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STATE

Loaded gun found in backpack at school

GALVESTON (AP) — A 7-year-old boy found a loaded gun in his backpack while he was at school Tuesday, and police think the gun may belong to the boyfriend of the child's mother.
The second-grader began yelling that there was a gun in his backpack as students prepared to go home Tuesday from Alamo Elementary School, said Eugene Lewis, chief of the Galveston Independent School District police.
The child's teacher took the .25-caliber handgun from his backpack and contacted the school's police force, officials said. Lewis said the gun had six rounds of ammunition in the clip and a bullet in the chamber.
Lewis said he didn't know if the gun's safety was on while the weapon was in the backpack.
"Anytime you have a loaded weapon, there is a danger of it going off," Lewis said.
The boy's mother told police her boyfriend keeps a gun in the car trunk, but put it in her son's backpack when the car broke down Monday. He forgot the gun was in the boy's backpack, she said.
Lewis said police are consulting with the district attorney on what to do.

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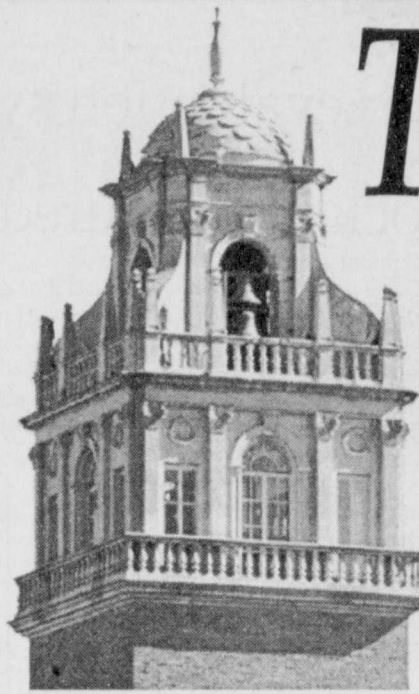
Swiss banks ordered to pay \$800 million

NEW YORK (AP) — A court-appointed mediator says Swiss banks should pay about \$800 million of a historic \$1.25 billion settlement with Holocaust victims to those who deposited money to hide it from the Nazis and never got it back.
The remaining \$450 million would go to wartime refugees who were denied entrance to or were expelled from Switzerland, slave laborers forced to work for companies with Swiss accounts, and victims whose belongings were plundered by the Nazis and apparently wound up in Switzerland.
The allocation proposal was included in a voluminous draft plan for dividing and distributing the settlement to Holocaust victims and their heirs. It was made public Tuesday in Brooklyn federal court by special master Judah Gribetz. A "special master" is a person appointed by a court to conduct help research a particular question.

WORLD

Veteran crime writer shot in parking lot

MONTREAL (AP) — A veteran crime reporter was shot repeatedly Wednesday morning in an attack in his newspaper's parking lot, but managed to call for help on his cell phone.
Michel Auger's injuries were not life-threatening, and he was in stable condition at a hospital.
Auger was attacked as he walked into the offices of Le Journal de Montreal. On Tuesday, the tabloid published a two-page spread written by Auger about recent biker-related murders.
Le Journal Publisher Paule Beaugrand-Champagne said Auger has covered crime for 25 years and has been threatened in the past.
"This is disgusting because it's an attack on democracy," Beaugrand-Champagne said.
The newspaper said Auger has always taken security precautions and had been taking different routes to work every day.
"He was extremely careful," said Beaugrand-Champagne.



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Lubbockites react to proposed tax hike

If approved later in the month, the plan could affect Texas Tech students.

By Jeff Lehr
Staff Writer

The Lubbock City Council heard public opinions Wednesday about a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties for 2000-2001. The proposal, which could affect Texas Tech

students if approved later this month, received a majority of dissenting opinions from those citizens present.
One Lubbock citizen, David DeLamar, who spoke in front of city council, urged council members to reduce property taxes, which he said would be a "step in the right direction," instead of raising them.
"This increase will affect both renters and homeowners," he said. "Each time a landlord has to pay more (taxes), the landlord passes the increased taxes to the renter."
The proposal, which will be put to a vote Sept. 30, entails increasing property tax revenues by 3.37 percent in 2001.

This may mean an increase in individual property taxes at a greater or lesser rate, or even a decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of that property.
Those for the proposed increase include Lubbock Mayor Windy Sitton and Council members Victor Hernandez, T.J. Patterson and Alex "Ty" Cooke.
Those against include Council members J. David Nelson, Frank Morrison and Marc McDougal.
Patricia Franks, a Lubbock citizen who spoke at the hearing, pleaded with Cooke for

an apology for his comment earlier this year in which he said the proposed increase was "trivial."
As a low-income homeowner, Franks said she considers a vote by city council to increase taxes "an insult to all Lubbock citizens," including herself.
"Each time our taxes increase, it makes a big difference in our budget," she said.
Under the proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$29.64 - 8.1 percent — compared with last year's taxes.
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Double-take



Participating in the Fiestas del Llano celebration, John Mueller and the Reminiscing Band play "A Tribute to Buddy Holly" Wednesday evening. The five-day event will feature festivities including 16 carnival rides for people of all ages. Daily tickets to the event are \$5. Organizers expect thousands of people to attend this year's event at Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Coming soon: Red Raider king

By Pam Smith
Staff Writer

As Homecoming approaches, queen candidates have already begun preparing for the event. However, this year's activities will include something left out in previous years - men. The committee voted to add a Homecoming king position to this year's agenda.
"The (Homecoming committees) in the past have thought about doing this," said Kandice Lamborn, co-chairwoman of the Homecoming king committee. "They began looking around and noticed that four or five other Big 12 schools already had one."
One of the main reasons the committee decided to include a king was because of the prestige the Homecoming queen has to women. Lamborn said the committee thought this was segregating the male population.
"One of the motivations to add a king to Homecoming is because it has become a big honor to be awarded Homecoming queen," Lamborn said. "By only offering a queen, we are isolating half of the campus. This is a way to get them involved."
Carole Bryant, co-chairwoman for the Homecoming king committee, said one of the challenges in instituting a king was deciding on the activities that he would participate in during Homecoming week. One of the activities in selecting a queen is a style show where the women model business wear, formal wear and spirit wear for the crowd. Bryant said she was not sure if a male candidate would want to participate in this type of activity.
"We've had interesting ideas about what king candidates would do and what they wouldn't do," Bryant said. "We had received opinions saying that many of them wouldn't want to be in-

Renegade bonfire plan still in works

Students continue with alternate bonfire idea, despite A&M officials' wishes.

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Leaders of a student group planning a bonfire off the Texas A&M campus this fall say they are still determined to proceed after meeting privately with the university's president and other officials.
The organization, called Keep the Fire Burning, devised its plan for a renegade log stack after A&M President Ray Bowen announced a two-year moratorium on the almost century long tradition in the wake of a report on the 1999 collapse that killed 12 students and injured 27 others.
One of seven board members for the organization who requested the meeting with Bowen said the hour-long session Tuesday was "not really productive."
"They listened to our side, and we listened to their side," board member Gary Crenshaw told the Bryan-College Station Eagle in Wednesday's editions. "It was what we expected. They pretty much told us we were wrong, and that was about it."
The closed-door meeting with students did not change the university's position on the issue, said Cindy Lawson, executive director of university relations.
"Texas A&M will continue to discourage an off-campus bonfire," said Lawson.

House displeased with attempts to revoke Scout charter

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans labeled it an attack on American values — a House bill seeking to revoke the eight-decade-old federal charter for the Boy Scouts of America because of the organization's policy of excluding gays.
Rep. Cass Ballenger, R-N.C., said half the members of the House were former scouts and would defend an organization "as American as apple pie and baseball."

While the bill's opponents accused its few Democratic supporters of extremism, Democrats complained that the GOP's only intent was to embarrass them.
The legislation was expected to fail overwhelmingly Wednesday.
Beyond the politics, the legislation offered by Rep. Lynn Woolsey, D-Calif., spotlighted the uneasy relationship between the federal government and the Irving, Texas-based Boy Scouts

since the organization's stance toward gays became a national issue.
Woolsey said she was a Girl Scout and one of her sons was a Boy Scout "We're not saying the Boy Scouts are bad; we're saying that intolerance is bad."
"I know the value of scouting, and that's why I believe scouting should be available to all boys, not just to some boys," Woolsey said during Tuesday night's debate. She was the only Democrat to speak in favor of the legislation.

In contrast, a long line of Republicans rose to condemn the bill.
"It's an attack on the fundamental values of America," said Rep. Chris Cannon, R-Utah, led by "a small group of extremists on the minority side."
But Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., top Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, said Republicans were engaging in a "political stunt" in bringing to the floor a bill that had

no hearings or committee vote and didn't have a chance of passage.
Woolsey said she wasn't told until Monday evening that Republicans were taking up her legislation. It "was a total surprise to me."
"We're disappointed that this bill would even be considered," Boy Scouts spokesman Gregg Shields said. Having a federal charter is an honor and "we hope to continue to live up to that honor," he added.

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Go down in Tech history

In the late fall of 1925, a group of students at the newly established Texas Technological College began working on the school's first yearbook. Seventy-five years later, the tradition of *La Ventana* continues as work begins on the 2001 edition. The yearbook, which means "window" in Spanish, serves as Tech's only history-keeping publication. Every year we strive to include as many students, events and organizations in the 400-page book as possible.

We can not do this, however, without students. From letting us know what your organization is involved in to giving us suggestions about what you want in the yearbook, we need your input.

While Tech's yearbook is consistently honored with the nation's most prestigious awards, producing a yearbook the students approve of and enjoy is always our main focus.

We are currently selling pages for the 2001 edition. This gives every student-registered organization the opportunity to reserve its place in Tech history. Pages can be bought by coming by room 103 of the Journalism building and filling out a page contract.

Along with the contract, you will have to provide the names, phone

numbers and e-mail addresses of a primary contact person and the adviser. You will also need the names and phone numbers of five other organization members.

Photographers will be taking individual portraits in room 209 of the University Center Oct. 6 - Nov. 3. There is no sitting fee, and the cost to have your picture appear on organization pages is \$2 per organization. Don't forget to swing by and get your picture made—it is the only way it will be in the book.

You can purchase the 2001 edition online when you register for your spring classes, or you can come by room 103 in the Journalism building. The cost of the book is \$45.

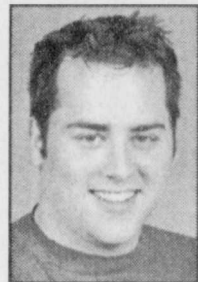
If you reserved a copy of the 2000 *La Ventana*, you can pick it up all this week and next week in room 117 of the Journalism building. If you have not reserved a copy, you may still buy one for \$45 in room 103.

We are committed to making sure the students have a yearbook they will enjoy for the rest of their lives. The mission of the 2001 *La Ventana* is to produce an outstanding depiction of the life of Tech's students in an accurate, appealing and innovative manner with broad coverage, in-depth stories, dynamic photographs, tight organization and creative design.

Our job is to exhaust all resources in order to present the student body with a yearbook that captures the very essence of Tech life. It is the goal of the *La Ventana* staff to create an eternal reflection of the time its audience has spent on this campus.

Remember, if you have any questions just call us at 742-3383, or e-mail us at laventana@ttu.edu.

Brandon Formby is a senior journalism major from Plano and the 2000-2001 editor of La Ventana. He agrees with that one chick from "Can't Hardly Wait" who said, "These are memories frozen in time, people!"



Brandon Formby

TAX

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The city property tax rate is not going up; in fact it has decreased twice since 1989.

In addition, voters have approved two bond elections in the past eight years without increasing the tax rate.

Another Lubbock citizen, Brad Lardy, asked city council to decrease property taxes, arguing that utility bills are all ready high due to the opinion that "this past summer has been hot."

Lardy, a resident of S. Overton in Lubbock, said residents in his neighborhood are suffering due to high-priced utilities.

"I know people in my neighborhood that don't have phones," he said. "It's real easy if you're sitting in a nice home in South Lubbock, but not everybody is in the same boat."

Though many Tech students live on-campus, there are still those who rent houses and apartments in the city of Lubbock.

Meghan Goode, a junior public re-

lations major from Dallas who rents off-campus, said she is unfamiliar with the proposal but said an increase would only make it harder for the average Tech student to afford rent.

"I don't know much about it, but I all ready pay enough as it is," she said.

Figures show that the proposed average residence homestead value this year is more than \$5,000 more than last year's home value.

This proposed increase in property value does not mean an increase in the tax rate, which will remain at 58 cents per \$100 valuation. But it does mean an increase in property taxes of around \$30 a year.

Though \$30 a year may not seem like much, Lardy feels that it is the citizens money, and they should be able to do with their money as they deem necessary.

With air conditioners running more often and more water being consumed by people during the summer months, he said receiving a tax increase is offensive to the citizens.

"What's really insulting," Lardy said, "is having to pay higher taxes on top of all of that."

HOMECOMING

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involved in a style show, while others would love to."

However, Bryant said, after the decision making was over, the committee decided to keep the style show in as an activity for the male contestants.

"I think it will be really neat," she said. "We think the guys will like it just because it is an opportunity for them to be on stage."

According to the Homecoming event book, each organization registered through the Campus Activities and Involvement office can sponsor one king and one queen for Homecoming. The candidate must be a full-time undergraduate student registered in at least 12 hours for the this semester.

Candidates also must have completed 60 semester hours prior to this semester and have a cumulative 2.5 GPA.

MOMENT'S NOTICE

•Notice to all students: This is a reminder that all vehicles must be moved out of the commuter lots adjacent to Jones SBC Stadium (C1 and C2), the commuter lot west of the Lubbock Memorial Auditorium Coliseum (C5) and the R.P. Fuller Track lot by 7 a.m. Saturday for this week's home football game. Vehicles parked in these lots not displaying a valid game day football parking permit may be towed by the athletics department through an independent towing service at the violator's expense.

•December graduates: Degree plan deadline has passed - if you wish to graduate in December, please file your degree plan and intent to graduate as soon as possible. Intent to graduate must be filed by Sept. 22. Degree plans and intents may be filed in 102 Holden Hall.

•May graduates: Degree plans must be filed by Dec. 13. Intents to graduates must be filed by Feb. 2. Degree plans and intents may be filed in 102 Holden Hall.

•August graduates: Degree plans must be filed by May 9. Degree plans and intents may be filed in 102 Holden Hall.

•The Texas Tech Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Student Association will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday in the University Center Toreador Room. The organization is open to both students and non-student visitors. Contact president@glbsa.com, log on to www.GLBSA.com, or call 749-2956.

•Kappa Delta Chi, Tech's Hispanic sorority, will have its open rush at 7 p.m. today in the UC Lubbock Room, and the dress is professional. For more information, contact Monica Tracy at 745-7454.

•The Classical Society will meet at 5 p.m. Monday in the Qualia Room in the basement of the Foreign Languages building. For more information, contact Valerie Johnson at 763-8992.

•The American Civil Liberties Union will have its first meeting of the fall semester at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the University Center Bell Tower Room. For more information, contact Ken Allen at 785-4966 or e-mail kallen@ttu.edu.

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Study shows teacher evaluation system faulty

By Angel Wolfe
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Faculty Senate met Wednesday to discuss issues and problems surrounding the university's teacher evaluation process and the change of ownership at the campus bookstore.

Sue Couch, project director from the College of Human Sciences, gave an overview of the self-study, conducted earlier this year, regarding teacher evaluations. She was part of the 14-member steering committee that conducted the survey.

Couch expressed that some Tech faculty members feel the need for a complete overhaul of the system.

The self-study was funded in part by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation through a subcontract with Texas A&M University-

Kingsville and by additional financing from the Tech Provosts Office.

Tech is one of four Texas universities participating in the self-study. The study is a small component of a much larger project, Changing the Faculty Reward Structure, which "seeks to evaluate perceptions, policies and practices regarding the values of teaching."

Couch said results of the self-study have shown more negative responses than positive.

"The purpose was to look at how we evaluate teaching at Tech and how we recognize and reward faculty on campus," she said.

The study was a one-year project that included mail surveys to Tech faculty and students. Less than 20 percent of faculty responded to the survey.

Though Couch said more faculty were upset with the system than not, there

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Sue Couch

COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES PROJECT DIRECTOR

was some positive feedback.

"One of the positive findings was that Tech is firmly committed, at least philosophically, to teaching," Couch said. "This is reflective in policies, reflective in practices ... but we fall short in demonstrating this."

Couch said the study showed many departments have been relying too heavily on student evaluation forms as

part of evaluating faculty.

She said the majority of the 2,300 responses the committee received from students showed students did not believe this was the case.

"While they took (the teacher evaluations) very seriously and took the time to fill them out, they didn't see evidence that they were actually used," Couch said

Faculty Senate members received a brief summary of evaluations during the meeting. A full version of the report will be available in each department's office.

"(From this point) it is probably up to the Provost's Office to provide leadership," Couch said.

Provost John Burns said he has not had the opportunity to read the full report from the steering committee.

"I'll be following up on the findings," Burns told the Senate. "Some of the results are very disturbing to me."

Burns said he could not comment further to *The University Daily* on the survey until the final report is made available.

Barbara Burrier, manager of Barnes and Noble's Tech bookstore, addressed the senate about the bookstore's change of ownership and its future plans.

Though there has been speculation that the bookstore will not see improvement in the future owner's management, Couch said she has not placed a great deal of importance in problems faced by faculty and students with the bookstore's previous owners.

She said the problems of the past are just that — in the past.

"As the official bookstore for the campus, all the information comes through us," Couch said. "We will be sharing the information with the two off-campus stores. We plan to get our business by the quality of service we provide, not by withholding information."

Burrier said an Internet site will be available for students and faculty some time during October. Students will be able to order and reserve books online, while teachers will be to adopt textbooks.

I helped move the goal



Members of the Texas Tech soccer team move their goal post for practice Wednesday afternoon. The team has a season opener against the Lady Buffs at 4 p.m. today
GREG KRELLER
The University Daily

Accident leaves Lubbock man injured

From Staff Reports

A bike rider was struck by a Suburban on Wednesday night in a one-vehicle accident at the intersection of Boston Avenue and 19th Street, south of the Texas Tech campus.

Around 9:30 p.m. a man was on a bicycle traveling southbound on Boston Avenue when he was struck by the Suburban traveling westbound on 19th Street, said Sgt. Mark Wimms of

the Lubbock Police Department. A woman, whose name was not available at press time, was driving the Suburban.

Wimms said he had no idea exactly how the accident happened.

The victim looked like an "older gentleman," Wimms said, but he could not confirm if the victim was a Tech student. He said the victim suffered injuries often classified by police as a Code A, "which usually is associ-

ated with unconsciousness or broken bones."

The victim was transported to University Medical Center where no update was given on his condition. Wimms said it was not yet determined who was at fault in the accident.

However, Wimms said, the driver of the Suburban reported the man on the bicycle had appeared to have run the red light and proceeded into the intersection.

Man who poisoned birds sentenced to probation, fine

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, Ill. (AP) — A farmer who spread pesticide across a field and killed 27,000 migratory birds was fined \$5,000 Wednesday and placed on three years' probation.

Harvey Culli, 80, pleaded guilty in June to illegally taking migratory birds

and misusing a pesticide.

Culli spread four gallons of wheat seed laced with pesticide across his sons' field in Mascoutah in October, federal prosecutors said. He hoped to kill birds that were damaging his family's crops.

The 20,094 red-winged blackbirds, 5,970 brown-headed cowbirds, 887 common grackles and 10 horned larks that died were protected under federal law. The state has also sued Culli to recoup \$1 million it says is needed to repair and repopulate the habitat.

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Global warming needs attention, public reaction

Let's all take a long step back and then look at this again: Is the human race just another species in the long history of Earth that's too dumb to adapt and survive? We clever upright primates have so far outstripped everyone save the cockroaches, but we seem to be forgetting what knocked off so many of the other major species: climate change. And if we're not smart enough to learn from that, it's our turn to go extinct.

Nothing like a couple of days of 110-degree heat to remind us that global warming has nothing to do with the end of the Cold War. According to the fossilologists, the Big Ones, like the Ice Age, may have had a proximate cause — meteor hit, giant volcano eruption blotted out sun... something happened. But in your relatively short tens of thousands of years, all you get is a more or less cyclical back-and-forth. Now coral reefs in the Pacific that are a thousand years old are dying. This is not cyclical.



Molly Ivins

But aren't there some scientists who deny that any of this is happening, or at least that it means global warming is taking place? Yes, about seven of them, and in a remarkable act of journalistic irresponsibility, it took the media years to report that most of them are directly or indirectly in the pay of the oil companies. You can put the combined weight of climatologists around the globe against that.

But don't some scientists say this will be a good thing? That Minnesota will grow palm trees, Canada will become tropical, and they won't have to eat oatmeal up there anymore?

A certain amount of don't-worry-be-happy is advisable in life, but we are in such full-throttle denial about global warming that you can barely get anyone to pay attention. It's all very well to swan through life on the cheerful assumption that it's all part of God's plan, but God gave us brains so we could use them. And global warming is not God's deal — it is mankind's.

We are the berserk beavers of the world, changing our own environment, often for the worse even for us. Eventually everyone who listens finally gets it, and the next reaction is often a whiny, "Well, what do you expect me to do about it?"

The First Rule of Holes is: When you are in one, stop digging. The still-unratified Kyoto treaty would require the United States to cut its greenhouse gas emissions, primarily carbon dioxide and methane, to 7 percent below 1990 levels. That is not a solution, but it is a step.

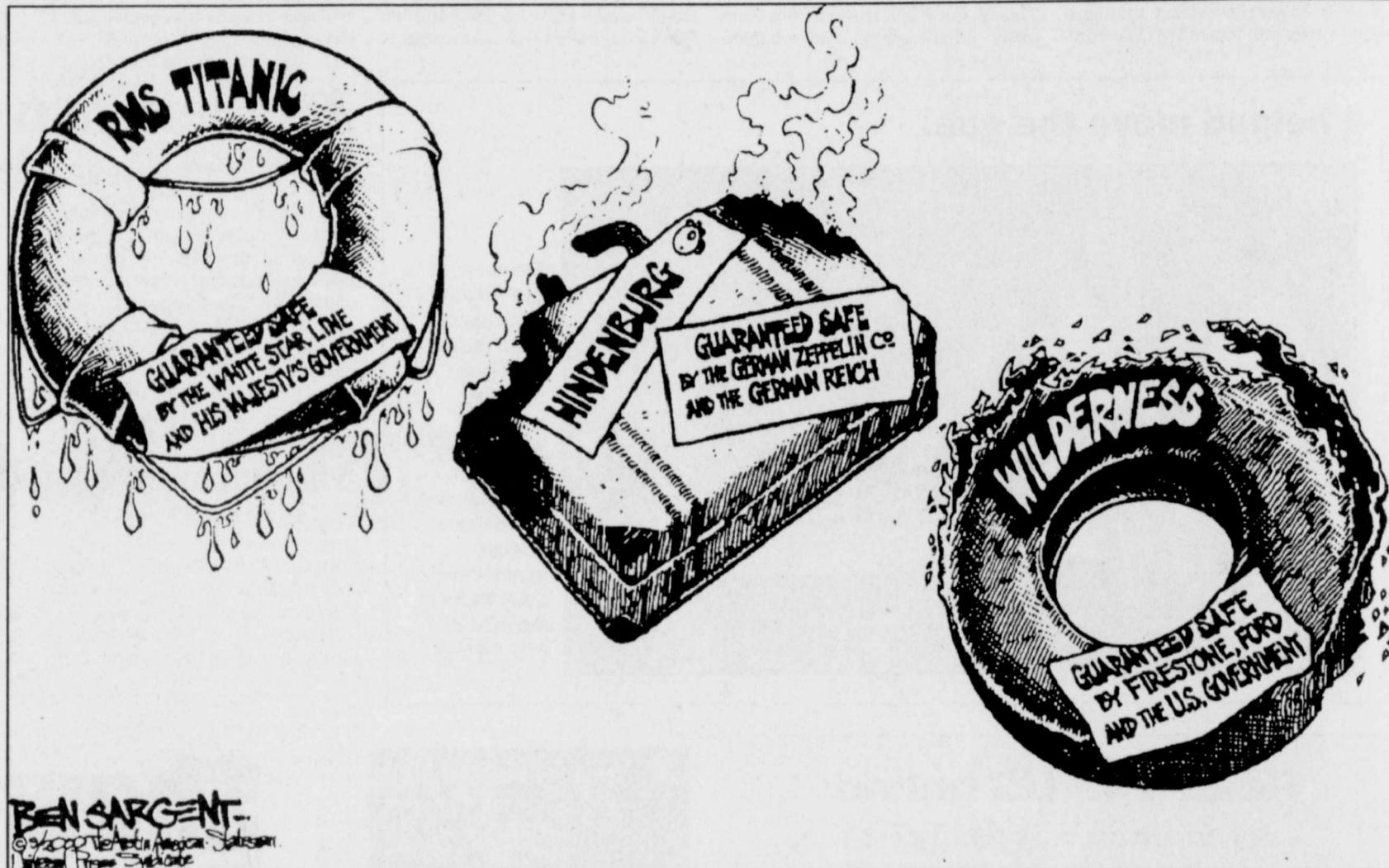
Speaking of small steps, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission — a pathetic thing, but the only EPA we've got here — has just opened its marble heart and agreed to study the situation. This is another happy side effect of having Gov. George W. Bush run for president — it would look so dumb if his three environmental commissioners were still denying the existence of global warming.

Since Texas emits more greenhouse gases than any other state, doing something about it here would be a real contribution. Not that the TNRCC is actually doing anything, but it has ordered up a big study, for which we are all devoutly grateful.

One always appreciates those editorial voices of sweet reason saying, "Now, let's not get hysterical here — we're not doomed." No, we're not. This is very likely fixable. The only reason to panic is the projection studies on what will happen if we do nothing or let this get worse.

Major climate shifts can come quickly, within a few decades. The effects of global warming are becoming so apparent that one can foresee the congressional hearing in a few years — like the Firestone tire comedy last week — with elected officials indignantly demanding: "Who knew about this? Why didn't they tell us? Off with their heads!" There may actually be more good news than bad news on global warming lately, despite the ominous stats. James Hansen, the NASA climatologist who has been helpful on global warming before, has a new study suggesting a cheaper way out. Rather than concentrating on carbon dioxide, which comes from burning fossil fuels, if we concentrate on getting rid of the five other greenhouse gases (especially methane) it could do as much good overall as cutting carbon dioxide from fossil fuels.

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



Column

Actually, global warming is all hype

It never ceases to amaze me that our media, our public schools and our institutions of higher learning continue to perpetuate global warming hysteria as fact.

The global climate change movement actually began in the early 1970s, preaching the doom and gloom of global cooling. Decades after this one-sided discussion began, we are still being bombarded by bogus facts and pseudo-science. Now it's a global warming scare we are facing.

The environmental extremist movement declares that there is no longer a question. They claim global warming is now an undeniable reality supported by a consensus in the scientific community. According to leftist environmentalists, man must make substantial sacrifices in his behavior in order to avoid a coming environmental apocalypse.

There are, however, undeniable facts on global warming. Here they are. First, the data used to support global warming theory is biased, incomplete and faulted. Second, if occurring, global warming is primarily the result of nature; not man. Third, there is absolutely no agreement in the scientific community that global warming exists or that it is anything more than a natural phenomenon.

The studies supporting global warming trends generate their data largely by using inaccurate computer models. In order to produce the desired outcomes of their designers, these models ignore numer-

ous variables such as cloud formation, ocean currents and phase changes in water. Modelers also use manipulations known as "flux adjustments" that can be 25 times larger than the effect of doubling carbon dioxide concentrations. "Climate modelers have been 'cheating' for so long that it has almost become respectable," said Science writer Richard Kerr.

Contrary to the suspect data cited, actual global temperatures have risen only 0.3 to 0.6 degrees Celsius in the last 100 years. That number seems very insignificant if we consider that temperature changes between day and night may be as great as 25 degrees, and seasonal temperature changes may be as great as 50 degrees or more. With all the daily and seasonal temperature changes occurring in various climates, how can we validate a century's change in temperature as significant when that change is less than one degree Celsius? The numbers just don't gel.

In Al Gore's book, he claims the automobile is the greatest threat facing mankind. This is one of the most outrageous statements ever made by someone in the environmental movement. In reality, global warming, if actually occurring, is effected by human activity on a minuscule level at best. A fact you'll never hear environmentalists quote is that 96 percent of the so-called greenhouse gases are created by nature, not man. One of the best illustrations of this fact is the 1993 eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines. CFCs, one of the chemicals blamed for ozone depletion, were released in truly massive quantities. The eruption produced 1,000 times more than the total amount of CFCs released by mankind in our entire history. Think about it. This was only one eruption in four billion years of volcanic activity, and the ozone layer is still here. And to think, this whole time, we

thought it was Paul Mitchell's hair spray that was destroying our ozone layer.

Without a doubt, the most outrageous fallacy in the global warming argument is that there is a consensus among the scientific community that global warming is an actual occurrence and that it is primarily because of human activity.

Chairman of the international panel on climate change, Bert Bolin, said "the climate issue is not 'settled'; it is both uncertain and incomplete." According to the Oregon Institute petition, carrying the signatures of 17,000 qualified scientists, "there is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane or other greenhouse gases is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the Earth's atmosphere and disruption of the Earth's climate." Additionally, a 1997 survey of 36 state climatologists found that 58 percent denied the existence of global warming, and 89 percent agreed that science is unable to isolate and measure variations in global temperatures caused only by human activity.

The propaganda regarding global warming is being used by our government, and the global community has an excuse to create policies that would restrict our personal freedoms and cripple our industries. However, we don't have to look far to see that our government is also capable of negatively impacting our environment. Because our government has failed to properly manage its vast public lands, millions of those acres have been lost to fire this summer.

Dustin Mundorf is a junior marketing major from Three Rivers. His favorite activities include running with sharp objects and tearing the tags off mattresses.



Dustin Mundorf

Letters to the Editor

You asked for it

To the editor: This past February, the Student Activities Board distributed more than 350 surveys to a diverse array of Tech students and sent a global e-mail to all Tech faculty and staff. All of this was done to determine one thing — which music and comedy acts everyone wanted to see here at Tech during the 2000-2001 school year. Simply put, the Student Activities Board wanted to hear what everyone desired and provide for those wants.

The results of the surveys and e-mail showed that Dennis Miller was one of the top five comedians that people at Texas Tech wanted to see. So what did the Student Activities Board do? They went out and booked Dennis Miller to perform at the United Spirit Arena at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 22. Red Raiders spoke and the Student Activities Board listened and acted. Not only did the Student Activities Board book Dennis Miller, but they slashed

their original ticket price for students from \$32 to \$25 — the lowest ticket price to date for any ticketed event at the United Spirit Arena. On top of this, any student that buys a ticket for this event at the University Center does not have to pay a dime in service charges.

The Student Activities Board has done its part, now it is up to the Tech community to do ours by going and buying a ticket and packing the United Spirit Arena for Dennis Miller's Sept. 22 performance.

Andrew Schoppe, president, Student Government Association

Not worth the wait

To the editor: I am very grateful to Texas Tech for providing services to me and to the rest of the student body to make our college careers as enjoyable and as convenient as possible. The contract with Citibus has been something that I enjoyed greatly in the past. This semester, however, I haven't really been able to take advantage of it.

Although I still live in the same apartment and the bus routes haven't changed (besides

to avoid the construction on campus), each morning I stand on the side of West Fourth Street watching bus after bus drive by, without even making the pretense of stopping. I can definitely understand that a bus can only hold so many people, but when I have to run back to my apartment with 10 minutes left to get to class, drive across town, find a parking spot and run into class 15 minutes late, I could care less about the service, except for the fact that I'm paying for it.

Sometimes I feel like I'm standing on the corner with my thumb stuck in a very uncomfortable place as bus after bus speed by.

If Tech is going to make a service available to the students who live at Jefferson Commons or those who park their cars at Wal-Mart to catch the bus, it should also be available to the rest of the people on the route, including the Branchwater, the Waterford and Stratford Place.

My education is important to me, although as a poor college student, so is my precious penny. Give me a chance to make the most of both.

I would like to encourage a re-thinking of

the bus system, and if sending a bus on a route every 15 minutes isn't enough, then send them more often.

I would also like to encourage a boycott of the West 4th Street bus route — especially to those students who live in Jefferson Commons and those who ride from Wal-Mart. Give some of the rest of us a chance to get to class.

John Collins, junior history

Don't blame us

To the editor: As a Citibus driver, it is very discouraging to see the students at Tech constantly complain year in and year out about the bus service they are receiving.

I can say, for a fact, that the reason the off-campus apartment shuttle buses are so messed up this year is because of the unwise decision by Texas Tech officials to close down Red Raider Avenue on the west side of Jones SBC Stadium. I realize that there were good reasons for this closure, but it left the off-campus apartment shuttles with no workable alternative routes to follow. The routes have

been changed a couple of times already this semester, but the best route has still not been found, if one even exists now. The students on my route have been, by and large, unhappy, and it is easy for them to see the driver as the problem. I can't speak for any other Tech drivers, but I know that I go out there everyday and do the best I can with the resources that I have to work with. I do care about the students' schedules, and I want them to be happy with the service they are getting.

I drive under pressure every afternoon trying to stay on time on an extremely tight 30-minute schedule following a busy route that is jammed with vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Most days, I drive straight through from 10:20 a.m. to 5:20 p.m. without getting out of the seat of my bus even one time. The system is not perfect, but there are good Citibus drivers out at Tech that are delivering the best they can with what they have to work with. I am not looking for any sympathy, just an understanding of what we as drivers go through each day.

Chris Yerby, Citibus driver

Aggies set on keeping A&M tradition alive

Students determined to hold bonfires despite lack of administrative support

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Leaders of a student group planning a bonfire off the Texas A&M campus this fall say they are still determined to proceed after meeting privately with the university's president and other officials.

The organization, called Keep the Fire Burning, devised its plan for a renegade log stack after A&M President Ray Bowen announced a two-year moratorium on the almost century-long tradition in the wake of a report on the 1999 collapse that killed 12 students and injured 27 others.

One of seven board members for the organization who requested the meeting with Bowen said the hour-long session Tuesday was "not really productive."

"They listened to our side, and we listened to their side. It was what we expected. They pretty much told us we were wrong, and that was about it."

Gary Crenshaw
TEXAS A&M BOARD MEMBER

"They listened to our side, and we listened to their side," board member Gary Crenshaw told the *Bryan-College Station Eagle* in Wednesday's editions.

"It was what we expected. They pretty much told us we were wrong, and that was about it."

The closed-door meeting with students did not change the

university's position on the issue, said Cindy Lawson, executive director of university relations.

"Texas A&M will continue to discourage an off-campus bonfire," said Lawson.

Besides Bowen, A&M Vice President for Student Affairs Malon Southerland and Lawson also represented the university in the meeting with board member Trent Owens and two students in favor of the alternative bonfire group, Crenshaw said.

A five-member panel appointed by Texas A&M cited organizational failures and structural problems with the student-designed and -built bonfire as the chief reasons for the accident in a May report.

It prompted Bowen to announce the moratorium for a task force of students, faculty and staff to develop a plan for a 2002 bonfire.

But the move prompted almost immediate calls from alumni and members of the Texas A&M commu-

nity to build a renegade bonfire.

In the Nov. 18 collapse, the 55-foot-tall timber stack wired together in a tiered, wedding-cake like structure toppled.

The logs trapped students among a tumbling pile of two million pounds of logs.

Students were constructing the log tower as part of a 90-year-old tradition leading up to the annual Texas-A&M football game on Thanksgiving weekend.

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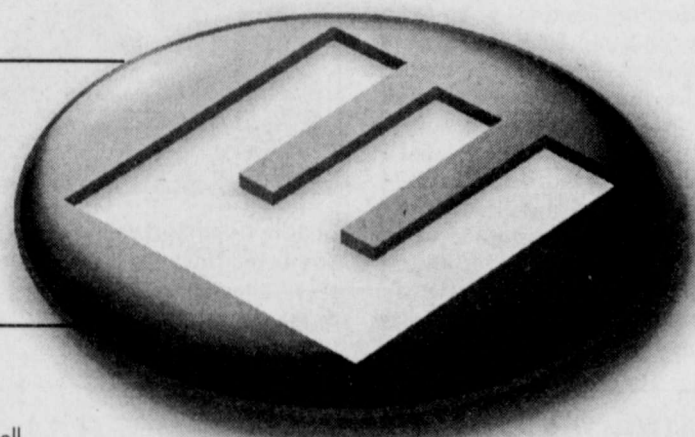
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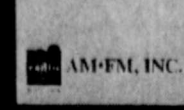
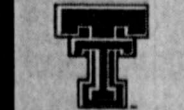
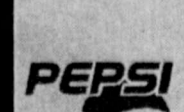
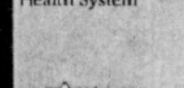
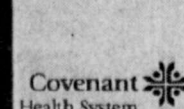
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Cowboy turned country music star to rock L2K

■ **Big dreams of escape and stardom propelled Robinson to success in the music industry.**

By Leslie Follmar
Staff Writer

Driving across the Texas-Hill Country and into the West Texas Plains, most find the road a never-ending curse.

However, the beauty of Texas has captured the eye of singer/songwriter Charlie Robinson.

Robinson, who is scheduled to appear at 8 p.m. tonight at Liquid 2000, finds inspiration from his long high-

way drives in Texas. His latest CD, *Life of the Party*, captures the bluegrass style of Central Texas along with pedal steel swing in the song "You're Not the Best" and a taste of Tex-Mex in the "Don't Call Me a Fool."

The CD was recorded in only 10 days and was produced by Robinson and Lubbock native Lloyd Maines.

Robinson said he was very pleased with this CD and feels it is a good representation of his personality.

Robinson composed the majority of the songs on the CD. Two of the tracks came from the pen of his brother Bruce Robinson.

One of Robinson's favorite songs on the album is "Loving Country," which describes the times in life when the mind is prone to wander in places of idleness. The lyrics read:

"And the frost on the windshield shines toward the sky/like the thousand tiny diamonds in the lights of Loving Country."

Robinson remembers writing the song during a trip to El Paso.

His appearance on the nationally renowned music program "Austin City Limits" caught the attention of producers and put him in the elite group of entertainers who have appeared on the prestigious show.

A sixth-generation Texan, Robinson was brought up in the small town of Bandera on his parent's ranch.

He and his brother bought their first records at a local supermarket at age five, bringing home Jimi Hendrix and Creedance Clearwater Revival to play on their turntable.

Robinson was influenced greatly at age seven after seeing Dean Martin on television. He remembers Martin wearing a tuxedo, holding a drink and being surrounded by women.

Robinson said dreams of escape and stardom propelled him to where he is in the music industry today. At the age of 15, Robinson was in his first

band — Bandera — playing the drums.

After a brief stint at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Robinson switched over to the guitar and headed to Austin.

The Capitol City gave Robinson the confidence he needed to delve into his solo career.

In 1995, his independent CD *Bandera* was released, "a set of songs showcasing a talent long on poetry and grit and absolutely clean of pretense."

Robinson is signed to Sony's Lucky Dog label, which offered him the artistic freedom he had not found in other major labels.

This freedom gave Robinson's CD *Life of the Party* its unique sound. Critics labeled the contents of his CD as "music firmly rooted in one man's reality, and yet emotionally generous enough to muster a universal appeal."

Robinson will go on stage tonight at 8 p.m. at Liquid 2000, located at 1824 Ave. G. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the show can be purchased in advance at both locations of Ralph's Records, located at 909 University Ave. and 3322 82nd St., for \$10.50. Tickets also can be purchased at the door for \$12.



Courtesy Photo/Charlie Robinson
Charlie Robinson will take center stage tonight at 8 p.m. at Liquid 2000. The Texas Native will be performing songs from his latest CD, *Life of the Party*. After being a featured artist on the music program "Austin City Limits," Robinson's music career took flight.

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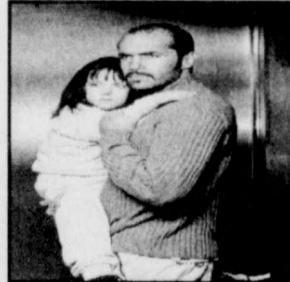
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Tech soccer faces Buffaloes

By Matt Muench
Staff Writer

It has been a case of bad luck and inconsistency for the Texas Tech women's soccer team early on in the 2000 campaign, according to Tech coach Felix Oskam.

Mixed with some bad shots, bad bounces, balls off crossbars and not to mention a 1-5 start; the Red Raiders finally get to play on a field with grass they are familiar with.

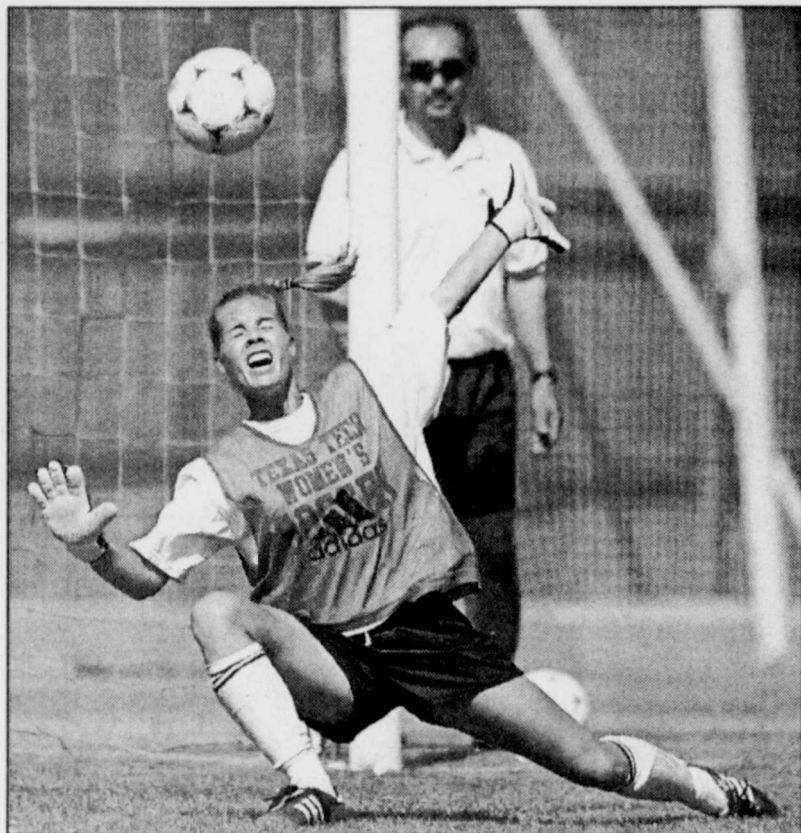
Tech will host its first home game of the 2000 season at 4 p.m. today at R.P. Fuller Stadium against in-state foes West Texas A&M.

"It has been a tough three weekends in row," said Oskam, who is in his fourth season at the helm. "It is very nice to be back home and sleeping in our own beds."

Oskam said the team's 1-5 start is not as bad as it looks. Out of the five losses the Red Raiders have been involved in, four of them have been lost by one goal in the final minutes of the game.

"When you look at our record, it does not reflect the way the team has been playing," Oskam said. "A lucky bounce our way and we may be 5-1, but it just didn't happen that way."

Going into today's date with the Lady Buffs, top scorer Carrie Graham said the Raiders are hoping to see some more consistency, quicker ball movement and more execution when



Raider goalkeeper Brittney Peese defends a shot at practice. Tech soccer plays West Texas A&M for its first home game today.
 Greg Kreller/The University Daily

the opportunity arises.

Graham said the team has just not been finishing off games and pulling out victories.

"I think we are not playing bad at all," the junior forward said. "We have lost to some quality teams and played well against them."

The last time Tech faced West Texas A&M was last season with the Raiders coming out with the 3-2 overtime victory. This season the Lady Buffs are undefeated, and Oskam said they cannot be overlooked.

"They have a quick team and a great coach," he said. "They will be a tough team to play against, and they have a chance to take the game away from us."

The game plan is to put pressure on the Lady Buffs' defense by staying on the enemy's side of the field and far away from the Raiders goal.

Freshman defender Ellen McNamara said she thinks if the team's positive attitude continues, then the win will come.

"We just have to go into games knowing it will not be an easy win," said McNamara, who leads the team in assists with three. "We know we are going to have to show up every game and play."

Oskam said he was happy to see that despite the team having bad figures in the loss column, he has seen a lot of positive attitudes along with a no-quit mentality.

McNamara said the team realizes the games that count are still on the horizon, Big 12 Conference games.

"The coaches have been telling us that we are all still at the top of the Big 12 tied with everybody," she said. "We haven't lost a game in the Big 12 and that is what counts."

Former UT coach's lawsuit dismissed

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds was acting in his official capacity in the circumstances surrounding the resignation of former baseball coach Cliff Gustafson and cannot be sued, a judge ruled Wednesday.

Gustafson sued Dodds last year alleging he used a falsified financial document to help force the coach's resignation in 1996. Gustafson sought unspecified monetary damages.

Dodds denied charges of wrongdoing and sought to dismiss the case, claiming any actions he took in regard to Gustafson's resignation were in his official capacity as a university employee.

Gustafson would need special permission from the Legislature to sue a state agency. Although Travis County District

Associate Judge Lora Livingston refused to dismiss the case in December, District Judge Scott McCown ruled in Dodds' favor Wednesday.

"Under the doctrine of official immunity, the coach cannot sue Dodds for doing his job as athletics director — whether he did it right or wrong," McCown ruled.

"DeLoss is just beside himself," said Dodds' attorney, Joe Jamail of Houston. "When I called, he was just kind of weepy about it. Nobody likes to be accused of all the things Gustafson did."

"All this was a disguise, trying to make UT do something for him by trying to extort DeLoss Dodds for something he didn't do," Jamail said.

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Where there's a Williams, there's a way

Tech running back Shaud Williams has made the most of his new role in Leach's offense

Williams has seen his rushing tries decrease and his receptions increase in Tech's new offense this season.

By Patrick Gonzales
 Staff Writer

When Texas Tech running back Shaud Williams was younger, he wasn't always allowed to play football with his older brother and his friends. But when Williams did participate, he knew it was his chance to prove himself to the older, much bigger guys. It was then that Williams began forming an attitude that eventually led him to present status. An attitude of never doubting himself. "I'm the type of person that when I get something set in my head, that's what I'm going to do," the 19-year-old Williams said. "I'm not going to let myself come up short of what I want to do." Take last fall for example. After leading Tech with 658 rushing yards and being named the Big 12 Conference offensive freshman of the year, Williams was forced to learn the new

pass-oriented offense installed by new coach Mike Leach.

Before the beginning of this season, Williams was told by Tech coaches that he would be used as a slot receiver and that his carries as a running back would decrease.

Instead of quitting or doubting his self, Williams just set personal goals for the new offense.

"When they told me (that I was going to be used in the slot position), I set a goal of becoming the best receiver out there," Williams said.

"I know it's best for the team, and I'm going to go out there and play my position the best I can."

In Tech's first three contests this season, Williams has a team-high 19 receptions. Against Utah State two weeks ago, Williams caught 10 passes for 91 yards and rushed for another 19 yards on two carries.

Leach said it was the best overall performance by a Red Raider against

the Aggies.

Tech running backs coach Art Briles said Williams is a perfect fit for the new offense.

"He really fits what we look for in skilled people in this offense, and that's somebody that can catch the football, has great vision and is unselfish enough to be a blocker," Briles said.

"He's a good fit for our offensive scheme and I'm proud of the way he has performed." But don't think making the transition to receiver from running back came easy for Williams.

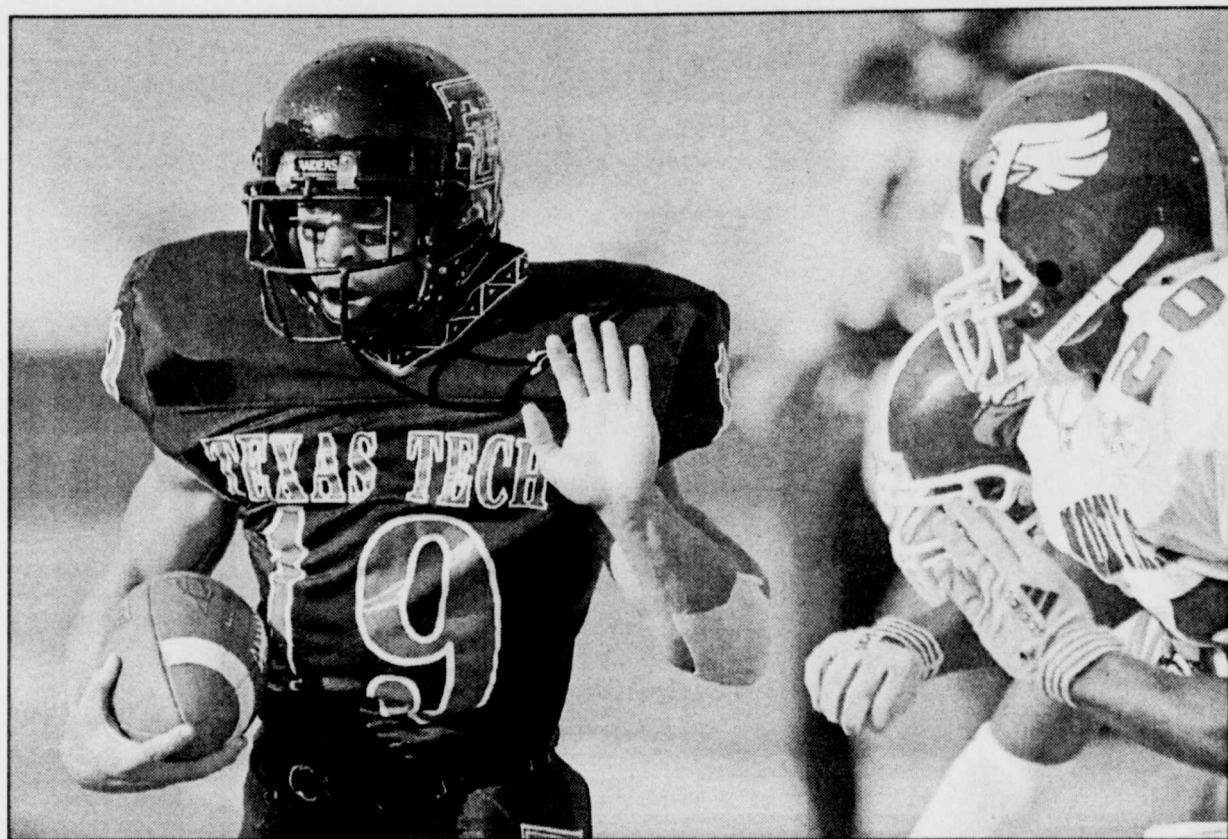
As a running back at Andrews High School, Williams rushed for 7,710 career yards on 1,006 attempts, the second best total in Texas Class 4A history.

"It was real hard to pick up because in high school I had about 25 to 30 carries a game," Williams said of learning his new role as receiver.

"I think I might have caught two

"There were a lot of things I had to learn about running routes and getting open because you can't just run out there and expect to get open."

Shaud Williams
 TECH RUNNING BACK



Greg Kreiler/The University Daily

Tech running back Shaud Williams was the Red Raider's leading rusher a season ago, but in Mike Leach's new pass-oriented offense, Williams is the leading receiver for Tech this season.

is a "natural correlation between catching it or getting it tossed to you" as a running back.


In both situations Williams is handling the ball often, Briles said.

However, for Williams, there is a big difference in handling the ball as a running back and receiver — about a 260-pound difference to be exact.

"You actually get to see the defense running at you after you catch the ball, which is good," Williams said.

"You have more time to adjust and avoid contact, which is the main thing."

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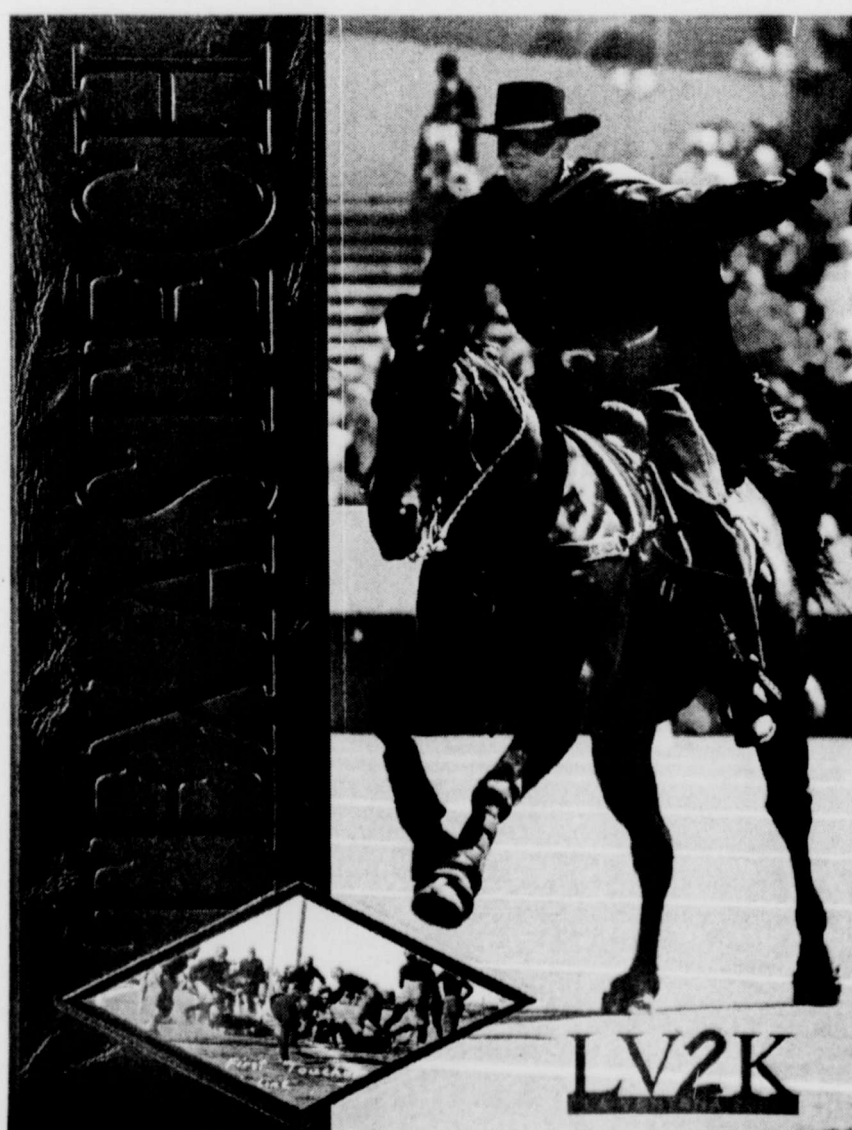
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