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Tech athletics come under more scrutiny

Officials helped former football player obtain course credit, *Houston Chronicle* alleges

HOUSTON (AP)—Two Texas Tech athletic officials helped a football player obtain credit for a correspondence course currently under NCAA scrutiny, the *Houston Chronicle* reported Sunday.

Academic and other records link Tech assistant coach Rhudy Maskew and the athletic administrator, Ronn Reeger, to an Old Testament correspondence course taken by Stephen Gaines.

The defensive lineman played for the Red Raiders during the 1992-93 season.

NCAA rules prohibit student athletes from using correspondence courses to improve academic standing. Athletes' academic standing must be determined from courses taken at the schools in which they are enrolled.

Records obtained by the newspaper show the textbook was sent to Maskew's home in Lubbock at a time when Gaines was living at his parents' home in Electra, 240 miles away.

Maskew personally filled out a

form requesting the player's final exam and naming Reeger, then a member of the school's academic counseling staff for athletes, as the exam proctor.

Gaines received three semester hours' credit in August 1993 in just two weeks with a grade of C.

The Bible 1133 (Old Testament Survey) course was offered by Southeastern College of the Assemblies of God in Lakeland, Fla.

The *Chronicle* obtained records on file at Southeastern College relating to Gaines' enrollment with the former player's consent on July 3.

Arrangements described in the records mesh with Gaines' claim that the only thing he did to pass the course was review a completed set of test questions and answers provided to him by Maskew and Reeger.

Gaines said the final exam he ultimately took was identical to the completed test he had been given to study.

Correspondence course credit

for Gaines is among the issues drawing scrutiny from the NCAA as part of its ongoing investigation of the Tech athletic program.

"I've been told to refer everything to (Texas Tech general counsel) Pat Campbell," said Maskew, when contacted by the *Chronicle* for comment.

Campbell said he was aware of records linking Maskew and Reeger to Gaines' correspondence course but could not comment on them because the NCAA has asked Tech employees to refrain from discussing specific aspects of the investigation.

"We have looked at the things you're talking about," Campbell said.

"We would like to be able to answer your questions. But we flatly, without question, agreed with the NCAA to conduct a joint investigation, and, as part of that, we agreed we would not talk about any of this."

Reeger, currently Tech's events manager for athletics, did not im-

mediately return a telephone call Sunday from *The Associated Press*. He previously has referred all questions regarding the NCAA investigation to university administrators.

In February, the NCAA informed Tech the athletic regulatory agency's enforcement staff had begun a preliminary inquiry into unspecified matters involving the university's football and men's basketball programs since 1991.

An NCAA finding that Tech personnel were involved in cheating on the correspondence course could result in major sanctions for the university, one of the four Texas schools that this year will begin competition in the new Big 12 Conference.

Even if the NCAA determines no cheating occurred, Tech could be penalized simply for using the correspondence course credit as a factor in determining Gaines' eligibility.

Gaines started eight games as defensive tackle for Tech as a junior in 1993, the year the Raiders

won their last five regular-season games to earn a berth in the John Hancock Bowl.

He was ruled academically ineligible before the start of preseason practice in 1994, when he would have been a fifth-year senior.

Circumstances surrounding Gaines' correspondence course are similar to those that surfaced during investigations of the Baylor University basketball program by the Southwest Conference and the Waco office of the FBI two years ago.

Those investigations showed Baylor basketball coaches had helped four junior college players cheat on Southeastern College correspondence courses in an effort to supplement the players' JC academic records and ensure their eligibility for the 1993-94 season.

The probes led to university-imposed sanctions, the firing of coach Darrel Johnson and the convictions of three of Johnson's assistants on 12 counts of mail fraud, wire fraud and conspiracy.

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More allegations. What does all this mean for the Red Raiders and Tech's athletic program? *UD* managing editor Brent Ross poses questions and answers in his column. Page 8

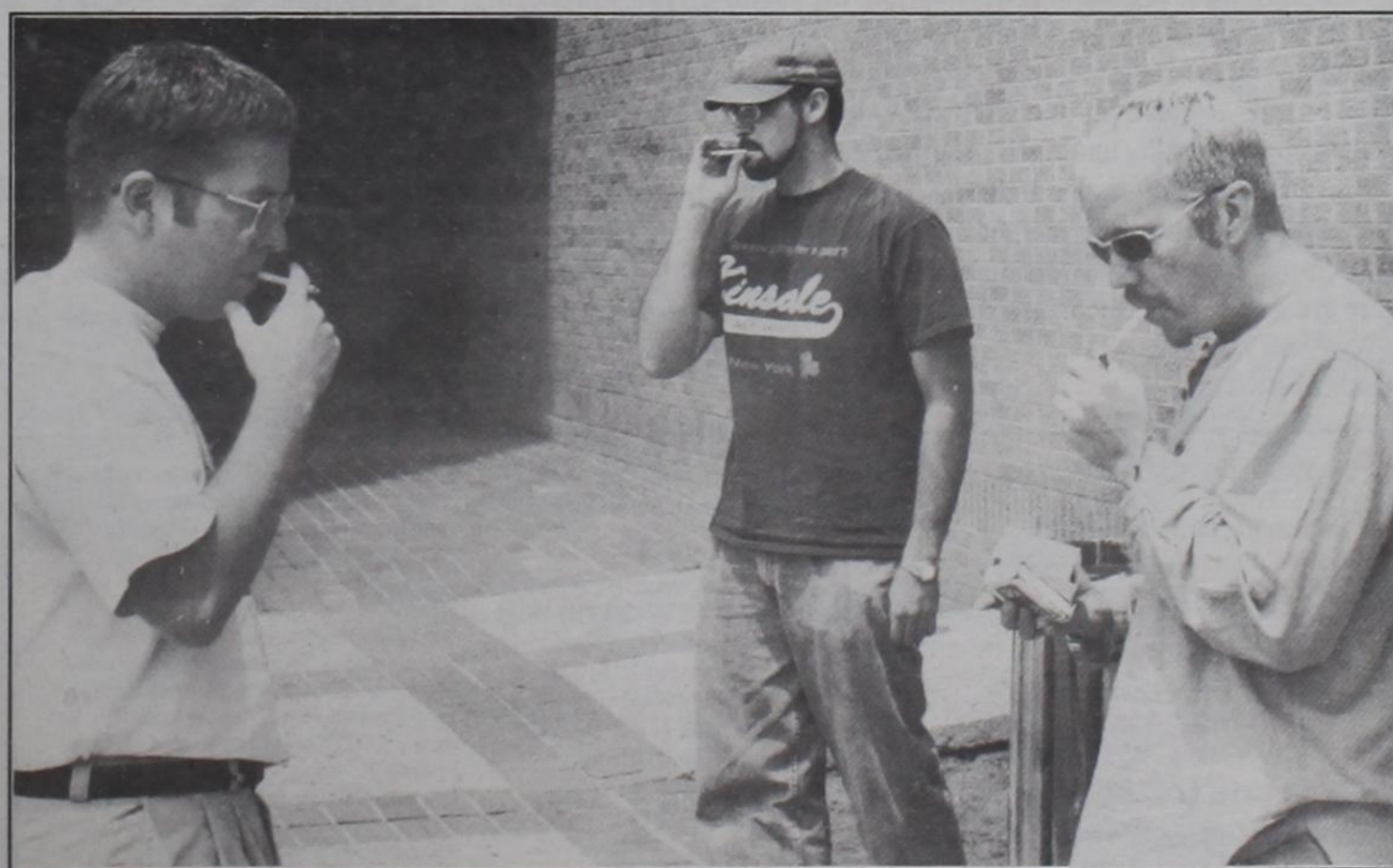
Fire from explosion keeps officials at bay

DIME BOX (AP) — A 40-foot fireball throwing off 1,000-degree heat raged from a natural gas well Sunday after a series of explosions rocked the structure, killing two workers.

Three deadly explosions at the rig 65 miles southeast of Austin Saturday night sent up a fireball that illuminated the blackened sky like a rising sun and whose glow could be seen from 20 miles away.

"It'll probably take a week to get this fire out," said Pat Campbell, vice president of Joe Bowden's Wild Well Control Inc.

The ferocity of the fire hampered efforts to recover the bodies of the victims. Late Sunday, one body was recovered, and was being sent to the Travis County Medical Examiner's Office for identification based on dental records.



Smokin' with the boys: (Left to right) Brent Baker, Robert Elder and James Huckleby, all junior design communication majors, take time out to smoke in front of the architecture building during a break in their class Monday. The latest survey shows that smoking is on the rise, especially for people between the ages of 18 and 24, despite the current administrations attempts to crack-down on smoking. See related story, page 5.

Time warp

75-year-old Idaho law says prosecute teen-age parents



NY LYNN NICHOLS

UD Copy Editor

Passing through my living room the other day, I couldn't help but to hear Rush Limbaugh's voice coming through the television set. He was holding up a newspaper clipping and talking about how some folks in Idaho had found a 1921 law making it illegal for unmarried males and females to have intercourse.

With that law, Idaho state officials are bringing suits against unmarried mothers and fathers who also happen to be minors.

The point here is not what Rush Limbaugh thinks of the whole issue. The point is that this activity in Idaho is an atrocity, and it should be ended.

This action is reminiscent of what we all read about in high school in "The Scarlet Letter."

So not only are Idaho state officials going back to the backwards thought prevalent in 1921, they're going back to the extremely backwards thought of a much earlier time. Yes, the novel is fiction, but premarital sex and a child born out of wedlock were unthinkable, as in the book.

And just as the mother was the main character publicly chastised, so will be the case in the present time. Of course there is evidence of a teenage female having sex when she has a child to show for it. But the males — obviously, no such evidence.

Part of the punishment in Idaho for a person convicted of this "crime" is incarceration.

Funny.

The very people enforcing this out-of-date law are more than likely those who would promote the ever-popular-election-year-catch-phrase "family values."

And there's nothing like these family values: put Mama and/or Daddy in jail when there's a child at home.

If that's not lame, I don't know what is.

What's more, these Idaho state officials are probably the same people who oppose abortion.

And they want to punish people for having children? This prosecution will not deter people from having sex — accidents happen, and pregnancy happens. What **will** happen is that these girls will be even more willing to have an abortion to avoid jail time. They should be applauded for actually having the courage to have a child in a society that shuns unwed and underaged parents. The legal system should not be punishing people for bringing life into the world.

Teen-age pregnancy is a problem. It is difficult with which to deal, but there are other ways. Incarceration certainly is not a feasible one.

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Test identifies men who respond well to low-fat diets

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. (AP) — A test focusing on "bad cholesterol" particles can identify men who are most likely to cut their heart disease risk through a very low-fat diet, a researcher said Monday.

Preliminary research also suggests that for some men, such a diet may actually raise heart disease risk.

About one-third of men have unusually small LDL cholesterol particles, a sign of a wider cluster of abnormalities that gives them an increased heart disease risk.

Their cholesterol profile showed substantial improvement with a very low-fat diet in recent studies, said Dr. Ronald Krauss.

But in the same studies, men with normal-sized particles — the trait seen in most men — showed no benefit as a group.

Still, individuals in this group showed wide variation in their response, and the test can't predict with certainty whether an individual will improve his cholesterol profile on a very low-fat diet of 20 percent to 25 percent or less

of calories from fat, Krauss stressed.

Krauss, who is chairman of the American Heart Association's Nutrition Committee, said the test may be marketed later this year, though he has no financial interest in it.

Krauss said he discussed the work in an interview before presenting it at a meeting sponsored by the association.

Dole intensifies VP search

FAJARDO, Puerto Rico (AP) — Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge said Monday he had been interviewed by a member of Bob Dole's vice presidential search team and asked to provide "preliminary information" that sources said included health and financial records.

As Dole intensifies his search, the 50-year-old Ridge "is the

top horse at the moment," according to a senior Dole aide. Dole himself spoke for 20 minutes Sunday with another prospect, Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, but aides to both men said the vice presidential nomination did not come up.

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Convicted Arkansas governor resigns amid threats

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Gov. Jim Guy Tucker resigned without restrictions Monday after the man succeeding him as governor threatened to call a special session of the Legislature to impeach him.

The announcement followed a day of confusion, after Tucker first said he would give up his job temporarily, then reclaimed the office, then surrendered it again at 6 p.m. after Lt. Gov. Mike Huckabee

threatened to ask the Legislature to impeach him.

Huckabee, a Republican, was to be sworn in at 6:45 p.m., House Speaker Bobby Hogue said.

Tucker had reneged Monday on his promise to resign, saying his Whitewater conviction amounts to a temporary disability under the state Constitution, and he will return to office if his appeal succeeds.

Attorney General Winston Bryant said he would sue Tucker to force him to quit.

Tucker, a Democrat, telephoned Huckabee with the news just five minutes before Huckabee was to be sworn in as the state's 51st governor. He said Huckabee, a Republican who gave up a promising Senate campaign in anticipation of taking over, objected.

Southwest Collection temporarily closed

Texas Tech's Southwest Collection, located in Room 106 of the math building on campus, was temporarily closed Friday and will officially reopen in October in the new Southwest Collections Library.

Beginning in August, access to materials in Rare Books and the Archive of the Vietnam Conflict, both on the third floor of the University Library, will be limited to unpacked material, said Kathryn Fuller, archivist for the Archive of the Vietnam Conflict.

Earlier this summer, Rep. Larry Combest, R-Texas, pre-

sented new documents concerning the Vietnam Conflict to Fuller.

All access and services provided by the Southwest Collection, the Archive of the Vietnam Conflict and the Rare Books and Manuscripts will likely remain suspended through September as the materials are moved to the new building, she said.

"The new \$8.8 million Southwest Collection Library will provide expanded space for reference services, exhibits, storage, processing and special events," Fuller said.

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Adult smoking on rise, according to survey

James Walker
The University Daily

In spite of Clinton administration goals for reducing smoking, the number of adults who smoke is still on the increase and reached 25.5 percent, according to a survey recently released.

"Young adults between 18 and 24 have a higher reported prevalence of smoking than any other age group," said Llewellyn Grant, public information officer for the Office on Smoking and Health in Atlanta.

Reportedly, 27.5 percent of this college-aged group lit up in 1994, a 1.7 percent increase from 1993. Among men, the number reached 29.3 percent in 1994.

Grant said this rise is partially responsible for the overall rise in the number of smokers in 1994.

In light of this data, Grant said the administration may have to reconsider its goal of reducing smoking to 15 percent of the adult population by 2000.

"We're beginning to see the results of the increase in smoking

among teen-agers starting in 1992," Grant said. "Some of these individuals are now entering young adulthood."

Other reasons for the increase

"I would quit, if cigarettes weren't so addictive."

Emily Elsen, smoker, Tech senior

are lower cigarette prices and marketing campaigns aimed at young people, he said.

"The average age of initiation into smoking is 14.5 years," Grant said.

"If a person is still smoke-free by age 18, they are much less likely to pick up a cigarette," Grant said.

Other findings of the study showed 70 percent of smokers, including young adults, said they would like to quit if it were easier to do.

The Centers for Disease Control

found similar levels of addiction in smokers of all ages.

Survey data also indicate the average yearly number of cigarettes per smoker declined by 11.5 cigarettes, to 2,515 cigarettes per smoker, or about seven cigarettes per day.

Records indicate that between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday, the Raider Express convenience store in the Texas Tech University Center sold \$73.90 worth of tobacco products.

"I would quit, if cigarettes weren't so addictive," said senior journalism major Emily Elsen from Houston.

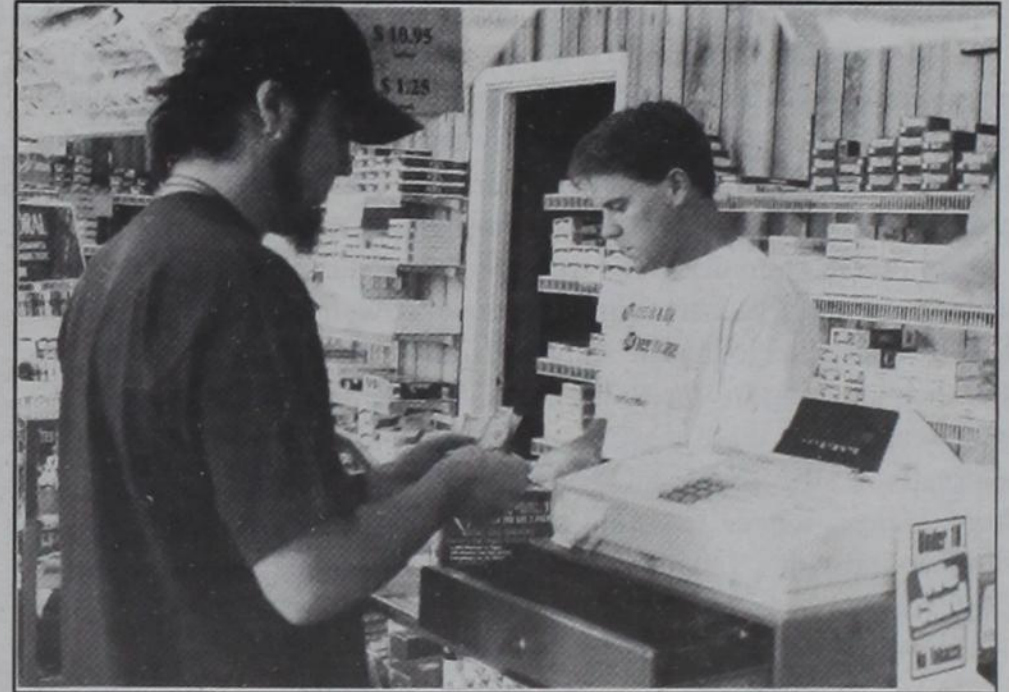
Elsen began smoking at 17 and has tried several times to quit, she said.

"It started out social, all my

friends smoked," she said.

"There are so many times when

you're smoking, and you're not even aware of it," Elsen said.



Andy Humphus: Contributing photographer

A need for nicotine: Blayne Terry, a senior psychology major, sells cigarettes to Craig Vanis, a junior marketing major.

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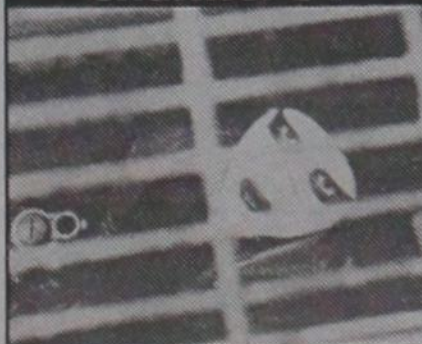
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Sci-fi movies offer a veritable plethora o' aliens

Kirk Baird
The University Daily

Even as "Independence Day" mania strikes theatergoers across the land, it seems there are just not enough showings to handle the crowd.

Well, there is an alternative to waking up early and standing in line to buy a ticket to the late show and then standing in line to get a good seat. In fact, there are several alternatives, all at your local video store. Here is a brief selection of films to provide "Independence Day" relief.

Friendly Aliens:
"E.T." Not only is this 1982 masterpiece the largest grossing film of all time, it is one of Steven Spielberg's finest. The story is familiar to most everyone: alien is stranded on Earth and is befriended by a boy. The two become attached, culminating in a tearful farewell that still tugs at the heart even after repeated viewing. Though passed off as a sci-fi, it operates on many other levels, including the basic

theme of separation and a child coming to terms with a single-parent home.

"Starman" This 1984 minor classic features a stellar performance by Jeff Bridges as the title character who takes the form of a dead husband. Directed by John Carpenter, "Starman" features both tense as well as touching scenes. Karen Allen also is effective as the widow who befriends the alien.

"The Day The Earth Stood Still" Director Robert Wise's landmark sci-fi masterpiece where the alien (Michael Rennie) lands in Washington D.C. with a message of peace, until a shot from a soldier changes everything. The score by Bernard Herrmann, which may seem dated today, was the standard for almost every '50s and '60s sci-fi films. Rumors of a proposed sequel continue...let's hope not.

"This Island Earth" Forget the recent "Mystery Science Theater" film sendup, "This Island Earth" is an entertaining and exciting film, especially for its day (1954 to be exact). The premise is a dying world sends an alien to recruit Earth's top scientist on a mysterious project. Featuring 1950s sci-fi veteran Jeff Morrow as the alien and a pre-Professor role for Russell Johnson, as one of the scientists.

In addition check out: "2001: A Space Odyssey," —

perhaps the ultimate science fiction film — and its underrated sequel, "2010."

Non-friendly Aliens:
"War of the Worlds" Forget its recent update on TV, "War of the Worlds" is a masterpiece. Based on the H.G. Wells story of the same name, its 1953 special effects won an Oscar. "War of the Worlds" storyline of aliens invading Earth and how they're defeated is apparent throughout "Independence Day." Recently remastered on laserdisc, and what a difference it makes.

"The Blob" An interesting 1958 twist on the alien/monster theme with the creature a gelatinous mass that consumes everything in its wake. A young Steve McQueen has the daunting task of playing the teen rebel whose attempts to warn the town are ignored until almost too late. Look for the campy 1972 sequel "Beware! The Blob" starring Larry Hagman and the entertaining 1988 remake starring Kevin Dillon.

"The Thing" Originally done in 1951 as "The Thing (from Another World)" and later remade in 1982 as "The Thing." The original, starring a James Arness ("Gunsmoke") as the Thing unearthed by a lonely arctic outpost is still tense. John Carpenter's remake starring Kurt Russell, however, is downright



file photo
Uh-oh: Ripley (Sigourney Weaver) and Newt (Carrie Henn) get an eyeful of the Mother of All Aliens in the 1986 sci-fi thriller, "Aliens."

frightening, with incredibly gory effects to match. This is one film where I prefer the remake.

"Alien," "Aliens," "Alien 3" Though the story and its central character, Ripley (Sigourney Weaver) stay the same, the films' methods of expressing the story differ drastically. "Alien" is a good ol' fashioned scary thriller, with the ship becoming a haunted house

and the alien its haunting spirit. "Aliens" is an all-out action barge with great effects and a few scary moments to boot. "Alien 3" while a disappointment compared with the other films, does have its moments as it takes on a dark, minimalistic approach. Look for "Alien 4" with Weaver back as a cloned Ripley. Apparently, in space, no one can resist money.

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'Courage Under Fire' provides summer relief

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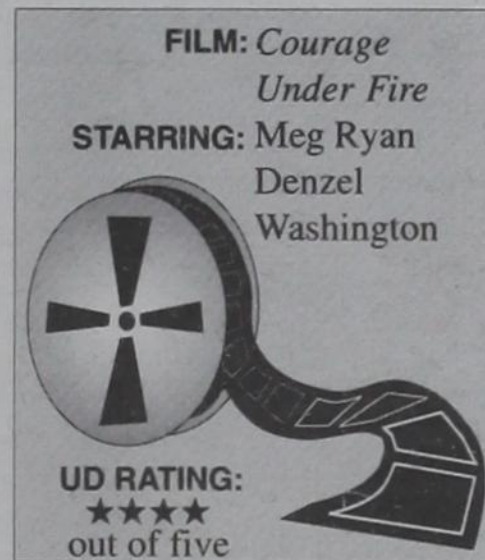
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After slogging through this summer's barrage of over-hyped, special-effects-laden films, weary moviegoers have cause to rejoice. "Courage Under Fire" is the first truly good film of the season to come to Lubbock, and it offers blessed relief from the profusion of silliness we've endured so far.

Once again, director Edward Zwick teams with actor Denzel Washington, who first worked together in 1989 in the exceptional Civil-War epic, "Glory." This time

around, the setting is the Gulf War and shortly thereafter. Washington portrays Col. Nat Serling, assigned to investigate the actions of Medevac pilot Karen Walden (Meg Ryan), the first woman to be nominated for the Medal of Honor for combat.

Serling's search for the truth concerning Walden's behavior on the battlefield is complicated by the vastly differing accounts given by her comrades, as well as Serling's own unresolved involvement in a "friendly fire" incident. As he searches for the real story on one hand, he is ashamed of his



compliance in what amounts to a cover-up on the other.

"Courage Under Fire" could

easily have been a debacle, but Zwick avoids the temptation to become maudlin or overly sentimental. Instead, he has made a movie that features the first interesting and complex story of the year, as well as outstanding performances by all involved. Washington turns in his customary excellent performance, and Ryan is perfect as the Texas Army mom called into duty as a helicopter pilot.

The battle scenes, while not the defining point of the movie, are nevertheless more breathtaking and intense than any goofy shoot-out we've seen all summer. The cin-

ematography is excellent, whether the scene is a battlefield in Kuwait or a cemetery in Washington, D.C.

"Courage Under Fire" manages to succeed on many levels. First and foremost, it's a great story. It offers a realistic glimpse into the secretive world of the military brass, as well as the chaos of combat. The only gripe some viewers may have is the tidy ending, which most will find more satisfying than pat. Aside from that detail, "Courage Under Fire" proves to be one of the best films of the year so far — at least, among the ones that have come to our fair town.

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Wham, Bam, thank you courts

(AP) — Lawyers for Dallas Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin struck a deal Monday in the star's cocaine possession trial that keeps him out of jail but requires him to undergo frequent drug testing.

Irvin pleaded no contest to second-degree felony cocaine possession in exchange for four years' deferred probation, a \$10,000 fine and dismissal of misdemeanor marijuana possession charges.

The deferred probation means if he stays out of trouble for four years, the charge is cleared from his record. If not, Irvin would face a sentence of up to 20 years.

State District Judge Manny Alvarez was to officially sentence

Irvin today. He also is to assess him up to 800 hours of community service and decide whether the probation will be supervised or unsupervised.

"We're very pleased," defense attorney Don Godwin said. "Michael is glad to get this behind him and get back on with his life. He intends to get down to Austin to be part of the training camp and to help the Dallas Cowboys."

Cowboys training camp opens Wednesday but Irvin's playing status was unclear.

"His status will be reviewed under the terms of our substance abuse policy," said NFL spokesman Greg Aiello.

Irvin will undergo drug testing administered both by probation officers and the NFL, his attorneys said.

Bam Morris, released by the Pittsburgh Steelers last week after pleading guilty to marijuana possession, has been suspended for four games by the NFL.

In a letter to Morris, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue cited his conduct "as a threat to public support of the league not only among parents and their children, who may view NFL players as role models, but also among the millions who find it difficult to tolerate, or indeed to root for, athletes who engage in such unlawful activity."

Olajuwon signs five-year deal

HOUSTON (AP)—Hakeem Olajuwon signed a five-year, \$55 million contract extension Monday aimed at having the star center complete his career with the Houston Rockets.

Olajuwon, 33, had just finished the first year of a four-year deal worth \$26.4 million. That contract gave him the opportunity to become a free agent after the 1996-97 season.

"I am very fortunate that I will have the opportunity to play my entire career in a Rockets uniform—a privilege that most players do not have," Olajuwon said after agreeing to the deal.



"The Rockets are my family and I am excited to continue to play for the wonderful fans of this city."

The contract puts Olajuwon ahead of center David Robinson, who signed a deal with the San Antonio Spurs reportedly worth \$66 million for six seasons.

The *Houston Chronicle* reported Sunday there is no "opt-out" clause in the contract.

That means Olajuwon will be bound to the Rockets until the end of the 2000-2001 season, barring a trade.

Foregone conclusion: Tech will pay for improprieties



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Fans of Texas Tech athletics knew it had to be too good to be true. Four Southwest Conference championships in 1994-95 followed by continued success in 1995-96.

What makes this story too good to be true is the recent revelations involving the Tech football team and possible NCAA violations. The *Houston Chronicle* reported Sun-

day that Tech coach Rhudy Maskew and Tech athletic administrator and former academic advisor Ronn Reeger are linked to an Old Testament correspondence course taken by Stephen Gaines.

The link comes via records obtained by the *Chronicle* which show the textbook was sent to Maskew's house while Gaines was living at home in Electra, 240 miles from Lubbock. The records also indicate Maskew filled out a form requesting Reeger be named as the exam proctor.

Gaines received three hours credit by "earning" a grade of C in the class in just two weeks. This grade was used to improve Gaines' academic standing, which in itself is an NCAA violation because correspondence courses are not to be

used to improve an athlete's academic standing.

So, even if Tech did everything by the book as far as how the course was taken, the Red Raiders could still face at least a slap on the hand by the NCAA.

Another issue to consider is whether Tech will be forced to forfeit any of its games in 1993 because of these allegations. Gaines played in 11 games for the Red Raiders in their John Hancock Bowl season.

Shouldn't one of college's goals be to enlighten its students with the moral and ethical fiber needed to succeed in life? Apparently some in the Tech athletic program, if these allegations are indeed true, don't subscribe to that belief.

Sure, at some level, impropri-

eties almost certainly go on at every Division I school. And yes, that begins to create an unlevel playing field that causes some coaches, athletic administrators and alumni to believe that the only way to succeed in today's college athletic environment is to cheat.

But, that doesn't make it right to do it. Instead of falling in line with the other 100+ Division I schools, Tech should have made a concerted effort to police its program while still attempting to field quality teams.

Tech fans have had a tendency, since the allegations surfaced, to say the only reason the NCAA is investigating the Tech athletic program is because of the Red Raiders' recent, and somewhat sudden success.

That couldn't be further from the truth.

NCAA officials stumbled over Gaines and his tie to Tech as they investigated all players who received credit from Southeastern College of the Assemblies of God in Lakeland, Fla. Gaines happened to have received credit from Southeastern College and unfortunately for Tech, he allegedly received the credit in a less than honest manner.

In the end, this means the Red Raiders ascent to the top of the SWC athletics, and in some aspects the nation's athletics, was not so innocent.

Even though the ramifications of the improprieties may not be felt this football season, the penalties will eventually come and the Red Raider football team and its fans will pay, and pay dearly for the wrongful deeds of a few.

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