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## 4 U.T. athletes admit cheating

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AUSTIN — Four University of Texas football players have signed affidavits admitting they plagiarized science lab reports, university officials announced Thursday.

Freshmen Fred Acorn, Rick Benson, T.J. Dilworth and Carl Robinson also accepted an "F" in the course. The students met with their instructor, Corinne Manogue; the course supervisor, Dr. Robert Little; and with athletics counselor Joe Eivens on Wednesday to discuss the instructor's accusations against the students.

A fifth freshman student, Herkie Walls, was not located before the meeting but was expected to sign an affidavit confirming his part in the incident.

Eivens said the failing grade would not affect the players' eligibility, either for the Sun Bowl game against Washington on Dec. 22 or for next season.

"They're all doing OK in other things," Eivens said. "Each has to pass six hours his first semester at UT."

The student newspaper, The Daily Texan, Thursday earlier reported freshman quarterback

Rick McIvor, who started the last two regular season games for the Longhorns, also had signed an affidavit admitting to plagiarizing work. But Eivens said McIvor, although enrolled in the same course as the five other athletes, was not involved and had not been accused of cheating by Manogue.

"He had nothing to do with it. Rick is completely innocent," Eivens said.

Dean of Students James Hurst, who is not involved in the discipline of the students, agreed to the instructor's choice of penalty.

"In an incident like this, there is a procedure by which the instructor can confront a student he suspects of some kind of dishonesty," he said. "If the student in essence admits to the charge and agrees to the penalty, that penalty is forwarded to this office for our information."

Eivens said the students agreed to the penalty.

"The instructor felt the students deserved an 'F' in the course and the evidence was pretty clear," he said. "It was just poor judgment on the part of the students."

## Elderly given homes for Christmas holiday

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DALLAS — December is a month of mixed emotions for 66-year-old Maria Frazier, a widow who is poor, disabled and alone.

She dreads the beginning of December because it still reminds her of the day 38 years ago that her infant son died in her arms during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. She suffered shrapnel wounds which, along with car accident injuries sustained years later, make it nearly impossible for her to stand or walk for long periods of time.

Perhaps if her son had lived, she would have someone to spend the holidays with now that her husband is dead.

"I'm sorry," she says between sobs. "But once it gets closer to December 7th. After 38 years, I should be used to it, but ..."

Frazier is luckier than hundreds of elderly people in Dallas and across the nation. She has been "adopted" by Bill and Dorothy Hines, a couple living in the Dallas suburb of Carrollton, who see to it that Frazier is not alone on Christmas.

"Bill and Dorothy were given my name," says Frazier. "I spent Christmas Day with them two years ago and again last year. You know, I think they like me."

If it were not for the Hines family and the ABD — Aged, Blind and Disabled — a Christmas project sponsored by the Texas Department of Human Re-

sources, Frazier would spend Christmas alone.

"I've outlived all my relatives or they've moved away," she says. "In Dallas alone, we have a few hundred like me that are aged and disabled and all alone like me."

The ABD Christmas project seeks to remember the welfare agency's most isolated clients, those who have no families or few social contacts and are especially lonely at Christmas.

"Many people don't mind being alone the rest of the year," says Frazier. "But they want to be remembered at Christmas. Personally, I think the project makes Christmas the biggest day of the year for me and many others."

The Hines became involved in the program because all of their children were married and had left home.

"I got into it about three years ago. All of my girls are married. So I thought 'how about if we got some small children, orphans, from a home to come have Christmas dinner,'" Mrs. Hines said.

In addition to Frazier, the Hines have two other Christmas dinner guests — both in their 70s, both living on either disability or Social Security payments.

"I called all the homes but found most of the kids have some place to go. But then I saw a writeup in the newspaper about taking an elderly person for Christmas and we got Maria."



One-wheel locomotion

If Steve Dinning, a freshman mechanical engineering major, gets one flat, he and his unicycle are at a standstill. He's been riding unicycles for 10 years. "I've been thinking about getting a 10-speed bike, but this thing still is twice as fast as walking," he said.

Battalion photo by Doug G...

## Workers' charge contradicted

### Testing confirms dam's safety

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BAY CITY — Tests of an earthen cooling pond dam at the South Texas Nuclear Project have contradicted suggestions by a former heavy equipment operator that standard soil was used to build it.

Contractors building the plant for Houston Lighting & Power Co. and utilities in Austin, San Antonio and Corpus Christi ran core sample tests

Wednesday in response to questions raised by scraper operator George Waldron.

Waldron worked on the 13-mile-long, 40-foot-high dam in 1977, but questioned materials used in the dam after a similar structure collapsed in Florida Oct. 31 and forced 1,000 residents from their homes.

At the invitation of contractor Brown & Root and the utilities, Waldron was present for the tests and recommended areas of the dam that a special drill should penetrate to withdraw soil samples from within the structure.

Laboratory tests on the three 2-foot-long drill bore samples taken at locations of Waldron's choosing

showed soil strength and liquid limit inside the dam were within specifications.

"We found what we expected to find," HL&P spokesman Jim Parsons said. "But this was a way to verify the records and the quality control on the thing."

"Time will tell. There's not much more to say," Waldron said after the test results were announced in the presence of media representatives and state officials.

John R. Clarke, dam safety chief for the Texas Department of Water Resources, witnessed the core sampling and the laboratory tests. He said he saw no reason to run corroborative tests of his own since he witnessed the procedure.

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