invasion of online privacy, particularly since AOL previously told its members it wouldn't give out phone numbers.

Members swamped AOL's toll-free lines to complain, and New York Attorney General Dennis Vacco blasted the plan in an interview with CNBC.

Wall Street also blanched, pushing down AOL's stock more than 4 percent by noon. The stock recovered after news that America Online had retreated from its position, closing down 2.6 percent, or \$1.75 at \$65.25.

The sharp reaction underscored the extreme sensitivity of privacy

concerns in an age when detailed information can be spread quickly and easily.

While publishers routinely share information with telemarketers, critics said AOL would be pushing the limits by distributing phone numbers, many of which may be unlisted, without people's explicit consent or knowledge.

America Online, based in Dulles, Va., already rents out its members' names and mail addresses to marketers.

Before retreating, AOL had said it would make it easy for members to opt out of the plan before the calls begin in the fall.

But critics said that didn't go far enough.

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most 3,900 if the subcommittee decides to include staff members from the Lubbock locations of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Subcommittee members recently gathered information from staff senates at 15 universities across the country to learn how other schools operate the organization, paying close attention to how each senate represented the school's staff members.

In some cases staff members were represented by building, not by department. The method Tech chooses to represent its staff, Shubert said, could affect how large the senate will be.

For example, if Tech's senate includes one staff member from each department, more than 20 staff members will come from departments in West Hall. Only one staff member will come from West Hall if representation is based on building.

The subcommittee will discuss the findings from each university during Friday's meeting and will begin the process of writing bylaws for Tech's senate, Shubert said.

Proponents of the idea hope the senate will allow staff members a more unified and recognized voice in major campus issues, such as the Tech Master Plan, Shubert said.

"This is not going to be a policy-making body," he said. "It is an advisory body used as a sounding board and will function similarly to the Student Government Association and the Faculty Senate."

The subcommittee has not decided whether the senate will include part-time staff members, Shubert said.

Once the final decisions are made, the Quality Services Committee will submit the proposal to Robert Ewalt, vice president for student affairs, for approval.

The movement to establish a staff senate at Tech began about five years ago and has received support from students, faculty members and administrators.

"I think it's a wonderful idea and long overdue," said Lewis Held, an associate biology professor and a member of the Faculty Senate.

"I've felt badly that the staff has not had a voice in dealing

with administration. I hope this will help them."

SGA President Russell Thomasson, a senior accounting major from Lubbock, said because the staff's concerns differ from those of students and faculty, a staff senate could be very useful.

"Any time you have a faculty senate, student senate or a staff senate, you hope you represent the concerns of all the people involved," Thomasson said.

"My concern is that we may be out of the loop on this."

In fact, Tech is one of only two schools in the Big 12 Conference without a staff senate.

"We need to look at the bigger picture," said Dean of Students Michael Shonrock.

"A staff senate will allow people to feel empowered to share not only concerns, but positive ideas as well."

Calling himself a proponent of the idea, Shonrock said much consideration must be given to the senate's planning.

"Look at the Faculty Senate — it provides a forum for faculty to provide thoughts, ideas and suggestions to the administration," Shonrock said. "We don't have that for the staff."

The Quality Service Committee's proposal must be approved by administration before the staff senate can be established.

Tech President Donald Haragan said if a staff senate is formed, the university most likely will recognize it.

"This is something that's been talked about for a long time," Haragan said.

"If most of the staff on campus feel that the senators are representative of their interests, I believe it could be highly successful."

A few years ago, staff and faculty members discussed establishing a combined faculty and staff senate, Haragan said, but nothing ever came of the idea.

Although the concept of a staff senate has been discussed in the past, plans were never successful because enough people were not involved, Haragan said.

"Ideas like this often die off because they're only discussed among small groups or a few individuals," he said.

"If it's going to be successful, it will need support and participation."

Alterna-child care offered

For those who are wary about taking their children to traditional child care services, local parents and teachers have organized a cost-efficient alternative.

Mike Meister, president of Our School-Imagination Nation's board of directors, said the group formed the center because the members want to have a direct input on the way the school is run.

"My son was in another day care and events occurred that I wasn't happy with," Meister said.

"This led to (my part in) the decision."

Meister said the group of parents and day care teachers want to provide a loving, happy environment for the children.

"Who your child spends the day with is the whole point (of the program)," Meister said. "The center is developmentally oriented."

Robin Ruggles, a senior early childhood major from Lubbock who works at Our School, said she enjoys the experience because it is part of her career field.

"I love working with children," she said.

"I came (here) as a lab student and loved the teachers. I decided to stay."

Jennifer Kubacak, lead teacher for toddlers at the school, said Our School is a good way to help children get started on the right foot.

Kubacak said she believes their school is better than traditional child care programs because the

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Our School is a non-profit organization, she said.

"We are willing to take any student as long as they meet the age requirements," she said.

Age requirements are 18 months to 6 years.

Our School is open this summer,

and there are about 15 children enrolled, she said.

"The numbers are expected to increase in the fall as more people become aware of the pre-school," Kubacak said.

The board of directors at the school comprises parents and teachers of the community, she said.

The school will host an open house Aug. 5 during extended hours from 7:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m., she said.

People can come in, meet the teachers and find out how the school works. Regular center hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Cunanan takes own life, leaves no answers

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Andrew Cunanan called someone he knew in a desperate effort to obtain a false passport — and failing that, he stuck a .40-caliber handgun in his mouth and pulled the trigger, the FBI said Thursday. The suspected serial killer claimed his last victim — himself — late Wednesday, in the upstairs master bedroom of a houseboat in which he was holed up, 2 1/2 miles from the spot where fashion designer Gianni Versace was gunned down.

Nine days after Versace's murder, after one of the most intense manhunts in the nation's history, authorities had Cunanan's body. What they lacked were answers.

Why, in the course of three months, did Cunanan kill five men?

Why did Cunanan kill these five men?

How did Cunanan elude one of the FBI's most intense dragnets? And why did so clever a man stay

close to Miami Beach after Versace's murder?

When the end finally came, Cunanan didn't explain.

"There was no suicide note and no correspondence to reflect why he committed the crimes," Miami Beach Police Chief Richard Barreto said.

It is clear that he wanted to escape. William Esposito, deputy director of the FBI, said at a Washington news conference that a nervous and agitated Cunanan was in touch with "an associate" within 48 hours of the Versace slaying. They discussed who on the East Coast might have passports.

"He was trying to reach out to these individuals in terms of obtaining false identification, especially a passport so that he could

flee the country," Esposito said.

Cunanan, a 27-year-old described by his own mother as a gay gigolo, was the FBI's most-wanted fugitive, the prime suspect in the slaying of Versace and four other men in Minnesota, Illinois and New Jersey.

He managed to elude capture even though his picture was plastered on television, newspapers, the Internet and wanted posters.

After the Versace slaying, Cunanan abandoned a stolen pickup truck belonging to the New Jersey victim in a parking garage and vanished. But he didn't go far.

"He was out of places to run," said Doyle Jordan of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. "There was absolutely no other

place (for him) to go."

Residents in the area of the houseboat said they may have seen Cunanan roaming the neighborhood in the days after Versace's slaying.

One man said his boat was burglarized a week ago.

He said police took fingerprints from the boat, but never said if Cunanan was involved.

Wednesday afternoon, police got a break.

Fernando Carreira, the caretaker of the houseboat owned by fugitive German businessman Thorsten Reineck, dropped by to check on the home along the Intracoastal Waterway and he saw the door partially unlocked.

As Carreira looked around inside, he saw slippers and a pillow and then heard a gunshot, investigators said.

Carreira quickly retreated across the street and called police, never taking his eyes off the front door, according to an FBI affidavit.

Dozens of police and SWAT officers converged, closed down busy Collins Avenue at rush hour and tried to communicate with the man inside.

Then they fired tear gas inside and entered the home, quickly finding the victim's body on a bed in the upstairs master bedroom.

Investigators didn't say exactly when Cunanan shot himself, but said he did it with a .40-caliber semiautomatic handgun, the same type of weapon linked with Versace's death and two other murders.

The FBI reported it found several items that might be used as evidence in some of the five slayings.

A small safe was found near the body, and the affidavit said "there is probable cause to believe the safe may contain more evidence related to the five homicides."

The Dade County Medical Examiner's Office will test the body for the AIDS virus.

He was out of places to run.

Doyle Jordan, Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Dad launches investigation into daughter's death

DENVER (AP) — JonBenet Ramsey's father went public Wednesday with his own investigation of his 6-year-old daughter's death, saying he was frustrated with the police probe and its focus on his family.

John Ramsey said his investiga-

tors have developed "solid leads" and a profile of the killer that will help them find JonBenet's killer.

"Today I am announcing an escalation in my own efforts to find the murderer of JonBenet," he said in a news release.

Ramsey said he has grown "in-

creasingly frustrated" as police have limited their investigation "to me and members of my family."

A high-priced team of experts assembled by Ramsey has been working behind the scenes for seven months.

Ramsey found his daughter's beaten and strangled body in the basement of their Boulder home Dec. 26, eight hours after his wife, Patsy, said she found a ransom note.

There have been no arrests and no suspects named in the case.

District Attorney Alex Hunter in April conceded the parents are a focus of the investigation.

He has stressed, however, that

authorities are looking at all leads, including the possibility an outsider committed the crime.

Ramsey said he believed authorities would eventually look beyond his family.

"I am not confident this has happened," he said.

The family plans to publicize the profile its experts have developed by distributing fliers and continuing to run newspaper advertisements seeking information in the case.

Among other things, the profile suggests the killer may have been suffering stress and may have had a job or personal crisis before the slaying.

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tract, construction can begin Nov. 1.

The projected move-in date for the departments is late spring 1998, Drewell said.

Seven groups on Tech's campus will relocate to the new building for additional working space: Traffic and Parking, University Press, University Interscholastic League, Official Publications, Mail Tech, Facilities Planning and Construction and Environmental Health and Safety.

"All these groups are in dire need of space," Drewell said.

"These groups have two to three people in an office. This is a way to relieve some of their needs."

Tech employees share Drewell's optimism for the move.

"We're kind of in close quarters, some of us," said Ann Bell, secretary of environmental health and safety. "It will give everybody more space to operate and to do everything they need."

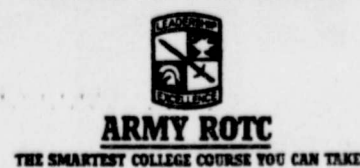


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Lubbock keeps Holly alive with festival

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Last year, the first Buddy Holly Music Festival brought thousands of people to Lubbock, and this year's bigger and better festival is expected to draw even more fans.

"People need to be a part of this prominent music festival right here in Lubbock," said Phyllis Jones, event chairperson.

Added events will highlight this year's festival, which runs Sept. 4 through Sept. 7.

The play "Buddy - The Buddy Holly Festival" will kick off the festival with a matinee at 2 p.m. Sept. 4 at the Cactus Theater. Six productions of the musical were originally planned, but four more were added to accommodate all of the people interested in seeing the play.

"You cannot turn on the radio without hearing some Buddy Holly influence," said Donnie Allison, who is portraying Holly in the musical. "I have no greater honor than to portray my hero on



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stage. Buddy Holly lives."

Several other productions of the play are scheduled throughout the festival.

A Fan Fare will be at 4 p.m. Sept. 4 at Roadhouse Ruby's, 2216 U.S. Interstate 27. Fans can get autographs and meet the musicians playing during the week and Holly's family.

Historical tours will take people through pieces of Holly's life from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sept. 4.

Also Sept. 4, a "Stars of the 50s" concert will be at the Palladian "Live," 1812 Ave. G., featuring legendary singer and songwriter Carl Perkins and Grammy-nominated musician Johnny Tillotson.

Two concerts also will be during the weekend to accommodate the younger crowd, Jones said.

"Concert headliners are to be announced to suit the Tech audience," she said. "We have tried to capture everyone's attention this year."

The Nifty 50 Car Club will be

around with their cars and other concerts by Joe Ely, Terry Allen, the Maines Brothers and possibly members of the Mavericks also will take place. Holly memorabilia also will be available for people to view.

Sept. 7, the day marking Holly's 61st birthday, several events will take place.

An encore presentation of "Rave on West Texas" featuring the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra and Don Caldwell Productions will be at the Cactus Theater, 1812 Buddy Holly Ave.

The Innovator Award will be presented also. The award, presented to Maria Elena Holly last year, will be an annual part of the festival.

Lubbock artist Paul Milosevich will paint a portrait of the award's recipient, who has not been named at this time.

"This award goes to somebody

that has done something great or influential or changed music," Milosevich said.

To honor the festival, the Southwest Coca-Cola Bottling Company will release 7,000 cases of six packs of commemorative bottles. They also will make boxes to put the commemorative bottles in. Only 5,000 of the boxes will be available, and they will hit stores Aug. 4.

"This is the first time in Lubbock — and in our 80 year history — a box has been made to hold the bottle," said James Long of Coca-Cola. "We have already had people calling from Oregon, Michigan and Ohio about the bottles."

The company will donate their revenues from the bottles to the music festival in memory of Holly.

"We are donating our entire revenue from these bottles," Long said.

Coca-Cola and many other sponsors have made contributions to make the annual event possible.

Tickets to the event will be available from Select-A-Seat in the Memphis Place Mall.

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'President' Ford's flick flies today

(AP) — In the movie business today, there is a small fraternity of star performers who can lend credibility, even verisimilitude, to the most outrageous of film plots. Gene Hackman, Sean Connery and Harrison Ford are names that spring to mind.

With "Air Force One," Ford faces his biggest challenge yet. The whopper of this Wolfgang Petersen film is that the presidential plane gets hijacked by eight Russian dissidents, with the president, his wife and daughter aboard. Ford is the president. Dogfighting with the Jedi was a cinch compared to this one.

Happily, old (55) faithful Ford rises to the occasion and whips the bad guys. Was there ever any doubt?

The film begins with all the pomp and ceremony of a summit meeting in Moscow. The United States and Russia have just com-



pleted a commando raid to capture the genocidal leader of the former Soviet Union state of Kazakhstan. At a huge dinner, President Marshall (Ford) issues a manifesto: The United States will combat murdering tyrants anywhere in the world.

Now for the pleasant flight home to Washington on Air Force One.

Eight Kazakhstan terrorists, led by Gary Oldman, board the flight posing as a Russian TV crew (whom they have murdered). Their weapons are on board, thanks to a Secret Service mole.

The rebels take over the plane in the most brutal manner, slaying passengers at will.

The president seems to have eluded them, perhaps leaving in an escape pod.

The top officialdom of Washington, D.C., led by Vice President Glenn Close, gathers to deal with the crisis.

Oldman tells them by phone that unless his leader is freed from prison, he will kill a hostage every half-hour. The first victims are the national security adviser and press secretary.

The violence continues as the president appears from hiding and begins his own war of attrition against the terrorists (he's a Vietnam War vet).

Just when you think he has triumphed, another crisis arises: how to fly the damaged 747 to safety with all pilots dead and Kazakhstan MiGs firing rockets.

Emmy nominees announced

LOS ANGELES (AP) — TV's Big Three networks aren't just suffering viewer erosion because of cable. They're suffering awards erosion, too.

For the first time ever, a cable channel — HBO — got more Emmy nominations than any of the major networks.

Home Box Office got a whopping 90 nominations in the 49th annual Emmy nominations announced Thursday, edging NBC's 89.

Symbolically, that small gap is vast.

After a half-century of dominating the medium, the networks are losing ground in both audience and prestige.

"It's a significant acknowledgment within the industry of the sea change that has been taking place among viewers within the last decade," said Larry Gerbrandt, an analyst with the media research firm Paul Kagen Associates.

"What viewers are increasingly finding is there is programming as fresh, as original, as well-produced on cable" as on the major networks.

NBC's hard-charging medical drama "ER" did lead with 22 nominations and remains TV's most-watched show. But HBO's "The Larry Sanders Show" beat the network sitcoms with 16 nominations, the most ever for a comedy in one year.

Among HBO specials, "Miss Evers' Boys," received 12 nominations, and "Bette Midler: Diva Las Vegas" got 10.

"This is a landmark moment," HBO executive Chris Albrecht said.

Other programs making strong showings included "The X-Files" on Fox with 12 nominations and ABC's "NYPD Blue" with 11.

"Frasier" and "Seinfeld," both on NBC, got nine each.

The Emmy Awards will be announced Sept. 14.

CBS got 60 nominations, ABC 44 and Fox 19, for a network total of 212.

HBO and 14 other cable channels got a record 138 nominations in all.

In 1988, the first year cable was even recognized by the Emmys, HBO received six nominations.

Thursday's nominations opened the door on another era: The first Emmy recognition of TV commercial excellence.

It's a significant acknowledgement within the industry of the sea of change that has been taking place...

Larry Gerbrandt, media research analyst

Movie brings money to Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — It was the 1920s, and the yet-to-be-introduced television could not keep troubled youth off the streets. So they robbed banks. And several UT students spent the past few months making sure everything went according to plan.

In the upcoming motion picture "The Newton Boys," director Richard Linklater chronicles the exploits of four bank-robbing brothers during the Prohibition era. Normally, students hoping to work on a big-budget film would have to travel to the distant, prurient lands of Los Angeles or New York.

But thanks to Linklater's dedication to filming the whole movie in Texas, students had the pleasure of bolstering their resumes by working on a major production without venturing too far from home.

Ashley Chiles, a UT radio-television-film senior, served as an assistant to Linklater for two months.

She said Linklater's film benefited the Austin movie scene because he was able to bring a \$28 million project to Texas while keeping Hollywood personas at bay.

The cast includes UT graduate Matthew McConaughey, Ethan Hawke, Julianna Margulies of "ER" fame and other actors.

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Games of Texas entrants come to town for events

Texas Tech is host to three events of the Games of Texas competition this weekend in Lubbock.

The games are sponsored by the Lubbock Sports Authority and Lubbock's Park and Recreation Department, said Greg Reeves, a Lubbock Sports Authority employee. Swimming, track and field and boxing will take place on campus.

Event coordinators expect those events to attract the largest crowds, Reeves said. The competition is the largest amateur athletic sporting event in Texas.

He said the games travel to cities around the state each year and will be in Lubbock for the

next two years.

"It will bring, over the next two years, \$13 million to Lubbock," he said.

Reeves said every hotel in the city is booked with participants and spectators.

"I heard some people are staying in Big Spring," he said.

Tech will receive rental fees for facility use and the opportunity to recruit the young athletes, he said. Officials expect 5,500 to 7,000 people between the ages of 8 and 18 to compete.

The games began Thursday with the golf and tennis competitions, he said.

Games of Texas is based on the Olympic Games, he said.

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Sprinter impresses at Junior Nationals

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Had he stayed in football, the world may never have known Texas Tech's Josephus Howard as an international sprinter.

Last weekend, the freshman from Round Rock traveled to Havana, to compete in the Pan American World Junior Championships.

"This was my first international competition," he said. "It wasn't as difficult as I expected though."

Howard ran a time of 10.48 to finish second in the 100 meter race behind Ja'Warren Hooker of the University of Washington.

Howard later joined with fellow

Americans Bryan Harrison and Lawrence Armstrong to win the gold medal in the 400 meter relay with a time of 39.87.

Howard said his coach, Greg Sholars, approached him last spring about trying out for the competition.

"The Junior National tryouts were held June 21, and the top two in each event made the team," Howard said.

The competition's junior-level status allows only those athletes between the ages of 14 and 19 to compete.

Sholars said he was proud of Howard's progress.

"Josephus continues to do great things locally, nationally and internationally," he said. "This is a wonderful accomplishment for him, and it shows the direction our track program is heading."

A finance major, Howard played football until his sophomore year in high school and decided to run track exclusively after he began excelling in the sport.

Since his arrival at Tech, Howard has earned All-American honors in the indoor and outdoor 200 meters and as a member of the 400-meter relay. He also placed third in the 200 meters at the NCAA Championships.

Spurs finalize Duncan deal, terms not released by team

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — No. 1 draft pick Tim Duncan signed with the San Antonio Spurs Thursday, setting the stage for him to play alongside center David Robinson this coming season.

The Spurs would not disclose terms of the deal, but under league rules his three-year contract is worth slightly more than \$10 million. He becomes a free agent after three years.

San Antonio used the top pick in the NBA draft in June to se-

lect Duncan, a center from Wake Forest and the consensus player of the year. He was twice a first-team All-American and averaged 20.8 points, a national-best 14.7 rebounds and 3.3 blocks per game his senior year.

The team envisions the 7-foot Duncan as part of a powerful front line featuring 7-1 Robinson, a seven-time All-Star whom the Spurs drafted in 1987, the last time the Spurs had the top pick.

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Big 12 officials consider first season a success

IRVING (AP) — Whether the Big 12 lived up to its billing as a premier football conference during its debut season last year is still up for debate.

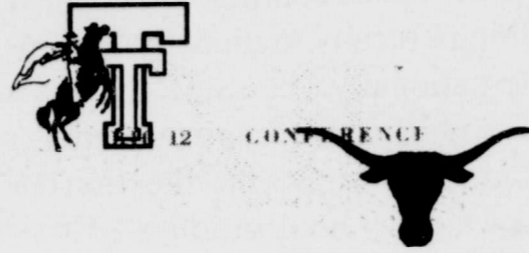
But almost everyone at Thursday's conference media day agreed that Texas' victory over Nebraska in the inaugural championship game proved the league truly has the strength and depth to be among the nation's best.

"A lot of people around the nation thought the South division wasn't as tough as the North division, but the game against Texas proved they were a tough division," said Nebraska's All-

America center Aaron Taylor, a Texas native. "We knew that all along. The teams in the Big 12 are a force to be reckoned with. There's not going to be one dominant division."

Although Texas' 7-4 regular-season record was good enough to win the South, the same mark would've only been good for fourth in the North behind Nebraska (10-1), Colorado (9-2) and Kansas State (9-2). The Cornhuskers also were still the two-time defending national champions.

But motivated by quarterback James Brown's boast that his two-



touchdown underdogs would win by 14, then spurred by a gutsy 4th-and-inches pass, Texas emerged 37-27 winners and kings of the first Big 12 season.

"It said to everybody in the conference, 'Don't count yourself out, don't count anybody else out,'" said Texas coach John Mackovic, whose team was 3-4 before winning its last four regular-season games.

"We know there's two divisions and one team may come in with a little less record than the other, and the other may be really highly ranked, but it's a one-game season when you get to that spot, so get ready to play."

Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes called Texas' victory a wake-up call for everyone else in the league. Then, he put his typical, unique spin on the subject.

"It's sort of like when Superman's cape doesn't open all the way, it gives Batman a chance," Dykes said.

Expectations for the new league — made from a merger of four

Southwest Conference schools and the Big Eight — were high going into 1996 because seven teams had finished in the top 25 the previous season.

The hype quickly led to backlash when teams flopped in early non-conference games, beginning immediately with Texas A&M's 41-37 loss to Brigham Young in August.

Texas' upset of Nebraska ended up giving the Big 12 two teams in the Bowl Alliance, as league officials had hoped. However, only three other conference teams qualified for the postseason, leaving one bowl bid on the table.

Overall, things didn't go as great as supporters had hoped, but it also wasn't as bad as some people feared.

"A lot of people thought we'd be a blockbuster conference, and I still think we will be," Mackovic said. "Because we didn't finish 1-2-3 in the polls does not take anything away from the respect that coaches and other teams have for our conference."

Texas A&M was one of the Big 12's underachievers last year plummeting from perennial postseason qualifiers to 6-6. The Aggies, who were dominant for much of the SWC's last decade, are ready to make their mark on the league.

"We know the talent we have and what we have to offer the conference," said standout linebacker Dat Nguyen. "We're anxious to get started this year."

Kansas was another of the league's disappointments, falling from No. 9 in 1995 to a 4-7 record that featured only two conference victories.

Despite the poor results, Jayhawks safety Tony Blevins enjoyed being in the Big 12.

"I like the fact the competition has been raised up a level," he said. "Week in and week out, you know you've got to be ready to play."

Looking down the road, Oklahoma coach John Blake sees nothing but a bright future for the Big 12.

"I don't think there's another conference with the talent and capability to be national champions better than the Big 12," he said.

Half the league's schools were represented Thursday, with the other six scheduled to meet with reporters Friday.



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