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Cooke also said the professor's comments will not change the amount of effort UT students devote to diversifying the campus.

"Professor Graglia's carping remarks are counterproductive, but they had to be said to promote, protect and encourage diversity at the University of Texas at Austin," he said.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who is scheduled to appear at a campus demonstration at UT Tuesday, being the latest to blast Graglia.

"The professor is espousing a fascist ideology, and people of character across all lines of color should denounce such propaganda," Jackson said.

The university chancellor and president met privately with Graglia on Monday.

Cunningham declined to comment; Flawn issued a statement saying they had "an open and frank discussion of the issues" but declined to discuss more.

Graglia did not return phone calls from The Associated Press, but the school said he plans to issue a statement of his own.

In their written statement, the university's top officials said Graglia's comments were "an insult to thousands of University of Texas minority students and alumni."

They said Texas remains committed to recruiting an ethnically and racially diverse student body that is fully representative of the marvellously rich diversity of the people of Texas.

However, they noted the school is abiding under an affirmative action plan imposed by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in the case known as *Hopwood*.

That ruling, which the U.S. Supreme Court last year allowed to stand, prohibits Texas universities from considering race as a factor in admissions and scholarships.

The case began when four white applicants sued after being denied admission to UT's law school. The suit, including Cheryl Hopwood, challenged the school's affirmative action policy discriminated against them by admitting minorities with lower test scores.

"We have no choice but to obey the rulings of the courts," the UT officials wrote. "We wish to make it unequivocally clear that the institution remains committed to maintaining a diverse campus community in which people of all backgrounds are welcome as full and equal members."

UT on Monday released its official enrollment figures for the fall semester. It showed an overall decline in the number of black and Hispanic students, with a slight increase in black and Hispanics among freshmen.

According to the university, the total student body this fall is 48,886, a 1.8 percent increase over 1996.

That total included 32,056 white students (up from 31,346 last year); 722 blacks (down from 1,911); 6,150 Hispanics (down from 6,207); 5,298 Asian-Americans (up from 4,989); 80 American Indians (up from 209); 891 foreign students (up from 846); and 19 listed as "unknown."

UT said the number of first-time freshmen totaled 6,645, up from 6,529 last fall. Of those, there were 807 Hispanics, up from 772, and 163 blacks, up from 162.

### DELEGATION

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Cassidy said the delegation's decision to visit A&M reflects well on the quality of the University's sport management program.

"We'd like to think that they chose A&M because we're one of the best programs in the country," he said.

Mooney attributed the group's decision to A&M's reputation for successful sport organization.

"We have a good reputation as far as support and organization established in the last eight years," Mooney said. "Dr. Ashley may also be another reason the delegation was attracted to us. They are familiar with him and his involvement in sport management."

A&M's sport management program is in its 10th year. Over 250 students are enrolled in the program, which combines a degree in kinesiology with specialization in sport management.

Ashley said A&M has sport management graduates working for professional sport teams in Texas and for other programs.

"We've got A&M graduates working for many professional teams — the [Dallas] Cowboys, the Texas Rangers, the San Antonio Spurs, the Houston Astros," Ashley said. "Charlie Song, one of our grad students from China, was hired by San Jose State to develop a sport management program there. This program is a well-kept secret."

### Athlete clashes with dress code

LITTLE CYPRESS, Texas (AP) — Jason Everitt must pick up a razor or put down his tennis racquet.

That's the ultimatum the goateed teen-ager was given when he returned for a third year on the Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School tennis team.

Everitt grew the blond whiskers over the summer for the role of a jealous high priest in a church production of "Jesus Christ Superstar."

"I understand and agree with the idea that athletes should be held to higher standards because of the certain image we want to project for our school, but I don't agree that we shouldn't be able to express our individuality," Everitt said.

The school dress code permits closely cropped beards, but school athletic director David Williams has a more strict policy that forbids facial hair.

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