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## Tech beats Colorado despite sluggish start



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH WIDE receiver Alex Torres runs past Colorado defensive back Terrel Smith during the Red Raiders' 27-24 victory against the Buffaloes on Saturday at Folsom Field.

### Late Williams field goal wraps up 27-24 win for Red Raiders

By MIKE GRAHAM  
STAFF WRITER

BOULDER, Colo. — It was not always pretty, but Texas Tech football did enough to come away with a 27-24 victory against Colorado on Saturday in Boulder, Colo.

A 36-yard field goal by Tech kicker Matt Williams with 2:08 remaining in the game elevated the Red Raiders' record to 4-3 overall and 2-3 in Big 12 Conference play.

"I didn't really win it," Williams said. "I just kicked the ball that went through the uprights to get us the extra points to win it. The offense

did a great job, the defense came up with some huge stops. It feels really good to do something for my team like this."

Still, there was a troubling issue in Tech's win.

For the fourth time this season, Tech's offense failed to put anything on the scoreboard in the first quarter. Saturday's game was the first time this season the Red Raiders got away with the deed without losing the game.

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### Tech exorcizes Folsom Field demons by winning Red Raiders win at CU for first time

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ  
SPORTS EDITOR

BOULDER, Colo. — Baron Batch downplayed the effect of playing in a high-altitude setting, such as Boulder, Colo., during last Monday's media conference, saying, "I think that's one of those things that's over-hyped when you go play at places they say has (high) altitude."

Folsom Field rests at an elevation of 5,360 feet above sea level, good enough to make it the third-highest stadium in major college football behind only Wyoming's and Air Force's stadiums.

Whether or not the altitude affects a team's play, Tech had never experienced the sensation of victory in the confines of Colorado's Folsom Field, losing all four games it had played there since 1981.

A 27-24 victory against the Buffaloes put that streak to rest Saturday.

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PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH SAFETY Cody Davis tackles Colorado tailback Rodney Stewart during the Red Raiders 27-24 victory against the Buffaloes Saturday at Folsom Field.

## Cultural Day informs, feeds Tech students

Attendees learn of incorrect common myths among cultures



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador  
TIM BUCKNER, A Spanish graduate student plays a quena during Cultural Day at the Foreign Language building Friday afternoon.

By CAROLINE COURTNEY  
STAFF WRITER

All Germans are Nazis. They are drunk all the time. They all drive 130 mph on the Autobahn.

These are just a few of the common misconceptions the professors at the German table corrected at Cultural Day last Friday at the foreign language building.

"There are a lot of myths people have about Germans that just aren't true," said Patricia Schempp, a graduate part-time instructor in the German department. "Germans are not Nazis anymore, and sure, Germans drink beer, but they're by no means drunk all the time."

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The 61st Annual Texas Tech Rodeo took place last week. A few Red Raiders stood out. LA VIDA, Page 3

## Humans vs. Zombies ends with no survivors

Nerf tag game comes to a close

By HALLIE DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

After nearly a full week of paranoia, Austin Fielding said it was almost a relief to become a zombie.

"I didn't succeed, but comparatively, no one succeeded," the junior mechanical engineering major from Austin said.

Fielding was turned zombie during Thursday night's mission of the Texas Tech game of Humans vs. Zombies. The campus wide tag-style game ended Saturday morning with a final showdown in Urbanovsky Park, which "killed" all humans.

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## Community Calendar

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#### Getting Real about Online Privacy

Time: 2 p.m.

Where: Allen Theatre

So, what is it?

It's Cyber Security Awareness month, and this presentation is intended to help students stay safe on the Web.

### TUESDAY

#### Symphonic and Concert bands concert

Time: 8 p.m.

Where: Hemmle Recital Hall, School of Music

So, what is it?

You've heard the Goin' Band, now here's a chance to check out their "inside" counterparts.

To make a calendar submission e-mail [dailytoreador@ttu.edu](mailto:dailytoreador@ttu.edu).

Events will be published either the day or the day before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by 4 p.m. on the preceding publication date.

## Correction

In Friday's issue of *The Daily Toreador*, in the story "Lecture Series to bring in prestigious speaker," the

quotes attributed to Gerald Dolter should have been attributed to Stephen Jones. *The DT* regrets the error.

## Cultural

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Schemp worked the table alongside Kristina Pilz, a graduate student from Germany who has seen students stereotype Germans into specific categories that are not true and are sometimes offensive.

"Students definitely believe some of these myths," Pilz said. "But I'm not a Nazi, my friends aren't Nazis and everyone who was a Nazi is dead. Today is just a fun way for students to realize that some of the things they're thinking aren't true, and I'm glad I get to help."

Pilz said Cultural Day is not only a great way to dispel myths about Germans, but about all countries.

Maria Arciniega, a graduate part-time instructor in the Spanish department, said Cultural Day is a chance for her to change students' beliefs that the entire country of Mexico is entangled in dangerous drug wars.

"We stereotype a lot based on what we see," Arciniega said. "But if we can show students another side of Mexico through the food and culture, they will have a much better understanding of the people and the country."

Arciniega said Cultural Day exposes students to different cultures with the intent that students will appreciate and understand people from different backgrounds.

"This is a fun introduction of culture that can introduce you to people from different cultures, too,"

Arciniega said. "And hopefully students will want to study abroad so they can really understand what Mexico and the people from Mexico are like."

Arciniega, along with most professors in the foreign language department, required her students to attend. Most students discovered the event was well worth their attendance.

Cultural Day included artifacts, music and performances from nations around the world. However, the most attractive aspect of the event for most students seemed to be the food.

"Food is like a way to represent countries in a tangible way," said Meredith Walker, a junior business marketing and management major from Odessa. "And it's really good."

Walker's management class required her to attend, and she said she was happy she came.

"It's actually pretty cool," Walker said. "The food is really good. There are a lot of games, too, and they're pretty fun."

After playing two games and seeing her name spelled in Taiwanese, Walker said experiencing the different cultures has sparked an interest in studying abroad and really understanding the different cultures.

"I would love to study abroad, personally," Walker said. "It's actually really cool just to go around and look at the different tables, so I know I would really love it if I got the chance to actually see the different countries in person."

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## Zombies

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After a Thursday night mission, only about 15 humans remained, and they forfeited the mission, Fielding said.

"The zombies performed admirably," said game moderator Sam Svetlik, a junior Spanish major from Angleton. "The humans could have had more of a desire to live; they were overcome by the zombies' desire for brains."

Svetlik said he is definitely planning for a game next semester, which he said he hopes will be bigger and better.

The game will be held in mid-March, depending on when it gets warmer outside, Svetlik said, so people will be able to

feel the Nerf darts and won't be wearing heavy jackets.

Students like sophomore Chris Zysk are ready for another game. Zysk, a biology major from Houston, said he was excited to play again and plans to stay human the whole time or be an "original zombie," one of the very few players who begin as zombies rather than humans.

Zysk said if nothing else, more people would recognize what was going on the more the game was played. He said he explained it to many people, and no one spoke negatively about the game.

"Anyone I talked to on campus was confused or excited," Zysk said.

As for other reactions, Zysk said the only incident he knew of was when a non-player called the police department after

being hit by a Nerf dart in a questionable encounter.

Zysk said though he could only participate in a few missions because of biology and chemistry tests, he still had a lot of fun on the missions and throughout the game.

"It brought people together; everyone made new friends and had fun, fun, fun," Svetlik said.

For some, it was more than fun; they learned something as well. Harrison Bell, a freshman philosophy major from San Antonio, remained human until the final day and said sneaking around as part of the game taught him a lot about Tech.

"It was really fun; the whole experience was great," Bell said. "I got to know a bunch of places on campus I didn't know

existed or where they were before."

Bell said he went to the last mission prepared to die, and he still had fun, even after all the effort he put into staying human for so long.

Having a huge gun at all times to scare zombies, being early to every class and running like mad through the philosophy courtyard were Bell's secrets to success, he said.

Fielding said the same about getting to classes as a human. He said he was never so consistently on time until this game.

"Leaving early, staying late, that's the way to not get ate," Fielding said.

Another tip Fielding said he would offer to players is to hang out at Horn/Knapp, where not many residents were

participating.

"People in Bledsoe/Gordon/Sneed had it rough," Fielding said. "It's where the nerds who thrive on zombie stuff live."

Eventually, everyone was "ate" including Fielding. He said he didn't mind it so much because he had been on a mission with a squad of humans, and while he took command, the humans were too frantic, and he knew he was on the losing side.

He was tagged later in the mission and said he was glad it happened when it did.

"If it had been on my way to class, or if I'd turned through some technicality, I would have been upset," Fielding said. "(After I was turned) one guy hugged me; everyone was excited to have me over there, and you quickly redraw the line

between 'us' and 'them.'"

The final online count was 327 zombies and 205 humans; however, according to the storyline, Svetlik said humans who registered but did not actively participate or missed the final mission were considered to have starved to death rather than being eaten by zombies. In addition, many zombies did not report their kills from the last two missions, so more officially, there were no surviving humans, and the zombies were 100 percent victorious.

Anyone who wants to be involved in future games should join the Zombie Raiders Facebook group for more information and to be notified of when the games will happen, Svetlik said.

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## BOARD BALANCING



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/*The Daily Toreador*

CLINTON HARKEY, A sophomore mechanical engineering major from Houston, slides on his longboard Friday afternoon outside the Psychology building.

## POLICE BLOTTER

### Plfuger Fountain soaped, car wrapped in cellophane

Oct. 17

1:03 p.m. A Texas Tech officer arrested a student for public intoxication and consumption of alcohol by a minor, which occurred in the first floor stairwell at Knapp Residence Hall. The student was also released pending the filing of charges with the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office for theft. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

2:08 a.m. A Texas Tech officer arrested a student for public intoxication, which occurred in the Z4M parking lot. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

4:56 a.m. A Texas Tech officer documented information on damaged property to an interior door in the English/Philosophy building. A door handle was pulled causing damage to the door.

6:20 p.m. A Texas Tech officer responded to a medical call in the Hulen/Clement Residence Hall dining area in reference to a female who had passed out. The female was transported to the University Medical Center for further treatment.

Oct. 18

2:20 p.m. A Texas Tech officer investigated an accident and duty upon striking an unattended vehicle in the Z1B parking lot.

2:25 p.m. A Texas Tech officer investigated criminal mischief to a vehicle in the Dan Law Field parking lot. Two tires on the vehicle had the valve stems removed.

11:22 p.m. A Texas Tech officer arrested a student for possession of alcohol by a minor, which occurred in the Z5C parking lot. The student was issued a Lubbock County citation and released.

Oct. 19

6:54 a.m. A Texas Tech of-

ficer investigated criminal mischief at the Plfuger Fountain. The fountain was soaped.

7:39 a.m. A Texas Tech officer investigated burglary of a vehicle in the Z4R parking lot. The vehicle's driver's side front window was shattered and a "Garmon Nuvi" GPS was taken.

7:39 a.m. A Texas Tech officer investigated burglary of a vehicle in the Z4R parking lot. The vehicle's driver's side window was shattered and numerous items were taken.

7:39 a.m. A Texas Tech officer investigated burglary of a vehicle in the Z4R parking lot. The vehicle's passenger's side window was shattered and a shotgun was taken.

2:20 p.m. A Texas Tech officer investigated an accident and duty upon striking an unattended vehicle in the Z1B parking lot.

2:25 p.m. A Texas Tech officer investigated criminal mischief to a vehicle in the Dan Law Field parking lot. Two tires on the vehicle had the valve stems removed.

11:22 p.m. A Texas Tech officer arrested a student for possession of alcohol by a minor, which occurred in the Z5C parking lot. The student was issued a Lubbock County citation and released.

Oct. 20

12:41 a.m. A Texas Tech officer investigated a duty upon striking

an unattended vehicle and state accident, which occurred in the Z4P parking lot.

3:27 a.m. A Texas Tech officer investigated criminal mischief, which occurred in the Z4P parking lot. A vehicle was wrapped in cellophane.

5:40 p.m. A Texas Tech officer investigated burglary of a motor vehicle, which occurred in the Z6A parking lot. The rearview mirror, windshield and visor were damaged and a GPS was taken from a secured vehicle.

10:50 p.m. A Texas Tech officer documented damaged property, which occurred in the Horn/Knapp Residence Hall kitchen stairwell. The window had been shattered.

Oct. 21

2:43 a.m. A Texas Tech officer investigated an accident, without injuries, and duty upon striking a fixed object, which occurred in the R2 parking lot.

12:40 p.m. A Texas Tech officer documented a medical, which occurred in Holden Hall. A student suffered an anxiety attack and was transported to University Medical Center Emergency Room by EMS.

10:31 p.m. A Texas Tech officer detained two students, which occurred on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of Weymouth Residence Hall. One student received a Lubbock County

citation for possession of alcohol by a minor, and the other student received a Lubbock County citation for possession of drug paraphernalia. Both students were released.

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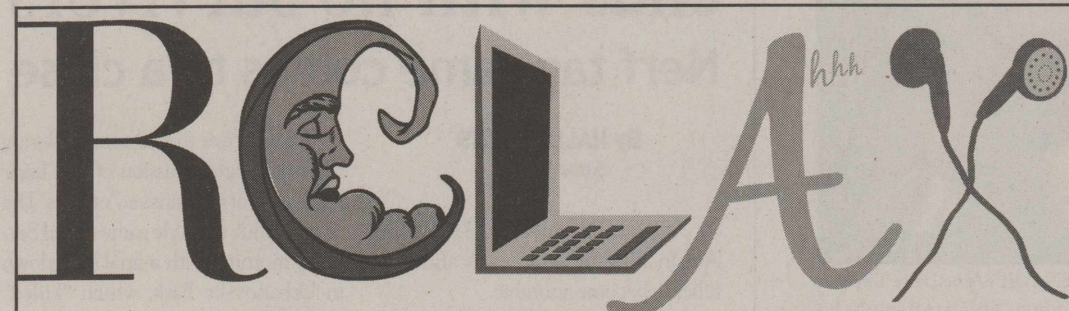
12:46 a.m. A Texas Tech officer arrested a student for public intoxication and possession of a fictitious driver's license, which occurred on the east side of Weymouth Residence Hall. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

12:58 a.m. A Texas Tech officer detained a student, which occurred in the Chitwood Residence Hall elevator lobby. The student was released pending the filing of charges for public intoxication. The student was released to a responsible person.

2:38 a.m. A Texas Tech officer issued a student a Lubbock County citation for consumption of alcohol by a minor, which occurred in the lobby at Chitwood Residence Hall.

3:06 a.m. A Texas Tech Officer documented damaged landscaping, which occurred on the median between 19<sup>th</sup> Street and the Z3L parking lot. A vehicle was towed out of the median after an accident, which occurred on 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

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## Faces of the 61st Annual Texas Tech Rodeo

# Student balances college life with rodeo competitions

By **KASSIDY KETRON**  
STAFF WRITER

Although jumping off a speeding horse might frighten most people, Bailey Guthrie does it for fun.

Guthrie, a junior physical therapy major from Rigby, Idaho, said she has been involved in rodeo her whole life. Her parents grew up in rodeo and passed the tradition down to her.

Guthrie said she competes in two events, barrel racing and goat tying. Her favorite part of barrel racing, Guthrie said, is the immediate speed and going as fast as possible. When it comes to goat tying, her favorite point is the moment when it comes time to jump off the horse. Once you jump off, there are only two options.

"It's intense," she said. "You're either going to do well or wipe out. Your horse is going way too fast under your feet, so you just eat dirt."

Guthrie said her biggest accomplishment came last year at the National College Rodeo finals, where she won second place in goat tying.

While preparing for her last race at the National College Rodeo, Guthrie said, she tried to keep in mind that it was just another race and there was no added pressure.

"That moment that I found out that I got second was awesome," she said. "It was a big sense of accomplishment. I wish I could have gotten first, but second was great. I was really proud of how I had performed over the week."

Although she loves competing in rodeos, Guthrie said there were other factors that brought her to Texas Tech.

"I liked how the university is known academically," Guthrie said. "I don't just want to rodeo my whole life, so I knew that I needed a good

education, and I knew that Tech could offer that."

Tech not only offered her a good education, but it allowed her to continue a sport she has been playing since the age of five.

Being involved in rodeo her whole life helped bring her to the collegiate level and with her years of experience, Guthrie said, she was able to pay for school through rodeo scholarships.

"I've grown up doing rodeo, and it's been a part of my life ever since I was little," she said. "It was something I had the opportunity to do, so I decided that was what I wanted to do."

Guthrie's mother, Joni Robertson, said Guthrie could be described as someone who loves school, keeping a 4.0 GPA and learning new things, particularly biology.

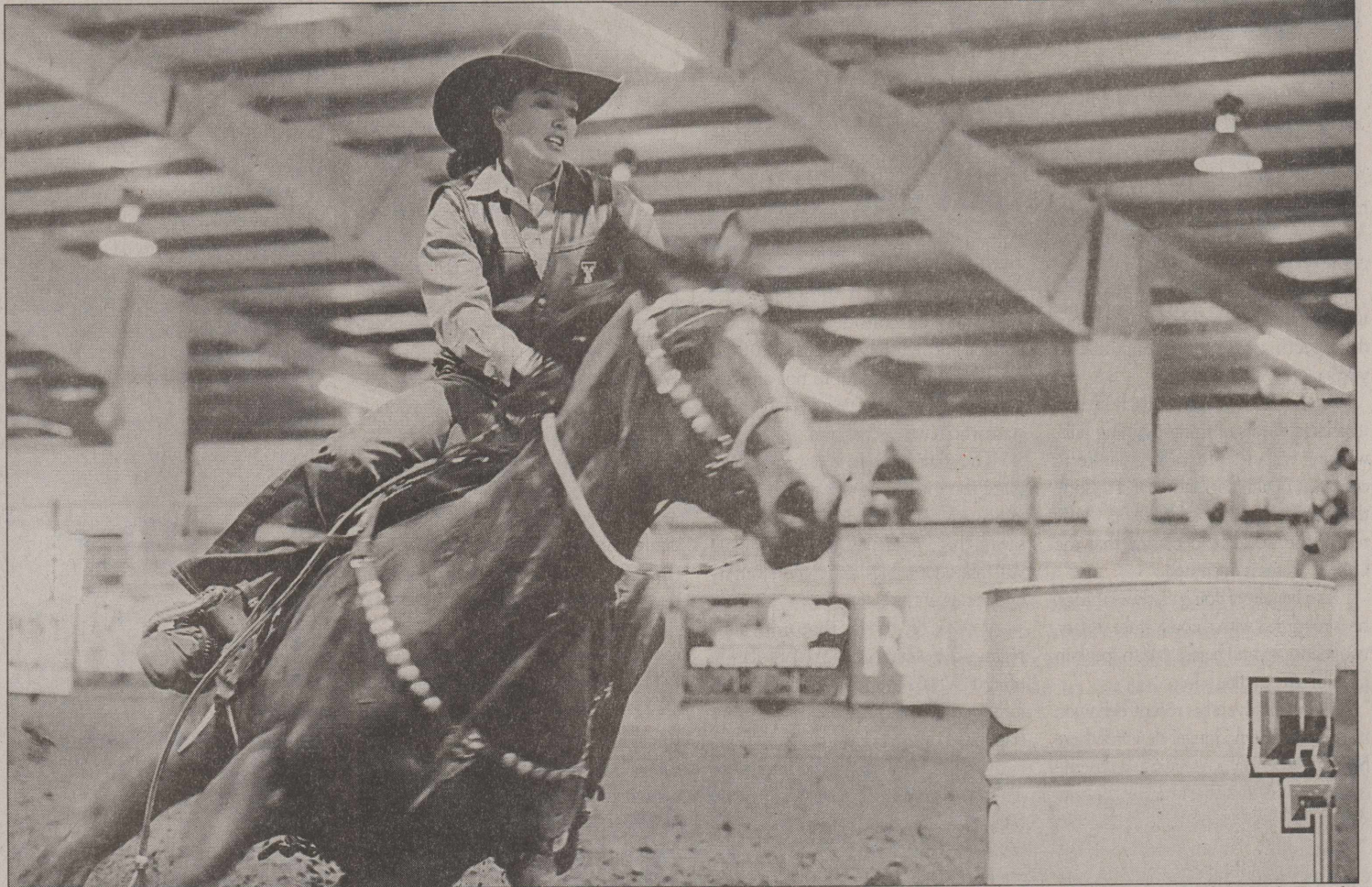
Biology isn't the only thing her daughter enjoys, though. Because there are so many different subjects that interest Guthrie, she's started re-considering the course of education she wants to take, Robertson said.

"She really likes college," Robertson said. "She told me she wouldn't mind going for quite a few more years just because she enjoys learning."

Guthrie's decision to major in physical therapy says a lot about her personality, Robertson said. She's always enjoyed helping other people and doing what she can for them.

Guthrie is able to help others through rodeo and education, Robertson said. She enjoys tutoring other students at the college, and in the past, she has worked with younger children in rodeo through her church.

"She's good with kids and helping other people," Guthrie said. "She's a good team leader; when she played basketball, she was always a good



BAILEY GUTHRIE, A junior physical therapy major from Rigby, Idaho, rides around a barrel during the barrel racing competition at the Texas Tech Equestrian Center Saturday morning.

PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador

example and a good team leader and role model."

Guthrie has a strong individual and personal drive in everything she does, Robertson said, but because she shows an even stronger dedication and drive to goat tying, she considers it Guthrie's favorite event.

When Guthrie received reserve champion at the national level, Robertson said she was even more excited for her because she knew how long

and how hard Guthrie had worked to get to that point.

Although not every moment can be like the one Guthrie had that day, Robertson said she tries to encourage Guthrie to stay positive.

"I tell her to be thankful for the opportunity she has and to not take it for granted," she said. "I encourage her to just do the best she can and be the best person she can."

Chris Guay, Guthrie's rodeo

coach, said her hard work and dedication remain visible, and he continues to have high expectations for her, particularly in goat tying.

"She'll finish in the top three of the Southwest region in goat tying, no doubt about it," Guay said. "She's leading it currently, and we're already halfway through, so I know she'll be a qualifier to the College National Finals rodeo in June."

Guthrie's biggest strength in goat

tying is that she's "fast and quick as a cat," Guay said.

The drive and passion she has to succeed gives the women's rodeo team a competitive advantage, he said.

"I'm so excited about our women's rodeo team this year," Guay said. "In my 17 years of coaching, we probably have more talent this year than we've ever had."

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## Goat tying a way of life for Tech student

By **KATHERINE ROWE**  
STAFF WRITER

As Freedom neared the tied goat, her rider jumped off, flipped the goat over and tied its feet.

Kallie Lamb did this on her horse, Freedom, in nine seconds flat. The senior animal science major from Alberta, Canada, was raised around the rodeo. She taught herself how to flank and tie a goat when she started high school and did not get formal training until a clinic three years later. She went on to compete in goat tying in college.

"My junior college coach made me a goat tier. Then the girl that rodeoed with us last year, I learned everything from her. She kind of was a big pusher to me, and she yelled at me a lot," Lamb said with a smile.

Her mentor, Erica Creswell, graduated from Tech in August. Creswell said her parents didn't know much about rodeo, so she always had a trainer. She was taught the fundamentals and shared that knowledge with Lamb.

"When Kallie came to Tech, she had never won a rodeo," Creswell said. "We went to a rodeo, and I got first and she got second. In the short round, she ended up tying faster than me, and she won the whole rodeo. That was a really good moment for her. I was really proud of her."

Lamb is the president of the Tech rodeo team. She said putting on the rodeo last weekend was a lot of work. She promoted and produced the rodeo along with getting sponsors and feeding livestock.

"I'm glad that it's here, but I like going to other rodeos because all I have to do is worry about my competition," Lamb said. "I think it's like an adrenaline rush to compete. I mean I just climbed off the side of my horse as she was running."

She said those on the rodeo team are not just responsible for their own lives; they are responsible for their horses and the livestock.

"Other college students have to only be responsible for themselves," Lamb said. "We have to feed our horses twice a day. We can't sleep in until two in the afternoon. They have to be fed before 9 a.m. They



PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador  
KALLIE LAMB, A senior animal science, science option major from Canada ties up a goat Friday at the Tech Equestrian Center.

can't do it themselves."

She said she would like to have more time to practice and work out with Freedom.

"When I was in junior college, we'd practice from noon until dark. That is how much I would like to practice," Lamb said. "At Tech, you can't do that with all of the classes."

She said she exercises her horse like a person would exercise.

"People don't think of rodeo as an athletic sport, but to me it is," she said. "You can't get off your

horse while it's running and not be athletic."

Lamb said this is her last year to compete. She plans on always having horses and training them. She said she will continue to conduct goat-tying clinics for high school girls.

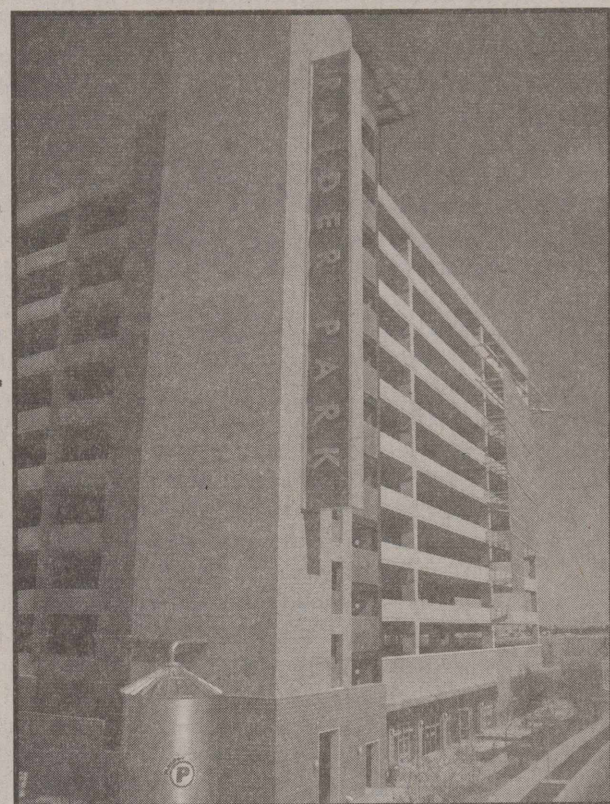
"There's not much goat tying after college," she said. "I guess it's because when you get older most people don't want to jump off your horse."

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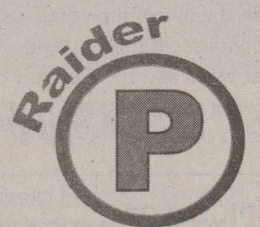
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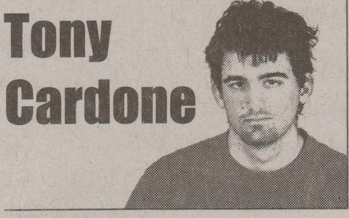
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# OPINIONS

## Texas can do better than Governor Perry

In politics, there are two important players for the candidates: constituents and corporate donors. At one point in time, constituents were more important than the corporate donors. Now, it's definitely swung in favor of the donors.

For the first time, however, the incumbent Texas governor is flat out disrespecting his constituents in this year's race.



**Tony Cardone**  
It may be considered politically correct but refusing to debate in front of Texas is disrespectful to not only his opponents, but to the people of this great state who have elected him.

As the Texas governor, Rick Perry is in charge of lots of things: signing bills, working with the Texas Legislature to construct quality legislation and making the state of Texas look like idiots to the rest of the world by declaring that the United States is overrated.

As a benefit of doing all those things, he is rewarded with a comfortable salary, two mansions and being able to speak in front of a Texas flag a lot.

However, given his recent behavior, it's apparent he no longer deserves these benefits. Not only is he failing the people of Texas, he's stifling the future of the state with some very questionable decisions.

The most blatant of these is the outright rejection of any formal debate with his competitors. His claim that Bill White hasn't released his tax records from a decade ago is merely a façade. He's clearly scared of White. That doesn't explain his unwillingness to debate other minority candidates, however.

Politically, it does make some sense. Polls have the governor slightly ahead, and Texas is a state that has traditionally leaned towards the Republican Party. Debating a skilled opponent who also has had vast government experience leading the nation's fourth largest city has plenty of pitfalls. There is a greater chance that Governor Perry could slip up and lose ground than solidify his lead.

The state of Texas is not in a better place than it was four years ago. In his attack ads, Rick Perry uses a deep voice saying that President Obama is evil and will take your babies, and that he will try and tax everything.

It goes on to say that under his regime, Texas has added the population of Fort Worth in jobs. Not only is this rather confusing, it hides what else has happened over the last few years. Texas is in the bottom 10 in the nation for nearly every education statistic. The state budget has skyrocketed, leaving the state in a hole of \$20 billion. The unemployment rate in Texas is higher than every state surrounding Texas except for New Mexico.

Perry says the state is open for business. It is if your business is providing Rick Perry with campaign money. There have been multiple reports in the past few weeks that show campaign donors have been appointed to many positions in state government. This isn't too rare, but it is when these people make hundreds of thousands of dollars in state business.

An executive in the Teacher Retirement System, the state pension plan for teachers, alleged that major campaign donors (appointed by Perry) acting as TRS board members wrongly influenced

investment. The *Austin American-Statesman* reported that the "lawyer who conducted the investigation was not an independent voice because his firm had been hired by the board to serve as its fiduciary counsel for a short time in 2008."

The Texas Emerging Technology Fund awarded \$4.5 million to Austin-based Convergen Lifesciences, founded by David Nance. According to the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, this was awarded after the state board overruled a regional screening board. Nance, incidentally, has donated nearly \$80,000 to Perry's campaigns. The *Dallas Morning News* has reported that more than \$16 million in taxpayer money have been disbursed from the ETF to people who have donated tens of thousands of dollars to the Perry campaign.

The governor's office, conveniently, has refused to release related documents about the dispersal of our tax dollars through the ETF.

Once could be considered a bit of a coincidence. Any more than that and it's dangerously close to illegal. It may not have been deemed illegal yet, but to me that seems awfully sketchy. To me, this systemic pattern means one thing: Governor Perry has placed the needs of his corporate donors ahead of the people of Texas.

Personally, I think Bill White is the best candidate, which I'll talk about next week. There are also two other candidates — one Libertarian and one Green Party candidate. Texas deserves better than Rick Perry. Texas can do better than Rick Perry.

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## Oil made easy by Canada, Alaska

Democrats and Republicans have been at each other's throats for countless reasons, none of which is a larger issue than America's extreme amount of dependence on the Middle Eastern oil market.



**Zach Morrison**  
alternative energy sources even in the best of circumstances.

We as voters and tax payers constantly have to deal with not only the higher prices that result from dealing with relatively unfriendly, unstable nations, but also the constant threat of military conflict that is a result of our massive appetite for foreign oil.

There are plenty of viable options for solving this issue, all of which, in my personal opinion, are shot down more as a result of our political system than the lack of cost effectiveness or whatever other complaints people have about these possible solutions.

I am referring primarily to both the Democrats' and the Republicans' bad habits of constantly criticizing each other, buying votes for their cause and generally wasting the taxpayers' time and money. They, too, often forget to focus on the pressing issues at hand, as well as the undeniable fact that essentially we all want the same thing: less dependence on Middle Eastern oil and better environmental and economic health at the same time.

We forget this mostly because we disagree on the path to the correct solutions to the problems we as a nation collectively face, and we are far too obsessed with the "liberal" or "conservative" label that all government policy is inevitably subject to.

That being said, let's be honest. Increasing environmental protection policy and the steady growth of the alternative energy industry is not realistically going to eliminate our needs for oil in the immediately foreseeable future, both for the aforementioned political issues and the fact that our fast-growing world economy will take decades to convert to operate under

This is why I suggest a different approach, which is practical and I believe can be executed in an economically and environmentally friendly manner.

Canada is both our greatest ally and a stable, economically healthy country that already supplies the U.S. with a huge amount of oil. According to a report by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, or CAPP, the oil sands of Alberta hold about 315 billion barrels, an amount that exceeds the oil potential of Saudi Arabia, the United States' third most prominent oil supplier, according to *The Global Post*.

When these facts are presented, combined with the stability of the Canadian oil market, it doesn't take a political expert to realize that if we were to clean up our political act, we could produce good foreign policy to negotiate an agreement that would allow us to access the Canadian oil sands' potential, as many European countries are already doing as Canada draws closer to finalizing plans for exploitation of the oil sands' resources.

Granted, many Canadians are concerned about the vast environmental impacts of the oil sands project, and this is a viable factor, especially when one considers the amount of forest that would have to be destroyed and the nearby citizens who are already claiming health problems from the increasing activity in the sands area, according to a 2008 "60 Minutes" report.

The project would also create a vast amount of jobs, as it already has for the Canadians living around the sands

today in the town of Fort McMurray.

Also, according to an article on *Energytomorrow.org*, should the legislation in Canada be successful to begin this new, much larger oil sands development project, the economic impact of Canadian oil sands development will be a huge catalyst for the U.S. economy and is expected to lead to the creation of more than 340,000 new U.S. jobs by 2025, not to mention provide the United States with a lot of relief from the process of dealing with less stable, more dangerous Middle Eastern suppliers.

If we look even farther to the north, we find, within our own borders, another huge and relatively untapped oil source in the state of Alaska. The wells are drilled and the land is our own, which eliminates the usual problems with drilling on foreign land. We have but to pass the legislation to allow the oil corporations to do what they do best, and we will have enough oil to supply us for nearly 200 years, just from a small part of Alaska known as Gull Island, according to an online article titled "Huge Alaskan Oil Reserves Go Unused" by Marie Gunther.

In the 1970s, we had just such a pipeline with that supply potential which was torn down for various environmental and wildlife migratory reasons. I may not be an expert, but I do happen to know that the Canadians simply raised their pipes off the ground to allow wildlife to pass freely.

Presented with all the facts I have recorded in this column, I believe it is not only possible, but also practical to do what we can to access these resources in a timely, and environmentally friendly way. By doing so, we would ensure more energy stability and economic health simultaneously.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### No Perry no problem

Cole Shooter recently wrote an article extolling the virtues of keeping Rick Perry in office, but there are several points I must make regarding Governor Perry. Shooter credits the prosperity of the state partly with Perry's leadership.

While Texas has seen economic prosperity, this business-friendly environment has been a mark of Texas for quite awhile. Shooter also glosses over the fact that the state is facing an unprecedented budget deficit of more than \$20 billion and the only

solution that Perry has seemed to offer is to stick his head in the sand and blame Washington.

Perry is also notorious for his dealings with campaign donors, such as giving millions in taxpayer dollars from the Texas Emerging Technology Fund to companies stocked with executives who happen to be campaign donors.

After endorsing Hutchison in the Republican Gubernatorial Primary, a Texas Tech regent and Perry appointee was forced to resign after a crosby of the governor threatened Texas Tech for the regent's supposed lack of loyalty. This alone should make

any Red Raider reluctant to vote for Perry. Bill White has been recognized for his leadership, receiving many accolades and awards nationally and locally for his pragmatic and bi-partisan approach to city government.

This pragmatic approach is what the state needs, not Perry's heavy-handed tactics. Perry has joked about seceding from the United States, but it is time for him to secede from the Governor's Mansion.

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## Despite speech from Obama, I'm sitting this election out

By VANESSA SPATES  
THE LANTERN (OHIO STATE U.)

Excitement is the single most palpable feeling in the world. And it was available in abundance at the "Moving America Forward" rally at Ohio State U. featuring President Barack Obama to raise support for the Democratic Party before elections in November.

There seemed to be an endless number of speakers who were basically saying the same thing: "Democrats good. Republicans bad." But it's still a surreal feeling to know that Ohio is a "battleground state." We can make a huge difference here and we have in the past.

Normally I don't like discussing politics, but when politicians literally come to your backyard to plead for your votes, it requires a step back to evaluate the situation. Ohio is classified as a swing state, and everyone in the audience Sunday knew that, as a whole, we are one of the reasons why Obama won the presidency in 2008. Ohio has grown to be the winner of the presidential election in all but two since 1892.

That's why those good old politicians keep coming back to our lovely state for more — we are so mixed in our political views here.



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It's empowering and inspirational to know that we pack that kind of punch. Now the Democrats are trying to hold on to their thrones in Ohio, and with the estimated 35,000 people that showed up at the rally on Sunday, they might have just succeeded in getting people fired up.

There's no better motivator than anger, and the president's message that Republicans want to take this country and state a step backward had the crowd up in arms. There was plenty of catcalling and jeering anytime a politician mentioned the other side. It wasn't unlike being at a high school pep rally.

Michelle Obama started off her brief speech with the one thing that

can win over any Buckeye — the "O-H-I-O" chant. That increased the feeling of otherworldliness that had been settling on the audience all evening. It really drives home the fact that our state is a pivotal one, and this university is the epicenter of it all.

What does that mean for me and the rest of my peers? Will students actually rise up and exercise their right to vote in November? I don't know. As for me, I'm sitting this one out. I personally don't think much gets done in Washington besides a lot of mud-slinging and hair-pulling. I have better things to do than worry about over-privileged men and women who want to take over the world.

## Immoral charity pays drug addicts to become sterile

By KAREN INGRAM  
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Drug abuse is a serious problem, not just in the United States, but all over the world. Among the worst victims of this global plague are the children born to drug-addicted parents. A woman named Barbara Harris could tell you all about this, as she adopted and raised four children born to the same crack-addicted woman.

"My husband and I had to take shifts with him," Harris said of her second child, Taylor, in a Feb. 8 BBC News article. "He would sleep 10 minutes, wake up screaming. I was just angry at his mom, I thought how could somebody do this to a baby?"

Harris' inventive solution to the problem became Project Prevention, an organization that pays drug-addicted parents \$300 apiece for long-term birth control, which includes anything from Depo-Provera shots to more permanent methods of tubal ligations and vasectomies — in short, sterilization.

According to Project Prevention's latest statistics, which were updated on their website Oct. 17, they have paid a total of 3,600 "clients" in all 50 states. Of those clients, 1,319 had tubal ligations and 54 had vasectomies, which means the number of "clients" who became sterile is about 1 in 3.

Project Prevention has also recently gone global. BBC news reported in an Oct. 17 article that Project Prevention is offering 200 pounds, or \$318, to addicts in various UK cities, including London and Glasgow, if they agree to the aforementioned birth control.

Harris and Project Prevention have been attacked by critics who compare this charity organization to Nazi programs in the 1930s that sterilized or killed groups of people deemed to be unsuitable for procreation, including Jews and mentally handicapped people. Harris has also been accused of being a racist and targeting poor and drug-addicted minorities.

I wouldn't go so far as to accuse Harris of practicing eugenics, and I don't think she's racist, either. Harris is white, but her four adopted children are black or of mixed ethnicity and her husband is black. Also, the statistics on her website show that more than half of her "clients" are white. Also, I can certainly see her side of things, as many babies born to drug-addicted mothers suffer from withdrawal, premature birth, physical and mental problems, among other things. I understand her desire to end the suffering of children.

That being said, Project Prevention leaves me with a bad taste in my mouth because I can see such a "charitable project" being carried out on other groups of people someone might deem "unsuitable" for procreating.

There are many children born into less than ideal conditions all the time, and although I bemoan the overpopulation of the planet, I get a chill at the thought of people being paid to get sterilized because they are deemed unworthy breeding stock. There are millions of children in the U.S. who suffer without drugs coming into the picture. According to *world-hunger.org*, 13 million children in the U.S. are hungry. Should poor people be sterilized to spare their children from pain and suffering? Should people be sterilized because they have Down syndrome? Or because schizophrenia runs in their family? Or diabetes? What about people who are HIV positive?

What about the children of people who are "suffering" because their livelihoods conflict with someone else's belief system? Should gays be sterilized? Or illegal immigrants?

When you target one group of people because of the harm they could do to their children, you run the risk of declaring open season on anyone who might be "undesirable." As I've already stated, I believe the population is dangerously high on this planet. I also meet people every day who annoy me to the point of thinking "Gee, I hope this idiot never breeds," but I am not arrogant enough to believe I can choose who should or should not have children. I don't believe any individual — or charity — should be given the power to make that call.

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CAITLIN HAWORTH, A senior international business major from Katy and assistant executive chairman of Children's Miracle Network, dances with Alexia Klemer, 3, on Saturday during the first annual RaiderThon Dance Marathon in the Roberth H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

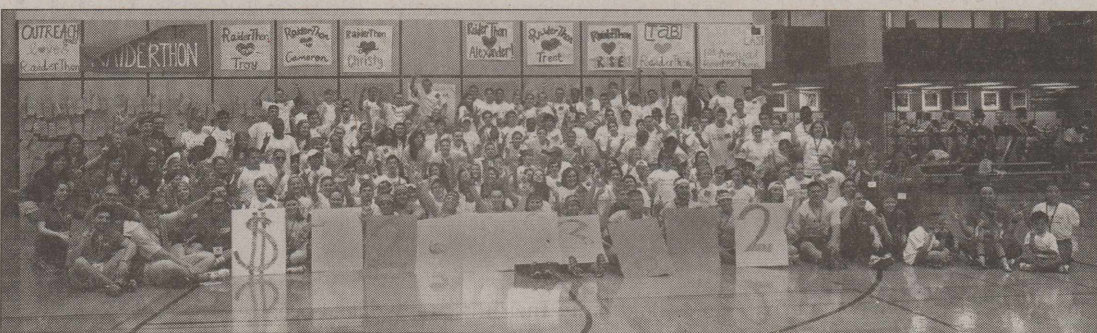


DANCERS PARTICIPATE IN a limbo contest Saturday during the first annual RaiderThon Dance Marathon in the Roberth H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

## Dance all night

Photos by Karl Anderson

The six-hour RaiderThon Dance Marathon challenged participants to dance the entire time for sick children who can't and benefited University Medical Center and Children's Miracle Network, a non-profit that saves the lives of children by raising funds and awareness for children's hospitals. Six miracle families, whose children benefited from treatment at UMC, were present to share their stories. 400 dancers raised more than \$22,000.



THE FIRST ANNUAL RaiderThon Dance Marathon in the Roberth H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.



HERBERT BUTCHER, A freshman computer engineering major from Pflugerville representing Arnold Air Society, does a black flip during a dance to "Your Love is My Drug" by Ke\$ha.

## Formula SAE hosts first fundraising car show

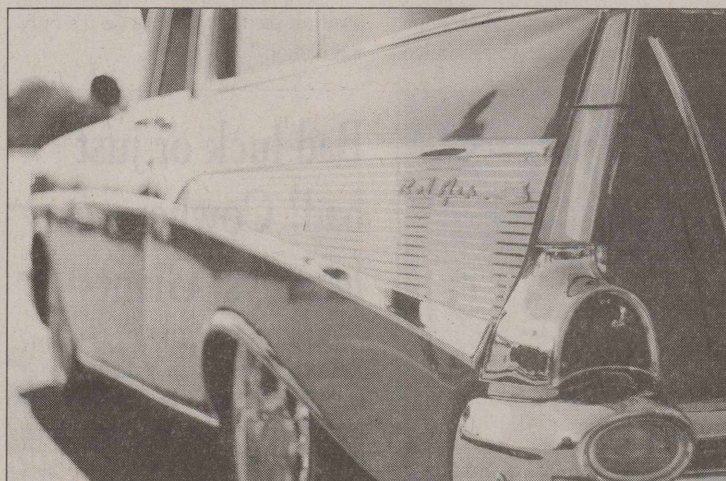


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THE SOCIETY OF Automotive Engineers hosted its first annual car show on Saturday.

By JASMINE BRADFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students, Lubbock residents and out-of-towners brought their cars to the Commuter North parking lot Saturday to show off the style and features of each vehicle for the annual car show hosted by the Texas Tech Formula Society of Automotive Engineers.

The show, which helps raise money for the organization to compete in 2011, featured many different kinds of cars ranging from a Viper GTS to an SUV truck. Ultimately, one of these cars would come out on top and take best in show.

Senior Ryan Deaton, a mechanical engineering major from Dallas, said he entered the car show with his 2000 Chevrolet Camaro SS in support of the organization.

Categories included muscle, custom, classic and exotic, said Russ McCarty, a senior mechanical engineering major from Dallas. Judging is based on paint, car audio, body, exterior modifications and more to determine the winners.

The group used many fundraising events within the car show so they can take their own car to competition next year.

In 2005, McCarty said Formula SAE finished 89<sup>th</sup> out of 120 teams after its car

broke down. In 2006 the team ran low on funding and was unable to complete a car for competition in Michigan.

McCarty, who is the lead drive-training engineer in the organization, said he registered the contestant's cars as they entered into the show.

"We've had about 45 cars participating," he said. "This fundraising car show will help us make it to competition in Michigan."

He said the team hosted a raffle, sold concessions, smashed a donated car for one dollar and had participants enter their cars into the competition.

Amanda Burns, a senior biology major from Dallas, was a guest at the car show and watched the different cars on display.

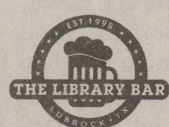
"I definitely think it's a dude thing," Burns said. "I don't know much about them, but I like to look at them and a lot of cool cars showed up."

All contestants had a chance to win a \$25 gift card to Auto Zone as well as a cleaning bucket and trophies for each category.

Lubbock resident Olen Harris won in both the classics and overall competition with his 1957 Chevy Bel Air.

"I was shocked," Harris said. "There are a lot of better cars out here than mine that are very exceptional."

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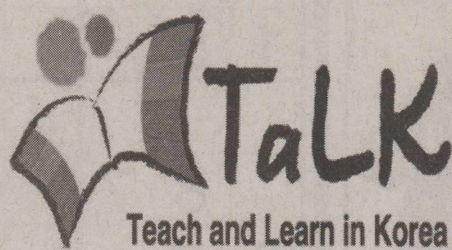
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# Red Raiders fall in straight sets

By EVAN JANSA  
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It was too little, too late for the Texas Tech volleyball team on Saturday afternoon.

The Red Raiders were defeated 25-20, 25-13, 28-26 by Oklahoma in a match that was closer than the final score indicates.

The victory for the Sooners (16-6, 8-3) was their 11th consecutive against Tech (3-17, 1-10).

After a slow start in the first two sets, the Lady Raiders regrouped. Senior Jackie Vincent — who finished with a team-high 17 digs — said that one adjustment proved to be crucial.

“We needed to start being aggressive ... and we needed to start being smarter,” Vincent said. “We talked about it, and we put it on the court.”

In the final frame, Tech won a string of three straight points to tie the set at 23-23. That’s when the Tech bench became a pivotal factor.

Senior Barbara Conceicao and freshman Sheridan Burgess put their stamp on the match, accounting for the last three points Tech scored.

Conceicao assisted a block on a Sooner shot to make it 24-23 and give the Red Raiders their first of three set points. When Oklahoma answered to tie the score at 24-24, so did Conceicao, with her fourth kill of the set.

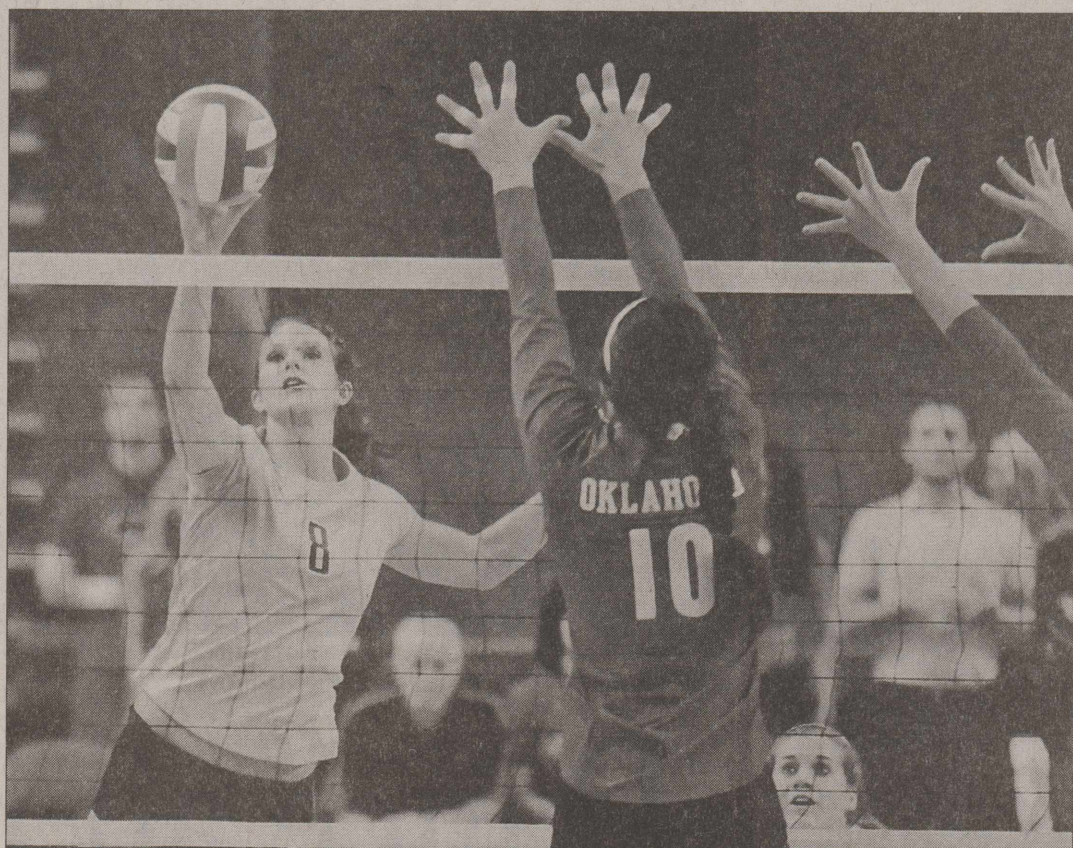


PHOTO BY PAUL HAILES/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH MIDDLE Blocker Alexxa Roberts spikes the ball during the Texas Tech volleyball game against Oklahoma University Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

the match at 25, Burgess came through with a kill to give Tech a 26-25 lead and another opportunity to extend the contest to a fourth set; however, the Lady Raiders dropped three points in a row to lose the match.

Technical coach Trish Knight said she’s been having

trouble trying to figure out which six players to have out on the court.

Inserting Conceicao and Burgess in the third set worked effectively for the Lady Raiders, and Knight explained why the substitution was made.

“I think putting some new kids in there that have that fresh enthusiasm and are playing with no fear made a big difference,” Knight said.

Tech outside hitter and middle blocker Amanda Dowdy said that she was also pleased with the efforts of Conceicao and Burgess.

“I was not surprised at all because I knew they could do it,” Dowdy said. “We have good depth on our team. Both of them were great tonight.”

Heading into the game, Dowdy was fifth in the Big 12 in kills and will likely remain

in the top 10 after posting 13 to go with 11 digs. Her double-double was her sixth this season and ninth of her career. Dowdy said that her teammates, especially setter Karlyn Meyers, were a major part of her success.

“Karlyn did a great job of delivering the ball and keeping the pressure off of me tonight,” Dowdy said. “We moved around the block well, and I was open a lot more.”

One area that plagued Tech in the first two games of the match was errors. The Lady Raiders finished with 29 in the match, 12 of which came in the second set. Knight said most of them were hitting errors.

“That’s just too many points to give away,” Knight said. “We struggled with that early, then we got it back in control. It just seemed like that was the hardest part for us today.”

Tech will host Texas A&M at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. With the season winding down, Knight said she feels good about the remaining schedule for the Red Raiders.

“We have a lot of games coming up that we have a shot to win,” Knight said. “We’ll see what happens. We’ve just got to keep excitement about us.”

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## 2010 Texas Longhorns turn home field into disadvantage

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Longhorns have turned Austin into the road trip everyone wants to make.

Not for the cool bars and live music scene. This is where teams in desperate need of a win go get one.

UCLA did it first, smacking Texas 34-12 on Sept. 25. The Horns were back home for the first time in a month on Saturday and took a 28-21 whipping by Iowa State, a team that had been outscored 120-27 the previous two weeks.

The loss to the Cyclones was more thorough than the final score would suggest. Texas (4-3) turned the ball over four times and trailed 28-6 early in the fourth quarter to a team that ranked No. 112 in total defense and 104th in total offense.

Here comes the scary part for Texas: Baylor (6-2) comes to town next weekend.

The No. 25 Bears are ranked for the first time since 1993 and itching to get their first win over the Longhorns since 1997.

The loss to UCLA left Texas coach Mack Brown embarrassed. When it happened again against

Iowa State, he was shaken and angry. Texas has lost consecutive home games for the first time since 1997.

“Totally unacceptable,” Brown said.

Just a week earlier, his team stopped a two-game skid with an impressive 20-13 win at Nebraska. That game had the Longhorns looking at their schedule and thinking they could make a big run at the Big 12 South title. Five of the last six games were at home. Only Oklahoma State looked like a real threat to win in Austin.

Texas probably wishes it could now play the rest of the season on the road.

“You’re asking me to wave a wand and fix it,” Brown said. “I’m fighting my guts out, trying to turn this thing around. If you need to tell (fans) we’re going to run a boot camp, go ahead.”

Texas fans were befuddled by what they saw Saturday. An 11 a.m. kickoff and an opponent who had never beaten Texas led many Longhorns fans to stay home. The announced crowd of 100,142 belied large areas of empty seats, notably in the student sections.

## Winner slams race conditions, organizers after swimmer's death

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A day after U.S. national team swimmer Fran Crippen died during an open-water race in the United Arab Emirates, the winner of the event said the water and air temperatures were too high to hold a competition.

Thomas Lurz of Germany criticized both swimming’s governing body and race organizers Sunday, saying conditions were too hot for racing, that FINA’s schedule was too grueling and that organizers should have done more to ensure swimmers’ safety in the Open Water 10-kilometer World Cup held at Fujairah, east of Dubai, on Saturday.

The 26-year-old Crippen, from a family of prominent swimmers in suburban Philadelphia, failed to finish and was found in the water two hours later, about 400 meters from the finish, organizers said.

FINA’s president said Sunday that “overexertion” led to Crippen’s death and FINA had launched an investigation into the tragedy.

“What we know initially is that he exerted himself more than he could, that’s what we know,” said FINA President Julio Maglione of Uruguay, attending an International Olympic Committee conference in Acapulco,

Mexico. Maglione said he was told that after eight kilometers Crippen informed his coach that he wasn’t feeling well.

Race officials said a medical report and autopsy on Crippen had been completed, but declined to release their full details to the media.

Swimmers complained of the warm water temperatures, but Ayman Saad, executive director of the UAE swimming association, played down heat as a factor, saying that the water temperature was 84 degrees at the start of the race, which was held in the ocean on a triangular 2-kilometer course behind a breakwater.

All safety measures were in place including lifeguards, boats and divers, Saad said, adding that FINA had signed off on everything before the race started.

Usually at open-water races, a boat follows the last swimmer on the course.

“What I think happened is that the swimmers were in various groups. This is what I heard,” FINA executive director Cornel Marculescu told The AP. “On the last feeding station the coach was talking to him. But I really don’t know. We have to wait for the investigation and then we will come up with our position on this. Otherwise it’s only speculation.”

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Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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## Bad luck or just bad? Cowboys may learn vs. Giants

ARLINGTON (AP) — Tony Romo is floating a new theory about what’s wrong with the Dallas Cowboys: They’re not bad, just having bad luck.

Such as five of his seven interceptions being tipped balls. Or some of the costliest of their 49 penalties being borderline calls that went against them.

Such as an opponent’s punt dying around the 2-yard line instead of tumbling into the end zone, which led to a costly chain of events. They are all little things that are supposed to even out over the course of a season but have piled up quickly, sending the Cowboys reeling to a 1-4 start.

“Snakebit,” Romo called it. Then again, maybe he’s just grasping for something — anything — to explain what a mess Dallas has been.

The Cowboys go into their game against Eli Manning and the New York Giants on Monday night hearing how this could be their last chance of salvaging playoff hopes. While similar proclamations have been made on a weekly basis the last month, losing this one would put the Cowboys up against some dreadful history.

In the Super Bowl era, 148 teams have started 1-5 and only the 1970 Cincinnati Bengals wound up making the playoffs, according to STATS LLC.

The outlook is only marginally better for 1-4 teams. Since the league went to the current playoff format of six teams per conference in 1990, five teams have advanced.



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## Tech clinches Big 12 tourney berth with win

By TOMMY MAGELSEN  
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech soccer clinched a berth in the Big 12 Conference Championship Friday night in a dramatic 3-2 overtime win against Iowa State at the John Walker Soccer Complex.

The win means the Red Raiders (11-5-1, 4-3-1 in Big 12 play) can finish no lower than seventh place in the regular season standings. Tech's 13 points were good enough for fifth in the conference heading into Sunday's games. The Red Raiders can still potentially finish third in the conference if they win out and get a little help from a few teams.

As of press time, Tech's Sunday night game against Missouri had not gone final.

Tech's overtime win Friday ended the Cyclones' long-shot bid for the Big 12 tournament. It is the second consecutive week the Red Raiders dashed a team's postseason hopes. Tech defeated Kansas 2-0 Oct. 15, eliminating the Jayhawks from potential tournament play.

Midfielder Sarah Ellison said the win Friday night doesn't relieve any pressure from the team, even though the Raiders clinched a tournament berth.

"It doesn't (take off any pressure) because we're constantly wanting more," Ellison said. "Every win we get is a higher spot in the tournament, and we're not going to settle for anything less than two wins in these last two games."

But the win Friday night didn't come easily for Tech. The Red Raiders twice went up



PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador

THE RED RAIDERS celebrate the game-winning goal in overtime on Friday against the Iowa State Cyclones at the John T. Walker Soccer Complex.

by one goal and twice let the Cyclones back into the game. Freshman Jessica Fuston netted all three goals for Tech, her first career hat trick on the collegiate level.

Fuston's goals in the eighth and 51st minutes put Tech ahead, but her goal in the seventh minute of extra time sent

the Red Raiders into a frenzy.

The play building up to the goal came off a short goal kick by Iowa State that was collected by Tech forward Leanne Mihelich. The senior then raced toward the box alongside Ellison as the two looked to notch the golden goal.

Mihelich fired a shot just inside the 18-yard box off a pass from Ellison, but Cyclone keeper Maddie Jobe made her fifth save of the game. However, Jobe could only parry the ball, and Mihelich poked it to Fuston, who came charging into the box in Landon Donovan-esque style.

"The ball was just bouncing in the box, and it just, like, came kind of towards me, and afterwards I was just in shock," Fuston said. "I didn't realize, it didn't come to me until everyone dog-piled me and crushed me ... It's the best feeling I've had since I've been here."

Mihelich logged the game-winning assist on the night, a fitting performance for senior night.

Fuston has a team-leading 10 goals, good enough for fourth in the conference. The

freshman also has four multi-goal games. Fuston's six goals during Big 12 play are second in the conference behind Nebraska's Morgan Marlborough, last year's Big 12 Conference Player of the Year.

"Jessica Fuston - a hat trick - tremendous accomplishment for her, and it keeps us alive in our hunt for the Big 12 and beyond," Tech coach Tom Stone said.

Even though the Red Raiders are now comfortably in the Big 12 tournament, Stone said his team is by no means ready to pump the brakes on the season.

"We've been (to the Big 12 tournament) four years in a row," Stone said. "The key, however, is that this year's goal was beyond that. Now if we get in for sure, we want to compete there; we want to show we can win there, and we want to go beyond the Big 12 if possible."

Tech's final regular season game is at 7 p.m. Friday against Baylor in Waco. The Big 12 Conference Championship runs from Nov. 3 to Nov. 7 in San Antonio.

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## Kicker Williams comes through in the clutch

BOULDER, Colo. - Texas Tech's crucial 27-24 win didn't come easily, and when the game was on the line, one could forgive Red Raider fans for doing some nail-biting.

The kicking game for the Red Raiders hasn't exactly been fantastic, but against Colorado, senior kicker Matt Williams was two-for-two and hit the kick that won Tech the game, even if he downplayed that note.

"I didn't really win it, I just kicked the ball that went through the uprights to get us the extra points to win it," he said. "The offense did a great job, the defense came up with some huge stops. It feels really good to do something for my team like this."

While it's true it takes a team effort to put the kicker in place to win or lose the game, it's obviously on his foot to get the points needed. Colorado's kicker, Aric Goodman, missed a 35-yarder that would have given the Buffaloes a 27-17 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Instead, Tech climbed its way back in to notch a desperately needed win.

"That's great any time your kicker can come out and put the game-winning points on the board. It's a lot of pressure, and for him to come out and do that, it's great," defensive lineman Colby Whitlock said.

Williams had an attempt blocked in the first game of the season against SMU and missed another earlier this season, coming in at four of six on the year.

During practice, the Red Raider coaching staff makes the team do extra running if Williams misses kicks.

"He's had some people mad at him a few times after a hard two-a-day or something, we've had to run," quarterback

Jon  
Arnold



Taylor Potts said.

But when it really mattered, Williams came through.

"He went out there, did what he was supposed to," Potts said.

The story of Williams' transformation from regular Joe in the stands to a NCAA Division-I football player thanks to a housing company field goal kicking promotion is well documented. But it's more than just a storybook tale; Tech has been in desperate need of a consistent kicker since Alex Trlica finished his eligibility after the 2007 season.

During the fourth quarter, the wind was at Williams' back, but in Boulder, the wind frequently swirls. Williams said when he went out for both kicks, he felt as though they were meant to go in.

"Those last two, both those kicks, when I stepped back, the wind was just straight at my back. I kinda just felt like God was pushing it through the uprights for me," he said. "I had a few rough times in warm ups today, and when I got back to kick those two kicks, I just knew, I knew right when I kicked them they were going in."

The way things were going for Tech this year, it seems a little divine intervention was just what the team needed.

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## No. 4 TCU keeps winning, but isn't moving in polls

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Teams from BCS conferences keep leapfrogging TCU in polls, and the Horned Frogs don't seem to care.

One of last year's BCS busters, TCU held steady at No. 4 on Sunday. The Horned Frogs were passed this time when Auburn jumped from a spot behind to TCU to a spot ahead after knocking off LSU in a battle of Southeastern Conference unbeaten.

"We just go out and try to play the best game we can," safety Colin Jones said after the Horned Frogs dispatched Air Force 38-7 for their school-record 21st consecutive regular-season win Saturday night.

TCU figured to be the only ranked team in the Lone Star State again after Texas lost at home to Iowa State and dropped out for the second time this season. But Baylor moved in at No. 25 after becoming bowl eligible for the first time since 1994 with a win over Kansas State.

Those are the same Bears who never had a chance in a September visit to Fort Worth, falling behind 35-3 by halftime in a 45-10 loss to TCU.

So, are the Frogs the best in Texas, home to four teams from the Big 12, a BCS darling?

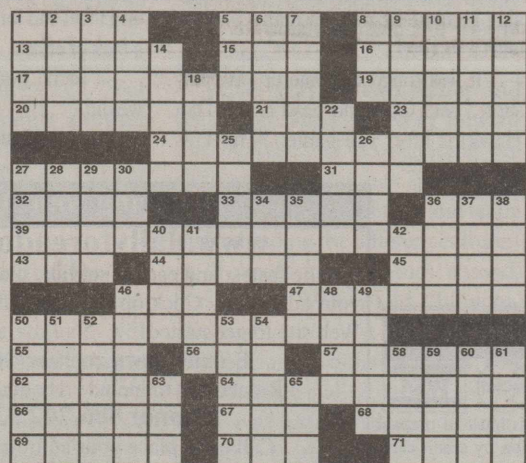
"I don't know," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "Right now we're trying to be the best team in the Mountain West Conference."

The Frogs figure to be heavy favorites at UNLV on Saturday night, then visit No. 8 Utah in a game that will eliminate one BCS-busting hopeful.

### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**  
1 Eve's youngest  
5 Special ...  
7 military force  
8 Priest's place  
13 Trojan War epic  
15 "The \_\_\_\_\_"  
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17 Wealthy relative  
19 Sidekick who rode Scout  
20 Bagel flavoring  
21 Rio automaker  
23 Bones partner  
24 Ernie's alter ego  
27 Free, as legal work  
31 Author Fleming  
32 Titled woman  
33 Older but ...  
36 Dean's list factor: Abbr.  
39 Father-son talk, e.g.  
43 D.C. bigwig  
44 Annually  
45 Jason's vessel  
46 Had some grub  
47 Leave high and dry  
50 Assembled in a makeshift manner  
55 North Carolina university  
56 Fed. loan guarantor  
57 Take turns  
62 Bank takebacks, briefly  
64 Get-together for the starts of 17-, 24-, 39- and 50-Across?  
66 Used a prie dieu  
67 Many, many moons  
68 Coach: athlete :: student  
69 When tripled, and so on  
70 Gun lobby org.  
71 Rockwell or Gothic
- DOWN**  
1 32-Acrosses' spouses  
2 Nobelist Wiesel  
3 Nervous spasms  
4 "Very funny!"



By Robert A. Doll

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### Friday's Puzzle Solved

- CORK** PHYS **CYCLO**  
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**MONET** LAUNDERER  
**FEVER** ALI **HEAR**  
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- 41 Batik artisans  
42 Francisco  
46 Composer Schoenberg  
48 Arctic floater  
49 Take in from a pet shelter  
50 Beef ... dried meat  
51 Kagan who replaced Stevens on the Supreme Court  
52 Enticement  
53 "Peer Gynt" dramatist  
54 Croc's cousin  
58 Drawn tight  
59 Culturally pretentious  
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