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## ROPIN' AND RIDIN'

### Collegiate rodeo disappointment for Tech team

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Fifteen teams from Texas and New Mexico participated in the Texas Tech Rodeo Association's 49th annual rodeo at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum this past weekend.

Tarleton State University dominated the rodeo, said Chris Guay, Tech's rodeo coach.

"Our team did nothing," Guay said. "There was no university support. It was a nightmare."

The team has been preparing for the rodeo since this summer, Guay said. Members lost money from their own pockets because the team does not have a travel budget.

The students care for their own horses for each rodeo, Guay said. Transporting the horses puts wear and tear on their vehicles, Guay said.

Many Tech students did not participate because they were busy working the rodeo, Guay said.

This year's rodeo was more difficult than ever before, said Rylee Shoas, a senior range management major from Shallowater.

Guay said the students had to do everything including cleaning up.

Guay said he does not want to have next year's rodeo in the coliseum. He said the coliseum is just not equipped for a rodeo because there is only one entrance for livestock to use.

Tommy Gonzalez, managing director of Lubbock's Civic Services, said as far as he knows there have not been any complaints about the facilities by other rodeos.

Gonzalez said dirt events hire their own contractors to bring dirt in and take it out.

The city hoses down the floor at no extra charge, Gonzalez said. Officials only charge to lease the building.

There are no current plans to add another entrance, but Gonzalez said it is not out ruled for the future.

"We need a place of our own," Guay said. "We have no place to practice."

Attendance also was down from last year.

"Anything that could go wrong did," Guay said. Sept. 18, the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources presented a dinner to announce a scholarship endowment for the rodeo team.

They announced the endowment had \$330,650 and raised \$19,000 during the evening. The money is strictly for scholarships.

In an article in the Sept. 21 *University Daily*, Guay said the rodeo club is well represented and his goal is to build the team on what they already have, but there are things the team needs like an operational budget and rodeo facilities.



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**Lucky Lasso:** Texas Tech student Russell Riggan competes in the calf roping competition in the collegiate rodeo Friday at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. Tarleton State University won the contest.

## Issues close in for local sheriff race

By Apu Naik  
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With election day less than two weeks away, the city's most heated race is beginning to pivot on one of the issues sheriff candidates David Gutierrez and Dusty Dowgar differ on: the issue of the two-jail systems, which developed last year over differences between city and county officials.

Dowgar, the Republican nominee, said the temporary holding facility, run by the city, results in a needless duplication of funds and only increases taxes for local citizens.

The chief investigator with the Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney's Office, who is taking a leave of absence in order to campaign for sheriff, promised to work with the city in order to develop a more unified law enforcement agency if elected.

His opponent, independent candidate Gutierrez, challenged Dowgar to show how he would combine the two jails and still keep the Lubbock County Jail eligible for recertification by the state of Texas.

"The two facilities separated about a year ago by the Texas Commission on jail standards because of state regulations, and since that time, we have been working with Senator (Robert) Duncan to find the most cost efficient way to run the jail system and have concluded that the current system works," said Gutierrez.

"I agree that if there was a way to combine the county and city jails in order to reduce the burden on tax payers, it should be done.

No one denies that, and if there was a way to do it, and still fall under state regulations, we would be glad to, but the fact is, Dowgar doesn't have a plan to achieve this."

Gutierrez is running an independent campaign after losing the Republican nomination to Dowgar last summer after the death of Sheriff Sonny Keesee.

Dowgar would not return phone calls from *The University Daily* Monday.

Dowgar has not given a public response to the article in Monday's *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*. The article states the A-J obtained a Texas Rangers' report last week revealing Dowgar had admitted to taking a stolen rifle from a sheriff's vault in Yoakum County when he was employed as deputy in 1984.

According to article the report states that Dowgar quit his job in order to avoid criminal charges.

Mikel Ward, a Dowgar supporter and former candidate for mayor of Lubbock, said she would stand beside Dowgar regardless of the report because of his stance on the issues, such as combining the city and county jails.

"We haven't heard anything from Dusty all day, but it definitely doesn't change the way I feel about him and his ability to be sheriff of Lubbock," Ward said. "We all make mistakes, and no one can really know what happened 14 years ago and under what circumstances they may have occurred. The bottom line is that Dusty is the best candidate for this position regardless of some mistake he might have made a long time ago."

## Flood victims bide time in Red Cross shelters

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Weeks after a rain-flooded creek climbed out of its banks and terrorized Rosemary Flores' relatives in Del Rio, the same tragedy has struck her family in San Antonio.

"I went berserk. It's too much," said Flores, whose home near Cibolo Creek on the east edge of the city is one of hundreds damaged by a weekend of heavy rain and flooding.

Her family fled Saturday afternoon as water began rising and lightning struck their home. "Our house was all filled with smoke. We didn't know what to do," Flores said.

As more showers pelted the area Monday, the Flores family and scores of others continued to live temporarily in emergency shelters established by the American Red Cross. Some of the worst

flooding occurred in New Braunfels and communities in east San Antonio along Cibolo and Salado creeks, according to Tom Millwee, coordinator of the state's Division of Emergency Management. In all, about 5,000 people in Texas have been housed in shelters since the flooding began Saturday, Millwee said. At least 14 people have died in Texas storms since Saturday. Up to 20 inches of rain have fallen in areas of San Antonio since Saturday, setting rainfall records for the city.

Gov. George W. Bush got a view of some of the damage as he arrived in San Antonio on Monday afternoon by plane. Bush had scheduled a helicopter flight to survey flood damage, but because of bad weather he said he wanted National Guard helicopters to be used for rescue efforts.

## Perry, Sharp battle over criminal release bill

AUSTIN (AP) — A new ad by lieutenant governor candidate John Sharp blames election foe Rick Perry for the early release of a prisoner who then killed a teen-age girl. But the criminal actually won release based on a law supported by Sharp, Perry and criminal justice officials said Monday.

"This weekend I discovered that John Sharp will indeed say or do anything to get elected," Perry charged.

Sharp contended that Perry, Republican criminal justice officials and a prison spokesman are wrong. He maintained that it was a law supported by Perry that resulted in the inmate's early release.

The inmate — Gary Wayne Etheridge — now is on death row. He had been sent to prison for burglary in 1985 and assaulted another inmate in 1986, according to prison officials.

Because of a 1983 prison-management law, Etheridge collected extra "good-time credit" allowing him to be released before serving his actual sentence, officials said.

After his release in 1989, Etheridge was convicted of killing a 15-year-old girl in 1990 in Brazoria County.

Both Sharp, a Democrat, and Perry, a Republican, are former state legislators.

Sharp voted for the 1983 prison-management law. But he contended it was never invoked and that a 1987 prison-management law supported by Perry is to blame for Etheridge's release.

"There was not one prisoner released as a result of that (1983) bill,"

Sharp said.

In Sharp's ad, Perry is accused of voting for a law that "freed Etheridge and thousands of others to strike again."

But it was the 1983 law that applied to Etheridge because it was in effect when he committed his crime, said Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Glen Castlebury and Allan B. Polunsky, Texas Board of Criminal Justice chairman.

Perry said the measure he supported would have barred Etheridge from getting extra good-time credits because he had a history of violent behavior.

"John Sharp's TV ad is a bald-faced lie. Not only is it factually incorrect, it is a shameless attempt to exploit the death of a child to further his political

ambitions," Perry said.

"John Sharp voted for the Prison Management Act, which allowed convicted criminals to be released from prison early during times of prison overcrowding."

Brazoria County Sheriff Joe King and Harris County Sheriff Tommy Thomas, both Republicans, also slammed Sharp.

Polunsky — appointed to the prison board by former Republican Gov. Bill Clements and reappointed by Republican Gov. George W. Bush — joined Perry in criticizing Sharp.

"This is not a Republican or Democratic issue," Polunsky said.

"The only reason I have involved myself at this point is because there are untruths being stated by Mr. Sharp and his people that directly impact the agency that I oversee."

## Last minute ticket sales give Lubbock national stigma

By Sebastian Kitchen  
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Recent cancellations and poor attendance at concerts may cost Lubbock arts and entertainment fans more than they ever imagined.

Towns like Amarillo and Albuquerque support major acts, but Lubbock's last minute ticket purchasers scare bands and promoters.

Organizers at the state, local and univer-

sity level are skeptical of the last minute purchase of tickets to events, if tickets are purchased at all.

"It is very expensive to support shows, and without ticket buyers, our shows will dry up," said Darryl Robbins, a former performing artist and an activities specialist with University Center Programs at Texas Tech.

Only a small percentage of college students need to support the shows to help the Lubbock music scene grow and prosper, Robbins said.

"If 10 percent of the college population would go out and support the shows, we would have a much better music environment," Robbins said.

UCP and the Ex-Students Association lost several thousand dollars on the Carrot Top comedy concert Oct. 8.

Robbins said the organizations lost about \$7,000.

Garbage and Girls Against Boys performed Oct. 11 in Lubbock at Liquid 2000. The venue did not manage to sell out the show.

That has been the worst selling show on the tour so far, said Lubbock promoter Lane Arnold. Garbage and Girls Against Boys stopped in Albuquerque at a venue that holds 1,250 people. The show sold out in advance. The tour sold about 5,000 tickets in Las Cruces, N.M.

Also, Arnold pointed out Garbage uses the same booking company as other artists who tour large clubs and theaters.

"They will have no reason to do Lubbock any favors in the future," Arnold said.

Besides putting a bad taste in the mouth of the bands and the booking companies, poor concert attendance costs promoters money.

Promoters of the Garbage show, 462 Concerts, lost a lot of money on the venture, Arnold said.

Keith Welch of Stardate Concerts, which is based out of Dallas, also said the Garbage show lost promoters' money, and his com-

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