

**THURSDAY**

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**STATE**

**Judge overturns death sentence**

DALLAS (AP) A federal judge has overturned the death sentence assessed a Texarkana man in the 1980 slaying of a 16-year-old boy, agreeing with doubts about defense efforts during the sentencing phase.

Delma Banks Jr., now 40, was convicted of capital murder in the death of Wayne Whitehead, 16, who worked with Banks at a Texarkana restaurant. The verdict stands, but U.S. District Judge David Folsom gave Bowie County 120 days to hold a new sentencing trial.

Prosecutors say Banks asked Whitehead for a ride home from a local bowling alley, then shot him and left his body in a park in the Texarkana suburb of Nash.

Folsom's ruling adopts a recommendation by U.S. Magistrate Judge Caroline Malone, who expressed concern about the competency of Banks' trial lawyer and the legal effort mounted in the sentencing phase.

Folsom also agreed with Malone that information about a witness, who was a paid police informant, should have been shared with the jury.

**NATIONAL**

**Actor charged with attempted theft**

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) Actor Brad Renfro was charged with grand theft after allegedly trying to steal a yacht the day before filming was to begin on his latest movie.

Two people sleeping in a nearby boat were awakened by the sound of an engine at about 4 a.m. Monday.

They saw Renfro, 18, and a friend trying to maneuver the 45-foot yacht away from the dock, police said.

But they didn't untie the dock lines and the \$175,000 boat was yanked back into the dock, damaging its stern, authorities said. The two people called authorities and held Renfro and Harold Bond, 24, until police arrived.

Renfro was released from jail Monday night after posting \$10,000 bail. Filming of the movie "Bully" began Tuesday. Bond remained in jail Wednesday on \$10,000 bond.

In 1998, Renfro struck a plea bargain on cocaine and marijuana charges, agreeing to random testing for drugs.

**WORLD**

**At least 30 injured in subway accident**

PARIS (AP) A subway car derailed and partially flipped over in northern Paris on Wednesday afternoon, injuring at least 30 passengers, firefighters said.

The victims, all of whom were hospitalized, suffered cuts, scrapes and bruises when the Metro car derailed at 1:22 p.m. local time, said Christian Decoloredo, a spokesman for the firefighters.

He said one person suffered a broken leg.

Decoloredo said no one was seriously hurt when the first car of the train tipped over and slid along the track.

He added that emergency medical officials set up first-aid stations directly on the platform, with others posted outside.

In addition to the injured, 42 people were badly shaken up, he said. "No one is left in the cars," Decoloredo said.

The accident took place at the Notre-Dame-de-Lorette station in northern Paris.



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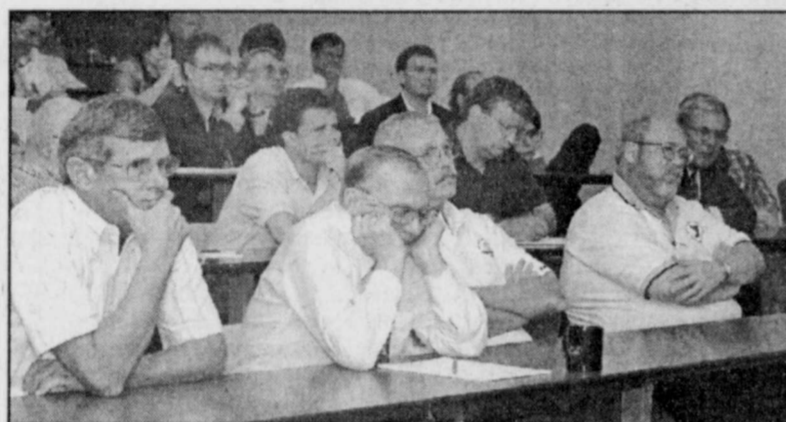


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## Search for COBA dean initiated

### Howell denies rumors, touts revelation of truth to students

By Heath Cheek  
Staff Writer



Faculty members in the Texas Tech College of Business listen to new ideas Provost John Burns has for the new dean.

Texas Tech Provost John Burns and Dean Roy Howell met with College of Business Administration faculty Wednesday afternoon to discuss the search process for a new dean and other issues.

Howell, who announced his resignation from the post earlier this month, said he will serve until Dec. 31.

Burns told the faculty that the college faces a tough task even with the availability of more resources.

"The dean of the College of Business (Administration) is probably the hardest job in academia to fill," he told the group. "There are a lot of resources available for this dean search that were not available for the last dean search."

Burns said he wants someone who is a strong leader with a personality that can market and raise money for the college. He also said he wants someone who has done and

who is an effective strategic planner.

Burns said he wants to bring in a dean with a national reputation and has already been in contact with at least three candidates and has received two resumes. Of the two resumes, Burns said, one was not qualified and the other withdrew his name from contention.

Burns stressed the need to keep the search confidential in order to protect candidates who do not want their interest revealed in that may jeopardize their current job status.

"We need to try and cultivate some people confidentially," Burns said.

He also asked the faculty to provide him with names of people interested in the position.

Burns said he wants to conduct a "dean search outside of normal protocol" and to convene a search committee

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## Waiver benefits grad students

**Tech Regents remove fees for graduate students in an effort to save them money.**

By Pam Smith  
Staff Writer

Some Texas Tech graduate students will find a little extra money in their pockets this semester after the Board of Regents approved a waiver of some university fees and possibly institutional tuition, said Ron Anderson, associate dean for the Graduate School.

Beginning this fall, 1,375 graduate students who work as teaching or research assistants will have the option of waiving fees such as the University Center fee, graduate course fees, information and technology fee, library fee, the Student Recreation Center Construction fee, the student services fee and the medical service fee. When these fees are combined with a waiver of institutional tuition, it costs around \$800 a semester for a graduate student to enroll in nine hours of classes at Tech.

"The University of Texas at Austin already has a \$1,500 allowance for tuition and fees," Anderson said. "In most Big 12 schools, these fees are covered by the state."

In other parts of the country, Anderson said, the states will reimburse the institution the money lost because of waiving these fees.

Because of this monetary incentive, the state is sometimes in a better position to attract graduate students.

"At one time, the state covered (tuition and fees) for teaching and research assistants," Anderson said. "About three or four years ago, they stopped doing it."

The university chose to waive these fees, in part, to a decrease in overall enrollment in the Graduate School. According to the Texas Tech University Department of Institutional Research Web site, fall enrollment in the Graduate School has decreased from 774 students in 1995 to 433 students in 1999.

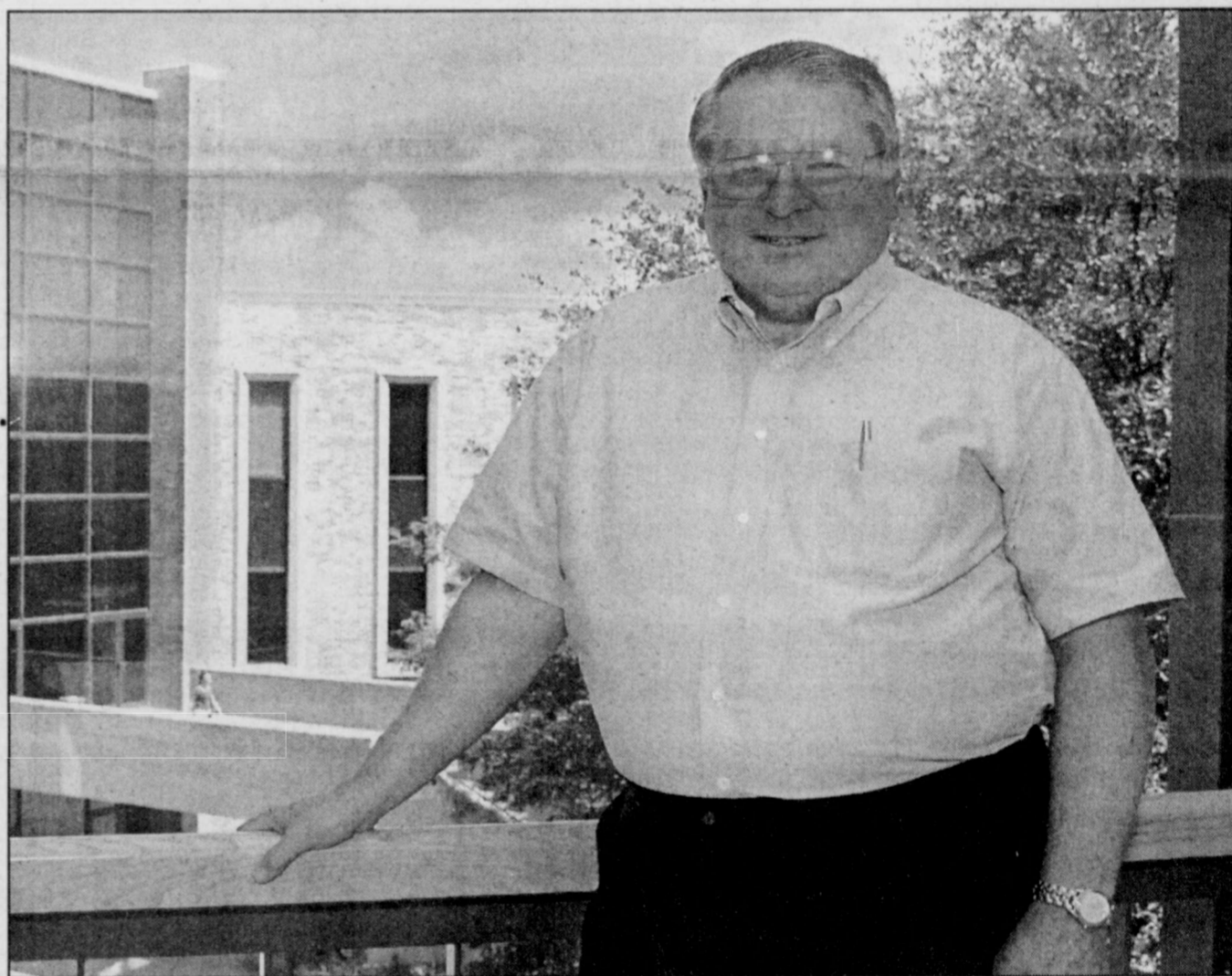
"Our graduate school enrollment has gone down about 1 or 2 percent for the last five years," Anderson said. "One reason is because more people are moving straight into the workforce, and some will leave to go to institutions that already waive fees."

Anderson said he believes fall enrollment is slightly lower than last fall because the full effect of this change has not been felt. He said once it has, the waiving of fees eventually will help recruit and retain graduate students.

Michael Shonrock, interim vice president for Student Affairs, said one reason the university chose to waive the medical services fee is because many of the teaching or research assistants were already eligible for the service under the university's insurance policy. Therefore, in

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## Smooth transition



Former Texas Tech President Donald Haragan was recently given President Emeritus status after leading the university for more than four years. Haragan plans to return to teaching later this year.

## Haragan eager for spot at head of class

By Jamilah Lacy  
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Board of Regents recently named former Tech President Donald Haragan as President Emeritus, bestowing the honor upon the university's former leader after more than four years of service. With his duties as president behind him, Haragan says he is eager to get back into the classroom to teach.

The former Tech president said working with students and teaching is a fulfilling aspect of his job.

But before Haragan returns to his place at the head of the class, he will spend the majority of his time as a guest lecturer in the Fall.

Although he does not have a definite schedule yet for the Fall semester, he is scheduled to teach an Honors Atmospheric Science class and a graduate higher education course in the Spring.

In addition to teaching, Haragan is actively involved with Tech's international study abroad program as he has spent months organizing an education center to be operated by Tech in Seville, Spain. The committee that oversees international education for Tech students is in pursuit of plans to build a campus in Germany.

"We want to get students ingrained into the culture," see **TEACH**, page 3

## Initial phase of experimental science building set to begin

By Jamilah Lacy  
Staff Writer

Phase I construction of the Experimental Sciences building will not interfere with the destruction of the existing English/Philosophy building—they will overlap.

Workers are set to begin construction on the new building in December 2001.

In August of 1997, the Board of Regents received authorization by the

Office of the Chancellor to plan a budget and concept design for a new experimental science building on the Texas Tech campus. The new building will benefit graduate students for scientific research.

Project manager Paulo Peres said the new facility, along with updated equipment, will provide the opportunity to attract top researchers. He said the building is a new approach to collaborating experimental research.

"It's bringing different disciplines

of science together to do research," he said. Peres said interdisciplinary research will be an asset for research students.

Phase I construction of the Experimental Sciences building will include the construction of interdisciplinary laboratories, faculty offices and meeting spaces. The building will be located on a portion of the R-2 parking lot, located north of the Biology building and south of the RP Fuller Track. The Phase I building will encompass

80,000-square feet.

The 70 parking spaces lost because of the construction will be replaced with two lots between the Journalism building and the Experimental Science building, Peres said.

People who parked in that area prior to construction will be able to park in the new lots.

Phase I construction will cost \$40 million. The majority of the funding for the building was allotted by The Higher Education Assistance Funds

(HEAF) HEAF is set to designate \$30 million of the total cost.

Peres said private donors sources will provide \$10 million for lab equipment in the building.

Phase II construction of the building is scheduled to begin as soon as enough funding is collected. It is designed to add additional space for the program's expansion.

Peres said the construction will see **SCIENCE**, page 2

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## T&P sports new look for entry stations

■ **Entry guards will soon be required to wear uniforms, harmonizing the Scarlet and Black.**

By Jeff Lehr  
Staff Writer

The Traffic and Parking staff at Texas Tech is preparing to receive a new look this fall — one fit for an ambassador.

Beginning Oct. 1, the six full-time entry station attendants around campus will be donning new uniforms designed to harmonize their appearance to students, faculty and staff as they drive by them each day.

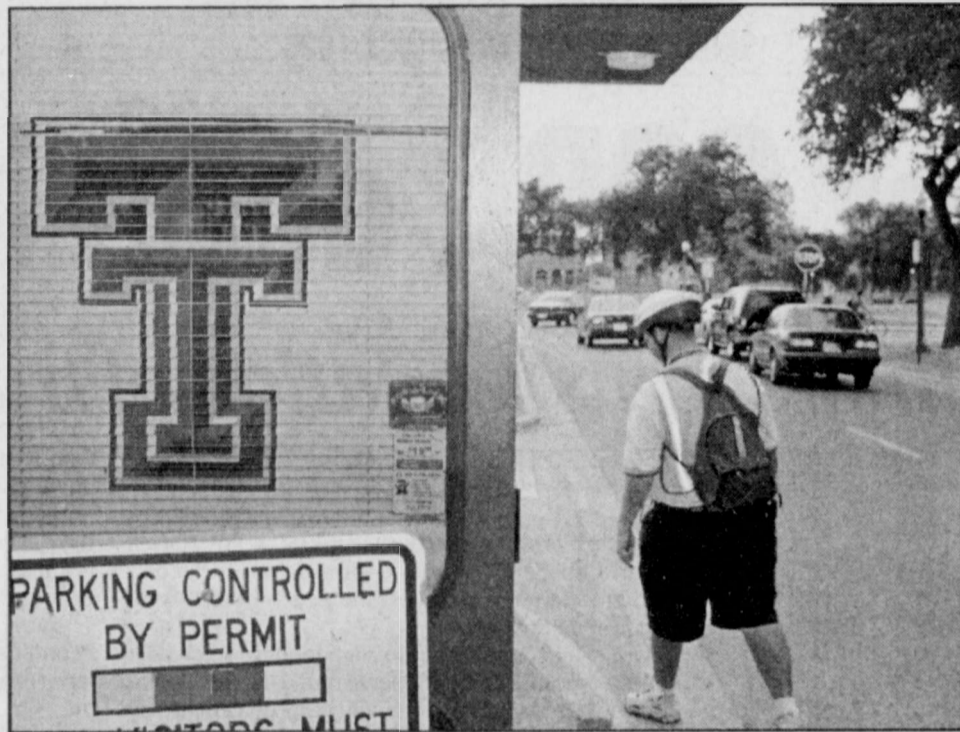
Denise Lieb, manager of parking enforcement, is coordinating the design of the new uniforms and said planning for the different look began after Chancellor John Montford asked Traffic and Parking to enhance their image.

"(Montford) wanted us to look a little more professional and sharp," she said.

The new uniforms will consist of solid black pants, a dark green and white oxford shirt and a red blazer, featuring the new three-dimensional Double-T logo.

Lieb said there is a need for the entry station attendants to be presentable since they are widely recognized by almost everyone entering the Tech campus.

"Everyone always refers to them as the ambassadors of Texas Tech," she said. "The new uniforms are an attempt to give them



A Texas Tech Traffic and Parking worker gets ready to leave his Memorial Circle post Wednesday evening. Beginning Oct. 1, campus entry guards will be required to wear uniforms consisting of solid black pants and red blazers.

immediate recognition by anyone."

Montford was out of his office Wednesday and could not be reached for comment. However, Lieb said Montford's idea was presented to him this summer before classes began.

Since Lieb, she said she has been working

with a uniform company in Lubbock to have the new wardrobes ready by October.

The six attendants are wearing black shorts and a gray shirt with a black and white checkered design and a red and white stripe on the sleeve.

Lieb said the present outfit is suitable for the summer months, and by the time the new uniforms are ready she hopes the weather will have cooled down.

Pauline Rodriguez, an entry station attendant, was unable to comment about the new dress code but did mention one Traffic and Parking change that is already in place.

"Everyday, I would leave this station and I would tell myself, it needs some highlighting," she said.

Each entry station is open from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and when the attendants leave their station in the afternoon they must close the mini-blinds.

Rodriguez thought it would add to the appearance of the stations by putting the Double-T logo behind the blinds from the viewing pleasure of incoming traffic.

"I just thought it would be nice to come up with something that showed a little school spirit," she said.

Rodriguez' idea had to go through an extensive approval process, but after it finally gained acceptance she said she was very pleased.

Lieb said in addition to the changes being made to the entry station personnel, there also will be clothing enhancements in store for the "on-foot" and "bike-riding" staff members.

"The entire uniform look will change for the whole group," she said. "That is a design still in the works though."

Lieb said Traffic and Parking also is planning to completely enhance the entry stations with remodeling them in the future. She said a prototype entry station is being designed specifically for this purpose.

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cost another estimated \$30 million. The use of this new facility will be based on research proposals.

Professional researchers, graduate and possibly undergraduate students will have use of the facility. A committee controlled by the vice president of research for graduate studies will review proposals for experimental research and space. This space will be allocated to conduct experiments and will be given to the most qualified proposals.

Tech President David Schmidly said he has been an early advocate of constructing a new science building on campus.

"Tech's most recent science building was built in 1969, and it's time to have a modern science facility," he said. "A new science building has been long overdue for the campus if we call ourselves a technical university."

### POLICE BLOTTER

The police blotter is compiled from reports of the Texas Tech University Police Department.

Thursday, Aug. 24

Police investigated an individual making disturbing phone calls to the president's suite of the Administration building. A Tech student that had been arrested by the Lubbock Police Department was calling from the Lubbock County Jail.

Friday, Aug. 25

A Texas Tech officer investigated an incident that occurred on the second floor of

Weymouth Hall in the men's restroom. Concrete was poured into the toilets and showers.

Saturday, Aug. 26

Two Texas Tech officers arrested a Tech student and two non-students for public intoxication at Jones SBC Stadium.

The student and one non-student were transported to the Lubbock County Jail while the other non-student was released into the custody of his wife.

A concession worker at Jones SBC Stadium received an electrical shock from a food warmer.

The worker was transported Methodist Hospital.

Sunday, Aug. 27

Four female Texas Tech students were arrested for possession of marijuana on the seventh floor of Stangel Hall. All students were taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

Monday, Aug. 28

A female student collapsed and hit her head on the bricks on the north side of Chitwood Hall. The student was transported to University Medical Center.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

A Texas Tech officer responded to a call about a misplaced vehicle in the Z2-B parking lot. The owner forgot where she parked and could not locate her vehicle. The vehicle was later found in the C-7 parking lot.

Stay up to date on the parking situation: [www.ttu.edu/~parking](http://www.ttu.edu/~parking)



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of about five to six faculty members instead of the more traditional 16 or more. He informed the group that Tech President David Schmidly is insisting on a diverse search committee.

Burns also said he wants the search to include "as broad a spectrum as possible."

He mentioned the possibility of obtaining a dean from non-traditional sources such as from the corporate business world.

Some faculty members voiced concerns about looking at candidates who do not possess terminal degrees, which most non-traditional candidates will not have. However, most agreed with Burns that it would be best for the college to look outside of normal channels.

"The college has been under criticism by members of the Board of Regents," he said.

However, he said the regents have

criticized almost all colleges on campus at some time or another.

Several faculty members were concerned that board members had already selected a replacement.

"There is not another dean waiting in the wings," Burns said. "The Board of Regents does not hire or fire deans. There is too much at stake, and we can't afford to fill this position with just anybody. I'm not going to hire someone I don't think will be successful. The college is a main priority within the administration."

Burns said he and Schmidly want to invest \$14 million in additional funds into the college within five years. His goal is to add additional facilities, faculty and technology.

"I don't see the college as something that is broken and needs to be fixed," Burns said. "I have a lot of respect for this college and a lot of respect for Roy (Howell)."

Howell resigned earlier this month "in the best interest of the college," and said one reason for his resignation was that he wanted the

college to have a dean that could be with it through the entire accreditation process.

The college is preparing to correct problems within itself in order to satisfy accreditation standards. The American Association of College and Schools of Business will begin conducting an accreditation review in 2002 on the college.

Howell told the faculty an accreditation consultant would arrive on Friday to meet with various faculty members to discuss solutions to the problems including a high 70-to-1 student-faculty ratio.

Howell said the faculty should "have every reason for optimism," and said he wants to decrease the number of students to 3,800 and add additional faculty in order to make the student-faculty ratio within the bare minimum to accreditation limits.

However, Howell said he does not want the college to be just at the minimum ratio.

"I want us to have enough slack to allow innovation," he said.

Faculty members who attended the meeting asked Howell if it was possible to find a dean by Dec. 31, the date Howell's resignation is effective. Howell said he felt it was unlikely to find a replacement by the date unless that person came from non-traditional sources.

"It's my strong feeling that (the administration) already have someone in mind," Howell said.

When asked if he would be willing to stay on as an interim dean past Dec. 31, Howell said it might be in the best interest of the college to find an interim.

Recently, the college has come under scrutiny for holding "fake" discussion classes in order to use state funds to pay for teaching assistants who are actually doing research.

Although Howell and other college officials deny any wrongdoing, Howell was adamant that the truth would come out.

"We will find a way to put the truth in front of the students," he said.

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some cases, these individuals were paying for coverage they already had.

"If you're already getting insurance benefits from the university, you really don't need to pay the medical services fee for the same benefits," Shonrock said. "It really didn't make sense."

Despite the fee waivers, however, graduate students who choose to waive these fees will be allowed to use the services attached to them except, use of the Student Recreation Center.

Anderson said graduate students who want to use the recreation center would either have to pay the recreation fee or obtain a membership to the rec center.

Shonrock said this would not be the case in regard to the other fees.

He said it would be nearly impossible to regulate who uses the li-

brary or the UC during the day.

Therefore, these different departments have opted to lose the funds from the graduate fees.

"I don't think it will have much of an impact," Shonrock said.

"We'll just have to do with what we have. It's just like you and me when we have to balance our check-books. You can't spend what you don't have."

Doug Birdsall, associate dean of university libraries, said he agreed to the loss of fees in order to aid the Graduate School.

"We support the waiving of fees for grad students if it will help in retention and recruitment," he said.

"Any loss that we incur probably will be offset due to freshmen enrollment increasing by 400 to 500 students."

Anderson said in the future the Graduate School hopes to help pay for part of the grad students' tuition and fees through departmental grants for student projects.

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Haragan said.

He is also involved in fundraising for the Horizon Campaign. He has been involved in fundraising for the program since he was provost, before his days as university president. His primary objective is raising funds for scholarships, professors and faculty chairs.

Michael Shonrock, interim vice president of Student Affairs, has known Haragan for 10 years. He said Haragan's return to the teaching field

will be beneficial to Tech students.

"He's the ultimate professional," Shonrock said. "He deeply cares about Texas Tech students."

Haragan began his career on the Tech campus in 1969 and has been involved in many "firsts" on Tech's campus.

He helped implement the first admissions standards, honors program and Office of International Affairs. He assisted in organizing Tech's regional centers in Dallas and Houston for recruiting and fund-raising purposes.

Spanning 31 years, one of the most significant changes Haragan feels he

**"The priority for quality teaching has to increase."**

Donald Haragan  
 TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

has been involved in at Tech is the overall increased quality of the student body because of admission standards.

"We're attracting some of the best students to the campus," Haragan said. "We're on everybody's list today."

Haragan is also intending to write a book entitled "The War on Ignorance" and said it is time for a change in America's education system. The book will focus on education of all levels in America.

"You know when it's time for a change in your life," Haragan said. "There's a lot of things in my head that I want to get down on paper."

Haragan has a strong interest in filling the void of quality teachers.

"We keep applying Band-Aids to the problem instead of solving it," he said. "The priority for quality teaching has to increase."

Haragan said improvement in education begins with the teachers and wants to encourage the government to do what it takes to improve America's education.

Haragan said he feels education's

improvement begins with the teachers and feels that higher salaries and incentive programs would attract more students to the education field.

Haragan said working with the students and teaching thrills him most about his job and is a great fulfillment. "That's why we're here — to benefit and educate the students," he said.

Haragan began his career at Tech as an assistant professor in the geosciences department. He earned his undergraduate degree in engineering from the University of Texas at Austin and obtained his master's degree in meteorology at Texas A & M.

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Column

Democrats continue with false promises

Compassionate conservatism, as termed by Gov. George W. Bush, is not a new concept. The mainstream media has, for years, maligned the conservative movement and the Republican Party as having a callous agenda determined to serve the rich and powerful, and leave the rest behind, while they have consistently represented the liberal Democratic Party as the lone voice of compassion and the hope for the victimized.



Dustin Mundorf

However, the real truth is that the conservative agenda has always been more compassionate than the agenda of the left. Now, I know all you lefties reading this are squirming around in your seats right now wondering how I could make such an outrageous statement. Well brace yourselves, because I'm about to dole out a healthy serving of truth. All can agree that the left draws much of its base support from the poor, the uneducated, single mothers, minorities, and various other disadvantaged groups. The leadership of the liberal movement have made promises over the past few decades to help these individuals rise out of poverty, to give them the skills and education they need to excel in our economy and to make their children's futures more promising than their own. The left has made promises to give the underdogs a better future while the right has been blamed for keeping them down.

However, the real truth is that the conservative agenda has always been more compassionate than the left.

Folks, there is simply no logic to this old lie. Those who vote Republican generally have been shown to be more educated and better off financially than those who vote Democrat. So, ask yourself, who really benefits politically by keeping people poor and uneducated. Do you really believe the Republican Party wants to keep people impoverished and keep them voting Democrat? Of course not. The unfortunate truth is that liberal Democrats benefit by keeping people poor and uneducated, because that's their voter base. The worse off the Democratic voter base is, the more inclined they are to keep voting Democrat. It's hard to believe, but the leadership of the left actually uses and exploits the very same people it claims to champion. It's a sad cycle.

Not only do the policies of the liberal left offer little more than status quo cosmetic fixes, but also many of their policies actually facilitate poverty and expand government dependency.

What elitists in the leadership of the left

carry out is much like the pitch of the traveling medicine man of the past. He claims to have a product that will cure all that ails you, and all you have to do is pull the cork and take your medicine. In reality, however, all the man is selling is a bottle of "who hit John." It's easy to swallow and it makes you feel good for a while, but in the end you still have your ailments, and now you're hooked on the sauce.

Al Gore's prescription drug benefit proposal is a perfect example of this kind of policy. He claims that the private insurance companies cannot adequately offer prescription drug benefits to the public at a reasonable price. Additionally, Gore maintains that the federal government should not only extend these benefits to the poor and the uninsured, but also to those who can afford to purchase or already have a private plan. He wants to extend benefits to all Americans regardless of their financial position. Why? Because over time the individuals who once had the ability to purchase their own insurance and prescriptions, would eventually become completely reliant upon the federal government to provide these necessities for them.

Conservatism often is wrongly characterized as inactive or indifferent when compared with liberalism. That's because the comparisons drawn between the two philosophies are often like comparing apples and oranges. The conservative leadership with the liberal conviction that centralized government can solve most peoples' individual needs. Those needs are too great in number and diversity. Conversely, the agenda of the right is founded in a strong belief in self-sufficiency and individualism. In place of more government, the Republicans offer more personal freedom through decentralizing government, more control of their own money through tax cuts, and more economic growth through loosening regulations on small business as well as big industry.

Still, the mainstream media continues to portray liberalism as being compassionate while conservatism is distorted as cruel and mean spirited. Proposals of the Republican Party continue to be overshadowed by the shiny package of big government offered by the Democrats. The reason the leadership of the right doesn't just offer a bigger package is because they realize that all too often that shiny package is just an empty box surrounded by an attractive gift wrap.

Dustin is a junior marketing major from Three Rivers. He believes Al Gore is subconsciously referring to himself when he uses the phrase "risky scheme." He can be reached at dustinmundorf@hotmail.com.



Column

No substitute for living other than living

Thank you for choosing Texas Tech University, either in continued patronage, or for the first time. Now, please leave — for your own sake, and for the sake of this institution.



Loren Bell

There is an entire world out there for you to explore, and this institution is not the key,

it is a distraction, a side track and a slippery slope. Once you have started down the college path, forever will it consume your destiny.

After the first year passes, you will convince yourself that "I have just started, I can't quit now. I have not given it a fair chance." The following year you will cry out, "I am half way there! I must continue." After the third, you will fool yourself into believing that somehow the last three years has tied you down to a fourth, maybe a fifth, and you will not be able to turn back.

Why are you here anyway? If it was your parents' idea, take charge of your life and leave now. Because your friends came? Quit following blindly, take charge of your life and leave now. Because you need a degree to make it these days? In some cases, perhaps, but don't just believe the lies propagated by

the establishment. Live a little before you condemn yourself to a life of servitude. Because you genuinely want to be here? You are not the first person to make that mistake - come back in a few years once you have seen what the world has to offer.

Go travel, work, hike, ski, write, paint, build or repair — do everything imaginable while you are still young and have the chance. This university will be here when you return and will provide more opportunity than you can possibly comprehend at this time in your life.

Loren Bell could be a senior philosophy and biology major from Lubbock, but instead managed to break his chains for a much-needed sojourn in the real world.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Loren Bell is helping fight wildfires in Wyoming and will return to Texas Tech for the spring semester.)

Letters to the Editor

Bad first impression

To the editor: I am a visiting writer this year in the English department. On first day of classes, I attended the mandatory benefits session and watched a video that said loudly and clearly, "At Tech, we don't discriminate! We hate discrimination!" How very interesting it is that the first newspaper of the semester has one of the most blatant racist cartoons I've ever seen. How very interesting to find the word "Injun" on your pages. How very depressing.

Ellen Cooney
visiting writer
Department of English

Tortilla tort

To the editor: I would like to first commend the students for coming out to support Texas Tech athletics and our new football program this past weekend. I also would like to congratulate the team for getting off to a good start.

The experience at the games is rich with many traditions including the Saddle Tramps, the team entrance at the beginning of the game, and Raider Alley prior to the game. These are all traditions that have been in place for a long time.

The students of today at Tech attempted to establish a new tradition a few years back ... tortilla tossing during kickoffs. This tradition was sadly changed into a criminal act when the Tech Board of Regents decided that this new "tradition" reflected poorly on Texas Tech in general.

In all actuality, though, a few influential alumni sitting on the west side were hit with

the tortillas and immediately became offended. In my opinion, they disagreed with the idea of adding such new traditions and used their financial power to influence the Board to get rid of tortilla tossing.

As a result of this, the nice folks in the bright green vests you see walking through the stands at every game will not only confiscate our tortillas that you brought to the game, but also ask you kindly to leave the stadium.

For those students new to campus, the sight you saw at the game this weekend was only a fraction of the spectacle that happens during opening kickoffs in years past. Tech feels it is okay to start the tradition of the same class ring for all students. Why should they decide what is tradition and what isn't? We are the ones attending school here and should have some say.

I encourage all students to bring their tortillas to the game this weekend against Utah State, and hopefully the Board will see the desire of the students to put tortilla tossing in as a permanent tradition at Texas Tech.

Patrick Underwood
senior
advertising

Not so cheerful

To the editor: I was a member of the national champion "all-girls" squad last year, and after watching the cheerleaders perform I was not only embarrassed for them, but I was embarrassed that group of people is representing Texas Tech cheerleading.

It just amazed me that they were out on the field performing "stunts" that children would do on a playground at recess, and on top of that, they couldn't even do them!

How do they expect to fire up a crowd who is busy laughing at the cheerleaders falling all over the place or not being able to put flags in

Out of the Past

Stories from past issues of The Toreador

From the Oct. 24, 1925, issue of The Toreador:

- After breaking his neck during a Tech football scrimmage, George Crow becomes the first Tech student to die.
•Tech holds its first student/faculty Halloween party at the stock judging pavilion. Tickets to the party cost a quarter.
•The Dairy Barn nears completion.
•The Rex Theater started showing midnight matinees. The first movie shown was the action movie "\$50,000 Reward."

From the Nov. 8, 1925, issue of The Toreador:

- A prize was being offered for a suitable name for the Tech yearbook.
•Organization of the student body is advocated.
From the Nov. 21, 1925, issue of The Toreador:
•In football, the Matador's suffer their first defeat of the season by losing to Howard Payne, 29-0.
•Twenty-five agriculture students organize their first student organization.
•Texas Tech is mentioned in a story that ran in The Dallas Morning News. The story said Tech had an excellent start to the school year when compared to other schools in Texas.

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# Bush twins leave for college

■ **Sisters will attend college nearly 1,600 miles apart.**

AUSTIN (AP) — One of Gov. George W. Bush's twin daughters started classes at the University of Texas on Wednesday, nearly 1,600 miles from Yale University, the elite Ivy League school where her sister begins her studies next week.

Jenna Bush was one of about 7,500 freshmen at Texas, one of the nation's largest state universities.

Her sister, Barbara, will be part of a smaller class of 1,352 entering Yale in New Haven, Conn., where classes start Sept. 6. Freshmen begin moving into their dormitories on Friday.

Barbara will be the fourth generation of Bushes to attend Yale, following her father, the Republican presidential nominee; her grandfather, former President George Bush; and great-grandfather, Sen. Prescott Bush.

Citing the Bush family's request to keep their children out of the public spotlight, Kim Black, a spokeswoman for Texas first lady Laura Bush, would say only that both girls

had left home. In an interview Wednesday morning, Laura Bush would not discuss her daughters' departure for college.

Officials at both schools declined to discuss the Bush sisters, saying they respect every student's right to privacy. Neither university would say if security had been beefed up to accommodate the girls.

"We work very hard for the safety of all of our students," said University of Texas-Austin spokeswoman Peggy Kruger.

Yale officials are used to high-profile students, including actresses Claire Danes, Kellie Martin and Jodie Foster and Sweden's Crown Princess Victoria.

President Johnson's daughter, Lynda, attended the University of Texas while he was in office.

Stanford University takes a hard line against giving out information

about President Clinton's daughter Chelsea, who is taking the fall semester off to campaign for her mother's New York senate race.

Hundreds of reporters showed up on campus when Chelsea arrived for her freshman year in 1997, but they were kept at a distance.

"There was a lot of publicity the first year she was here," Stanford spokeswoman Dawn Levy said, but the attention declined after the university asked reporters to treat Clinton like every other student.

The Bush twins graduated in May from Stephen F. Austin High School in Austin, where Jenna was dubbed "most likely to trip on prom night" and Barbara was named "most likely to appear on the cover of Vogue."

They both told their parents that they wanted to have little involvement in their father's presidential

campaign, and they have managed to stay out of the public spotlight.

Not so for their political star cousin, George P. Bush, who started classes Wednesday at the University of Texas law school in Austin.

The 24-year-old son of Florida Gov. Jeb Bush made campaign appearances for his uncle during the summer and spoke at the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia.

He's a 1998 graduate of Rice University in Houston who spent a year teaching world history to ninth-graders at a public school in Miami.

He also worked at the Mexico City office of a Florida-based law firm and most recently was a paralegal at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in Los Angeles, one of the nation's largest corporate media and antitrust law firms.

## Convicted murderer found guilty of killing after escape

STAR CITY, Ark. (AP) — The second time Kenneth Williams was convicted of capital murder, he got the death penalty.

A Lincoln County Circuit Court jury took a little more than two hours Wednesday to decide that Williams, 21, should be executed for killing Cecil Boren, 57, of Grady.

He had been convicted the day before by the same jury.

Boren, who lived near the Cummins Unit of the state prison system, was slain Oct. 3, 1999, after Williams escaped from Cummins.

He had been serving a life-without-parole sentence on a capital murder conviction for the 1998 slaying at Pine Bluff of a college cheerleader, Dominique Hurd, 19, of Fort Worth, Texas.

After jurors at his Pine Bluff trial recommended life without parole instead of execution, Williams turned to the victim's family and said, "You thought I was going to die, didn't you?"

The only penalties for a capital murder conviction under Arkansas law are execution or life in prison without parole.

In this week's trial, prosecutors said Boren was shot seven times and dragged to the bank of a ditch on his property.

Boren's pickup truck was stolen, and Williams was driving it when he was spotted the next day in southern Missouri.

The driver of a water-delivery truck was killed in a crash as Missouri police chased and captured Williams.

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Director hopes choirs will unify campus and help establish more Tech traditions • 8



## West Texas band takes center stage at L2K

### Seventh Rize launches tour to promote new album, gain fan support

Promoting its first album, *Visceral Rock*, Seventh Rize is hitting the local scene to recruit a following of new fans.

Making several stops in the West Texas area, the Midland/Odessa-based band will headline at Liquid 2000 tonight.

Doors will open at 7 p.m., and the opening act starts at 8 p.m. Falling Jupiter will get the show started.

Seventh Rize's freshman release contains 10 tracks of raw, emotional music that somewhat mimics the styles

of KISS, Motley Crew, AC/DC, Van Halen and Aerosmith.

#### concert preview

Though Connecticut vocalist Denis Lanza has recently signed on as the band's lead singer, New York artist Henry Font is featured on the band's first CD.

However, after Seventh Rize's promotional tour concludes, Lanza will head back to the studio to re-record vo-

cal on all 10 songs.

Font's voice will only be included on the first 1,000 albums produced. On its

promotional tour, Seventh Rize has a surprise in store for its audience.

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# Choir gives students something to sing about



John H. Dickson, director of Choral Activities, Michael Marcades, assistant director of Choral Activities, and Susan Stewart, doctoral teaching assistant, review a piece of music. The Texas Tech School of Music is planning to add new men's and women's glee clubs to the list of performing Tech choirs.

By Summer Allan  
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech School of Music launches into the new school year by welcoming a new member into its administration and establishing two choral additions.

John Dickson was chosen as the candidate for the job after an extensive national search for a new director of Choral Activities. Dickson comes to Tech from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY.

He has conducted numerous regional- and state-level choirs across the country and has earned a highly respected reputation as a choral clinician and conductor.

Dickson formulated the idea of establishing two new choral groups and further developed it with the help of his colleagues.

The development and further investigation of these ideas resulted in establishment of the first men's glee club and the women's chorale.

"I observed the success of the men's

glee club at Baylor University and envisioned the possibilities of establishing these organizations here at Tech," Dickson said.

He also believes these choral clubs will create diversity by giving students who are non-music majors more opportunities to express their musical ability.

"There are not many opportunities and classes available for non music majors who want to get involved in the music program at Tech," Dickson said. "I want these new clubs to be an arm of service for the student body, president and the administration."

In general, Dickson said he hopes

to strengthen the popularity of gender-based choir groups throughout Texas.

Michael Marcades, assistant director of Choral Activities and chief choir director for the men's glee club, said he hopes these new clubs will encourage students of all majors to become involved.

"We are hoping to attract students who sang in high school. Not only music majors, but other students who feel they have missed out on an opportunity to become involved," he said.

Marcades has long-term goals for the clubs, such as singing the national anthem at athletic events and performing at other reputable functions on campus.

"We want these choirs to become visible on campus so that people will be able to see them and know them," Marcades said. "More importantly, we hope that this will unify the campus by establishing more Tech traditions."

Susan Stewart, a doctoral teaching assistant in the music department, will head the Tech women's chorale.

"I am anxious to begin these new choral ensembles," Stewart said. "We have an extensive amount of literature available for this year."

Stewart has plans for the women's chorale that includes performances with the men's glee club and "The Cantate 2000," which Stewart has never been sung in West Texas.

Both choirs are open to students of all majors and will meet simultaneously from 2 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

All interested students should contact the Tech choral office at 742-2270, ext. 284. Students must sign up for a choral interview time in the choral office by Sept. 8.

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# Jones ready for last season

## Tech middle blocker prepares for senior campaign, life after sports

By Matt Muench  
Staff Writer

With a smile on her face and a gleam of determination in her eye, 6-foot-3 senior middle blocker Janelle Jones steps on the volleyball court with one thing in mind - she wants to win and win badly.

She likes the individual honors and the positive comments people say about her, but if she could have one thing, she said it would most certainly be a Big 12 championship.

"I am more focused on what the team does and how we perform than any other part of the game," said Jones, who is competing in her fifth year on the team.

"It doesn't matter what awards I get, I just want the team to advance as far as possible."

Jones, a family studies major, hails from Denver where she played volleyball and basketball for 3-A Luther High School.

Jones actually appeared as more of a standout player on the basketball court in high school.

She said she burned out playing basketball by her junior year and said to herself that she would finish playing through high school and then focus solely on her volleyball skills at the collegiate level.

"I do miss playing basketball when I watch (the Lady Raiders)," Jones said. "But I don't think I could beat any of them."

Although she had more accolades on the basketball court, volleyball coaches made more recruiting visits to see Jones play.

About 80 schools contacted Jones, and it was not until three days before her national letter of intent expired that she chose the Red and Black.

"I come from a small town, and when I saw Tech I was like just, amazed," she said.

"The proximity to Denver played a role, and because the Big 12 Conference was just started up was also a factor."

Tech coach Jeff Nelson said the most important part of Jones' game is her leadership.

He said if anyone were to watch the team play, she would be easy to pick out as the leader of the team.

"She is very important to this team," said Nelson, who opens his fifth season as head coach Friday.

"She has that type of personality that everyone wants to be around."

If Jones was injured or if she left the team, Nelson said he would mainly miss the leadership she possesses as well as her experience.

Jones red-shirted her first year, and this season will be her fourth season of experience at the collegiate level.

"She has been to battle more than anyone else," he said. "She knows the game of volleyball very well."

She may know the game of volleyball, but she also knows how to study.

Jones maintains a 3.7 GPA and is a pre-season academic all-american candidate.

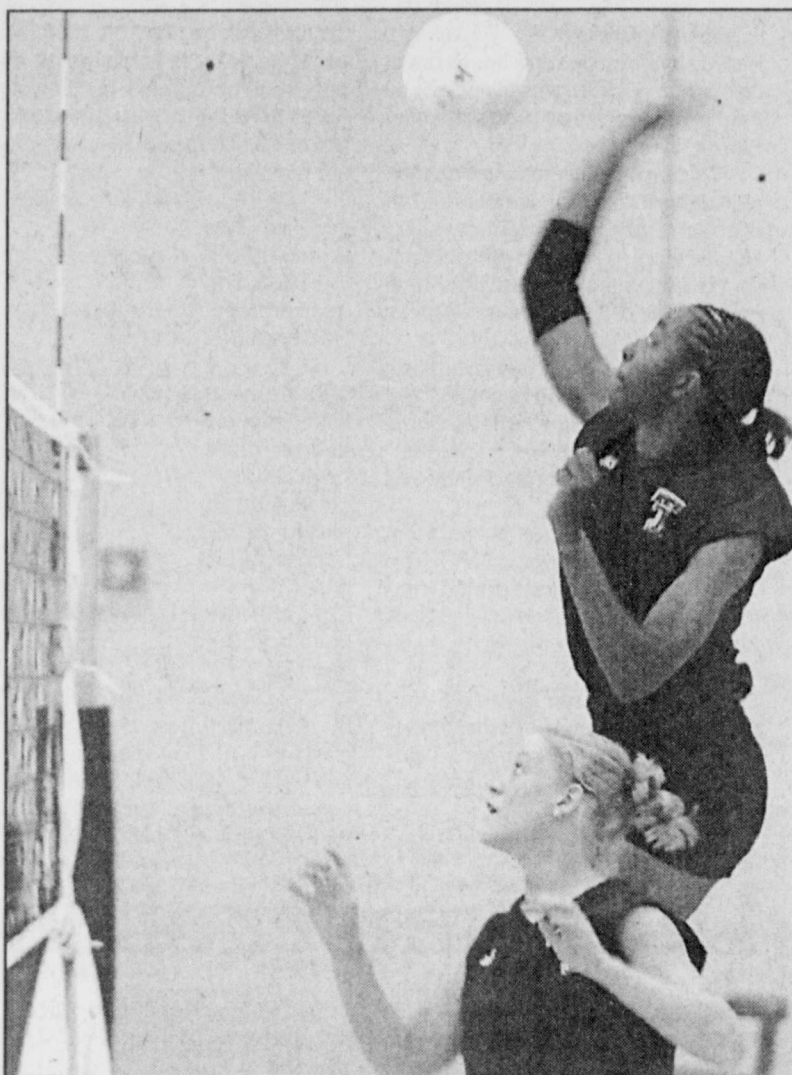
She said it is not that difficult to study hard and play sports at the same time if you focus.

Utilizing her time effectively is her main strategy by studying during airline flights and while waiting in the airport.

"Instead of sleeping or talking, I just pull out a book and read," Jones said.

"That helps a lot."

But when she steps on the volleyball court, her focus completely changes.



Joe Mays/The University Daily

Tech middle blocker Janelle Jones sends one back with authority at practice. She is a family studies major with a 3.7 GPA. Jones has lettered three consecutive years for the volleyball squad.

"I walk through the doors and leave the outside world out there," she said. "It is just time to play volleyball and have fun."

When Jones graduates she hopes to use her degree and obtain a job working with people.

Jones even tried coaching last

spring with a club team in Lubbock and enjoyed it.

Nelson said she is fantastic with young people and probably could coach some levels of volleyball.

"She is an incredible, intelligent person," Nelson said. "Her character is impeccable."

## NASCAR Truck TMS race lengthened

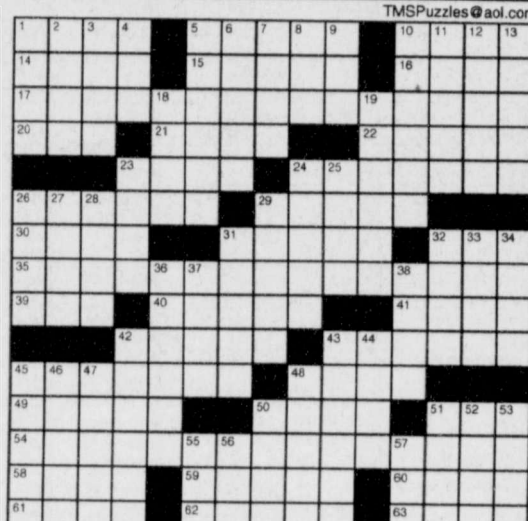
FORT WORTH (AP) - Drivers in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series race at Texas Motor Speedway in October will have to go a little farther to get to the finish line this year.

NASCAR and Texas Motor Speedway have mutually agreed to lengthen the Oct. 13 race to 248 miles, an increase of 62 miles from last October and equal to the length of the 167-lap June race at the track that was won by Greg Biffle.

## THE Daily Crossword

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By Diane C. Baldwin  
Columbia, MD

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# Miller to tone it down for play-by-play.

Dennis Miller is taking it down a notch.

With ratings down and critics snapping, the comedian said Wednesday he will cut back on the number of comments he makes from the broadcast booth during "Monday

Night Football" games, having realized his approach during three pre-season outings was too enthusiastic.

"I think less is more," Miller said.

"I watched these first three games (on tape), and noticed I might be more prone to go for the score (laugh) more

frequently than I need to."

Miller's first regular-season telecast comes next week, when the Denver Broncos play the Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams.

"Now that we have a real football game, and the game is afoot, and I've

learned, I'm going to dial it back in 15 to 20 percent," he said.

"I'll probably knock out every fifth comment, let it breathe more."

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# Prairie View snags new coach

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PRAIRIE VIEW (AP) — He wears a hard-hat to practice and hangs out at the cafeteria looking for big guys who might want to play college football for Prairie View A&M.

Not many college coaches do their recruiting at the campus cafeteria, but that's the plight that coach Larry Dorsey faces in trying to rebuild Prairie View into a competitive football member of the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

"You see a big ole guy going into the cafeteria and you say 'Hey, you want to play some football? Come here and let's talk to you a little bit,'" the new Panther coach said, followed by a hearty laugh.

The Panthers finished 2-8 last season under interim coach Clifton Gilliard, a veritable turnaround considering that Prairie View only recently snapped its NCAA record for consecutive losses at 80.

Prairie View hasn't won a SWAC game since beating Mississippi Valley in 1989, making the Panthers 0-for-the-decade of the 90s in conference play.

The Panthers ended their 80-game

losing streak on Sept. 26, 1998, with a 14-12 victory over Langston. But with only 15 scholarships to offer, compared to 63 for the rest of the league, Dorsey must use creative ways to fill out his roster.

"I figure, at least if they are big, you got to run around them to get to the quarterback," Dorsey said.

Dorsey didn't have a list of players he'd recruited from the cafeteria line to play in the offensive and defensive lines. But he keeps going back.

"I've seen a couple of them over there. Some times you have to turn over (try out) 15 of them to get one," Dorsey said. "But everyone 6-3, 6-4, I'll be pulling them to the side. You'd better have some people in the trenches

that can make things happen."

Dorsey's hard-hat is to remind his players that hard work and discipline will pay off in victories for the Panthers.

He has a phrase and a nickname for key players and a quip for just about everything.

On his offensive philosophy: "We have two running plays. We run off the field and we run on the field. The rest of the time we pass. We get off the bus throwing the football. Anybody standing around, you might catch a few balls too."

On the defense: "We like to rally to the ball and have a bad attitude when we get there."

He wants to call quarterback Jamaal Foster "Firecracker" but Foster is leaning toward another moniker.

"He's thinking more of 'Triggerman.' He's not accepting my names so far, but he'll come around," Dorsey said.

Whether slogans and nicknames and Dorsey's good-natured banter will translate into victories remains to be seen.

Dorsey faces a huge challenge. He knows that, but he thinks he can succeed where others failed by being honest about the Panthers' plight.

"You tell the truth about things," he said.

"I won't make excuses and try to make something pretty that's not. Like, we don't have the greatest weight room in the world. But we're going to paint it up and make it look as good as we can, and then we're going to work in there."

"Kids tend to fight for you when you let them know things up front."

The Panthers expect to have enough funds to offer 30 football scholarships by autumn of next year. Athletic director Elmer Redd says they will make it, and eventually the Panthers will compete with a full SWAC limit of 63.

*"You see a big ole guy going into the cafeteria and you say 'Hey, you want to play some football?'"*

Larry Dorsey  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M FOOTBALL COACH

# Long jumper offends many at Olympics

BRISBANE, (AP) — John Rocker revisited. That's the way U.S. Olympic long jumpers Melvin Lister and Savante Stringfellow reacted to racial remarks by Australian jumper Jai Taurima. Australian newspapers on Wednesday quoted him as saying that because of the cool conditions ex-

pected for the Sydney Olympics, "you can pretty much knock out all the dark athletes."

"We jumped in Salamanca (Spain) a month ago, and those guys just couldn't compete well in bad conditions," he said. "It was wet and cold."

Lister, winner of the U.S. Olympic

trials, and Stringfellow, the U.S. indoor champion and NCAA outdoor champion, both of whom are black, were seething when told of Taurima's statements.

"I would rank them the same as the John Rocker comments," Stringfellow said, referring to the Atlanta Braves'

reliever who in December made disparaging remarks about foreigners, gays, women and New Yorkers. "That was very unprofessional on his part. Maybe he doesn't know any better. I can understand him having the confidence to beat us but to come at us racially," Lister said.

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# Mustangs to open new stadium

DALLAS (AP)—When the Southern Methodist football program came off the death penalty in 1989, the Mustangs played their home games at Ownby Stadium. They left six years later because the on-campus facility was just too small.

They went to the Cotton Bowl, SMU's home in the days of Doak Walker and Don Meredith. Problem was, the Mustangs no longer had those kind of drawing cards. For their current fan base, the 68,252-seat stadium was just too big.

So, this season, SMU is on the move again, this time to a place that should be just right.

SMU will unveil Gerald J. Ford Stadium Saturday, a \$56.8 million facility built on the site of Ownby. It holds 32,000 fans, plus however many can squeeze onto a grass slope beyond the south end zone. That area eventually could be turned into 13,000 permanent seats.

"We needed a home, and now we have one," coach Mike Cavan said. "It is a great facility that our fans will love, but we need to win to keep bringing them back."

Thanks to the stadium, which is named not after the former president

but after an alum who donated \$20 million to the project, SMU is close to selling out its opener against Kansas.

The school's last sellout was Nov. 3, 1990, when 23,783 fans filled Ownby for a game against Texas A&M. The Mustangs drew 51,019 to the Cotton Bowl for last season's opener against Arkansas, then a total of just 47,108 during their other four home games.

There won't be that kind of dropoff this season. Season-ticket sales are up several fold, surpassing 10,000 for only the second time in school history. All 539 club-level seats and 24 suites are sold out.

"We have been pleasantly overwhelmed by the level of anticipation generated by Ford Stadium," athletic director Jim Copeland said. The stadium, which has a state-of-the-art grass field, was designed by Ellerbe Becket, a firm that has done 12 NBA and or NHL arenas, refurbished Notre Dame Stadium and is creating

the new home for the Seattle Seahawks.

Ford has the look of a building that's been around several decades, not one that went under construction 22 months ago.

The stadium's height is around 40 feet. That keeps it about as tall as other nearby buildings and it prevents the stadium from towering over the homes across Mockingbird Lane.

"Our primary objective was to make sure we're a good neighbor," said Douglas Beichley, the senior project architect. "It fits the campus character and the neighborhood nearby."

To do so, the field was sunk 25 feet below ground. Fans will enter at the middle of the stadium and see half the seating bowl below them and half above. This is Ford's distinguishing characteristic.

"It really helps keep the sound in the stadium," Beichley said. "And it

creates an intimate feel. The home-field advantage can be huge."

Another interesting aspect is the seats: 24 rows of red bleachers below the entry level and 24 rows of blue bleachers above. All rows have backs.

Advertising, though, is minimal. A neighborhood restriction prevents any signs from being visible from the street. The only exception is on the scoreboard. The scoreboard itself is rather plain, lacking any bells and whistles.

SMU also was conservative with its suites, the cash cow behind most stadium plans. The design allows for 12 more suites to be added during any offseason, Beichley said.

The north end of the stadium is connected to a building called the All-Sports Center.

It includes the locker rooms and weight room that are accessible through the stadium's end-zone tunnel.

The center also features meeting rooms, classrooms and offices for coaches from most sports; an academic learning center open to all SMU students; and a "Heritage Hall" where memorabilia such as Walker's Heisman Trophy will be displayed.

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# Baylor, North Texas to battle

DENTON (AP)—Several losing streaks will come into play when Baylor and North Texas play in a season opener Thursday night.

Baylor, 1-10 a year ago, lost its final six games in coach Kevin Steele's debut season.

The Bears also have a 16-game road losing streak. The last time they won away from Waco was a 37-35 victory at Fresno State three years ago.

North Texas ended 1999 with a five-game losing streak as part of its 2-9 record, and the Mean Green has lost all 10 games in its series against the Bears.

Both coaches know the importance of a positive start something neither had last year as they continue rebuilding programs.

"I don't think you can overstate the importance of early success. The biggest two games of the season are the first game and the first conference game," Steele said. "It's major that, with what our players have invested in the offseason, they see success."

Steele certainly hopes his second season begins better than the first, when the only victory was 23-10 over North Texas.

Baylor started 1999 with a 30-29 loss at Boston College after a missed extra point. The next week,

the Bears could have run out the clock for a victory over Nevada-Las Vegas. Instead, Baylor fumbled at the goal line while trying to score, and a UNLV player grabbed the ball and ran 100 yards for a 27-24 victory after time expired. The tone was set for the season.

North Texas began its 1999 season being outscored 78-3 in losses to UNLV and Nevada, then upset Texas Tech. Then, after handing Big West Conference champ Boise State its only league loss, the Mean Green had its season-ending losing streak.

"We've got to learn how to deal with the outcomes and move on," third-year coach Darrell Dickey said. "We've had some big upset wins since I've been here and then didn't play well the next week. The Baylor game is a big game, but we're preparing for an 11-game season."

Both teams are anxious to see how the quarterback position works out.

For Baylor, junior transfer quarterback Greg Cicero gets his first NCAA Division I-A start.

He initially went to Texas, but left after Major Applewhite established himself as the Longhorns' starter while Cicero was out with a serious injury.

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