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## STATE NEWS — University of Texas

### law school dean steps down

AUSTIN (AP) — M. Michael Sharlot, dean of the University of Texas law school for the past five years, is stepping down.

Sharlot announced Monday that he was resigning effective at the end of summer 2000, or as soon as a new dean is appointed. Sharlot said he plans to remain at the school as a professor, teaching criminal law and the law of evidence.

A graduate of Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Sharlot became an associate professor at UT in 1969. He was appointed interim dean of the law school in the spring of 1994 and named dean in March 1995.

## NATIONAL NEWS —

### Students return to class in flood-ravaged North Carolina

TARBORO, N.C. (AP) — Nearly three weeks after Hurricane Floyd, thousands of students returned to class Monday in North Carolina's hardest-hit county. At one school, students came even though more than 100 evacuees were still living in their gym.

The gym at Tarboro High was one of the last shelters still open in Edgecombe County. "You can't get away from it anywhere in Tarboro," said senior Jonathan Kirkland, whose home was spared. "I have so much, and these people have nothing."

Monday was the first day Edgecombe County's 8,000 students had set foot in the classroom since Sept. 15, the day before Floyd came ashore and drenched eastern North Carolina more than 20 inches of rain, causing the worst flooding in state history.

Floyd has been blamed for at least 48 deaths in North Carolina. The high water drove more than 10,000 people into shelters and destroyed 3,680 homes. Floyd is expected to surpass Hurricane Fran, which caused \$6 billion in damage in 1996, as the state's costliest natural disaster.

## WORLD NEWS —

### Investigation focuses on missteps in nuclear accident

TOKAII MURA, Japan (AP) — The government announced plans to search the offices of 20 nuclear facilities around the country Monday as it intensified the probe into practices that ignited Japan's worst nuclear accident.

The government also said the operating procedures of all nuclear power companies will be examined after discovering that the company that ran the uranium-processing plant did not follow government-mandated procedures.

The Science and Technology Agency inspected the site of Thursday's accident and questioned officials of JCO Co., the private company that ran the plant in Tokaimura, 70 miles northeast of Tokyo.

The three workers responsible for the accident were using bucket-like containers to mix the uranium, the national Asahi newspaper reported Monday. They were also on the assignment for the first time and skipped some steps to get the job done as quickly as possible, it said.

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# Limb to Limb



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Tech groundsworker David Lira removes streamers wrapped around trees located on the south end of the Administration building.

## Post A&M recovery continues

by Andrew Thompson  
Staff Writer

While the Texas Tech athletic department will be searching for a new goal post, workers from Grounds Maintenance have their own concern — cleanup.

Trees on the south side of the Administration building were decorated with red and black streamers following Saturday night's celebration of Tech's upset over Texas A&M.

Toby Zertuche, a worker with Grounds

Maintenance at Tech, said all the work he and his co-workers will do is well worth it.

"We beat the fifth-ranked team in the nation," he said.

"On top of that, it was A&M. This is nothing compared to the celebration that went on Saturday night. It's all worth it."

Zertuche said workers had been cleaning the red, black and green trees since 8 a.m. Sunday.

Trees and goal posts were not the only victims of Tech's partying fans.

Mums planted near the Will Rogers statue near Memorial Circle were trampled as students paraded their trophy through campus.

"I don't know exactly how many we replaced, but it was quite a few," Zertuche said.

David Lira, another member of the Grounds Maintenance crew, said the trees were decorated so thoroughly that it took him all day to clean one tree.

"I was here from about 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. just cleaning one tree," he said.

Lira said the crew is trying hard not to damage any of the trees.

"There's some dry stuff that needs to be torn down, but we're being careful."

Supervisors with Grounds Maintenance could not be reached for comment about who was responsible for the decorations.

## At-risk youth session scheduled

by Angela Loston  
Staff Writer

Bomb threats and school shootings. These are just some of the incidents that Daniel Brown knows some middle school or high school students have experienced.

In the wake of the recent occurrences of school violence, Brown, activities coordinator for Campus Activities and Involvement, said this was an appropriate time for Tech students to recognize some of the issues young people have to tackle.

To better educate students about the problems young people are facing, there will be a session concerning at-risk youth from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. today in the University Center Senate Room.

"It's more of an awareness program to make people aware of some of the issues youth face," Brown said.

Next to students gaining insight on the issues that young people face, Brown said they also will interact with young students

**At Risk Youth Session**  
Today 1 p.m., in the UC Senate Room  
Volunteer Opportunities!

that attend after-school programs, which are held at various Neighborhood Involvement Centers in the Lubbock area.

Brown said Tech will volunteer at these centers.

While at the community associations, participants will assist younger students by helping them with their homework and play games and other activities.

"Hopefully, they'll be kind of a role model and encourage them to continue their education," he said.

This program is part of the Project Impact series that focuses on various issues such as

domestic violence and HIV/AIDS.

These awareness programs have an education and community service component.

Brown said this is the first year for the program to have a focus on at-risk youth.

"We're just trying to focus on different issues for our students to be aware of," he said of the program. "Hopefully, the students can learn something or touch or change the lives of someone."

Students who want to become involved with the project can volunteer at one of the centers from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday or Thursday. Students will need to sign up for the event prior to the day that they choose to volunteer.

So far, he said more than 20 students have decided to become volunteers.

For more information, students can contact Daniel Brown at 742-3621.

"It's good for these types of youth to see a role model that's going to school — something that they may not see every day," she said.

## UCA, SGA to discuss UC expansion

by Andy Jones  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech's University Center Activities and the Student Government Association will sponsor informational meetings this week for students who want to know more about the UC expansion proposal.

UC Activities staff and SGA members will be in attendance to answer questions at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday and Monday in the UC Double T Room, said Carrie Evans, SGA internal vice president.

Evans said the meetings will be informal and will give students a chance to find out more information about the expansion, which will raise student fees.

Students will vote on the UC referendum Tuesday on the same ballot as Homecoming elections.

The student election is just the first phase in approval for expansion. If accepted by students, the referendum has to be approved by the Tech Board of Regents and the Texas State Coordinating Board.

Tom Shubert, UC director, said if passed, the expansion will raise the student fee by \$58. He said the increase tends to make people tense at first, but as stu-

dents learn more about the expansion, attitudes become more positive.

Shubert said the meetings are important because no matter how much information is printed, there still is no way to answer all the questions that students may have.

"The meeting will essentially be a detailed overview of the whole project," Shubert said.

The \$35-million project includes a 120,000-square-foot addition as well as remodeling of 80 percent of the existing building, Shubert said.

The new space will feature 60 offices for student organizations, an expanded food court with nine different food concepts and a new bookstore.

"We're looking at a very upscale store with a cafe and fictional and nonfictional books," Shubert said.

The Tech bookstore is operated by Wallace's, but other companies are being courted for the new bookstore.

Shubert said other companies being considered besides Wallace's are Follett and



Courtesy: University Center

Barnes and Noble.

A highlight of the expanded UC, Shubert said, will be an atrium area in the northwest corner of the building. The three-level tower will be a student lounge area with couches and additional seating.

"It's a space with no expectations of income," Shubert said. "We wanted to create some places for students to kick back in between classes."

If approved, construction tentatively would start February 2001 and open by August 2002.

## Applicant fee hike in works

Regents agree to increase application fee from \$25 to \$40

by Ashley Johnson  
Staff Writer

High school students and students considering transferring to Texas Tech will have to pay a little extra simply to apply to the university.

On Friday, the Board of Regents approved a proposal to increase the application fee from \$25 to \$40. The fee is non-refundable.

Before the increase approval, Tech had one of the lowest fees among Big 12 schools. Only Kansas State University, Iowa State University and the University of Kansas charge less. Texas A&M and the University of Texas have the highest application fee.

During the regents' meeting, Tech officials estimated the fee increase will generate an additional \$150,000 per year. The revenue generated will go toward the recruiting and operating budget for the Office of Admissions and School Relations.

The annual increase in the budget will allow Tech to successfully plan for the growth in amount of students applying to Tech.

Michael Heintze, vice president for Enrollment Management, said the fee increase will allow Tech's management of the admissions office to be more efficient.

"Demographically looking ahead, the number of graduating high school students is increasing; therefore, the number of students applying to Tech will also increase," he said.

"By raising the fee, the admissions office will be in a position to meet customer demand."

The rise in the annual revenue will allow the demand for more labor and costs to be met.

"Due to the rise in applications, more people are needed to handle files, more postage, more personnel equipment time, and more publications for prospective students are necessary," Heintze said.

"The rise in these applications will directly allow Tech to better prepare for the future."

The rise in application fees will not affect Tech Graduate School applications.

## Suspect at large in Plano

PLANO (AP) — Residents of the suburb north of Dallas told police they saw a suspected kidnapper and child molester featured on the television program "America's Most Wanted" this weekend.

"We have a report that he was seen in Plano, and we do have officers out there looking for him," Plano police Lt. Jack Justice told *The Dallas Morning News*.

Adrian Rosales is suspected of trying to kidnap a 10-year-old girl in a San Antonio hotel elevator on Aug. 13.

Police said a man sneaked up behind the child, slipped her over the head with a steel pipe and tried to stuff her into a 5-foot duffel bag.

The girl escaped. When police reached the hotel, they found a stun gun, duct tape, a metal pipe and children's clothes in Rosales' duffel bag and vehicle, authorities said.

They also reported finding video tapes in which Rosales allegedly exposed himself to children.

Police arrested Rosales, 24, that night on suspicion of attempted kidnapping. He posted bond four days later and disappeared. The following day, Aug. 18, a grand jury indicted him on an upgraded charge of aggravated kidnapping.

A Tyler judge issued a warrant accusing the suspect of indecency with a 12-year-old girl.

Rosales also was arrested in a child indecency case in Gregg County in 1993, the *Tyler Morning Telegraph* reported. That charge later was dismissed because of insufficient evidence.

# Safe Ride Home program seeing increase in use

by Adrienne Gaviglio  
Staff Writer

For the past five years, the Safe Ride Home program has helped make Texas Tech students' ride home a little safer.

The program was started by the Texas Tech University Health Sci-

ences Center student chapter of American/Texas Medical Association and is funded by Student Service Fees, said Margaret Duran, adviser for the HSC Student Senate.

Safe Ride Home arranges for free taxi-cab rides home from a bar or party for any Tech or HSC student who is too intoxicated to drive.

Since the program's beginning, Safe Ride Home has provided rides for 4,385 students, Duran said.

Funds are available for the program, but there is a growing concern for the entire year, said Martin Hilton, president of the HSC Student Senate.

"The TMA and HSC Student Senate are working together to raise funds to pull us through the year," Hilton said.

**"In the past two years, the use of Safe Ride Home has almost doubled..."**

**Martin Hilton**  
HSC Student Senate president

Safe Ride Home is expected to provide service to more than double the amount of students this year from previous

Hilton is pleased with the success of the program and is looking for ways to remove the burden from the Student Service Fees.

"In the past two years, the use of Safe Ride Home has almost doubled, and we hope to keep getting the word out about the program," he said.

All the information obtained from Safe Ride Home is kept confidential and is used only to verify that the passenger is a Tech student.

"Your name is kept confidential, and the only reason your name and social security number are taken is to make sure the program is only used by Tech students," Duran said.

Safe Ride Home is a positive program that ultimately prevents students from leaving a bar intoxicated, Hilton said.

"We are happy to support a positive program," Hilton said.

"The hours Safe Ride runs should ultimately help every student throughout the week."

Duran said the program only will run when classes are in session and will not be available during the holidays.

Safe Ride Home is available to students from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

Students can call 765-RIDE to contact a taxi.

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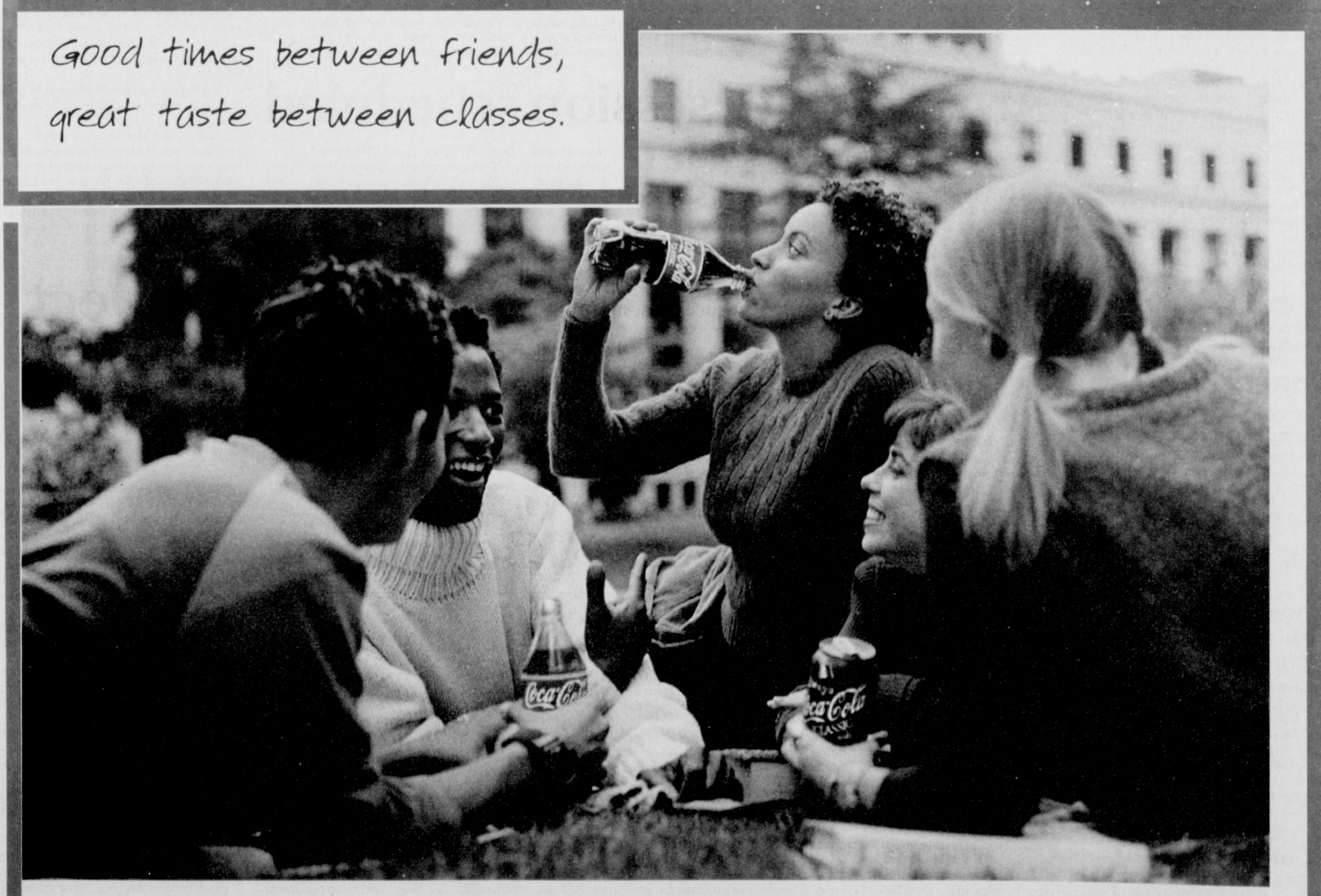
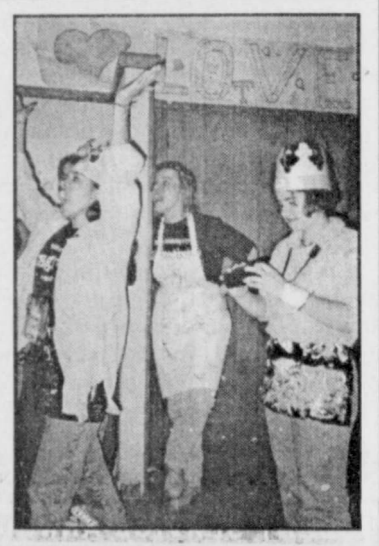
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# State says TAAS is fair

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The state lost a bid Monday for a quick victory over minority advocates who are challenging a requirement that Texas students pass a standardized test before receiving a high school diploma.

Instead, the trial in the case will continue.

U.S. District Judge Ed Prado denied a state motion that the plaintiffs hadn't proven their case, said Texas Education Agency general counsel David Anderson.

The trial started Sept. 20 and now turns to the state's case in support of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills exit test.

"We're not surprised by the judge's ruling. This is such an important case that it only makes sense that the judge would want to have a full air-

ing of the issues from both sides," said TEA spokeswoman Debbie Graves Ratcliffe.

The state's witnesses include testing expert Susan Phillips, who has been consultant to the state on its standardized testing for more than 10 years; Ann Smisko, associate commissioner for curriculum, as commissioner.

"It's a fair test that measures the curriculum that students are taught," Anderson said.

Ratcliffe added that most students "have easily passed the required test" over the years.

Al Kauffman of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, representing those challenging the testing requirement, has said the exit-level test discriminates

against black and Hispanic students.

The plaintiffs' group includes the Hispanic education organizations GI Forum and Image de Tejas and seven Hispanic and black students who completed their school work but failed the TAAS exit test and were denied diplomas.

MALDEF is bringing the lawsuit under federal regulations barring discrimination by states receiving federal education money. The plaintiffs also cite their right to due process.

The Texas Education Agency and high-level state education officials are defendants. Attorneys for the state have disputed the discrimination claims and defended the exit-level TAAS as a valid exam that's carefully screened for bias.

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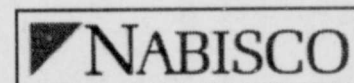
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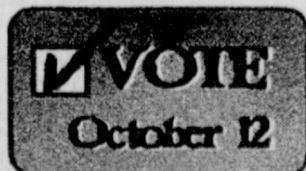
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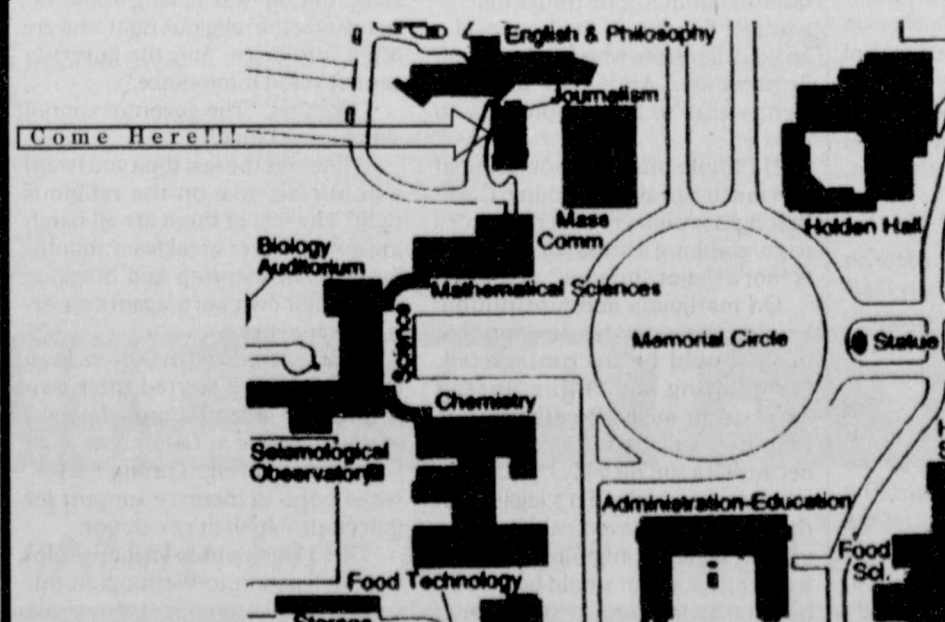
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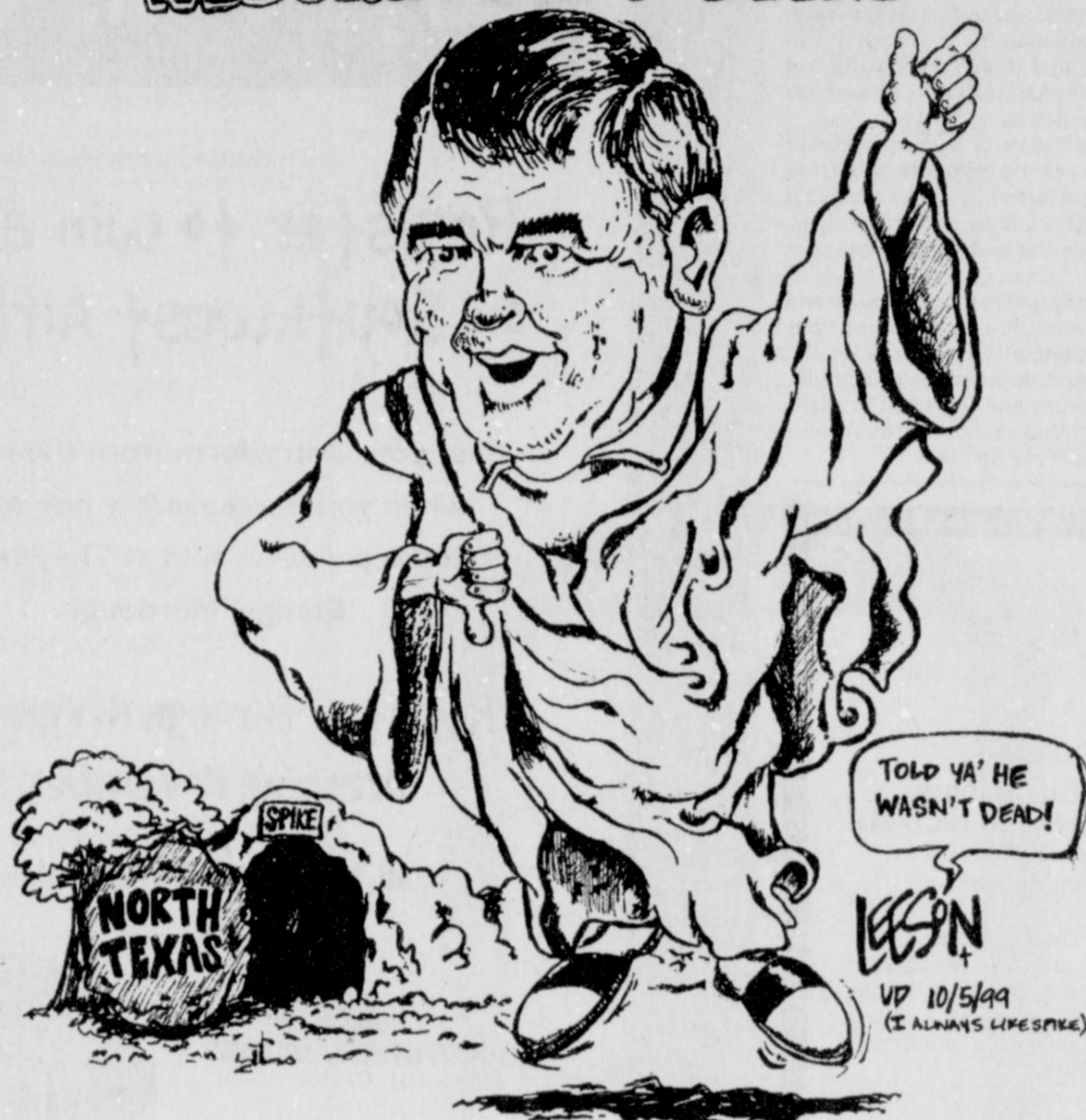
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## America judging Minnesota through 'The Body's' actions

**M**INNEAPOLIS AND DENVER — So there you sit, a perfectly normal Minnesotan, having a little oatmeal and lutefisk for breakfast while contemplating something exciting like an oil change, when your eyes fall on



**Moliy Ivins**  
Columnist

the front page headline: "Governor Criticizes Organized Religion, Advocates Prostitution." It's not easy being Minnesotan these days. Fortunately, they are a hardy race, much given to phlegm. When Minnesotans get frisky, as they do about once a century, they can cut quite a dido — as they did in electing Jesse "The Body" Ventura governor of their fair state. Being Minnesotans, they now regard the results with imperturbable calm.

They can handle the pink feather boa. They like him. His "numbers," as they say in the polling biz, are at 70 percent approval rating. True, the joke is starting to wear a little thin with some of the earnest goo-goos (good government stalwarts) here in the sophisticated Twin Cities. But by and large, your basic Minnesotan nods with that air vaguely reminiscent of a cud-chewing cow and announces, "Yak, that's Jesse."

(Upper Midwesterners, in my experience, are extremely fond of pointing out the obvious; I know for a fact the most-often-used conversation-starter in the state is, "Sure is cold.")

"The Body" has done it again, holding forth in a *Playboy* magazine interview with some splendid libertarian sentiments. He thinks that organized religion is "a sham and a crutch for people who need strength in numbers." And: "The religious right wants to tell people how to live."

He thinks the Tailhook scandal was much ado about nothing. Given that fighter pilots live on the razor's edge, grabbing a breast or a buttock is "not a major situation" to them.

On marijuana and prostitution, Ventura reiterated his position that both should be decriminalized. "Prohibiting something doesn't make it go away. Prostitution is criminal, and bad things happen because it's run illegally by dirtballs who are criminals. If it's legal, then the girls could have health checks, unions, benefits, anything any other worker gets, and it would be far better." (Of course, only a Minnesotan would consider unions, benefits and

health care normal for workers.) He added: "The prohibition of drugs causes crime. You don't have to legalize it, just decriminalize it. Regulate it. Create places where the addict can go get it."

Ventura often has the charm of the little boy who pointed out that the emperor wasn't wearing any clothes. Minnesotans like him precisely because he so often points out the obvious. Politicians aren't supposed to say the kinds of things that Ventura does, which is what makes him so refreshing.

True, he can sound somewhat wig. On who killed John F. Kennedy: "I don't know if I want to get this on your tape. I don't want people to think I'm some sort of erratic nut running the state of Minnesota. (Never.) If you truly want to know, I believe we did, the military-industrial complex. I believe Kennedy was going to withdraw us from Vietnam, and there were factions that didn't want that." Well, lots of Americans believe that, too.

The only Minnesotans who regularly get into a sweat over the governor's various pronouncements are the long-suffering souls in his public relations department. My favorite line in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune's* account of the *Playboy* interview is, "On Wednesday, Ventura's spokesman clarified the governor's comments."

Poor slob, clarifying away with sweat on their upper lips: "Understand that he was talking about extremists of the religious right who are often intolerant, and the governor cannot stand intolerance."

I like that. "The governor cannot stand intolerance." When was the last time you heard a politician take on the religious right? The rest of them are all hanging out at prayer breakfasts, mouth-isn't-pietistic claptrap and bragging about their own born-again conversion experiences.

Meanwhile, down in Denver, local teen-agers have started their own gun-control organization in the wake of the massacre at Columbine High School this spring. Through SAFE, teens hope to increase support for gun control in their generation.

These kids went to visit the Colorado delegation in Washington this summer, and one congressman said they were "being manipulated by

adults." An exasperated parent of one kid said: "If he knows of some way adults can manipulate teen-agers, he should write it in a book, and I guarantee he'll make a fortune. Be richer than Bill Gates."

Boots Cooper's semi-immortal observation, "Some things scare you so bad, you'll hurt yourself," comes to mind as one watches the American Civil Liberties Union try to cope with the post-Columbine wave of repression. In Texas, Colorado and elsewhere, the school killings have led to a startling increase in violations of civil liberties.

In high schools all over the country, kids are all but strip-searched on their way into school, and freedom of speech is being trampled. A horrid new trick is for kids who don't like another kid to snitch to the authorities: "Johnny is talking about guns all the time," or "Susie said she might kill someone."

Kids who follow the Goth fad for black clothes or anyone who is just different is apt to be reported to school authorities. Then parents hear that there's a dangerous kid at the school and call hysterically to insist that the kid be removed.

One fat boy who had been called into the principal's office in North Texas as a suspected potential killer sat there with tears running down his face. When they asked why he thought someone would report him, he said, "I guess I'm just not very popular."

Kids have been suspended, expelled and transferred to schools for "problem children" on no evidence, as a consequence of this hysterical atmosphere of fear and suspicion. Students wearing black armbands last spring caused one Texas principal to announce that she could care less about the Constitution — SHE was running the school.

Let's get a grip here, team. One can understand school authorities sweating over the horrifying prospect that some kid they should have spotted will turn out to be a mass murderer. But that's not a problem that can be solved by dropping due process and increasing injustice.

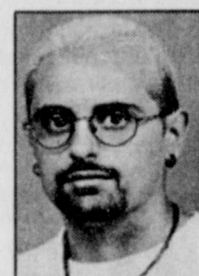
Nor is picking on kids who are "different" going to help. After all, Charlie Whitman — the infamous University of Texas tower sniper — was an Eagle Scout.

*Moliy Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.*

# Fair-weather fans come out

**H**ow can one sit back and not write about what happened on Saturday evening in this wonderful city?

If you live under a rock, you might not know that our very own Raiders beat the Aggies at the religious sport



**Dwayne Mamo**  
Columnist

of football. This, of course, is great for our team, morale and school and adds even more animosity against A&M, fostering our rivalry. Now we can say that we may not be able to beat a high school team on our first game of the season, but we can beat the

farmers of College Station. We stomped them like they were a tube of squeezable pudding.

As most of you well know I have constantly harped about sports and how they run our school, and a lot of people agree. Some, of course, see nothing wrong with such priorities.

Before you think I'm about to be a buzzkill about the whole game, give me a chance.

Unfortunately for us, we are a school that gets under-funded on the state level (as opposed to other state institutions); therefore, we must use all the resources we have. The only resource we apparently have is sports. This is sad. Let's forget about the fact that we actually have a good academic background, strong departments and successful teams for events other than those that require physical prowess.

However, we did win the ball game a few nights ago. Now the question arises: What are we going to do with this?

We could, of course, continue to celebrate and then lose the rest of the games of the season but not care because only one game out of the season counts. Think about this: it was only two weeks ago that we lost embarrassingly, but now that seems moons ago.

We could change our coaching staff and give our team something it has always needed — consistency, something that a coaching staff is primarily responsible for, and some-

thing that is not happening for us.

We could use this win to help out our university in other aspects — to get more students, use our exposure to get money to go into better pay, equipment, etc. for departments and staff other than those related to sports.

Maybe we can finally start using sports for what they really are — a form of entertainment, a form of revenue, a way for us to let go of tension, but definitely not what it is now — the only reason why we exist.

I am proud of our boys, and I know I couldn't do what they do. But in the end, none of us should take each other too seriously. I read an interview with a player who said the whole world was watching. Somehow I seriously doubt that, especially considering the fact that American football is one of the least-played sports internationally. It's not even an Olympic sport.

I was proud of the fan-base who tore down the goal post and traipsed it across the streets of Lubbock, but I am not proud of the bus that caught on fire, the cars that were vandalized, the cops who busted up all the parties and the money that's going to be coming out of my tuition to put up a new one.

I guess I was really proud of everyone's attitude and the spirit they showed. I hope they can muster that support for things which actually make the world go around. Maybe that's asking for too much.

How about this: hopefully, they can muster that support for all the other games of our Red Raiders, because like our team, our fans are equally as inconsistent.

We were the first to berate our team at our ridiculous loss, but the first to riot on the streets for our team who defeated the military brats of the South. I guarantee the same fans will revert to their reprimands if we lose the next game or even the game against Texas.

So all I am saying is this: it may sound that everything has to have a purpose, but there are those things which should be done simply for the benefit of themselves. However, the tragedy lies in taking those kinds of things for more than what they are — a time of fun and camaraderie.

*Dwayne Mamo is a senior creative writing and philosophy major from Malta.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Retort of the Ags

**To the editor:** As an Aggie, I attended the game at Texas Tech on Saturday, and I happened to be standing in the front row of Jones Stadium at Saturday's game to yell for my team. An older couple in their 50s came down to me and my friend with their maroon-clad baby granddaughter and a banner. The grandmother had spent the last six days working on the banner that said, among other things, "FOX" down one side and hoped to get the cameramen's attention so she could get her only grandbaby on television while her parents taped it.

My friend and I waved the banner around in front of the rail so the cameramen couldn't miss it and would point their cameras at the cute baby. This did not last long before the Red Raiders' mascot ran by and snatched the banner from us. The cartoon figure ran to another part of the stadium and tossed the banner, the product of six days of hard work, to the Texas Tech crowd. The baby never got a chance to get on television.

When a university chooses its mascot, it must realize just who the mascot represents. Ask any of our five men in their white uniforms who go to our games, and they'll tell you the same holds true.

I urge the Texas Tech mascot to show some dignity and resign the position to someone with better moral standards. I demand a public apology by the university, not to me or to A&M, but to the parents of the child, who only wanted to see their little girl on television. Or maybe the students and faculty in Lubbock agree with the men-

tality that stealing signs from helpless infants is the right thing to do. If so, I am ashamed for having walked in their ranks.

*Brandon Byers*  
junior  
computer science  
Texas A&M University

**To the editor:** Like many other Aggies, I was at the game Saturday night. Even though I wasn't too happy about the outcome of the game, your football team deserves congratulations for such a display of heart and effort. To tell you the truth, I walked away from the game ashamed. However, the shame I felt had nothing to do with the score of the game. I felt shame that students at Texas Tech, another major university in the state I love, could demonstrate such bad behavior. The level of trash-talking and jeering at your university surpassed the level of even our worst rival. Perhaps at Tech, chanting "Aggies suck" and giving us the finger is an example of school spirit. Maybe you are proud of making signs that insult women (example: "12th Woman").

I find Brandon Formby's editorial column amusing. He refers to taunting and jeering as a display of "school spirit." Next, he argues that tearing down a goal post was somehow original. Actually, that has been done many, many times. If it hasn't happened at your school before, that does not make it "original." After the game, I walked back to the bus with a smile on my face because I got to see proof of why Aggie Spirit really is a cut above. Again, congratulations to your football team for their effort.

*Matt Criswell*  
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## 'Largo Desolato' opens in lab

by Sebastian Kitchen  
Staff Writer

### theater review

"Largo Desolato" is the story of one man's struggle for freedom and the madness it drives him to. Texas Tech's Lab Theatre will present the play every day until Sunday. The play originally was written by former Czech President Vaclav Havel.

A mood is set from the beginning as music and smoke fill the small theater. Austin Sanford plays the part of professor Leopold Nettles, the distraught main character of the play. Leopold's troubled spirit is quickly noticeable. Sanford manages to show his character's problems through nerve-

racking pacing and spasmodic actions. The audience realizes his inner turmoil before a word is ever muttered.

Leo is a shut-in. He has imprisoned himself in his small world. He never leaves. All of the action takes place in one room on a simple set. One door at the back of the set occasionally is opened by other characters. Leo quickly closes it. The door visually symbolizes how he has closed himself off from the world.

He is cracking. He drinks a lot. He takes pills. Some people seem genuinely concerned with his well-being.

Most of the people don't care, including the doctor and the character Suzana.

The only people who seem concerned about Leo are Lucy, the workers from the paper mill and Marguerite. Lucy tries to help Leo but possibly for selfish reasons. She seems insecure and needs someone to belong to. The people from the paper mill are random. They have weird costumes and weird makeup. Some of the characters do wear excessive outfits and peculiar makeup. The characters do add some comic relief to the tense production — so does the character of Suzana.

During conversations with his friend Bertram, Bertram records what he says.

Later, Leo repeats what Bertram said as the recorder echoes it. The recorder made Leo's dialogue seem stronger, and he realizes his friend's words were wise.

Leo is a philosopher and some of his published work has made him suspect to a higher power. He constantly worries about "them" coming. Voices in his head would send him crumbling to his knees. He travels deeper and deeper into a void.

The performances start at 8 p.m. every day except Sunday, when the matinee will start at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 for Texas Tech students and \$8 for the general public. For tickets or more information, call the University Theatre box office at 742-3603.

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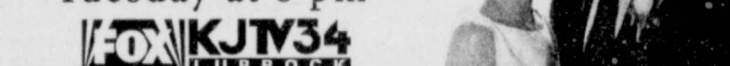
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# Raider volleyball digs Romjue

by Jeff Keller  
Staff Writer

Though the Texas Tech volleyball squad is struggling through a four-match losing streak, a bright spot has emerged for the Red Raiders in the play of freshman outside hitter Ann Romjue.

Romjue has only missed one game so far this season and is leading the Red Raiders in digs with 204 for the year.

Romjue also is one of the leaders on the team with 141 kills.

Out of high school, Romjue was selected as one of Volleyball Magazine's Fabulous 50 Recruits.

Romjue is averaging almost a half a block per game, and Tech volleyball coach Jeff Nelson said she has boosted her level of play, especially since the start of Big 12 Conference play.

"I think her play has been outstanding over the last couple of games," Nelson said. "I think, right now, she is the closest thing we have to a leader. I think she is out there competing and really going after it every second. Whether she is playing well or not, she is always out there

giving it everything she's got."

Romjue leads the Tech squad with 18 service aces, with only 10 service errors on the season.

Nelson said Romjue not only plays aggressively on the court but also is an intelligent player.

"She is smart on the court," Nelson said. "She does good things and moves well. Her service game has picked up recently, and she passes probably at least half of the balls for us. She is just a big part of what we are doing."

**"I think Ann has definitely stepped up her game and has showed a lot of leadership out on the court."**

**Janelle Jones  
Tech middle blocker**

with Romjue's leadership abilities on the court.

"I think Ann has definitely stepped up her game and has showed a lot of leadership out on the court," Jones said. "We can really count on her to be a consistent player. I think the fact that she is a freshman just makes the effort she is giving that much more impressive."

**Tech freshman outside hitter Ann Romjue, named one of Volleyball Magazine's Fabulous 50 Recruits, leads the Raiders in kills with 141.**  
Greg Kreller/The University Daily



Romjue started her first match as a Red Raider against New Mexico State and has been a regular starter for the Red Raiders since then.

Romjue said she was not sure what her role was going to be on the squad before the season but is excited about the opportunities she has gotten as a starter.

"I really didn't know what to expect at first," Romjue said. "But once practices started, the starting role was the role they needed me to fill, so I'm up for it."

Romjue defined her role on the team as a player who provides strength in passing and defense and as a player who provides consistency in the hitting game.

Setter Skydra Orzen, the only player with more games this season than Romjue, said she was impressed with the consistent level at which Romjue plays in each match.

"She has progressed a lot since

practices started," Orzen said. "She has always been pretty solid though. I really enjoy playing with her."

Nelson also coached Lisa Hilgers who started as a freshman and helped lead Tech to a birth in the 1995 NCAA Tournament in her first year.

Nelson said Romjue ranks in the same category as Hilgers as far as talented freshmen he has coached.

"She is right up there at the top of the list," Nelson said of Romjue. "She is at the top of the list with Lisa Hilgers."

Nelson said Romjue has the potential to be a great player for Tech in the years to come.

"I think on down the road, Ann probably will be the leader of this group," Nelson said. "If not this year, certainly she will be in the future. I am sure she will probably be a captain at some point and will have a pretty big impact on what happens here."

## NBC acquires Triple Crown rights

NEW YORK (AP) — Thoroughbred racing's Triple Crown races — the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes — are moving to NBC television in a five-year agreement announced Monday.

NBC paid a reported \$51.5 million for the rights beginning in 2001, and Dick Ebersol, chairman of the network's sports division, said that with the NBA as a lead-

in instead of competition, the Triple Crown races could anticipate a ratings increase of 15-20 percent.

ABC, which has televised the Derby since 1975 and covered all three races since 1987, has one more year remaining on its contract for the series. It reportedly bid \$35 million to retain the contract, while CBS offered a reported \$28 million.

## THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Eugene R. Puffenberger  
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# SPORTS

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## Williams still key for Raider attack

by Patrick Gonzales  
Staff Writer

Even though he stood helpless on the sidelines Saturday night, Texas Tech tailback Ricky Williams played a big role in the Red Raiders' 21-19 upset over Texas A&M.

Earlier in the week, the junior All-American announced he would miss the rest of the season because of the re-aggravation of his injured knee.

On Friday, he was delivering a pre-game speech in the Red Raiders' weekly team meeting at the athletic

**"Ricky was a great inspiration for us ..."**

**Sammy Morris**  
Tech fullback

dining hall.

Tech fullback Sammy Morris, who had the best game in his Tech career with 170 yards on 33 carries and one

touchdown, said Williams was a big reason for the teams' enthusiastic performance.

"We were in there, and Ricky came out and talked to everybody just to get us enthused about winning," Morris said. "Ricky was a great inspiration for us and one of the reasons why we played hard to win the game."

Williams' inspiration also was visible on the gridiron — literally.

Tech safety John Norman, who normally wears jersey No. 38, wore Williams' No. 2 jersey Saturday night

in honor of his fallen teammate.

Norman finished the evening with three tackles on defense and four special teams returns for 86 yards.

"When I found out he was out for the rest of the season, I thought I would dedicate the rest of my season toward him," Norman said. "I wanted everybody to know that Ricky is still part of our team and that we still love him the same."

Williams spent most of Saturday evening on the sidelines in street clothes and with the crutches he has become so familiar with.

But when the game was over, the Fox Sports Southwest coverage of the game had a lasting image of Williams lifting up his crutches in celebration.

"We got a lot of reporters who are asking about what he is going to do next year," Norman said. "But what they don't realize is that Ricky is still worried about this year and that he wants us to win a Big 12 Championship."

The Red Raiders will continue their trek toward the Big 12 Championship this Saturday when they face Oklahoma State in Stillwater.



Greg Kreller/The University Daily  
Tech safety John Norman wears number two to honor Ricky Williams.

### Sammy Morris named SWB Big 12 Player of the Week

After rushing for 170 yards on 33 carries against the No. 1 rush defense in the nation Saturday night, Texas Tech fullback Sammy Morris was named the Southwestern Bell Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week.

The senior from San Antonio also scored on a 2-yard touchdown and helped the Red Raiders upset fifth-ranked Texas A&M 21-19.

It was Morris' first complete game since 1996 and the first 100-yard game of his career. Altogether, Morris had a hand in more than half of the Raiders' 71 offensive plays.

His touchdown was the first since making an 81-yard touchdown grab against the Aggies in a 13-10 Tech victory at College Station in 1996.

Kansas State's Mark Simoneau was selected as the conference's defensive player of the week after tallying seven tackles, two sacks and returning an interception 37 yards for a touchdown against Texas.

The Wildcats' David Allen was named the specialty player of the week after returning a 74-yard punt return, also against the Longhorns.

The return was the seventh for Allen, which tied an NCAA record.

The Wildcats upended the Texas Longhorns on Saturday 35-17.

### Astros enter playoffs as underdogs

HOUSTON (AP) — Talk about flights of fancy: The Houston Astros' plan was to get on their charter plane Monday night and sit on the runway, waiting to find out whether to fly to Atlanta or Phoenix.

Following a wild season, the Astros didn't know whether they would open the playoffs Tuesday at Arizona or Atlanta. It depended on the outcome of Monday night's one-game, wild-card playoff between Cincinnati and the New York Mets.

"We want to get away as quickly as possible," general manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "This won't bother them. I don't think anything can happen to this club that hasn't already happened."

With a Reds' win, the Astros would face the Diamondbacks in the best-of-5 first round. With a Mets' victory, they would face the Braves.

"I believe we'll be the underdogs and we should be the underdogs," manager Larry Dierker said. "We're a long-shot in a long season of improbable things that we have accomplished."

Houston clinched its third straight NL Central title on Sunday, finishing one game ahead of Cincinnati. But they've been quickly eliminated in their last two playoff trips, getting swept 3-0 by Atlanta in 1997 and losing to San Diego 3-1 last year.

"We've already shown the worst that we can do in the playoffs so now we have nothing to lose," closer Billy Wagner said. "We've been up against it all year. It's nothing new that we're the underdogs."



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