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In response to the Bosworth and Oklahoma fan letter writen by Sixto Ortiz, I would like to defend Cray Pixley's No. 3 item on her list of sports gripes

Although Mr. Bosworth may have made only a "few mistakes" while at OU, Pixley's dislike of the Boz is probably a result of his egotistical attitude.

There used to be a day when the Roger Stuabachs of football went out on Sundays, performed their job well, and demanded nothing more than respect. Nowadays, all we have is an array of talented prima donnas who work hard at attracting attention and even harder at turning that attentio into a profit. The only positive thing the Boz has

accomplished is a big plus in his pocketbook. As to the negative rating of OU, Pixley was probably referring to its football program. Suffice it to say that any team that plays two decent teams a year and packs the rest of its schedule with the Southwest Conference's Rice Owls is spineless with a capital "S." Tony Rodriquez '90

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Rangers seeking Mattingly in 10-player trade package

nkees star first baseman Don Matigly batted .311, hit 25 home runs and ove in 107 runs. Down the road a bit in ngton, where the Texas Rangers play ll, that's no off season.

Published reports say trade talks be-een the Rangers and Yankees appear have escalated to the point of a prosed deal including Mattingly

Mattingly's appeal to the Rangers, a cam that ranked 12th in runs scored last ar, is obvious. At 26, he has averaged home runs and 118 RBI over the past

Rangers General Manager Tom brieve told the Dallas Times Herald ing is concrete, but said he's encoured by recent talks with general maners, and hopes to be active in the trade arket before next month's annual win-

"I'd love to go to the winter meetings ith something already done," Grieve id. "We've had talks with a lot of Rhoden over the past seven seasons in teams," he said. "We are looking at any victories and in innings pitched.

When Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said during the summer he would consider trading the first baseman, Grieve and manager Bobby Valentine expressed interest.

Since then, Mattingly has been told by manager Dallas Green he will not be traded, but The New York Times reported Sunday the Yankees had recently listened to some proposals involving the

would send Mattingly, third baseman season plans. Mike Pagliarulo and infielder Bobby Meacham to Texas for first baseman Pete O'Brien, third baseman Steve Buechele, pitchers Jose Guzman and Mitch Williams as well as three unnamed Rangers

Grieve neither confirmed nor denied the report, sticking with his policy of not discussing specific trade proposals.

DALLAS (AP) — Last year, in what making things happen, but we would like way we can find to improve. That is what we have been doing, and what we will continue to do.

> Pagliarulo, 28, is coming off a season in which his home run total and batting average dropped from 32 and .234 to 15 and .216. Meacham, who batted .217 in 47 games with New York last season, would be insurance against the Rangers losing shortstop Scott Fletcher to free

The Times said the strongest of those proposals was a 10-player package that ainty of Fletcher's situation in his off-

In other trade talk, The Times reported the teams had discussed a swap of pitchers Charlie Hough and Rick Rhoden.

Grieve apparently would only seriously consider that deal if the Yankees included other players. Hough leads

A's hitting coach Lefebre named as manager for last-placed Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Mariners on Monday ed Jim Lefebvre, hitting instructor and third base coach the Oakland Athletics, as their new manager

"Jim was our No. 1 choice to manage the Mariners because e's a winner," said Woody Woodward, the Mariners' vice resident for baseball operations.

He said, "Jim's background as a major league player, as an structor, as an AAA manager and as a major league coach ows sucess in all his endeavors.

Lefebvre, 46, said the Mariners, last in the American eague West this season, "have a chance to do some exciting "It's going to take a little time, but I'm ready.

Lefebvre's professional baseball career spans 26 years including being named National League Rookie of the Year in 1965 while playing with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

He began his professional coaching and managing career in 1978 with the Dodgers and moved to the San Francisco Giants' organization in 1980.

While with the Giants, Lefebvre managed the team's AAA Phoenix club, winning the Pacific Coast League title in 1985 and reached the championship series in 1986.

In 1987, he joined the Athletics as a hitting instructor and

in AP poll Associated Press Colorado's football team is back in the

No. 19 spot

Colorado hits

Top Twenty for the first time in 10 years.

But the stay could be a short one.

The Buffaloes, ranked 19th in this week's Associated Press poll, visit No. 7 Nebraska Saturday. Colorado, coming off a 45-8 victory over Missouri, has lost 19 of its last 20 games against the Corn-

'The game we have this weekend will determine if we can stay in," said Colorado Coach Bill McCartney, whose team is 7-2. "But in the meantime, it's great to be ranked. It means a lot for the pro-

Washington State, 6-3 following a 24-21 win over Stanford, returned to the Top Twenty after a seven-year absence. "For us to be ranked No. 20 is good

Washington State Coach Dennis Erickson said. "It's a very good thing for our

program."
While Colorado and Washington State moved into the Second Ten, there were no changes in the Top Ten.

Notre Dame remained No. 1 with a 54-11 victory over winless Rice, receiving 42 of 59 first-place votes and 1,160 of a possible 1,180 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and sports-

Second-ranked Southern California, which trounced California 35-3, gained some ground on the Irish. The Trojans, who host Notre Dame on Nov. 26, received 15 first-place votes and 1,122

Last week, with 58 members of the 60-man panel participating, Notre Dame led 44-11 in first-place ballots and 1,144-1,097 in points.

Third-ranked Miami and No. 4 West Virginia each received one first-place The Hurricanes, who beat Tulsa 34-3, had 1,065 points while the Mountaineers, who routed Cincinnati 51-13,

had 979 Rounding out the Top Ten are Florida State, UCLA, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Au-

burn and Wyoming.
Florida State, which blasted South Carolina 59-0, received 933 points.

UCLA, a 16-6 winner over Oregon, received 864 points; Nebraska, which defeated Iowa State 51-16, had 840; Oklahoma, which edged Oklahoma State 31-28, received 752; Auburn, which downed Southern Mississippi 38-8, had 719; and Wyoming, which crushed Texas-El Paso 51-6, received 665.

The Second Ten consists of Arkansas, LSU, Michigan, Oklahoma State, Syracuse, Clemson, Georgia, Alabama, Colorado and Washington State.

Last week, it was Arkansas, Oklahoma State, LSU, Michigan, South Carolina, Syracuse, Clemson, Alabama and Georgia, with Brigham Young and In-

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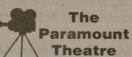
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