

UIL puts Westlake on probation for making racist slurs at game

AUSTIN (AP) — The Eanes Independent School District says it won't appeal University Interscholastic League sanctions against Westlake High School over allegations of racist slurs during a recent football game.

A UIL committee on Wednesday voted unanimously to reprimand Westlake, place it on probation and ordered it to submit a plan on how it will deal with racial insensitivity.

Eanes Superintendent Don Rogers said Westlake won't appeal. "We think it was a harsh penalty but we are going to live with it," he said.

The UIL oversees extracurricular activities.

The UIL rebuke followed allegations of racist comments and writ-

ings at Westlake Stadium and in restrooms during the school's homecoming game Oct. 13 against Austin LBJ High School.

At an Eanes Independent School District board meeting Wednesday night, board president Thomas Rhyme apologized and promised that everything would be done to ensure that similar incidents do not happen.

"Perhaps our pride in the achievements of our EISD students has caused us to overlook the fact that some of our students are failing a more important test of their humanity," Rhyme said.

"By implication, we are all parties to that failure. And we are sorry," he said.

The UIL committee's action does not limit participation in sports or any other UIL activities, including scholastic and music competitions. However, if there are other infractions during the probationary period, more severe disciplinary action could be taken.

UIL officials said the probation, which will be in effect through the 1990-91 school year, is believed to be the first time that a Texas school had been disciplined specifically for racial problems.

Westlake is about 95 percent white. LBJ, in the nearby Austin ISD, is predominantly black.

The plan that Westlake was ordered to submit should be designed to prevent future violations of the UIL code of ethics "to ensure the safety of students, to promote good will and respect for human dignity," according to a statement by the committee.

Superintendent Rogers told the seven-member Eanes board of trustees that the school would hold regular meetings between Westlake and LBJ students, parents and administrators to ease tensions.

Administrators will develop curricula for grades kindergarten through 12th grade aimed at improving racial sensitivity in the school district. The curricula will focus on race relations and sensitivity to others and how people view what other people say, Rogers said.

Mattox, Richards begin heated duel over black support

AUSTIN (AP) — Two Democratic gubernatorial candidates — Ann Richards and Jim Mattox — dueling Thursday over which of them is winning support in Texas' black communities.

Mattox said he has a commanding majority of black support, a claim Richards' press secretary called "ludicrous."

The sparring erupted after Mattox this week issued a list of 462 black leaders statewide who he said endorsed him.

Richards' campaign manager, Glenn Smith, quickly issued a statement saying at least 11 of those people, when contacted by Richards' supporters, said their names were used incorrectly.

"When our campaign releases any names of any supporters, you can bet they're actually supporters," Smith said. "We're going to treat the voters with respect, not mislead them with inaccurate campaign literature and meaningless press releases."

Responding, Mattox said each person listed by him had been contacted within the past year and given permission. One of the 11 names Smith cited "is setting up a fundraiser for me in Harris County right now," he said.

But more importantly, Mattox said, the lengthy list of black supporters had stunned his opponent.

"What's happened is this: they've been devastated by the release of these names in the black community," Mattox said.

"We have the overall black community support in the state of Texas," he said. And they have been working aggressively trying to gather their own support and have been largely unsuccessful in doing so.

"Ludicrous," replied Monte Williams, Richards' press secretary.

"We have enormous black support," Williams said. "And we are very encouraged by the way things are going right now."

Smith said the list — with errors — was part of a larger problem.

"There's a clear pattern developing in this race," he said. "One of the candidates has repeatedly written campaign press releases that are inaccurate and misleading. Any candidate who has to rely on those kinds of tactics does a great disservice to voters."

Saying he will release some 25,000 names of supporters before the March 13 primary, Mattox voiced hope Richards' staff continues contacting those people.

"I hope they spend their time calling each of the 25,000 people that we will be releasing over the next several months, because they will perhaps understand the strength that we have in Texas at the grassroots level," he said.

In other political developments:

• Groups trying to recruit Texas Rangers pitcher Nolan Ryan to run for agriculture commissioner as a Republican against Democratic incumbent Jim Hightower released a poll in which 34 percent of respondents had a favorable opinion of Hightower, compared with 48 percent for Ryan.

However, in a Hightower-Ryan race, 40 percent of the 800 Texans polled said they would choose the incumbent, 29 percent Ryan and 31 percent didn't know.

In Advance

Conference focuses on approaches to teaching

A mini-conference on education will be Monday from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Texas A&M College of Medicine, Lecture Hall 1.

"Transformational Management in Education: A Discussion about Technology, Education, and Instructional Environments" will feature P. Kenneth Komoski, president and executive director of the Educational Products Information Exchange Institute.

Komoski's presentation will focus on the need for a whole curriculum approach to teaching, learning and assessment.

The mini-conference will be hosted by Dr. H. H. Richardson, A&M deputy chancellor and dean of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station and moderated by Dr. Dean Corrigan, A&M professor of educational administration and former dean of the A&M College of Education.

Sponsors of the mini-conference are TEES, TEES Technology Business Development Division, the Learning Technology Center and the A&M College of Education's Educational Administration and Interdisciplinary Education departments.

OSA to hold fair to increase minority awareness

To increase awareness of the minority programs at A&M, the Office of Student Affairs is sponsoring a "Harvest of Opportunity Information Fair," today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Commons lobby.

"The fair is geared toward all students," Robert Spencer, chairman of the fair, said. "We want minorities to become aware of multicultural programs offered at A&M and non-minorities to become aware of the diversity of A&M students."

Spencer, a human resources graduate student, said in addition to 15 informational tables which will be set up near the information desk in the Commons, the

fair will offer popcorn, balloons and the opportunity for participants to take pictures with Reveille V for \$1.

The fair is open to all A&M students and will feature representatives from minority organizations such as the Committee for the Awareness of Mexican-American Culture, the Black Awareness Committee, Mexican American Engineering Society and International Student Services.

In addition, the fair will have representatives from Financial Aid, the Residence Hall Association, the Center for Drug Prevention and Education and Tutorial Services.

Service organizations work at Halloween carnival

Children from College Hill's Elementary School will receive a special treat this weekend as members of Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity, dress in Halloween costumes and work at the school's annual Halloween carnival.

Members of Omega Phi Alpha, a service sorority, will work at the carnival's concession stands, game-booths and cake walk. The carnival is Saturday from 5:30 to 8:30 at College Hill's Elementary School.

What's Up

Friday

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND HUMANITIES: will have a special edition Brown Bag concert at noon in the Adams Band Hall. Call Rebecca Binder at 845-3355 for more information.

KAPPA ALPHA: will have a haunted house for MDA from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at 2408 Texas Avenue.

MANAGEMENT 481-DISTINGUISHED VISITING EXECUTIVE SERIES: Mr. Comer J. Cottrell, Chairman & CEO of the Pro-Line Corporation will speak at 10 a.m. in 114 Blocker.

OPAS: will have Missouri Repertory Theatre's "Absent Friends" at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. Call 845-1234 for more information.

STUDY ABROAD OFFICE: will have a loans for study abroad informational meeting from 10 to 11 a.m. in 146 MSC.

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ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS: will have a happy hour open to all graduate students from 5 until 8 p.m. in Carney's Pub.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: will have a Friday Night Alive meeting at 7 p.m. in 108 Harrington.

A&M HILLEL: will have Shabbat services at 8 p.m. in Hillel Jewish Student Center.

AFRICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Dr. Borlaup will lead a discussion on the world food situation for the next decade at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

TAMU SPORTS CAR CLUB: will have a night rally at 7 p.m. in the Zachry parking lot.

BETA ALPHA PSI: will meet at 5 p.m. in 158 Blocker.

AGGIES WITH KIDS: will have a brown bag lunch at noon in the Health Center Conference Room.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will have a general discussion at noon. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.

Saturday

TEXAS A&M WRESTLING CLUB: will have a dual meet with U.T. at 4 p.m. in Deware Gym.

Sunday

INDIA ASSOCIATION: will have a Kiwali celebration at 6 p.m. in 201 MSC.

ST. MARY'S STUDENT CENTER: Father Kitten will lead a Bible study at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Student Center.

A&M HILLEL: will have a snack & study at 7:30 p.m. at Hillel Jewish Student Center.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

All Aggie Reunion Rodeo and Golf Tournament

Rodeo Performances: Oct. 27 & 28, 7:30 p.m.

Dick Freeman Arena on Fm 2818

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Dance: after Saturday night rodeo performance

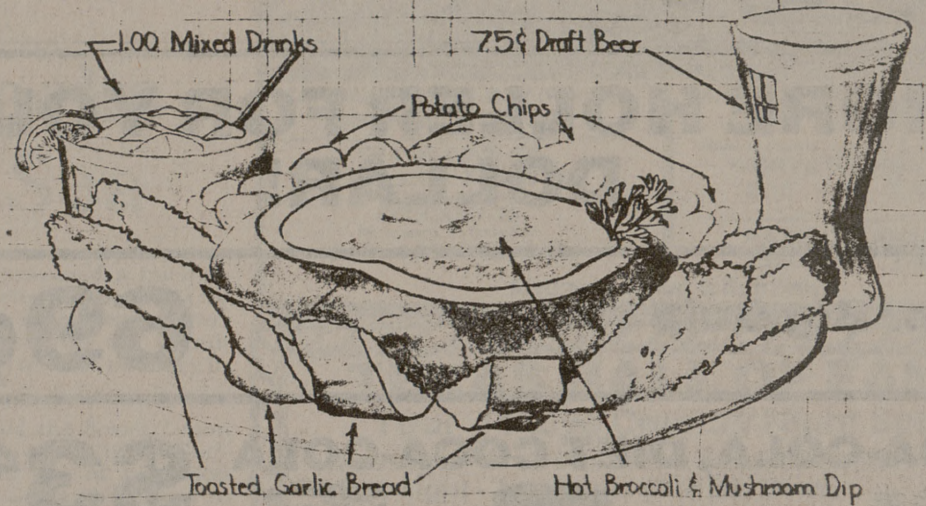
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