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dexas dons No. 1 spot women's hoop poll

Associated Press

kas was not reluctant about acing the results of the balloting made the Longhorns No. 1 in d Press Tuesday.

situation by now.

he Longhorns, who received 25 place votes and 1,145 points the nationwide panel of 60

exas finished first at the end of season, but lost to No. 2 Loui-

win on the road," Conradt said.

four tournament on their own home court — the Frank Erwin Special Events Center in Austin.

made the Longhorns No. 1 in Meanwhile, Old Dominion week's women's college basket- dropped to No. 2, though the Monpoll, announced by the Asso- archs received 20 first-place votes and 1,112 points.

might as well be us," said No. 3 Long Beach State received Miller s Coach Jody Conradt. "Be-two first-place votes and 1,067 to San points, just ahead of No. 4 Louisiana night. Tech, 17-0, which jumped from sixth to fourth with 12 first-place ballots and 1,063 points.

The Lady Techsters, who are the en s coaches, moved up a step to op after Old Dominion's first f the season last Friday. night for a game that will be critical in terms of the top eight seeds in the NCAA tournament.

a Toch in the Midwest Regional L. Georgia, which received the re-maining first-place vote, stayed fifth with 973 points. Northeast Loui-siana, whose unbeaten streak was eam that wins the NCAA title ended by Louisiana Tech in overbe one who can beat these teams time last week, fell from fourth to sixth

exas, 16-2, will not have to win he road if the Longhorns get to final four in March. The Long-Southern California and moved a s will host the NCAA's final step up to eighth. It is the highest

ranking ever for a Big Ten team. The two-time defending NCAA champions' drop to ninth is their lowest position in the rankings since March of 1981. The Women of Troy also were placed in danger of leaving the top 10 for the first time in Cheryl Miller's career after losing at home to San Diego State 61-59 Monday

Auburn completed the first half of the list by remaining 10th.

No one was banished in the second 10. The teams occupying those positions are No. 11 Western Ken-tucky, No. 12 Penn State, No. 13 Texas Tech, No. 14 Washington, No. 15 Virginia, No. 16 San Diego State, No. 17 Kentucky, No. 18 St. Joseph's, No. 19 Oklahoma and No. 20 Memphis State.

Texas Tech and Washington reached all-time highs for their respective programs.

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etic facilities policies do seem e paying big dividends in the sroom Since 1966, when Coach Pa-

no took over the Penn State otball team, we've graduated or 90 percent, of the athletes t come here as freshmen in e years or less," Kowalski said. ich Paterno has always been a ing advocate for academics ig the primary goal of the colathlete

leisler countered with a naal championship few even at tre Dame knew anything

We received a commendation m the NCAA for leading the on in retention of our aths," he said. "We have kept 98 cent of our athletes in school,

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making progress on their degrees and graduating. That statistic makes us more satisfied than any game victory could ever do; I think it's a real tribute to the type of athlete we have here at Notre

"As I said before, this school is a special place," Heisler contin-ued. "We feel the key to having athletes who feel that they 'belong' at Notre Dame lies in the recruiting. The type of athlete we want and who will be happy here is not the type of athlete that will be impressed with fancy dorms and fancy food. In fact, the dorms here, for the most part, are rather small and plain.

'But the athletes that come to Notre Dame are attracted by the quality of education they receive here. A Notre Dame diploma

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means a lot to these guys." Heisler said, despite the school's illustrious football history, the legacy most important to the administration and coaching staff is vocational rather than athletic

"Unlike almost every other major university in the country, we don't have a list of our former players that played or are playing in the pros," he said. "We would much rather publish a list of players that have gone on to become doctors, lawyers and productive members of society. That would be a lot more to our credit than a guy who chose to display his Godgiven talents here until he moved on to the pros.

"We are not a pro-football prep school and I don't think we ever will be," Heisler stated.

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The Basics

1) Keep a copy of the lease signed by you and the landlord. The lease is the most important set of rules to follow if you have a disagreement or misunderstanding with your landlord.

2) Make a checklist of conditions of the apartment and furniture when you move in. Sign the checklist and have your landlord sign it also. Keep a dated copy of the checklist for defense in any dispute over deductions for repairs when you move out.

 Keep your rent payment current as required by your lease. You should not withhold rent for any reason, since that could result in eviction and liability for payment of the remaining rent.

Taking Care of Repairs

1) If the lease requires the management to make repairs, give your landlord a written notice (a work order filled out by the management is not sufficient) requesting that specific repairs be made. Make a duplicate copy and have the manager sign both copies. Be sure to keep a copy for your files. If the manager refuses to sign the request for repairs, send the notice by certified mail. This costs about \$1.50 at any post office and includes a returned receipt showing that the manager received the notice.

2) If the lease does not include a clause that covers repairs, the law most often requires the management to repair conditions that materially affect the health and safety of the ordinary resident. Write to inform the manager of the needed repairs, and keep a dated copy.
3) Submit a second written notice if repairs have not been made or if there is no reponse within a reasonable time. In your second written notice indicate your intent to terminate unless repairs are completed

notice, indicate your intent to terminate unless repairs are completed within one week's time (this time period may vary from lease to lease).

Getting Your Security Deposit Back

The requirements for return of your deposit are outlined in the se-curity deposit section of your lease. These requirements are usually as follows

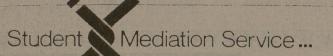
1) Give written notice of intent to vacate at least 30 days prior to the ending date of the lease.

2) Occupy the unit for the entire lease term

3) Clean the apartment in accordance with the move-out cleaning instructions

 4) Pay all rent according to the terms of the lease.
5) Give your landlord your forwarding address in writing. You must fulfill all of these requirements for your security deposit to be refunded. When you are ready to move out, make an appointment with the manager to jointly inspect the apartment and compare the condition of the unit with the Move-In Condition Inventory form that you completed at the beginning of your lease term. Have the manager sign and date the Move-Out Condition Inventory form. Keep a copy for your records. If you

feel there may be a discrepancy, you may also want to take photographs to prove the apartment's condition. The owner is required by law to return your security deposit within 30 days or to provide you with an itemized list of deductions. If your deposit or the list of itemized deductions is not received within 30 days, notify your owner/manager and request an explanation. If you are un-satisfied with the response, then contact the Student's Legal Advisor located in Bizzell Hall or contact the Off Campus Center located in Purvear Hall



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