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### STATENEWS —

#### Victim identified in Comal County plane crash

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) — The victim of a plane crash Tuesday in Comal County has been identified.

Michael Sooter was alone in a single-engine 1968 Beechcraft Musketeer that went down about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. The crash occurred after the pilot reported by radio that he had engine trouble, officials said.

The crash was five miles west of Interstate 35 and just north of New Braunfels in the Riverchase subdivision.

Witnesses who came upon the crash scene said it appeared the pilot, apparently the only person on board, died instantly. National Transportation Safety Board officials were at the scene Wednesday, clearing away trees to get a better look at the controls of the plane.

### NATIONALNEWS —

#### Black, Hispanic college enrollment up across U.S.

(AP) — Black and Hispanic high school graduates are getting swept up in the tide of Americans pouring onto college campuses, with enrollment climbing steadily for both groups in the 1990s, a study found.

However, the rate of blacks finishing high school fell in the late 1990s, and Hispanics lagged far behind whites and blacks in getting their high school diplomas, according to the report released Thursday by the American Council on Education in Washington.

The study analyzed Census and Education Department figures for 1996-97, the latest available. The GE Fund, the charitable arm of General Electric Co., paid for the research.

College attendance at any time among all high school graduates ages 18 to 24 reached a record high of 45 percent in 1997. Among whites, the figure was 45 percent, up from 41 percent in 1991; blacks, a record 40 percent, up from 32 percent in 1991; Hispanics, 36 percent, vs. 33 percent in 1994.

Enrollment for blacks, Hispanics, Asian-Americans and American Indians rose 4 percent between 1996 and 1997, the study found. Between 1994 and 1995, their numbers climbed by just under 3 percent.

### WORLDNEWS —

#### Higher oil prices said to spur smuggling out of Iraq

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Smugglers skirting U.S. destroyers in the Persian Gulf are shipping more and more Iraqi oil in violation of U.N. sanctions, reaping handsome profits and lining the pockets of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, the U.S. Navy says.

Last week's seizure of a Russian tanker carrying illicit Iraqi fuel highlighted the issue of Iraqi oil smuggling, which the U.S. Navy estimates has nearly doubled in six months. U.N. naval forces seized the tanker off the Emirates' coast.

The 4,000 tons of oil — equivalent to 29,320 barrels — seized from the Volga-Neft-147 is only a fraction of what is getting through, said Cmdr. Jeff Gradeck, spokesman for the Bahrain-based U.S. Navy 5th Fleet.

In January, when oil prices hit nine-year highs of about \$28 a barrel, 367,000 tons — 2.7 million barrels — of Iraqi oil was smuggled out, according to Navy estimates.

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# Preliminary enrollment numbers up

by Jennifer Bailey  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech released its unofficial enrollment numbers for the spring semester, and the numbers are up.

This semester's preliminary numbers are 22,709, up about 3 percent from last spring. Tech reported a preliminary enrollment of 22,040 students last spring.

The unofficial enrollment numbers are calculated the 12th day of classes and do not take into account students who have dropped because of withdrawal from the university or who have not paid their tuition.

The official enrollment count will be calculated and released Feb. 22.

Unofficial numbers are calculated and

compared with the official enrollment to be presented to the state for a financial reimbursement.

Amadeo Ledesma, Tech's associate registrar, said for every student attending class, Tech is financially compensated.

"The enrollment numbers are a standard practice," Ledesma said. "Students do not pay the full amount of tuition because it is subsidized. This allows them not to pay the full amount of tuition."

Individual school enrollment figures show an overall increase, although Tech's School of Law enrollment showed a 5 percent decrease with 558 students registered compared to 589 last spring.

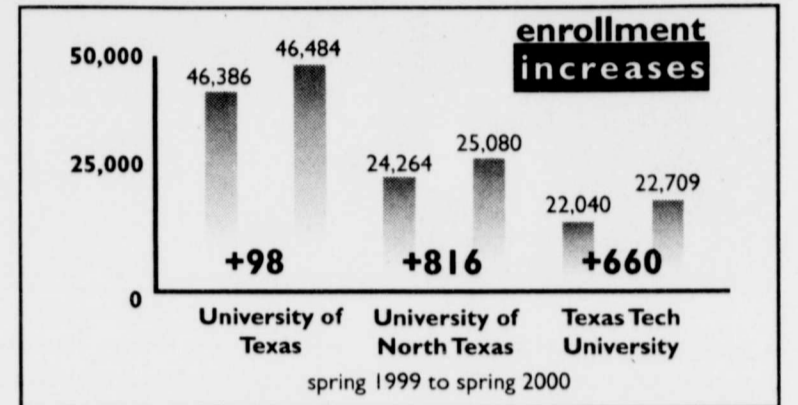
Tech's Graduate School reported a 4 percent increase with 3,459 students registered

compared to a 3,315 last spring.

University enrollment increase is being felt across the state.

The University of Texas-Austin's enrollment jumped up 127 students compared to the Spring of 1999. Preliminary Spring 2000 enrollment figures for Texas reported 46,484.

The University of North Texas registrar's office reported an enrollment figure topping that of Tech's at 25,080, a 3.46 percent in-



crease from last spring. North Texas also had more students enrolled last spring than Tech. Final enrollment figures should be available on the 20th class day.

## Church 'cult' revisits campus

by Jennifer Bailey  
Staff Writer

The University Daily has learned the International Church of Christ once again is recruiting on the Texas Tech campus.

As reported in the Feb. 22, 1999, issue of The University Daily, the ICC is labeled as a cult by the American Family Foundation, the now defunct Cult Awareness Network and other Christian authorities.

The organization was featured on the television show "Fox Files," which discussed methods used in recruiting students into the ICC. According to an unnamed source, the ICC, a branch of the Boston Church of Christ, recently held a session in a residence hall room in Clement Residence Hall.

About 30 residents were in the room along with two or three church members.

Sean Duggan, coordinator of Residence Life for the Department of Housing and Dining, said although safety of residents is their No. 1 priority, students are allowed to have guests in their rooms during visitation hours.

"I cannot tell someone who they can or cannot have in their room during regular visitation hours," Duggan said. "The fact there were about 30 people in the room might constitute a fire hazard, but that is about the only thing I could do with this situation."

Duggan, who also is a former cult member, said in order for the Department of Housing and Dining to intervene, a roommate or residence hall member would have to file a complaint or if members of the ICC were harassing students.

A source with Awakened: Former Members of the Boston Church of Christ, who asked to remain anonymous because of recent death threats, said ICC members particularly prey on college freshmen and seniors who are vulnerable and experiencing life-changing events.

"The members of ICC walk around college campuses looking for students who are sitting by themselves and approach them," the source said. "(The members) use a salesman approach with charm and eloquence. The members are very good at what they do."

As a member of the ICC, the source was recruited while in college.

"The members eventually would say things like, 'Is that class you are going to helping you spiritually? Why don't you come to a Bible session instead.'"

The source said the ICC is tightly run and organized and use recruiting methods known as plantings.

"The members slowly begin to tell you that things you are doing are not helping you spiritually, and you believe it," the source said.

The source was a member of the ICC for two years and was asked to leave because of suggestions he had made to higher church officials.

"In my suggestions, I was truly trying to make the organization better," the source said. "The higher officials felt threatened by me and asked me to leave. I was devastated."

The ICC has congregations all over the United States, particularly in college towns.

The source said former members of the Boston Church organization gathers information about the different towns ICC has organized in. The former members have compiled a "hot list" of the top 10 universities

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## Double trouble

Kingwood High teammates look to continue success at Tech

by Matt Muench  
Staff Writer

Their hometown media called them the "Pastner-Pierson Duo" when they dominated the basketball courts at Kingwood High School near Houston.

Now, freshmen Plenette Pierson and Courtney Pastner are looking to dominate the Lady Raiders court, as they both chose to play collegiate ball at Texas Tech.

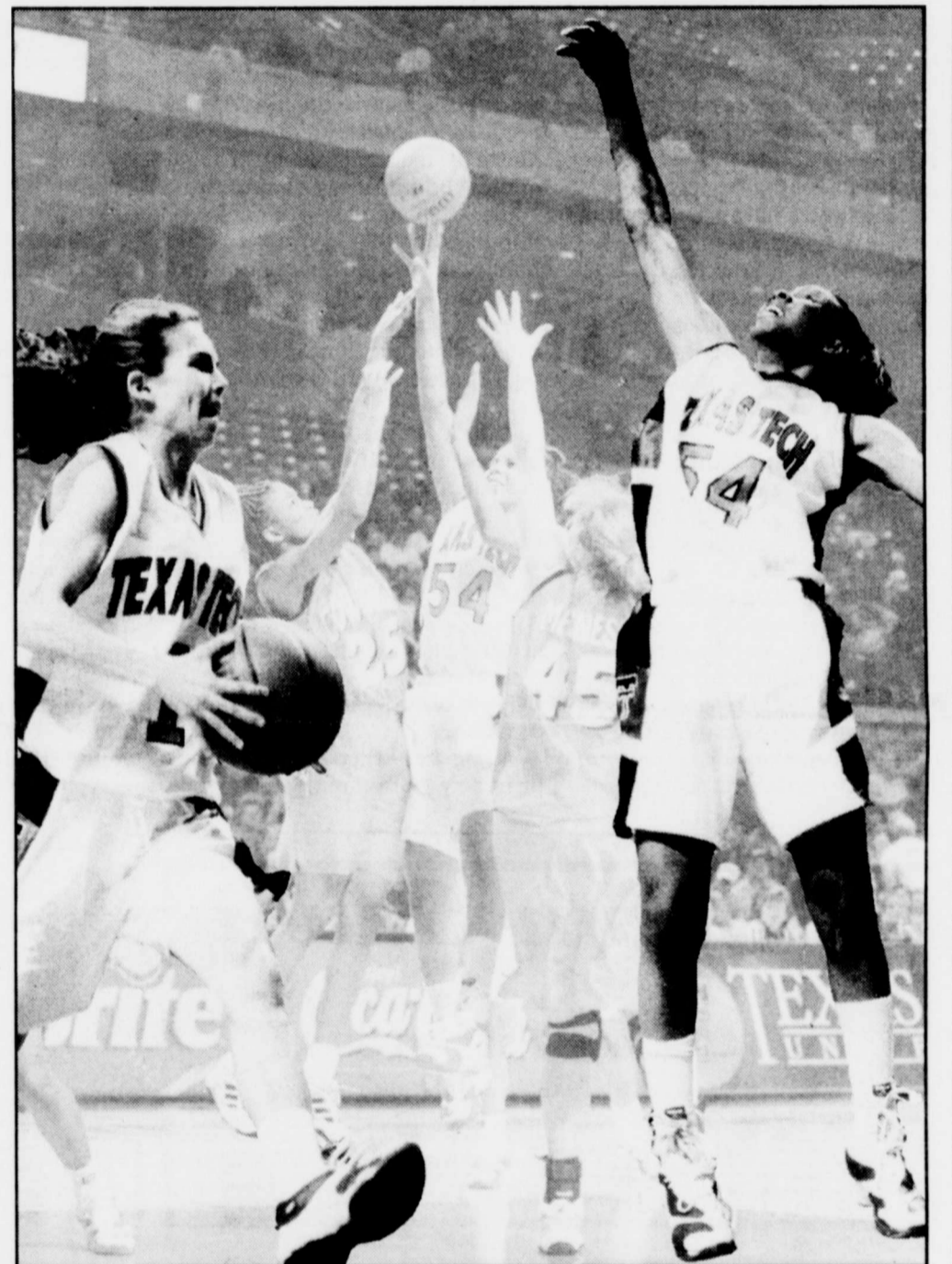
"It was an independent decision for both of us," Pastner said. "It was a good opportunity on one end for me and a good opportunity on the other end for Plenette."

Pastner was the first to commit to Tech, and a day later, Pierson signed on as well. Both players were highly recruited by many universities across the nation.

Kansas, New Mexico, North Carolina State and other schools were looking at Pierson, while Pastner was being romanced by Colorado State, Louisville, South Florida, Arizona and Cincinnati.

Even though their decision was independent, the pair both agreed to choose Tech because of coach Marsha Sharp and the school's tradition.

"When I met coach Sharp, I knew that she cares a lot about her players, and she cares about what they do after their college careers are over," Pierson said. "That is the kind of coach I was looking for."



Kingwood High teammates Courtney Pastner and Plenette Pierson helped lead their school to back-to-back district championships. The duo hope to continue their success as Lady Raiders.

Pierson has jumped right into the starting lineup this season and is the Lady Raiders' second-leading scorer averaging 13.4 points-per-contest and more than 30 minutes of playing time per game.

"I like playing at Tech and playing in front of the big crowds," Pierson said. "In high school, I had the type of mom that was yell-

ing and screaming for me. It helps me a lot to hear the crowd cheering and yelling to keep me motivated."

Pastner hasn't had the amount of playing time that her high school teammate has had but could be the one that replaces senior guard Melinda Shmucker-Pharies

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## Locke named as new vice chancellor

by A.P.Thompson  
Staff Writer

In the wake of better-than-expected results for the now \$500-million Horizon Campaign, Texas Tech Chancellor John Montford named a new vice chancellor for Special Events Wednesday.

Steve Locke, senior associate athletic director at Tech, will leave that position to assume his new post as vice chancellor effective today.

Locke's duties will include fund raising for the \$75-million renovations to Jones Stadium, as well as overseeing construction projects on the women's softball complex and



Locke

the tennis center.

Locke will be in charge of ensuring both projects will be completed on schedule and within budget.

Construction on the softball and tennis projects is set to begin "soon," according to the Office of News and Publications.

In addition, Locke will be responsible for negotiations on all private suites to be constructed at Jones Stadium.

"I'm excited about working with the chancellor," he said. "I know it will be a lot of fun

and a lot of work, but I'm looking forward to it."

Locke said he will be working extensively with the construction project of Jones Stadium, and he mentioned he also was involved with the construction of the United Spirit Arena.

Locke, a 1978 graduate of Tech, was hired by the Red Raider Club in 1981 as a field representative. He became president of the club six years later and in 1994 was named senior associate athletic director.

He said he eventually will vacate his post as president of the Red Raider Club, and he did not know who will replace him as president

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## No plans established for arena food court

by Kelsey Walter  
Staff Writer

After yet another meeting with his district manager, Sodexo Marriott Services General Manager Mark Dorsett said they have not established any plans as of yet toward setting a date to begin building the food court in the United Spirit Arena.

"The sooner the better for everybody, and we understand that," Dorsett said.

While SMS officials continue to contemplate the decision, the west side of campus already offers food for students during the day.

Seven thousand people walk by the Texas

Tech Frazier Pavilion each day. While some stop by the Sara Lee Bakery located inside, others are not aware it is there.

The bakery inside the Frazier Pavilion may prove to be an important gauge of commuter traffic flow on campus. SMS are hoping that if they follow through with building the food court inside the arena, it will not go unnoticed.

Dorsett said before the meeting, he was not sure if building a food court inside the arena would be in the best interest of the company. He said the company wants to make sure people will come before finalizing the project.

Gail Wolfe, director of Traffic and Parking

Services at Tech, said 3,373 parking spaces fill the C-6 through C-12 lots surrounding the arena, and students, faculty and visitors pass by the arena each day.

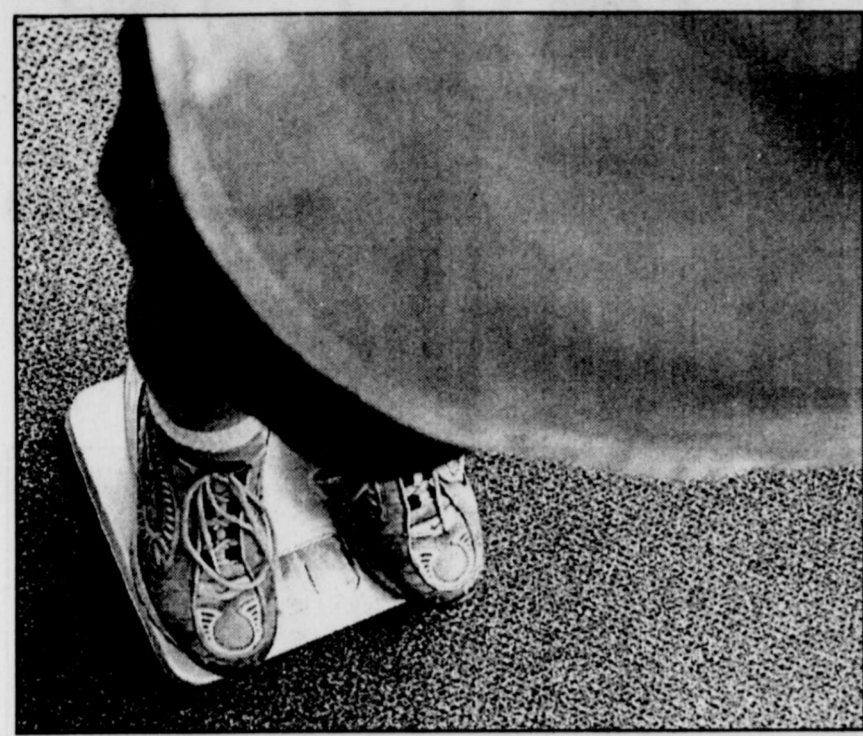
Adrian Salazar, a senior marketing major from Muleshoe, parks in the commuter lots near the arena and said he would be interested if there was a food court located in the arena.

"If I was in the area during lunch time, I would probably eat there if the price was right," he said.

Deborah Tillman works at the Student Recreation Center and said some employees

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# Site offers health tips, event schedule



Jennifer Galvan/The University Daily

A Tech student tests his fortune on the Scale of Fortune on Monday. The scale is one feature of Body Acceptance Week this week at the Student Recreational Center. More information about Body Acceptance can be found at [www.ttu.edu/~ttuhs/wellness.htm](http://www.ttu.edu/~ttuhs/wellness.htm).

## Wellness Wizard offers students Internet advice

by Shannon Davis  
Staff Writer

Have a cold? Just point and click. The Wellness Wizard Web site designed by Texas Tech Student Health Services is aimed to help students find answers to health-related topics and inform them about upcoming wellness events.

"This is the dream of many, and this will allow students to select various topics of interest and obtain vital health information in the privacy and convenience of their own turf," said Michelle Pettus, health educator at SHS.

The Web site is located at [www.ttu.edu/~ttuhs/wellness.htm](http://www.ttu.edu/~ttuhs/wellness.htm).

This week's Body Acceptance event is the first issue the new site features. Not only does it give a schedule of events, it also lists facts along with resources to get information about a variety of health topics.

Self-esteem, body image facts and eating disorders are a few topics dis-

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Michelle Pettus  
health educator

cussed on the Web page. A quiz about self-esteem also is provided.

General information is given about the different eating disorders which include anorexia, bulimia and binge eating disorder.

It lists the medical consequences and how to get help. A self-question-

naire also is provided, and a testimony is given by a female who is recovering from bulimia.

"I want people to hear my testimony and know about my disease so that others can learn from my mistakes," said Ashley Altman, a freshman family studies major from Lubbock. "I want to be able to help others who are struggling."

The Web site provides answers to frequently asked questions, and anyone can submit questions to be answered by SHS.

"This Web site is designed for students to take advantage of learning about wellness issues including events that will be taking place," said Todd Reed, the designer of the Web site.

He majored in management information systems and now is a graduate student at SHS.

Some of the upcoming events listed on the Web site include: Sexual Responsibility Week, Feb. 14-18; Safe Spring Break, March 2; Tech Nutrition Day, March 21; and Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week, April 10-14.

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# Big 12 police infuse safety ideas

by Michael Denton  
Staff Writer

Observing dogs searching explosions, discussing computer crimes and helping improve campus safety are a few topics police chiefs from all over the Big 12 have been covering the past few days.

The chiefs converged on the Texas Tech campus this week for the conference, which ends today.

Tech hosted this semester's conference that gave campus police chiefs from universities such as Baylor, Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska a chance to bring out issues about campus safety.

"This is a great way for chiefs to be able to get together and compare notes and get different viewpoints from other Big 12 universities to perhaps better campus law enforcement," said Sgt. Matt Wolfington of the Tech Police Department and coordinator of the conference.

Topics for the conference included campus crimes, computer crimes, a K-9 explosives unit demon-

stration and discussions over the Clery Act.

The Clery Act, also known as the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act, deals with what campus police are required to publish about crimes and statistics on campus.

The Clery Act first was passed by Congress in 1990 in order to offer public information about crimes on campus.

From what was brought out at the chief's conference, universities in the Big 12 have different views about the act.

"The law is the law, and it leads to different universities reporting crime in many different ways," said Chief Jim Fadenrecht of the University of Colorado. "If people want to know about crime on a campus, they will ask."

For example, Baylor is the only private school in the Big 12, and it tends to not publish crime statistics as much as other universities in the conference.

Along with discussions on campus safety, a presentation was made

## Big 12 Police



Chief  
Conference

by Lt. Kathleen Sheehan of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Sheehan discussed the West Point Leadership Program which trains officers to be better leaders.

"Leaders can be better with increasing the knowledge they have, and the program deals with helping officers learn and be able to access information better," Sheehan said.

The program trains officers in behavior sciences and teaches them how to use the problem solving model.

"I was asked to speak so that I could give an overview of what the program consists of, in hopes of bringing the program to other locations," Sheehan said.

A pilot program of the West Point-

based program began this week in the Lubbock Police Department.

Between discussions and presentations, the chiefs were given an opportunity to tour Tech and some of the facilities.

They also had a chance to observe security at the Elton John concert Tuesday at the United Spirit Arena.

"We got a chance to see the Tech police work at the concert, and I was very impressed at how well the security worked and especially how well they did with traffic control and pedestrians," said Ralph Oliver of the University of Kansas. "We have a few major events go on in our arena, but our big thing is basketball because every one of games is usually sold out, and I was very impressed with layout of Tech's arena."

The conference meets twice a year to discuss issues like campus security and to share ideas with other Big 12 Conference officers.

"We learn from each other's experiences and perhaps it will better us," Wolfington said.

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ties in danger of the ICC.

According to the list, Tech is No. 6.

"I feel so guilty about what I did to students across the country," the source said.

"I have probably ruined thousands of lives. The methods I used were so damaging to those people."

The only thing I can do now is try and help those members who want out."

The source said the organization receives about one to three calls a day from members who want help leaving the ICC.

Michael Shonrock, interim vice president of Student Affairs, said al-

though his office cannot tell someone what religion they should be affiliated with, students' safety always is a factor.

Kathryn Berryman, a sophomore undeclared major from Waco, said she has seen members of ICC around campus.

"I have seen (members) sitting in the courtyard at Carpenter/Wells and when you walk past them, they ask you if you want to talk about God," Berryman said.

"It is scary to think that these people are walking around where I live."

The ICC recently was banned by Brown and Harvard University.

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dent or senior associate athletics director.

The Horizon Campaign reached its initial \$300 million goal in Fall 1999, one year ahead of schedule. That prompted Montford to ante up the campaign to \$500 million with an additional year to complete the fund raising.

In a written statement, Montford said the goal of the capital campaign always has been academic programs, even as he named a new post to oversee construction projects used exclusively for athletics.

"The primary focus of our capital campaign has always been academic programs, and it will be even more so in the final two years," he said.

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wish there was a more convenient place to eat lunch.

"A lot of times we order in, but if there was a place that close, I'm sure we would eat there," Tillman said.

"It would be really convenient for me. It's right out my back door."

Although he lives in Coleman Residence Hall and has a meal ticket, Mark Bridgefarmer, a

freshman business major from Dallas, said he would eat in the food court if one was built.

"It gives us more options of places to eat because just the regular buffets in the residence halls get old," he said.

As an example of traffic flow on campus near commuter lots, the Sara Lee Bakery experiences good days and bad.

Julie Petmecky of Lubbock works in the Sara Lee Bakery at the Frazier

Pavilion and said the number of people who come in varies from day to day but sees a good turnout the majority of the time.

Petmecky said on a good day, anywhere from 50 to 75 customers go through. Twenty to 35 come in on a slow day.

"Our crowd is usually bigger in the morning hours," Petmecky said.

Dean attributes the low number of people who eat in the

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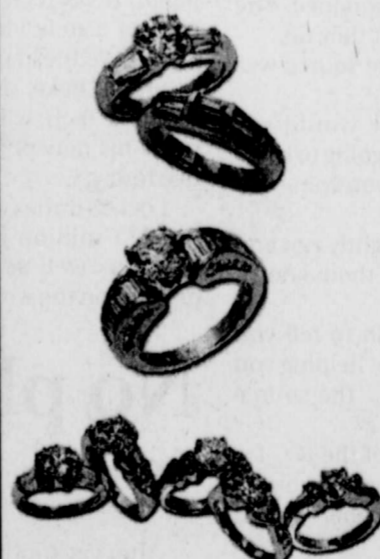
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## GAINING HER LIFE BACK

*Student hurdles hellish disease to find identity*

by Shannon Davis  
Staff Writer

At 17, Ashley Altman realized she was at the bottom in her struggle with her eating disorder, bulimia. She knew she had to get help, or she was going to die.

With new strength and a positive attitude, she now is on her way up.

Altman, a freshman family studies major from Lubbock, began her college career this spring at Texas Tech on an eating disorder scholarship.

Altman is not afraid to tell her testimony to students at Tech, so they can learn from her experiences.

"From however long I can remember, I have always struggled with my weight," Altman said. "I was never fat, but I was never skinny. I felt that image was everything in my family due to my parents owning hair salons. This is where it all began."

Altman began dieting at a very early age. She attended Weight Watchers at the age of 12 and then began to purge at the age of 15. At first, she said it started out as a fun thing to do to make herself feel better, but then it got to be a serious problem.

"I thought it was the greatest thing in the

world. I could eat whatever I wanted and then purge and thought nothing was going to happen," Altman said.

She said her eating disorder began when her parents were going through a divorce, and she blamed herself for the problems in her family.

As the years went by, Altman became extremely sick and lost a tremendous amount of weight. She began missing school and isolating herself from family friends.

"What people don't understand is that, with an eating disorder, it has nothing to do with weight. It is like a drug and a way of coping with family issues," Altman said.

At the depth of her disease, she would stay home from school and was purging up to 40 times a day.

"I would stay home and go eat at fast-food restaurants, and after eating, I would go into the bathroom and purge, and then travel to the next restaurant and do the same thing," Altman said. "I would do this over and over again until I had been to five restaurants."

Altman eventually became home bound because she was hospitalized five or six times due

to dehydration. She hated going to school for fear of being rejected. Even though everyone knew what was going on with her disease, Altman said she acted as if nothing was wrong.

"I got bad very quickly, and my boyfriend began to blame himself for my problem," Altman said. "We would go out to eat, and he would drive around so that I would not have the opportunity to stop and purge."

When Altman reached 85 pounds, she realized she could not sink any lower. She went to her mother, and they both knew that she had to get help.

"My mother looked me in the eyes and said that I needed to get help and find a safe place because she can't watch me die anymore," Altman said.

Altman and her mother found a place called Shades of Hope, located in Buffalo Gap, near Abilene.

"The hardest thing about going to treatment was leaving my boyfriend," Altman said. "I had become co-dependent on him because he was the one that wanted to make it better and help

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Ashley Altman, a freshman family studies major from Lubbock, has struggled with and conquered her eating disorder. Greg Kreller/The University Daily



### Rosie O'Donnell helps would-be millionaire

NEW YORK (AP) — After waging a public campaign to be a "phone friend" on ABC's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," talk show host Rosie O'Donnell got her wish.

She's called upon for help on Sunday's edition of the quiz show, by a contestant using a "lifeline" to get advice answering a question.

O'Donnell and ABC were tight-lipped Wednesday about who O'Donnell helped, what the question was or even if she got it right.

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**W**ant to make yourself sick? Many people can tell you that faking an illness before an important test or meeting can be a great way to relieve, at least for a moment, unwanted anxiety. But sooner or later, you have to pay the piper and (excusing both cliches) face the music.

And that's why nothing but applause should be directed to our hooty-tooty, high-cultured neighbors across the Atlantic.

The *New York Times* reported Tuesday that high school officials in Trappes, France, are allowed to distribute, upon request, a pill known as Norvelo. Side effects include vomiting and nausea.

So why should we be clapping our hands in jubilee? Simply put, because the French are practicing discrimination as to who can ask for the drug. You see, only high school girls will be allowed to request Norvelo, sometimes tagged as the "abortion pill."

The pill, which must be ingested within 72 hours of sexual intercourse, works by preventing a fertilized egg from implanting itself in the womb. Loaded with high levels of different hormones, the pill often causes the person to throw up and feel dizzy.

France is often seen as the world leader in not only producing men named "Pierre" but also in the distribution and education of birth control. And that's why we should all say "thank you" to the French. They are slowly, but surely, also becoming the champion of women's rights around the world.

OK, OK, so make your damn liberal point already, right? Fine. Everyone should have the right to their own body. (Mom and dad were upset with me when they saw my tattoo, but then they realized, hey, I've got live with it.) And that's what makes me so upset with "parental rights" groups in this nation, as well as in France.

"There is a banalization of sex going on here," said Francoise Meauze, vice president of the National Confederation of Catholic Family Associations in France. But banal or not, sex happens.

Conservatives across this country resound the same misguided plea. "The pill makes sex a trivial thing, something just for enjoyment," goes their battle cry. "And this is plainly abortion, and the fetus has no rights." (Forgive me for adding, but technically, a fertilized egg is a zygote, not a fetus.)

So what about the woman's right to her own body? Consider this analogy: After a night of dancing and cooing with a friend, you return to your place for a nightcap, and, since you are particularly intoxicated, a place to sleep. You wake up to find your friend attached to your hip, sharing your bodily fluids. Doctors inform you that if you remove

tubes connecting you and your buddy, he (or she, hell, how about "it") will die. What do you do? Do you have the right to your own body? Can you cut off your own finger if you should so desire? Most would say you can disconnect yourself from your friend or your finger, but not from a fetus or even a zygote. And that's why I'm confused.

When are we, as the most technologically advanced, yet highly-prudish society, going to realize that people, especially women, should have the right to their own bodies? Sure, I agree that the "abortion pill" could cause some people to have unprotected sex, which leads to a higher risk of sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS. But that part about making sex trivial, that the pill could promote youngsters to have sex? Rubbish.

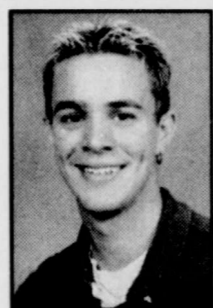
It's not like nurses in France are handing out the pill with cookies and milk at snack time, encouraging girls to "go forth and multiply."

And in this country, condoms surely aren't being handed out with jockstraps and math books.

They are simply available, period.

So congrats to French officials for, although indirectly, supporting a woman's right to her own body because when someone tells you that you can't decide what is best for your life and your body, I, for one, am running straight for the toilet.

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**A.P. Thompson**  
Staff Writer

# Val's Day: A day Hallmark invented

**I**n roughly four days, an atrocity will occur. Men will be forced under the guise of love to spend lavish amounts of money on their girlfriends, wives and occasionally, mothers or really cool bus drivers.

This is sexism in its purest form. I mean, women will get doted on with cards, flowers, candy, dinners and other nice things, and what do men get out of it? Well, you know what we'll get out of it.

But, there have been known cases of men getting that on some of the other 364 days a year for less money. Don't get me wrong, I love buying gifts for girlfriends. I've been known to spend way too much on them, especially on important days such as anniversaries and birthdays. But to spend tons of money on a girl because the calendar tells me I should? Does this sound absurd to anyone else?

I mean, Feb. 14 rolls around, and I'm supposed to go, "Oh look, it's Valentine's Day, that must mean I love you, dear. Good thing the calendar reminded me, otherwise I might have forgotten that I care so much about you."

Did someone figure that men are so bad at remembering anniversaries and birthdays that we need an official holiday so we wouldn't forget? Now, men all across the country can remind each other, and we ignorant males might remember to buy our loved ones something special. Give us a little more credit (well, not some of us).

To make matters worse, every store will jack up the price of the items you might want to buy her for Valentine's Day. I say it's time to fight back. It's time to buck the system and save ourselves some dignity and money.

Whatever you do, don't let your girlfriends read this. If they happen to read it, stow it away somewhere and hope they have a short memory (yeah, right).

The key is to avoid buying anything Valentine's-related until Feb. 15, the day everything mushy goes on sale for 50 percent off. Thus, you can get just as much stuff as the oh-so-sweet guy in your girlfriend's class for his girlfriend for half the money. Or, if you feel guilty, you can get her twice as much stuff as you normally would for the same amount of money.

First, guys with long-distance relationships have it easy. Mail always is delayed this time of year, so that's an easy out. Call her on Valentine's Day and ask her if she got your package. When she says no, pretend to get really upset because you mailed it two weeks ago so that it would get there on time.

On the next day, call and tell her the post office lost the package, so you are going to try to find similar stuff and send it again. Then go out and buy her something nice on sale, and she never has to know the truth.

Those with girlfriends in town have two options. The nice and only slightly devious option is to pretend to be really sick Feb. 13, so sick that you can't leave your bed, let alone leave your room to go shopping. Remain sick on Feb. 14, and let her shower you with attention, chicken soup, etc. Then, since she cared for you while you were sick, buy her something nice (on sale, of course) for troubling her and ruining her Valentine's Day.

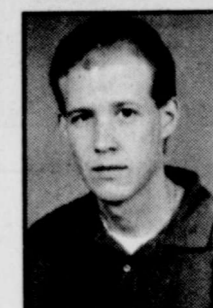
For those of you who are slightly more devious, this next plan is malicious. On Feb. 13, get into a big fight over something petty. If you've been in the relationship long enough, you know exactly the sort of little things that you two tend to disagree about. Then let the argument evolve into one of those mini-breakups. Be sure it is just a minor break up, not one of those full-blown massive breakups where you end up getting shards of your personal items returned to you in a box. Just a little breakup that keeps you from returning phone calls for 48 hours.

On Feb. 15, go to her place with some gifts you bought that morning and apologize for all you are worth. This should be easy since most guys have gotten used to apologizing even when they have no clue what they did wrong.

For those of you worried about the tragic effects of a break up, remember this: Every long-lasting relationship that is successful has at least one break up/major argument. It helps bring out any harsh feelings that might be suppressed and can bring more honesty to the relationship.

Regardless, this will make this year's Valentine's Day one of the most memorable and with enough money left over for a road trip to Mardi Gras (I'll explain how to sneak that one past her later).

*Jay Hudec is a second-year medical student from Plano. He wrote this column to right a wrong and to ensure he will never again get a date from any literate female at Texas Tech.*



**Jay Hudec**  
Columnist

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Take it, it's yours

**To the editor:** To the hurried student who found it necessary to borrow my bike Tuesday afternoon: I am extremely glad you found my bike that was stored outside the Business Administration building the other day. You were obviously late for some very important engagement, as you seemed to be in a great hurry to get away at the time. It's a shame you couldn't have waited another 30 seconds because I was walking up to the bike rack just as you were pulling away. However, in your haste, you neglected to make arrangements to return the bike. Since you also neglected to leave me some way to contact you, could you please do me a favor and just put it back on the bike rack when you get a chance? Anyway, I sure hope you got where you needed to be on time. I'd hate to think you were inconvenienced in any way. If you would like, you can have the remnant of the lock that you unfortunately broke in the process, as I can't seem to find a use for the busted cable that you left me with. At the time, I considered chasing you down and wrapping it around your neck, but after reflecting upon your desperate need for transportation, I decided I was over-reacting.

*Tim Doggett*  
assistant professor  
atmospheric science group

#### From the firing line

**To the editor:** "The NRA is an organization for Nazis, shady gun dealers, immoral gun manufacturers and criminals of the 21st century and beyond." As members and supporters of the NRA, my friends and I were more than perturbed to read this ignorance. We have taken it upon ourselves to educate Mr. Lopez.

First of all, we will address Mr. Lopez' unfounded allegation that the NRA is a lobbyist for the gun manufacturers and dealers. The NRA was founded by two union officers after the Civil War to enhance marksmanship of their troops. Gen. Ambrose Burnside was the first president of the NRA, as well as a U.S. senator.

In 1934, the NRA founded a legislative affairs division that mailed handouts to its members concerning legislative attacks to the Second Amendment. The NRA continued to do this for more than 40 years. It wasn't until 1975 that the NRA formed the Institute for Legislative Action, after repeated attempts to destroy our Second Amendment.

The NRA supports gun safety and education for both adults and youth. They support proud organizations like Boy Scouts of America and 4-H shooting sports programs.

Mr. Lopez mentioned the ATF and police have a hard time tracking down guns in crimes because of time-consuming paper trails. These long paper trails are caused by the very gun control laws that Mr. Lopez supports.

Mr. Lopez claims gun shows do not follow the same rules as gun dealers. This statement shows Mr. Lopez' complete lack of knowledge about this topic. A gun show consists of licensed gun dealers. If a gun is purchased at a gun show, it falls under the same laws as ones purchased at a store. These laws include mandatory computer background checks as well as age limit restrictions.

As for the issue of banning certain types of bullets; we have no problem with the banning of "cop killer bullets." Keep in mind, however, that any type of bullet can be used to commit a crime, including killing law enforcement officers.

Mr. Lopez asks why the NRA opposes the use of a computer database to track guns? This equates to gun registration, a concept used by Adolph Hitler in 1935, four years before confiscating all guns in Germany and killing more than five million Jews. This would have been much more difficult for his "Aryan Race" to accomplish if the Jewish people had guns with which to defend themselves.

Furthermore, Mr. Lopez disputes the NRA is the voice of freedom. I can cite many examples to counter this outlandish remark. I will discuss only one example, however. NRA assisted in providing Britain with more than 7,000 rifles at the beginning of World War II so Britain could defend themselves against an invasion because they had registered and confiscated all of their citizens' firearms between WWI and WWII.

This is why using a computer database to track guns is a frightening proposition to the NRA. Keep in mind the Second Amendment protects all the other amendments in the Bill of Rights, without it the American people have

no way to defend against the seizure of the rest of their rights.

*Jason Erwin*  
senior  
management

#### Free press

**To the editor:** Freedom of expression and freedom of the press are two rights we cling to very dearly in this country and for good reason. It would seem that Texas Tech's administration seeks to infringe upon those rights with a proposal to fold *The University Daily* into the School of Mass Communications. Along with that change, *The UD* would become a poorer newspaper, the students interested in journalism would suffer, and the campus would be deficient because of it. That scares me. As editor of the *Daily Nebraskan*, I am in charge of the sixth-largest newspaper in the state, and the product we produce is well-regarded. The experiences I and others have gained working at a student-run newspaper are immense and will serve us well in the job market.

A laboratory newspaper cannot compare. The journalism college here produces a weekly newspaper. This is an important experience within those classes, but it does not serve the same purpose as the student-run newspaper, nor is it a campus newspaper. I have learned much more working alongside my peers at the *Daily Nebraskan* than I ever have during the mandated class hours working with "experienced professionals." Ultimately, there is no substitute for a free and critical press. Our democratic society requires informed citizens to participate in government, and those citizens rely upon the media to keep them informed. A student newspaper cannot effectively cover the university if it is controlled by part of the administration. The press must be free to be effective. Anything less would only be an extension of university public relations. If the proposal to restructure Tech's Student Publications goes forward, all of Tech will pay the price, and college newspapers across the country will cringe with fear and disappointment.

*Josh Punk*  
editor  
*Daily Nebraskan*  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Because Andrew Schoppe has filed candidacy for Texas Tech Student Government Association executive office, his regular Thursday column will not appear until after the SGA elections, Feb. 28 through March 1.

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me with everything." She packed her bags the next day and went to the treatment center for what she thought was a six-week program.

After the first week, she wanted to leave, but when she tried to call her mother, her mother refused her calls. She said it was the first time she could not manipulate her mother because the treatment center told her mother not to accept her calls.

Altman said the first two to three weeks were the hardest to get through. Two hours after eating, they would have to remain within certain boundaries so the treatment team could watch everyone.

In treatment, everyone was required to go through a 12-step program and had to do an autobiography for their eating disorder.

"Every Thursday night, we would have family group, and my dad and my boyfriend would come each week," Altman said. "I think this night helped me the most. It allowed for all of us to talk about issues, and I got to work on things. I had so much support, and I know that is why I am still in recovery."

After the first six weeks Altman was there, she thought she was getting out, but they told her she had to stay.

Being away from family and missing high school was hard, but being at the treatment center helped her to get out of the situation she was in.

Altman was in treatment for nine months and moved through the different stages of treatment to the point where she was able to go home and be on her own.

"I finished high school there, and when the treatment team told

me that I could leave, I did not want to go anywhere," Altman said. "I was safe where I was, but at that point, I knew it was time for me to move on with my life."

The first few weeks at home were very difficult for Altman. With the support of her father and her boyfriend, she made it through and has been in recovery for more than two years.

"I am very blessed to still be in recovery, but it is still a battle because it will always be there," Altman said. "I can choose to live in recovery, or I can choose to practice my disease."

Altman found a sponsor and attends meetings to still follow the 12-step program she has been on. She will continue to attend meetings for

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**Ashely Altman**  
Tech student

the rest of her life, she said.

Altman said she eventually wants to help others with eating disorders.

She also applied and received an eating disorder scholarship offered by Tech.

"I am the only one with this scholarship, and I feel like it is an honor to do anything I can to help others because this is what I feel like I need to do," Altman said.

In Altman's spare time, she enjoys riding her horse, Shelby.

Altman has been in training for a little over a year and is learning how to rope.

Michelle Pettus, health educator Student Health Services, said she admires Altman's courage to speak openly about her disorder.

"I think that Ashley is very courageous in her willingness to share her testimony because it will make a world of difference for students to read and relate," Pettus said.

Body Acceptance Week is this week and will feature programs and speakers covering a variety of topics about body acceptance.

For more information, call Student Health Services at 743-2860.

# Brotherly band hits big time

*Chevelle fortunate to tour with popular national lineup*

by Sebastian Kitchen  
Staff Writer

Some bands are fortunate enough to quickly jump onto large tours with more popular bands. Others suffer through smaller crowds and sleep in over-heated vans.

Chevelle is lucky enough to be on tour with a lineup that is selling out nationwide, but the guys always have not been so lucky.

"If you jump on a big tour starting out, you get spoiled," said Pete Loeffler, the band's lead singer and guitarist. "We had a lot of dead nights. It is good to play to nobody starting out. It laid a foundation of humility."

Chevelle just started a tour with Powerman 5000, Static X and Dope. The band will be on the bill for just two weeks before jumping on tour with Filter and Oleander.

Chevelle stopped in Lubbock for the second time on Monday night to perform with Powerman 5000. It was the band's first night on the tour. They have performed with other modern music and heavy music bands such as Type O Negative, Local H, Sevendust, Dovetail Joint, Joan Jett and Anthrax.

"Now, we are on bigger tours, and it is a trip to play for that many people," Loeffler said. While in Los Angeles, Loeffler ran into Filter lead singer Richard Patrick. He said he had been listening to the album for a long time. As a Filter fan, Loeffler was taken by the meeting.

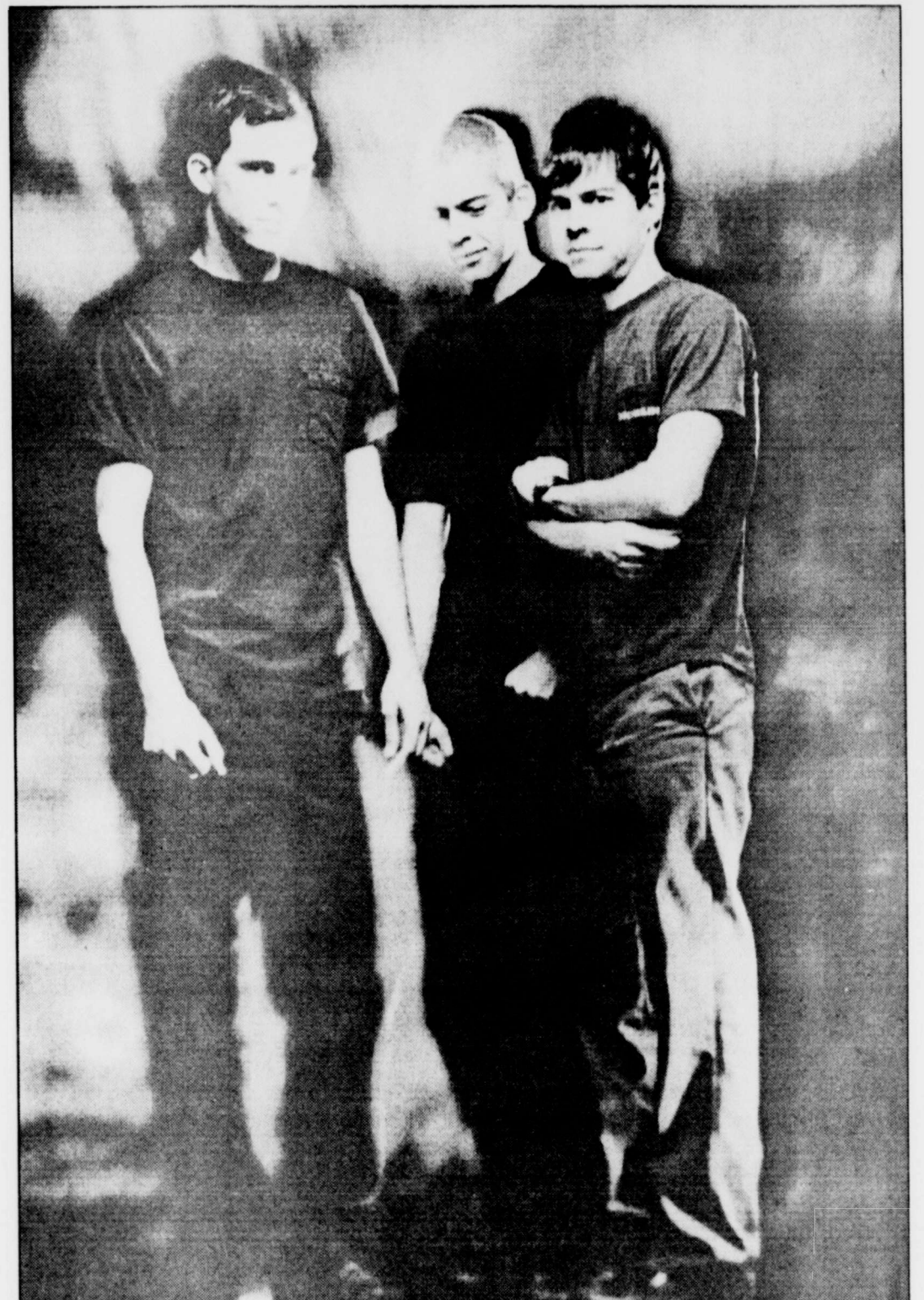
"It was a trip to talk to him about what he thought about our record," he said. When the band hits the road with Filter, Chevelle's second video for its second single "Point #1" will be released.

The video for the single "Mia" was in rotation on MTV's "120 Minutes," on M2 and Much Music. At the Billboard Music Awards, the video was nominated for Next New Artist Clip of the Year in both the modern and hard rock categories.

Chevelle's sound has a definite Tool influence. Loeffler shares the sound with two people he knows well. Loeffler's bandmates are his brothers. Pete, 23, is joined by drummer Sam, 25, and Joe, 19.

"It is trippy, but it is cool," the middle brother said. "Some days it is really confrontational. As much fun as it is, this is our job right now."

He said the band has not had a major blowout on stage, but the band had a blowout in the van a year ago. "Not every one can do it with family members," Loeffler said. "We all want to make it work so we give each other space."



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### Ball team heads to land first win

In New Mexico, the team lost all six contests and were outscored 50-3 in the series. Tech pitcher Amanda Buehler lost all three of the games she pitched. Buehler, who is the No. 1 starter for the Red Raiders, pitched a combined 19 innings, had eight earned runs and struck out 20 batters. In the Diamond 2000 Tournament, the Lady Raiders did not score more than two runs in any game and were shutout twice in six games. Tech center fielder Sandy Butler is the only hitter to have a batting average more than .300 going into this weekend's contests. Butler, who led the squad in batting averages last year, had four hits in five starts.

# Professional athletes should earn high-priced contracts

Have you ever heard of a person going to apply for a job, and before the boss ever talks to that person, he offers him a huge salary to work for his company? Why would anyone do something like that when he doesn't know if the



**Jesus Arenas Jr.**  
Columnist

worker is going to do the job right or at all? Shouldn't the worker be hired and paid the same as every other new employee, and after he proves himself, ask for a raise?

Well, if you want to get paid an outrageous amount of money before you prove that you are worth it, you should enter a professional sports draft.

Do you remember Sam Bowie? Well, I didn't expect you to. He's the guy who was drafted before Michael Jordan in the 1984 NBA draft. He was supposed to be better for the Port-

land Trailblazers' organization than Jordan would have been. Did you know in the '84 draft, if Portland would have won the coin toss that determined the order of who received the first pick, they would have picked Hakeem Olajuwon, Jordan would have gone to Houston, and Sam Bowie would have gone to Chicago? That doesn't mean that Bowie would have won six championships with the Bulls, but it means that Jordan would have won six championships with the Rockets.

Whoever was Portland's general manager should have been fired that day.

Mike Ditka made a similar move, and he paid dearly. In last year's draft, he traded all the Saints' draft picks for Ricky Williams.

Williams received lots of attention by winning the Heisman Trophy at Texas and became the fifth pick overall in the draft. Here's a guy who rushed for 2,124 yards on 361 carries as a senior in college. He averaged 193 yards-per-game, and he broke Earl Campbell's NCAA rushing record.

After all that, he was compared greatly to Earl Campbell. They said

he ran like him, he moved like him and he was going to be great like him. Well, two out of three isn't bad. Earl Campbell proved himself. He won the Heisman, was the No.1 pick in the 1978 draft, was the Most Valuable Player of the league in 1978 and also was the Rookie of the Year. That's proving yourself and earning a pay check. Ricky Williams hasn't earned the right to call himself a professional football player. He wasn't the first pick, and he wasn't the Rookie of the Year. He rushed for only 884 yards this past season while Edgerrin James, who was the fourth overall pick in the '99 draft, led the NFL in rushing. If anyone should get a raise, it should be James. Williams should pay the Saints for letting him be on the team.

Now, if you want to talk about someone who has earned the right to get paid millions, we can talk about Kurt Warner. Warner led the NFL in passing, he received one of the highest quarterback ratings ever given to a NFL quarterback, and he led the St. Louis Rams to the franchise's first Super Bowl win.

Just a few years ago, Warner was sacking groceries at a supermarket and was playing in the Arena and Canadian Football Leagues. He was

never voted MVP in either of the two leagues, but one year in the NFL, and he earned the league's top honor. He was even named the MVP of the Super Bowl. You probably would guess that Warner was getting paid \$10 million, but Warner only received the league minimum, which is somewhere around \$300,000 a year.

It seems to me that the wrong guys are getting paid the wrong salaries. Why would anyone want to pay millions of dollars to a guy who isn't going to try to win?

There are guys in every sport that are getting paid to watch someone else do their job. If the owners of these teams would make their players earn their money instead of giving them hefty contracts right away, then every guy would be playing harder and better because their play would determine their income.

This way, guys like Ricky Williams would be sacking groceries to pay the bills because he is unproductive. Real winners like Kurt Warner would be earning what they deserve.

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## Gonzales not ready to sign with Detroit

DETROIT (AP) — Juan Gonzalez wants to be known as one of baseball's best ever. Whether he wants to be with the Detroit Tigers remains to be seen.

The Tigers have offered Gonzalez the biggest contract in baseball history, believed to be worth \$140 million over eight years. But during a tour of the Motor City on Wednesday, Gonzalez gave no hint whether he would accept the deal.

"It is absolutely not in my mind," Gonzalez said during a news conference in a construction trailer just outside Comerica Park, which opens in April. "Talk to my agent. I'm here

to play baseball." Jim Bronner, his agent, accompanied Gonzalez to Detroit. But also was noncommittal.

Tigers general manager Randy Smith, who acquired Gonzalez from Texas in November, also didn't want to talk about contract talks.

Gonzalez is eligible for free agency after the season. The Tigers, who gave up several top prospects to get him, want to make Gonzalez the center of what they hope will be a contending team during their first decade in the new ballpark.

"I'm here right now," Gonzalez said. "My contract runs for one more year. I'm here to play baseball."

The Tigers, with Gonzalez in the lineup, will field what they hope will be one of the better offensive teams in baseball. Others in the order will include Dean Palmer, Tony Clark, Damion Easley and Bobby Higginson.

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next season.

During their junior year at Kingwood, the duo helped lead their team to its first district championship in school history and repeated the feat the following year.

They were ranked No. 1 in the Houston region most of the season and, at one point, were No.3 in the state.

"We were good in high school," Pastner said. "You can say we were a one-two punch, and we had a good career together."

Pierson feels the same way and said she enjoys playing with Pastner.

"We were a good duo, but we did our own thing," Pierson said. "She happened to be the point guard, and I happened to be the center."

Both athletes have a long list of accomplishments in high school. Pastner was named All-Greater Houston Player of the Year as a senior.

She also was named player of the year by the Texas Association of Coaches, Gatorade "Circle of Champions" and was the most valuable player of the district.

In Pierson's senior year, she was a WBCA All-American, a first team All-Region TABC honoree and was selected to first team All-District.

Along with playing basketball, both athletes also have the challenge of staying atop their academics.

But the pair said the transition from high school to college has been an easy one because Kingwood also had high academic standards.

However, the only thing that is tougher for the two is the traveling they have encountered as Lady Raiders.

Both are enjoying their experiences at Tech and are looking forward to their futures of playing together.

"I hope we get to win a national championship here," Pastner said.

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# Mihm matures into potential NBA lottery pick

AUSTIN (AP) — Chris Mihm's right big toenail barely hangs on, gnarled and jagged after getting repeatedly stomped under the basket.

A painful but positive sign, says Texas coach Rick Barnes.

"All the great players have ugly feet," Barnes said. "That's where he's improved, his toenails are falling off. That means he's pushing off."

Mihm's size 17 feet aren't pretty. They're flat and hairy with long, spindly toes and cracking nails. Put his shoes on, however, and his Mihm's game looks much better.

Scouts are flocking to see college basketball's best center, who many project will be an NBA lottery pick — maybe even in the top five — if he leaves Texas after his junior year.

"He's certainly a quality prospect," said Houston Rockets vice president Carroll Dawson. "These 7-footers are checked out first in this league because they are so rare."

Mihm won't say if he'll leave Texas early, only that he'll think about it after the season.

"There's still a lot of basketball left to be played," he said.

And a reputation to bolster. Even with the acclaim he's garnered this season, including preseason Big 12 player of the year, Mihm has heard whispers that he sometimes plays soft. They started last season when Mihm had zero rebounds in a home-opening blowout loss to South

Florida.

Two weeks later, Mihm crashed to the floor with paralyzing leg cramps in a game against Georgia. When he couldn't get up, his teammates dragged him off the floor under the basket. Texas lost that game by one point.

Mihm called the moment "the most embarrassing of my career" but said it should not have hurt his reputation. The four IVs he took after the game proved the cramps were legitimate.

"That wasn't about being mentally tough," Mihm said. "That was about my body saying 'No more.'"

"I was playing so hard, my body just gave out. I don't think it was physically possible to continue."

He recovered from those disappointments to lead Texas to a surprising Big 12 regular season title and the NCAA Tournament last season. His numbers this year are anything but soft.

His 18 points and more than 10 rebounds per game lead No. 18 Texas (15-6) in both categories. His range (6-of-11 on 3-pointers) and his growing repertoire of moves in the post, including a soft hook, have prompted every NBA team to scout him this season.

"I really wanted to be able to play facing the basket," Mihm said. "It's fun to be able to flash out to the top of the key."

It also impresses scouts. "His inside game has improved and his jump hook. It's going to be interesting to see how he is against 7-footers every night," Dawson said.

Mihm has been just as strong defensively with 66 blocks this season, including a school-record eight in a road win over Massachusetts last week. Mihm also owns the school career record with 240 blocks.

Dawson said he "never did go for that soft label," but added that Mihm will have to show scouts he can go toe-to-toe with the likes of Karl Malone, Shaquille O'Neal, Tim Duncan and others in the NBA.

"He always does what it takes to win," Dawson said. "There's no question he's going to have to play harder and meaner at this level. But I think as he moves up the ladder, he will develop that aspect, too. In the NBA, every night out there's going to be somebody who can kick your tail, there's very few who come in with that."

Which brings us back to Mihm's feet. They looked much better when Barnes arrived on campus in 1998.

"When he first came in I had de-

cent-looking toes," Mihm said. "He said, 'When I get done with you, your toenails will be falling off.'"

"He's really taught me about mental toughness. Before he came here, I didn't know how mentally tough you have to be to play the game at this level," Mihm said.

Opponents challenge Mihm every game. Players know his reputation and try to raise their game. Coaches try to frustrate him by dropping double- and triple-teams under the basket to keep Mihm from scoring.

"People will beat you to death under the basket," said UMass coach Bruiser Flint, who tried to compress his defense around Mihm only to watch him score 18 points and grab 12 rebounds against the Minutemen.

Colorado was one of the few teams to play him 1-on-1 and Mihm responded with 28 points and 17 rebounds in a Texas win. The Buffaloes eventually reverted to double-teaming him in the lane but it didn't work.

"I had a little freedom and didn't get yanked every twist and turn," Mihm said. "I enjoyed it when it hap-

**"These 7-footers are checked out first in this league because they are so rare."**

**Carroll Dawson**  
Rockets' vice president

## Louisville under consideration for NBA team

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Louisville is one of four sites under consideration for a National Basketball Association franchise, according to an attorney retained to lure a team to the city.

J. Bruce Miller, who is under contract to the Louisville Board of Aldermen, said at a news conference Wednesday he would not disclose the team's identity. Team officials, however, will visit Louisville within the next few months and the team's identity will become public at that point, he said.

A final decision is scheduled to be made around May 1.

Miller said he did not know the names of the other sites being considered, but that San Diego, Las Vegas, New Orleans, Kansas City, St. Louis and Baltimore are ex-

pressed interest in competing with Louisville.

Miller said he, board President Steve Magre and Alderman Dan Johnson had spoken with four different franchisees, but substantial progress had been made with the one franchise. On Tuesday, that franchise asked for a formal proposal for construction of a new arena.

Despite a broadcast report to the contrary, Miller said Louisville isn't "tops" on the list among the four cities.

"There's some confusion," Miller said. "Of the four cities, we're one of them. And Louisville, because of the fact we've done so much stuff in preparation for this, is further along than the other three cities for this thing. But I don't know where we stand in relation with the other three cities."

The *Houston Chronicle* has reported that the Houston Rockets are interested in entertaining proposals from other cities, and it has mentioned Louisville, Baltimore and Las Vegas as possible candidates.

Houston voted down a proposition in November that would have provided money to build a new arena there.

A Houston television station reported Tuesday night that Louisville officials are pursuing the Rockets, the WNBA Comets and the ThunderBears arena football franchise.

KRIV-TV reported, citing anonymous sources, that Louisville officials have called Rockets management to let the team know of their interest in bringing the franchises to the city.

"I don't want any inference to be drawn that it is a team in Houston

because that could be significantly wrong," Miller told the television station.

Rockets' chief operating officer George Postolos also declined to say which cities have contacted the Rockets.

Les Alexander, who owns all three teams, has said he must have an arena to be competitive.

Johnson has proposed construction of a downtown arena that would cost \$150 million or more. Johnson said that if an NBA team wants to move immediately, it could play perhaps at Freedom Hall for a year or two until the new downtown arena is completed.

Louisville's last professional team, the Kentucky Colonels, folded along with the American Basketball Association in 1976.

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## Longhorns stampede Raiders Tech men fall to No. 16-ranked Texas, 76-60

The No. 16-ranked Texas Longhorns handed the Texas Tech men's basketball team (9-11 overall, 0-9 Big 12) its ninth-straight Big 12 Conference loss with a 76-60 win against the Red Raiders on Wednesday in Austin. It was the second time this season Texas defeated Tech as it took the first meeting with the Red Raiders 72-59 on Jan. 22 in Lubbock.

Texas controlled the opening tip and quickly put two points on the board courtesy of center Chris Mihm.

Mihm was no stranger to the scoring column in the contest as he finished with a team-high 23 points.

Tech grabbed the lead at 3-2 on a 3-pointer from guard Rayford Young, and both teams began trading baskets early in the first half.

Texas held an 8-7 lead with 14:57 left before halftime and preceded to go on a 21-to-7 run to increase its lead to 15 points at 29-14.

The Longhorns were able to increase that lead by one point as they took a 40-24 lead at halftime.

Texas shot 43 percent from the floor in the opening stanza while holding Tech to a 31 percent shooting clip.

Turnovers were a problem for Tech in the opening stanza as the Longhorns turned nine Tech turnovers into 12 points.

Texas picked up in the second half

where it left off in the first half, going on a 16-to-7 run to take a 56-31 lead with 15:07 left in the contest.

The Longhorns would build their lead to as much as 29 points at 63-34, but Tech was able to out-score Texas 26-13 down the stretch to close the gap to 16 at the end of the game.

The Red Raiders ended the contest with a total of 19 turnovers, which Texas converted into 34 points.

Tech was led in scoring by forward Mario Layne, who had 20 points in the contest.

Young, a senior, was second in scor-

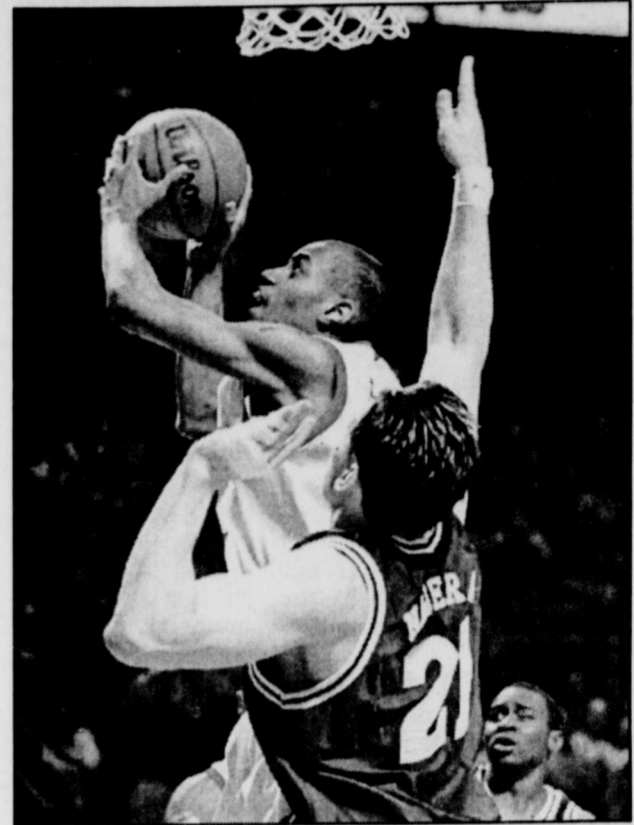
ing for the Red Raiders with 13 points in his final contest at the Erwin Center.

Tech's current eight-game losing streak is the longest losing streak it has suffered in coach James Dickey's career with the Tech program.

The eight-straight losses for Tech is the most it has had since dropping 18 straight contests during the 1989-90 campaign under the guidance of current Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers.

The Red Raiders dropped six-straight conference games last season before rebounding to split their last six conference contests.

Tech next will be in action against Baylor at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.



Tech guard Ronald Hobbs and the Red Raiders have lost nine-straight conference games. They will look to end their streak at 7:30 p.m. Saturday when they battle Baylor at the United Spirit Arena.

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## Thomas' death hits home for Tech Former Kansas City sack master inspiration, idol to Raider football squad

by Patrick Gonzales  
Sports Editor

When the death of a famous athlete occurs, it can sometimes effect more people than expected.

The loss of former Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Derrick Thomas falls into that category, and his death has stirred emotions from members of the Texas Tech football squad.

Red Raider coach Mike Leach, whose offensive-minded teams usually feared players like Thomas, said he felt the world of sports lost one of its greatest competitors.

Leach never met Thomas, but said he watched him in person at a Kansas City training camp.

"It's really unfortunate to see somebody accomplish so much

and leave the world so young," said Leach about the 33-year-old Thomas.

"He was one of the most important guys in innovating the pass rush. He could always get to that quarterback."

Thomas' ability to get to the quarterback, was perhaps his biggest attribute on the gridiron.

In 1990, Thomas garnered seven sacks against the Seattle Seahawks, setting the record for the most sacks

in one game.

Tech defensive end Devin Lemons said he remembers that game and was impressed not so much with the feat, but with what Thomas said afterward.

Lemons said a reporter asked Thomas how he felt about breaking he record, and Thomas replied by saying he was not concerned about the sack he did get, but with the one he did not get.

**"I encountered quite a bit of players who mirrored themselves after him."**

**Mike Leach**  
Tech football coach

## Houston Astros remove grass from Enron Field

HOUSTON (AP) —The Houston Astros have decided the grass is greener in Poteet.

Unhappy with the infield grass trucked in from nearby Bay City and installed at Enron Field on Monday, groundskeepers planned to replace it Wednesday with grass grown on a field in Poteet, south of San Antonio.

Astros head groundskeeper Luke Jenkins said the switch would not put him behind his deadline for having the 419 Tifway Bermuda grass installed by Feb. 15, giving him the preferred six weeks to get ready for the first game on March 30 between with the New York Yankees.

"It's (Poteet grass) about the same but it seemed to be more stable on top," Jenkins said. Arthur Milberger, whose company provided the grass, supported the decision to change the infield.

"You can always see which players are looked up to, and Derrick was definitely one of them," Leach said.

"I encountered quite a bit of players who mirrored themselves after him. He was at the level they were all shooting for."

Bay City and a backup in Florida in case there had been a serious freeze in Texas.

It will take 10,000 square yards of grass to cover the field.

Jenkins wants to get the second infield and grass areas outside the foul lines before covering the outfield.

Computer modeling by the ballpark's architects, Kansas City, Mo.-based Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, suggest that four or five hours a day would be enough daylight to maintain healthy grass. Jenkins thinks the field will get at least that much.

Enron Field's retractable roof is expected to remain open during games played through early June.

After that, it will likely close two or three hours before game time, which normally is 7:05 p.m. Most of those nights, McLane said, the team hopes to reopen the roof after sunset.

Bank One Ballpark in Phoenix and Safeco Field in Seattle are the only other parks growing grass in retractable roof stadiums.

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