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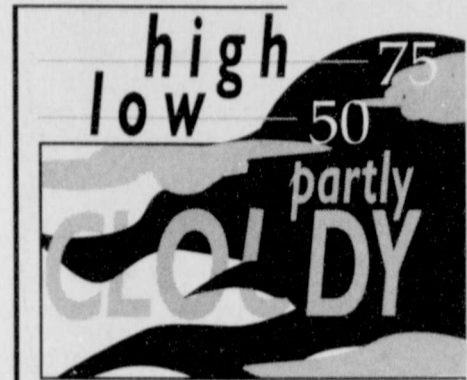
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### STATE NEWS

#### Texas man's body found in submerged car

ZWOLLE, La. (AP) — The body of an East Texas man was found inside a car pulled from Toledo Bend Reservoir south of Zwolle, Sabine Parish authorities said.

Fishermen spotted the car almost completely submerged off Lanan Bridge about 10:45 a.m. Saturday. The body of Keith E. Small, 35, of Hemphill, Texas, was discovered in the car after it was pulled from the lake, Deputy Coroner Ron Rivers said Sunday.

The car had been standing straight up in about 12 feet of water with only part of its back bumper visible. It apparently ran off a straight stretch of road, Rivers said.

Small left his home around 5:50 p.m. Friday headed to a supermarket just across the Texas-Louisiana line. His family reported him missing Saturday morning.

### NATIONAL NEWS

#### Parents accused of killing five children for insurance

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — The Browns got out alive when their house burned down. Five children didn't make it. Ricky Lee Brown told others that he was too busy fighting the fire to save any of the youngsters. His wife, Barbara, said she just "didn't think about it."

Prosecutors, however, suspect they thought about it plenty.

The Browns and their housemate are accused of setting the 1997 fire and killing the children for more than \$61,000 in insurance proceeds.

A federal jury is hearing the case against Brown, 25, and he could get the death penalty if convicted. His wife and a third adult who was staying at their house in Weston, Janette Ables, will be tried separately.

"They did this because they were tired of their children. Their children interfered with their lifestyles," federal prosecutor Robert McWilliams said.

Prosecutors contend the Browns and Ables poured gasoline and set the fire. Five adults in all escaped unharmed. The insurance proceeds on Brown's home and three stepchildren added up to \$61,449 — enough to buy a house in the country. He signed a contract on one just three weeks after the children were buried.

Brown received a monthly \$484 in disability payments because of what he said was a heart problem, and would have needed 10 years to make as much money as the insurance provided, prosecutors say.

And because of a state rule change that would have counted Brown's check as household income, he and his wife stood to lose \$312 a month in welfare benefits, their only other source of income.

### WORLD NEWS

#### Worker dies in fall at Israeli nuclear reactor

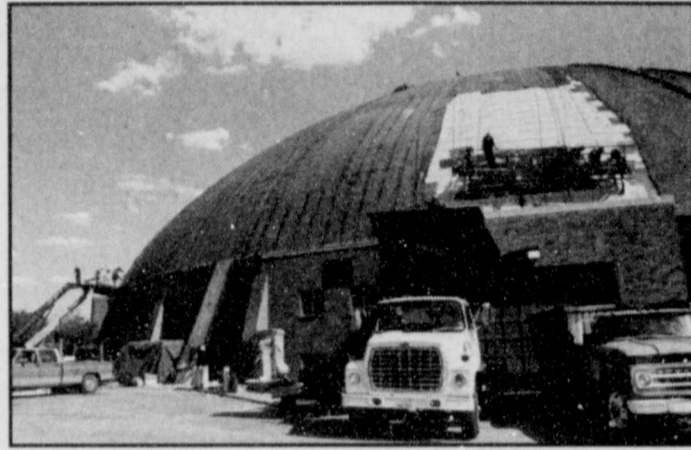
JERUSALEM (AP) — A worker at Israel's nuclear reactor fell to his death on Monday while hanging scaffolding for a welding job, authorities said.

The man fell from a height of about 12 feet, police and the Labor Ministry said in a statement. The release did not say if the accident was related to any nuclear work at the facility. It did not name the worker.

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# Arena work leaves teams Spirit-less



by Greg Okuhara  
News Editor

When the Texas Tech Lady Raiders beat North Carolina State in an NCAA subregional game March 15, it was assumed it would be the final Tech basketball game played in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Instead of utilizing the new \$62-million United Spirit Arena, originally scheduled to be opened in May, the Lady Raiders had to play an exhibition game Monday in their old home.

Lady Raiders head coach Marsha Sharp said she was just excited to be able to play a game against someone other than themselves.

"It was a little different," she said,

referring to playing at the Coliseum. "We really appreciate the city giving us a chance to do this."

Sharp said she was happy the Lady Raiders were able to play but said having to conduct business in the Coliseum was somewhat frustrating.

"We obviously hoped (the arena) would be ready, but the most important thing to me is it will be ready on the (Nov) 19th," she said. "All along we've known we'd be close to that (opening) date."

Senior Lady Raider guard Katrisa O'Neal echoed Sharp's comments. O'Neal said she didn't mind the wait and wants Tech to make sure everything is ready before play begins in the arena. "It's a little frustrating," O'Neal said.

"But I want them to take as much time as they need to finish it."

The game had to be played in the Coliseum because the new arena scoreboard still is on the court.

Even though the Cotton Kings have taken residence in the Coliseum, rubber mats were placed over the permanent ice surface, and the basketball court sat on top of the mats. Both Sharp and O'Neal said the building was a little colder than usual.

The area surrounding the court was wet with condensation from the ice, and an object, what appeared to be a nail, stuck out

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The men's and women's basketball teams will continue to play at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum until the United Spirit Arena is complete.

# Kosovo Serb killed in attack

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — A Russian diplomat expressed hopes Monday that Kosovo's political status would be resolved quickly, insisting that the moment has arrived for discussions on the province's future.

Russia's U.N. ambassador, Sergei Lavrov, relayed concerns about the safety of Kosovo's minority Serb community in a meeting with the top U.N. administrator in Kosovo, Bernard Kouchner.

Lavrov demanded the implementation of a U.N. resolution calling for dialogue between ethnic Albanians and the government of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, and he

pressed for the safety and security of Kosovo's minorities.

"I would certainly be unfaithful to the facts if I said all these issues are being sought," he said.

Lavrov's comments hinted at the increasing frustration among the region's Serbs, who have been leaving the province because of attacks by ethnic Albanians seeking revenge.

A U.N. resolution calls for Kosovo to remain a province of Serbia, the dominant republic of what's left of Yugoslavia. Ethnic Albanian leaders have said, however, that only complete independence is possible in the future.

The Russians have been pushing

their Slavic brethren's cause, and Lavrov's remarks were believed to reflect the Serb point of view.

His talks with Kouchner wrapped up Lavrov's two-day visit, during which he met with representatives from Yugoslavia and the region's Serbs.

"They need to start as soon as possible political dialogue on the status of Kosovo between Belgrade and the Kosovo communities," Lavrov said.

The concern for safety in Kosovo has escalated with reports that killings, assaults and arsons were increasing, despite persistent efforts by NATO-led peacekeepers to stabilize the turbulent Balkan province.



Heather Beavers, a senior marketing major from Lubbock, sells popular bingo pull tabs before the first session of bingo at Parkway Bingo. Beavers and three other Tech students work part-time at the bingo hall to help defray the costs of college.

# BINGO is its name-0

by Laura Shute  
Contributing Writer

B-9, I-6, N-18, G-30, O-14 ... This is the sound of a solution to tuition, growing credit card debts and car payments for four Tech students working part-time in a local bingo hall.

While students traditionally have taken jobs in restaurants, retail sales and as someone's assistant's assistant, these students have found an alternative to the stereotypical laborious and low-paying jobs offered in college.

"It's fun, easy and good pay for the hours," said Amanda Beavers, a senior marketing major who has worked at Parkway Bingo for five years. Amanda Beavers and her older sister Brooke, both from Lubbock, started working at Parkway Bingo when they were 16.

"I worked the snack bar for two years because you have to be 18 to work out on the floor," said Brooke Beavers, a senior broadcast journalism major.

For four years, she worked on the floor selling bingo cards and bingo-style lottery cards and calling the numbers during the games. She only left Parkway three weeks ago because she is graduating in December.

"It's probably the best job anyone could have going to college," Brooke Beavers said.

She also said she will miss working there because it was a fun and an easy way to make money while she went to school.

Parkway Bingo, located at 1701 A Parkway Drive, is owned by Brooke and Amanda Beavers' father, Jerry Beavers.

Tech students often attend "midnight bingo" which starts at 11:30 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at Lucky Bingo, located next to Parkway, Lucky Bingo and Bingo Express, located at 3601 N. Loop 289, also employs Tech students.

Jim Payne, who is responsible for hiring at Parkway, said the qualities he looks for in potential employees are often found in Tech students.

"The Tech kids tend to have personality and are young and vibrant," he

said. "I look for people who work good with people. We have everything from millionaires to people on welfare coming in here, and (employees) need to know how to get along with everyone."

Payne said three South Plains College students work at Parkway Bingo as well as four Tech students. All together, they make up the majority of employees who work the floor.

He said the job benefits college students by having good pay and flexible hours that work around their school schedules, including when they might need a night off before a test.

Michael Cardoso, known to many at Parkway as "Pancho," worked at a bingo hall in Abilene before coming to Tech three years ago. Cardoso, a senior management information systems major from Abilene, enjoyed his job at the Abilene bingo hall enough that he began working at Parkway shortly after coming to Tech.

Cardoso speaks fluent Spanish, which helps him with the Spanish-speaking players, said he has developed social skills as a result of working at see **BINGO**, p. 3

# Center aims to bolster ag services

## Agricultural Recruitment and Career Center offers services to undergraduates, postgraduates

by Scarlett Hagins  
Contributing Writer

In response to students' concerns, the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources began the Agricultural Recruitment and Career Center.

The center's goal is to strengthen recruitment and retention, help with postgraduation placement and increase publicity for the college.

The recruitment center offers several programs during the year to help students get involved.

The three most popular programs are the Student Organization Fair, AgFest and the Ag Pals program.

This year, 12 of the 20 student organizations within the College of Agriculture participated in the fair.

Hundreds of students attended the fair to gain information about the different agriculture organizations.

"Once students begin to hear about the fair and what it has to offer, we hope the numbers will increase," said Leslie Williams, coordinator of special projects at the ARC Center.

AgFest is an event to welcome new students to the campus and also serves as the beginning of the Ag Pals program. The Ag Pals program helps incoming freshmen with the transition to college life by pairing them with a student from Tech.

"We think it's very important for students to become involved in campus activities," Williams said.

Even though the ARC Center works to ensure students succeed while attending college, it also realizes the importance of succeeding after college.

To help students achieve success after graduation, the ARC Center has a Placement Library which houses information about companies in the agricultural industry.

Once students have done research on a particular company, Williams will help in scheduling job interviews.

She said it is important for students to go into an interview with a strong resume and some experience. The college also sponsors a federal internship program for its students.

"We are stressing the importance of internships to our students," Williams said.

Amy Laughlin, a junior agricultural communications major from Ozona, participated in one of the federal internships offered by the College of Agriculture.

"Going to Washington, D.C., and working for Kay Bailey Hutchison was a great opportunity for me," Laughlin said.

The center has helped about 40 students find jobs once they graduated from Tech and also helps students find part-time jobs while they still are in school.

Depending on the time of year, the center will receive three to five phone calls a month from companies needing part-time help.

"Our main goal is to serve as a resource for students," Williams said.

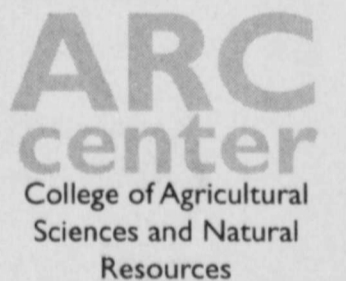
One of the center's newest additions is their Internet site.

"We have worked hard to remodel our Web site to make job information more accessible to students," she said.

Williams, who deals with student retention and postgraduation placement, works with Norman Hopper and Angela Burkes at the center.

Burkes, the coordinator for student and alumni programs, said her primary responsibility is student recruitment. Hopper is the associate dean for student and alumni affairs. He works to increase publicity of the college and the overall maintenance of the program.

Williams said the program has grown over the past year because of the full support the center receives from the agricultural dean's office.



## Change of venue motion postpones dragging trial

JASPER (AP) — The attorney for dragging death defendant Shawn Allen Berry argued to move the proceedings from Jasper Monday, a day before testimony was to begin, complaining that pretrial news coverage and a biased juror pool make getting a fair trial impossible.

Berry's attorney, Joseph "Lum" Hawthorn, filed for the venue change Friday, moments before 12 white jurors and two alternates were selected. It was a reversal for Hawthorn, who had said he wanted the case tried in Jasper County, where Berry is a native son.

"What I wanted to do was try the case here, but after interrogating the jury ... it's clear to me that he can't get a fair trial here," Hawthorn said.

State District Judge Joe Bob Golden initially planned to allow testimony to go forward Tuesday and then rule on the change-of-venue request Friday. But prosecutors objected, and instead the judge delayed the start of testimony until Wednesday.

Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray said allowing the jury to be sworn in before Golden decided the venue matter could have created an appellate conflict. Constitutional protections against double jeopardy could preclude Berry from facing a second jury if Golden were to dissolve the Jasper jury and change the venue, Gray said.

Berry, 24, is the third and final white man charged with the June 7, 1998, dragging death of a black East Texas man.

White supremacists John William King, 25, and Lawrence Russell Brewer, 32, are already on

death row.

In asking for the change of venue, Hawthorn argued that pre-trial coverage of the fight between prosecutors and CBS News over the outtakes of Berry's interview with anchor Dan Rather had created a "circus."

Furthermore, he said, several of the 50 jurors qualified to serve on the panel indicated they had heard the case discussed in Jasper and that they thought Berry was guilty.

"When the community sentiment about a defendant's guilt is so pervasive, there's a good case for change of venue," he said after Monday's hearing.

**"I don't know if you could go anywhere in this country without jurors having heard about it."**

**Guy James Gray**  
Jasper district attorney

Golden chided Hawthorn, pointing out that Berry's CBS interview, which aired on "60 Minutes II" on Sept. 28, was a source of the hubbub. "There has been a substantial amount of pre-trial publicity that has been generated by the defendant," Golden said.

Prosecutors argued against moving the trial, saying news coverage of the case in Jasper County has been "less inflammatory and prejudicial than media accounts in the rest of the state."

"I don't know if you could go anywhere in this country without jurors having heard about it," Gray said.

To buttress his claim, Hawthorn subpoenaed five local broadcast outlets, seeking transcripts and videotapes of all news stories aired since March 1 about the killing of James Byrd Jr.

Representatives from two Jasper radio stations and three Beaumont TV stations briefly took the stand Monday.

# Professor honored for work

**"It's refreshing to see a professor who puts in so much effort."**

**Mark Broadley**  
Tech senior

In addition to standard lecturing, Lambe also uses the Socratic method of teaching by asking questions.

"I think that the best way to solve a problem is to start by asking broad, general questions," Lambe said. "This helps you get to the heart of the matter."

Lambe also said students have a better chance to absorb the material by having time to reflect on it.

He said this extra time helps the students keep up with the lecture by giving them a chance to catch up on their notes.

Though his classes normally hold about 200 students, Lambe also takes time to learn as many student names as he can.

He said he tries to remember majors and other pertinent information

as well.

Broadley said Lambe makes an effort to involve students and give them examples that will be helpful in the future.

"I try to give students situations that are applicable to their fields during my lectures," Lambe said.

He said his ability to remember students' names comes from their frequent visits to his office.

"The students all know that I have an open-door policy," said Lambe about his office hours.

He said he encourages students to drop by any time he is in his office.

"He always seems to be in his office," said Broadley.

In addition to visiting his office, students also can receive answers to questions by accessing the Web site Lambe has set up for his class.

The site includes outlines of class lectures, links to companies that interview at Tech and provides access to such organizations as the American Marketing Association and publications such as Sales and Marketing Management magazine.

Students also can review their grades on the Internet.

"I think that it is a great way to get material to students," he said.

Lambe also said since most of his students are seniors, they are often just as worried about getting a good job after graduation as they are about getting an education. This is why he provides so much information about companies on his site.

Lambe also tries to help his senior students by providing advice on how to develop resumes and interview for jobs.

Lambe had worked for Xerox and AT&T before beginning his job at Tech.

He said he often tries to use the professional experience he gained through working for these companies to give advice to his graduating students.

by Cory Chandler  
Staff Writer

Even though he has only been teaching at Tech for less than two years, C. Jay Lambe, a professor for the College of Business Administration, already has attracted the attention of Tech students.

Lambe's efforts were recognized last week as one of five professors to be honored during Faculty Recognition Week, sponsored by the Mortar Board and Omicron Delta Kappa.

"It is refreshing to see a professor who puts in so much effort," said Mark Broadley, a senior marketing major from Houston, who nominated Lambe.

"(Lambe) exemplifies what any student could hope for in a teacher." Lambe, who teaches marketing channels and sales management, also is involved with the Tech scholarship committee, is an MBA board member and a member of The Marketing Association.

Broadley said Lambe uses a combination of teaching methods in his classes.

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stuck out from the court near the south end 3-point line. Other than the object, the playing surface seemed to be dry.

Kent Meredith, general manager of the United Spirit Arena, said scaffolding for the

scoreboard was taken down Sunday about 1 p.m., and the scoreboard has yet to be put in place.

"We are also finishing up on seating and concessions, but we'll still be working on some minor things here and there, even after we're open," he said.

He said the scoreboard is the only

reason Monday's game and the game Thursday had to be played in the Coliseum.

"Everyone is optimistic, and we'll be ready to go the 19th (for the first game against Indiana)," Meredith said.

Sharp said she was told the scoreboard will take six days to com-

plete, and she expects to be able to practice in the United Spirit Arena arena next week.

The arena did open during the weekend of the Texas A&M football game and tours of the arena were conducted.

Andy Jones contributed to this story.

## Tech judging team carries tradition of winning

by Kelly Padgett  
Staff Writer

Boars, market hogs, bulls, rams, sheep and other livestock are the animals of interest to the award-winning Texas Tech Livestock Judging Team.

The team has a history of winning championships and strong competitive showings at local and national contests.

Tech's Livestock Judging Team started in 1929. The team ended its inaugural season with a first-place ribbon from the Southwestern Exposition and Fort Worth Stock Show.

The team did not end their success there. The following year, they captured second in the same contest.

In a 1929 edition of The University Daily, the team's coach said the eight members of the meat judging team were "in excellent spirits and working hard."

The hard work 70 years ago went a long way because the team still brings awards home to Tech.

Clay Elliott, the Livestock Judging coach at Tech, said the team is a definite qualifier for the national contest each year.

"We offer as good of a combina-



tion meats and livestock judging as any other university in America," Elliott said.

Tech's team captured two titles in 1998. They won the Cow Palace in San Francisco and the American Royal in Kansas City, Mo., Elliott said.

The Southwest Exposition, the same contest the original team competed in, is one of Tech's biggest competitions, said Sam Jackson, assistant professor in the animal science department at Tech.

"We are always competitive in the Expo," Jackson said. "We have won it

several times in the last decade."

In addition to being competitors with other schools while judging, Tech also competes for high school and junior college recruits.

However, students do not begin competing right away as freshmen.

"We look for students classified as juniors because we want them to get their prerequisites covered before they start judging," Jackson said.

Of the 12 team members, only five are chosen to judge during competitions.

The training process to compete with other schools involves a lot of outside work, Elliott said.

"The students prepare for contests 25 to 30 hours a week beyond their class schedules," he said.

The team trains and competes for a chance to qualify for the national title contest in Kentucky.

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**Sevendust climbs to top of heavy metal after slow two-year burn**

## A rainbow hung over the crowd as evidence of the brief rain at Woodstock '99.

Rain dropped on more than 200,000 people for a moment during Sevendust's set at the festival, leaving an arch of colors.

Lead singer Lajon Witherspoon told the crowd to turn and look at the rainbow. They did.

Then Witherspoon knew he had the mass of people in the palm of his hand.

"It was the best thing that ever happened to this band,"

Witherspoon said. "It was an incredible day for us. The energy was unbelievable."

Before taking the stage, Witherspoon thought just a small portion of the sea of people would be into the band. He underestimated the crowd.

"The whole crowd embraced us," he said. "It was the best time. It was the most surreal feeling in the world to play Woodstock."

Woodstock '99 was just one stop on Sevendust's almost nonstop tour schedule last year.

The up-and-coming rock band has spent a busy year performing around the country and making numerous appearances.

After forming in 1995, Sevendust has stuck with all five original band members: Clint Lowery, guitar; Morgan Rose, drums; Vinnie Hornsby,

bass; John Connolly guitar and Witherspoon on vocals.

In the last few months the band has played at the Vans Warped Tour, and a Family Values Tour date.

The band's powerful lyrics and energetic live shows has helped push them into national recognition.

Their latest single "Denial" receives play on MTV, and their new CD *Home* has been featured in *Rolling Stone* and *Spin*.

Thursday, Sevendust along with Machinehead, Orange 9mm and Chevelle made a stop in Lubbock

as part of its busy tour. The band went home to Atlanta for two days in October, but the men still had to work.

Sevendust members recorded two songs for upcoming albums. The songs the band produced are headed to soundtracks for upcoming movies including "Scream 3" and the future Martin Scorsese film "On Any Given Sunday."

The band concluded U.S. touring Sunday in San Antonio. The band will take a few days off and then opens its European tour Saturday in Munich. While in Munich, they will record a video for their next single, "Licking Cream."

During its performance in Lubbock, the band members found out after the short tour in Europe, they will return home to the United States for a power-packed lineup with Metallica, Creed and Kid Rock.

Witherspoon hopes this upcoming show lives up to past tours his band has performed in.

Last summer's Vans Warped Tour was the best festival-type show the band has ever been part of, Witherspoon said.

"It is one of the best tours," he said. "There are so many different types of bands. It was the best festival we've been on."

Witherspoon said he would get up early during the tour just to check everything out — the skaters, the bikers and the more than 20 bands. He would ride the motorcycles, and promotional

companies would give the bands shoes and skateboards.

Since touring in the summer with the Warped Tour, stopping at Woodstock '99 and spending the summer of 1998 with Ozzfest, Sevendust played a date on the recent Family Values Tour.

Last month, Sevendust performed a date in Denver to take the place of Filter, who was recording a video.

Sevendust was reunited with old friend Limp Bizkit, who the band played with when both were playing clubs.

Witherspoon said he likes the way bands are uniting, becoming friends and performing together.

"It's nice to be a part of what's going on right now, being embraced by those other bands," he said. "I love the job right now."

.....photo and story by Sebastian Kitchen

## Ex-Van Halen star to perform mix of old tunes in Lubbock

Former Van Halen frontman David Lee Roth will try make Lubbock fans jump tonight at Liquid 2000, 1812 Ave. G. Doors open at 8 p.m.

He will entertain Lubbock fans as part of the Liquid Live concert series.

Tickets cost \$20 in advance and \$22 at the door and are available at

both locations of Ralph's Records, 909 University Ave. and 3322 82nd St.

Roth has been performing sets laced with Van Halen songs and his solo songs.

Other upcoming shows at Liquid 2000 include a Soak CD release party Thursday and Everlast on Nov. 19.

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bingo halls. "I'm not embarrassed to say anything," he said. "We have to work fast and deal with all different types of people in different moods."

Cardoso said usually when a new Tech student starts working, they are shy, but they quickly open up after spending some time in the laid-back work environment of Parkway.

"You get to know a lot of the customers here," he said. "They want to know how you're doing. I've even run into some of them at the mall, and they say 'Hey, Pancho' because that's who they know me as here."

It does not take long for many regular customers to learn the name of a new worker, just as the new workers quickly get to know

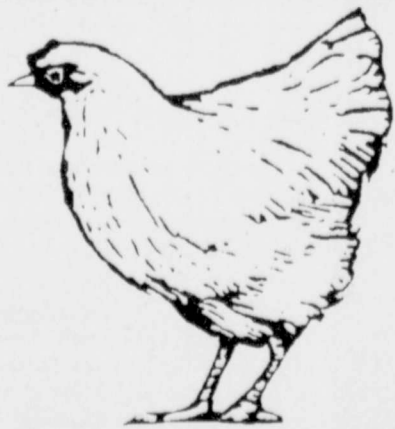
all the regular customers.

Scott Philpot, a junior marketing major from Houston, has been working at Parkway for two months and said already he is treated like a grandchild by some of the customers.

"They offer advice and give their opinion when they hear us talking about what we did the night before," he said.

Philpot said while they occasionally get a group of Tech students who come and play a few games, it is not very often. He encourages Tech students to try the bingo hall because it is a different place where students can go to have a good time.

"It's a better atmosphere because they won't be spending all their money like they would at a movie or the bar," he said.



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## Molly on football and prayer: the two don't really mix

Can we talk? About football and prayer. This is not an opinion column because there's something here I can't make up my mind about, and I'd really like to have a discussion. I'd appreciate some input on this, especially from members of the clergy. Now, the constitutional issue is one thing. The Constitution is pretty clear on religion: It's the first thing in the Bill of Rights. The government in this country cannot interfere with the free exercise of religion. We have an absolute right to worship as we please, or not worship at all, if we choose. This right is so solid that it has long been held to cover what most of us would consider some pretty off-beat varieties of religion.



**Molly Ivins**  
Columnist

But what they call the Establishment Clause of the Constitution is a two-parter. And the very first part says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." In other words, they can't force it down our throats in any way — can't use tax money to promote religion.

We all know the background on this: early Americans fleeing religious persecution, the Baptists a despised minority, Protestants being slaughtered in France and so forth. So the Framers set up a system where government pretty much can't do jack about religion. The saying is that this country was founded by geniuses so it could be run by idiots (and it often seems we've reached that pass).

Looking around the world at countries like Iran and Afghanistan, where government and religion are hopelessly intermixed, it's more clear than ever that the Framers were right. I suppose there's room for debate on how strictly we need to interpret what "an establishment of religion" means, but I want to talk about something other than the constitutional issue here — except I don't know how to name it. Maybe it's a question of — taste?

Has it occurred to anyone else that there's a problem with ... uh ... the appropriateness of prayer before football games?

I am a Christian, and I am a football fan. Hey, I'm a Texan, and we're all the products of our culture. I yield to no one in my regard for the game of football. If I had used all the time I've spent screaming at football games in some productive endeavor — say, studying the Turkish language — I might be a world-renowned scholar by now. But I don't regret a minute of it. However, I do wonder if praying before a football game isn't sort of insulting to the Lord; somewhere between lese majesty and blasphemy. God may care about every little sparrow that falls, but I don't see why we should expect

him to care about whether the Panthers beat the Tigers or the Ducks beat the Fighting Sand Crabs.

You may say that we don't actually pray for victory before a football game — we pray to be good sports and such. But that's not how it works out in practice, is it? When was the last time you heard a coach, even in prayer, say it didn't matter who won?

Imagine if you heard a prayer over the P.A. system before a professional football game. Setting aside the aggravated misbehavior of some professional players, do you actually want to see the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders leading a prayer?

(Nothing against the Cowboy Cheerleaders — "Our Girls," we used to call them in Dallas. I'm a fan there, too. I suppose even some strippers pray at work — NOT comparing the Cowboy Cheerleaders to strippers; there's a difference between scantily clad and not clad at all. But there is a question of good taste here. Call me a cultural conservative, but maybe we should call Martha Stewart or Miss Manners.)

You can't just say there is no place in which prayer is inappropriate. If you heard of the cast and crew of a pornographic movie holding prayer before they started work, wouldn't you think it was offensive? And the way things are going, it wouldn't surprise me. Some very unlikely people claim to be Christians these days, including the guy who put the elephant dung on the otherwise nice painting of the Virgin Mary.

I'm open to the argument that there's a difference between professional football, college football (which we have to admit is semi-professional) and high school football. High school football, which we Texans are notorious for confusing with religion, is the bone of contention in the football-prayer lawsuit. Our governor actually has argued in an amicus brief he filed that there's some relation between the two.

OK, I confess. I have called upon the Lord myself during football games but only when UT plays A&M. Even so, I think it borders on the impious. Football, in truth, is not a real godly activity.

With all due respect to excellent organizations like the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, don't you think God would rather we were all out working for some outfit like Habitat for Humanity? Come to think of it, if all the football fans in this country spent an afternoon every weekend working for Habitat for Humanity, we could probably solve the low-income housing crisis in no time flat.

As you can see, I'm confused about all this. I dunno. Could somebody call Jimmy Carter and find out what he thinks?

Hoping to hear from you, I am signing off, *Confused as A Goat on AstroTurf.*

**Crow eaten here:** In a recent column, I managed to make Texas Sen. Bill Ratliff chairman of the wrong committee (make that finance, not education). Apologies to him.

*Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Women needed more at state, local level

**To the editor:** At the risk of possibly becoming hated by every woman who reads this, I am responding to Liberty Lay's column that appeared in *The UD* on Monday.

I believe that her ideas and opinions are solid; however, she is focusing her attention in the wrong place.

Women should be turning their attention toward getting more women elected to state government positions and positions in Congress and the Senate, rather than the office of the president.

Why? Because the reason we have not yet had a woman president, nor does there seem to be one in the near future, is that there has not been a woman qualified to assume and execute the duties as a leader of the free world.

I use Elizabeth Dole as an example. As Lay stated in her column, Dole had to drop her run for the nomination due to lack of funds. What this means is that she actually had to quit because she lacked support for her campaign. And why? Because she lacked the qualifications to be president.

Gov. Bush is a wealthy man but not wealthy enough to support his campaign with his own private funds. The money he is using comes from his supporters, people who believe he is qualified for the job. Money alone will not win the office. Just take a look at Steve Forbes.

With respect to "Liddy," being the wife of a senator and a great humanitarian does not qualify her to be president. Would she have been able to make the decision to drop bombs on Yugoslavia, knowing that inno-

cent civilians would be killed? Would she continue to have the military enforce the no-fly zones over northern and southern Iraq, knowing that Iraqi children, as well as Saddam's regime, were suffering as a result of our air strikes? I don't think that she could or would authorize military operations of this nature.

The reality of our world is that many conflicts in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe are going to have to be solved with military force, not diplomacy due to the poor leadership of the countries involved.

There are no women in the political arena today that profess to have the will or the resolve to commit our nation's armed forces to resolving these conflicts. Women are making great gains in local, state and federal government, and if this trend continues, maybe eventually a woman will emerge who possesses the will and resolve to run our country and keep it as the foremost superpower.

In response to Lay's comment that our nation still thinks that the White House belongs only to white men, I would like to remind everyone of a man named Colin Powell.

I don't think that many people would disagree with me that if Gen. Powell had decided to run for the office in 1996, he surely would have been elected. I know that this young, white, middle-class American would have voted for him.

*Todd Nolen*  
freshman  
marketing

### Widespread ignorance

**To the editor:** I am writing in response to Mr. Davis' letter (*UD*, 11/8). I am completely disgusted by the treatment Mr. Davis was subjected to.

Unfortunately, this is not an isolated case. I cannot count the number of times I have overheard racist, ignorant remarks — not only toward African Americans but toward Latinos, Asians, gays, etc.

Just about every minority is a target, and it seems so prevalent here. I understand that racism is a national plague, but I have been to many places and never seen such a concentration of ignorant bigots.

This is not to say the entire Lubbock community is this way. On the contrary, most of the people in West Texas are among the friendliest people anywhere.

I just wish the ignorant racists would find a nice hole somewhere and bury themselves in it.

*David Cavazos*  
graduate student  
public administration

### Dark cloud

**To the editor:** This past week I have read some disappointing stories about some of the Tech football players.

It is disgusting that two have been arrested on drug charges, and one owes a lot of money for child support. I know that a few bad apples does not ruin the bunch, but I think that this is going to put a darker cloud over the current status of the program.

I applaud those who are getting the job done (on and off of the field) and hope this does not happen to any more of the players because the team cannot afford any more distractions.

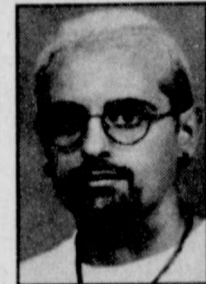
Perhaps the coaches need to evaluate the recruits that are being brought to Tech a little more carefully to avoid any more embarrassing problems.

*Jerry McCann*  
senior  
history/ESS

## It's time for a re-evaluation of priorities

The more I live in this area, the more I realize that things are done backwards, from people not being let into games because of the color of their skin, to a group of friends trying to have a good time, to a kid only getting a 10-year probation for supposedly killing another with his car. It's as if people's priorities are reversed.

The way things work here seems like the only way for people to get along is to adopt segregationist attitudes.



**Dwayne Mamo**  
Columnist

This weekend I attended a party with a few of my friends, and we were all just unwinding and having a good time from a long, stressful week.

Of course, alcohol was involved, but we are all responsible people, and we were all at least 21 years of age. We were legally responsible drinkers hanging out.

Apparently, we were a large enough group to be considered a stakeout, a gang of miscreants ready to pounce on the innocence of Lubbock. These officers had been patrolling and spying on the party for at least three hours, waiting in their cars or peering over the fence like some sort of peace-keeping Wilson.

When they finally got tired of not being able to catch us doing something illegal, they apparently got bored and told us to disperse — there had been too many complaints about the noise.

I know that a lot of us have experienced such occurrences, and they are starting to get ridiculous. Granted, we were being loud, but it was Friday night in an area inhabited by students.

It was loud simply because everyone was conversing at the same time.

Two things bother me about this: first, that people our age are so lonely and jealous that they have to call the cops because they have no friends to hang out with; and second, (as well as more disturbing) is that the local police force now is turning into Big Brother spying on the youth of America trying to get them in trouble for no other reason than to abuse their power.

There is absolutely no reason for officers to spy on people just because of a loud noise complaint. It's obvious what it's going to be — college kids in a semi-college area with some booze.

So what needs to happen is to segregate society so those who like to have a good time can all live in such a neighborhood, and those who spend their weekends playing with squeezable pudding can stay on their side of the tracks.

This, of course, is unfortunate, unfair, immoral and illegal.

Such solutions, however, is what certain people of differing choices, lifestyles, backgrounds and color face.

They actually feel, at times, that that could be the only way for them to live a life almost hassle free. This should be considered a travesty of America.

Take for instance the punk kid in Amarillo who, along with his friends, constantly was harassed because of the music he listened to and the way he dressed.

He refused to stay away, he made himself visible, and he obviously became a target.

One night the harassment reached a boiling point, and a brawl ensued between the punk kids and the grits/jocks.

As this one particular kid was separated from the herd of fighting, a football player ran over him, and the boy was killed.

However, to understand what really goes on in this area is this: the trial ensues and what happens to the football player who was accused of running over this boy? He gets off with manslaughter, a 10-year probation and no fine, unless he violates his probation and then he gets fined \$10,000. He will never see the inside of a jail cell for what he did.

In any other area, the judgment would have been something different (i.e. Matthew Shepard), but here, it gets swept under the rug, and the football star lives another day.

The more I think about the things I've witnessed in this world, in relation to the way things are in this area, I begin to agree more and more with Mr. Davis from yesterday's letter to the editor (*UD*, 11/8) — we need to get Lubbock in our rearview mirror.

This should not be the way that things happen. People should not feel like they have to get out of a place because they are not accepted for purely superficial reasons. It's the society around them that needs to change and adapt.

It seems like Lubbock and the surrounding areas should go ahead and live in the '50s all over again, where we can set up signs for black-only football entrances, punk kid hangouts, normal college-kid living arrangements, etc. Forget about people understanding that there are other opinions out there, and they are all made by human beings regardless of choice, color, etc.

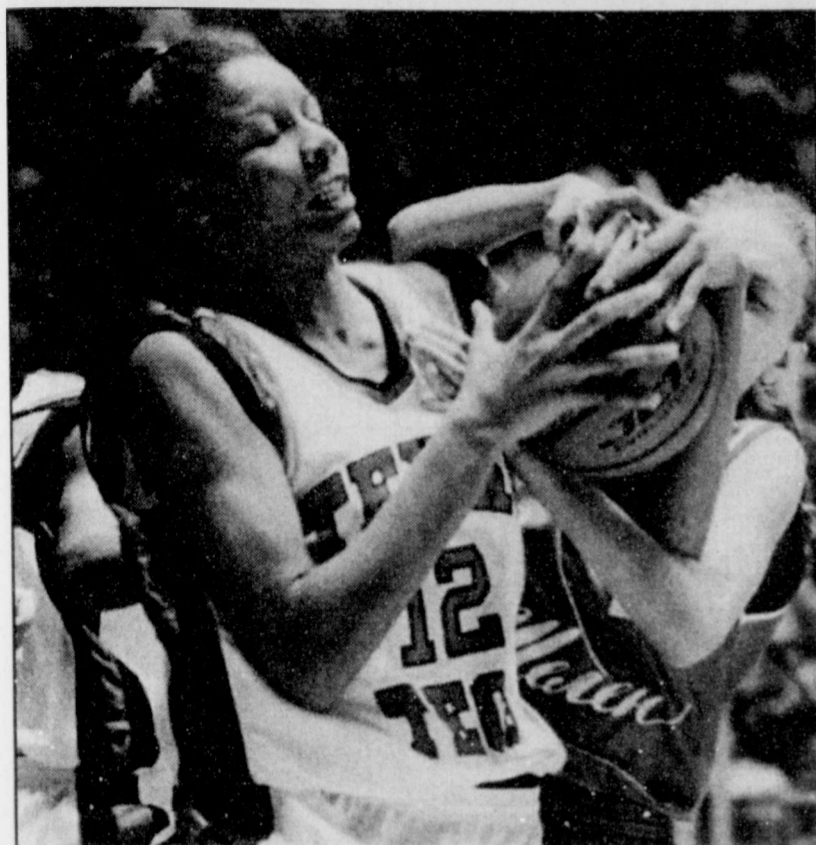
I hate to reiterate a point, but all of this is getting to the point of mindless, ignorant, redneck, incorrect, immoral attitude, and instead of us leaving and taking joy in the fact that they are the ones who are losing, we should bring the war here and stay here fighting for the justice that still is here in a cesspool of idiocy.

*Dwayne Mamo is a senior creative writing and philosophy major from Malta.*

# SPORTS

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

The University Daily 5



Greg Kreller/The University Daily  
Tech post Plenette Pierson fights for a ball against Shelen (Russia) in Monday's exhibition game. The Lady Raiders won the contest 76-49.

## Dodgers dish out \$84 million

DANA POINT, Calif. (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers made Shawn Green one of baseball's highest-paid players Monday, agreeing to a six-year, \$84 million contract to complete a deal that sends Raul Mondesi to the Toronto Blue Jays.

The Dodgers acquired Green and minor league second baseman Jorge Nunez from Toronto in exchange for Mondesi and pitcher Pedro Borbon.

Green's average salary of \$14 million per season is the second-highest ever in baseball, trailing only the \$15 million earned by his new teammate, pitcher Kevin Brown, in a \$105 million, seven-year contract he agreed to with the Dodgers in December.

It's the fourth-highest package ever in baseball, trailing only Brown, New York Mets catcher Mike Piazza (\$91 million for seven years) and New York Yankees outfielder Bernie Williams (\$87.5 million for seven years).

Dodgers general manager Kevin Malone said Green is a perfect fit for

the team.

"The fact that he hits from the left side, and I think most important, his importance and his integrity," Malone said during a news conference at the general managers' meeting.

Green is a native of suburban Tustin, some 35 miles from Dodger Stadium.

"It's something to get a chance to play at home in LA," Green said at the news conference. "Everybody who knows baseball knows what a class organization this is."

Mondesi, 28, had asked the Dodgers to trade him last season. The Dodgers and Blue Jays agreed to the tentative deal Friday night, and Los Angeles was given 72 hours by the commissioner's office to work out a contract with Green.

"Shawn Green has a chance to come home to Southern California, where he went to school and spent much of his youth," said his agent, Jeff Moorad. "Raul Mondesi gets a

chance for a new start in Toronto."

Moorad, also Mondesi's agent, said he had mixed feelings about the trade because both players would be leaving the teams they had spent their entire major league careers with.

Mondesi, who had been benched for two straight games, leveled a profanity-laced tirade against Malone and manager Davey Johnson on Aug. 11, saying they were trying to blame him for the Dodgers' poor season.

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# Men's basketball hits courts

by Jeff Keller  
Staff Writer

The scoreboard is not in place in the United Spirit Arena, causing the

Texas Tech men's basketball squad to play its exhibition contests at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Tech has two exhibition games in its preseason schedule, the first of

which will be played Thursday against Arkansas Express.

The Red Raiders supposedly played their final game in the Coliseum at the end of last season against Colorado on Feb. 24.

Senior guard Rayford Young played his first three seasons with the Coliseum as his home floor and said he thought he had played his last game there.

"It is going to be kind of weird playing in there again," Young said. "I have some great memories in that place, but I thought the Colorado game last year was going to be the last one. But maybe this is good because we lost to Colorado in the last game, and now we can get some redemption."

Since Tech will play its exhibition contests in the Coliseum, they will not get a chance to have a preseason game in the arena.

"We're going to treat these exhibition games like road games," Young said. "I don't think it will pose any kind of a distraction for us. It is just going to make our team more ready to play in the arena against Indiana."

Tech basketball participated in Midnight Madness on Oct. 15 in the arena with scaffolding covering most of the floor for installation of the scoreboard.

Center Andy Ellis said he was impressed with the arena at the time

and said he hopes to be playing in the facility soon.

"I am very excited to get to play in there," Ellis said. "Just from Midnight Madness you could tell just how exciting that building is going to be. There is just so much electricity, and we just can't wait to get in there."

The Midnight Madness ceremonies celebrated the official start of practice for the Red Raiders.

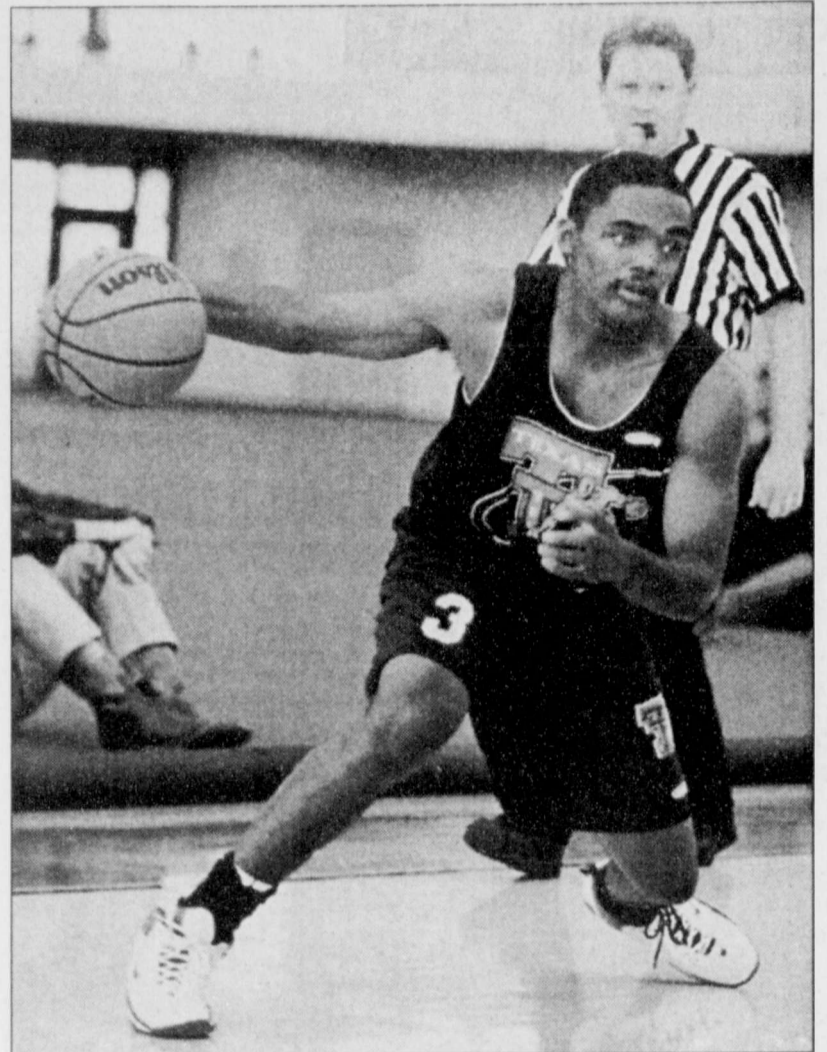
Ellis said after practicing, the team is ready to take the floor against somebody other than themselves, and it doesn't make a difference where the game is played.

"These are just exhibition games," Ellis said. "They're not that big of a deal. We are just using these games to prepare for Indiana. We just need to play at this point."

Tech coach James Dickey said it would have been nice to have played at least once in the new facility, but he knows the arena will be worth the wait.

"We would have liked to have played a game in there, just for the trial run and to get used to the atmosphere," Dickey said. "But the main thing is that we are going to have the best arena in the country, and it is going to be worth waiting for."

The Red Raiders are scheduled to have their first contest in the arena against Indiana at 8 p.m. on Nov. 19.



Jennifer Galvan/The University Daily  
Senior guard Rayford Young and the Red Raiders will play at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum until their home-opener in the United Spirit Arena on Nov. 19.

## THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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**ACROSS**

- Stuff
- Influct a heavy blow
- Twosome
- Saint's glow
- Walks to and fro
- Icelandic saga
- Open a bit
- Showplace
- Sports group
- Grungy garment
- Arab leaders
- Avoid a church service
- Grungy garment
- Swift
- Scout's job, briefly
- Khaki shade
- Inning enders
- Tills and Torme
- Botanist Gray
- "Giant" spread
- Insertion mark
- Grungy garment
- Siammin' Sammy
- Obliterates
- Grungy garment
- Slangy okay
- Stay sleeping
- Tibetan monk
- European river
- Cognizant
- Daredevil
- Knievel
- Level
- Gets stuck in mud
- Carrel furniture

**DOWN**

- Talks lightly
- Hindu poobah
- Winged
- Slots in wood
- Meager
- Foal's mom
- On the rocks
- Tepee or yurt
- Son of Isaac
- "Downtown" singer Clark
- Citrus drink
- Lupino or Tarbell
- Butt
- Just managed
- Adolescent
- Abalone opener?
- Painter
- Rembrandt
- German dadaist Max
- Dismal, in poetry
- Gossip
- Scrawny person
- Sadness
- Travels by glider
- South Korean seaport
- French floor
- Dropout's 2nd chance
- Handcuffed
- Hester
- Pryne's stigma
- Cavil
- Collect
- Currency in Freetown
- Dry, white wine
- Chair designer
- Move menacingly
- Cherrystone, e.g.
- Fruit with green pulp
- "Last — at Marienbad"
- Road roller
- Nevertheless
- Samuel's teacher
- Justice Fortas

By Eugene R. Puffenberger  
Reston, VA

### Monday's Puzzle Solved

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### Raiders pick up new point guard

Jamal Brown, point guard from Fort Scott Community College in Kansas, made an oral commitment to attend Texas Tech and play basketball for the Red Raiders in the 2000-2001 season.

Brown played his freshman year at Meridian College in Mississippi, where he averaged 12 points and seven assists per game.

Brown played high school basketball at Dallas Skyline High School.

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# Two wins away

## Raiders need winning streak to take Big 12 South

by Patrick Gonzales  
Staff Writer

Last season, the Texas Longhorns were on their way to winning the Big 12 South until a 42-35 loss to Texas Tech left them one game short.

With two straight losses to the Red Raiders, Tech coach Spike Dykes said the Longhorns have had this Saturday's showdown circled on their calendar all season long.

"They won eight out of their last nine ball games last season, and the one they lost was against us," said Dykes, who is 6-6 all-time against Texas. "I'm sure it's an important game for them."

But revenge by the Longhorns is not the only issue at stake.

The Red Raiders (5-4 overall, 4-2 Big 12) are one game behind the No. 10 Longhorns (8-2 overall, 5-1 Big 12) for the top spot in the Big 12 South.

With a win against Texas and then Oklahoma the following week, Tech can take first place and win the South title. With one more victory, Tech will become eligible for a postseason bowl.

However, as the Red Raiders prepare for this weekend's showdown in Austin, they are surrounded by questions of whether or not they can remain consistent.

Tech has won consecutive contests only once this season, and that feat was followed by a 34-7 loss to Missouri.

Defensive end Taurus Rucker said there are no excuses for the squad not to perform well against Texas. He said Saturday's matchup is the perfect picture for any team.

"If you can't get pumped up for the Texas game, then something is wrong with you," Rucker said. "This one is for all the marbles, and those guys are



File Photo/The University Daily

Tech free safety Kevin Curtis helped secure the win against Iowa State this weekend. The Raiders will play the No. 10-ranked Longhorns on Saturday in Austin. Two more wins will give the Red Raiders the Big 12 South Championship.

going to be ready for us. But I feel that we're going to be even more ready."

In the Red Raiders' 28-16 victory against Iowa State, the offense tallied more than 250 rushing yards.

It followed the Missouri contest in which the Raiders had a season-low nine yards rushing.

Tech tailback Shaud Williams said the squad's performance Saturday was the best of the season. Williams also said the Red Raiders' inconsistency this season is frustrating, but the squad has to stay patient and never give up.

"We know what we can do, and it's

only a matter of going out every week and doing it," Williams said.

But playing on the road hasn't been too successful for the Red Raiders. Three of Tech's four conference victories have come at home, with their only Big 12 losses coming on the road.

However, center Kyle Sanders said the squad would enter the showdown in Austin with a greater sense of confidence.

"We beat a good Iowa State team (Saturday) that gave Texas a run for their money," Sanders said. "That victory helps us realize that we can play

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"It's just for violations of team policy," Slocum said. "I won't elaborate on it, but he is dismissed from the team."

The action came two days after the Aggies lost 37-0 to Nebraska, knocking them out of the top 25.

A&M had 2 yards rushing in the game; Hall had one of them on one carry.

Hall, who had just three carries in the last five games, finishes the season with 179 yards and two touchdowns on 53 attempts.

He also caught five passes for 59 yards.

Hall is the only player in school history with more than 2,000 career rushing yards and more than 500 yards in both career punt return and kickoff return yards.

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