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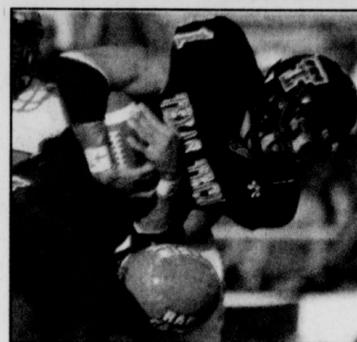


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STATE

Families cry foul as insurance rates rise

HOUSTON (AP) — A 13-year-old's bone marrow transplant to combat a rare blood disease is causing an insurer's premiums to skyrocket and some of the insured are crying foul.

David and Shirley Sheffield were elated at the recovery of their son, Ross, from aplastic anemia, but they also acknowledge feeling some guilt over the effect it has had on others' insurance bills.

The Sheffields are covered by health insurance provided through the Cleveland Independent School District, where David works as an agriculture teacher.

They also are among 10 families whose large insurance claims are blamed by the district's insurer for a huge increase in premiums.

In many cases, premiums have increased fourfold for employees in that Liberty County district, and the AmeriHealth of Philadelphia policy was nearly canceled altogether with no other insurer willing to pick it up.

The higher rates, which take effect Oct. 1, have upset employees to the point that three teachers have quit and taken other jobs.

NATIONAL

Bus strike to affect LA County workers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nearly half a million people faced the start of the work week without their usual bus or train service as striking public transit drivers in Los Angeles County walked picket lines for a second day.

No new contract talks were scheduled Sunday between the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the unions representing its drivers, clerks and mechanics.

Meanwhile, motorists braced for more freeway congestion than usual. Representatives of the Bus Riders Union, a public transportation advocacy group, said they received dozens of calls from people looking for strike information and wondering how they would survive. Low-income residents who rely on the buses may be forced to forego necessities to pay for alternative transportation, they said.

Taxis are "not even an option" for Shepherd Pettit, a 55-year-old paraplegic who has to cover eight city blocks to get to Los Angeles City College. A taxi would be too expensive," he said.

About 450,000 people rely on public transit in Los Angeles County.

WORLD

No sign of hostages as search continues

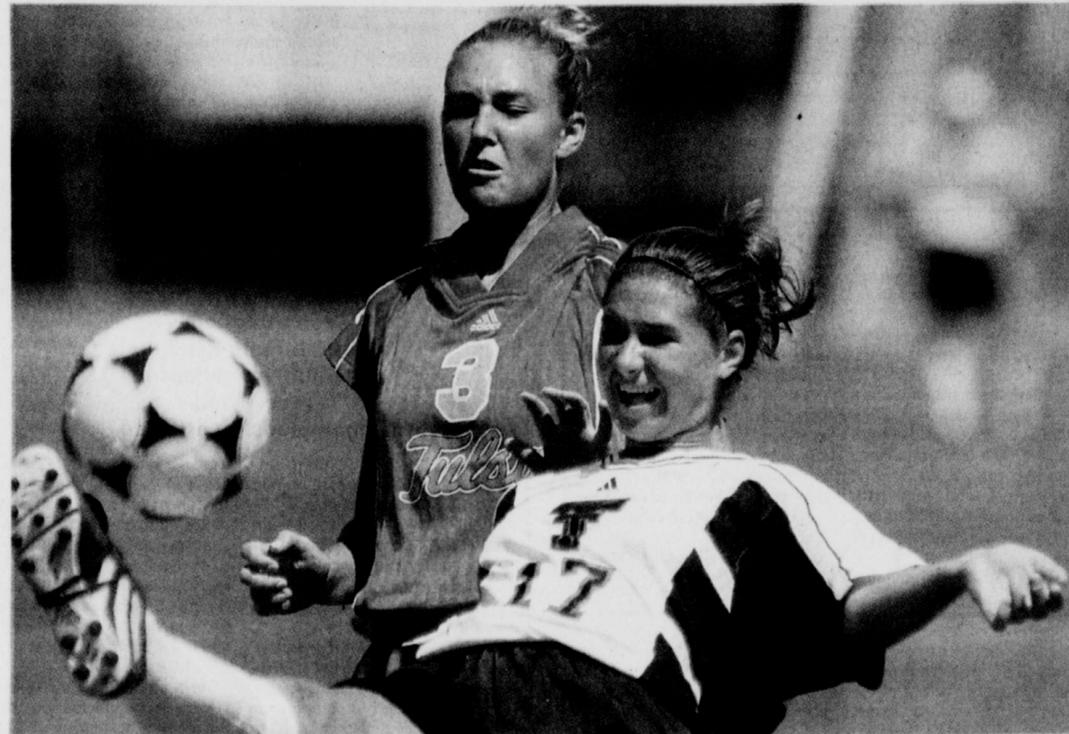
ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) — Military mortars pounded the camps of Muslim rebels Sunday as thousands of troops continued their assault to free 19 foreign and Filipino hostages, but there was still no sign of the captives, officials said.

"They haven't been eyeballed," said presidential press secretary Ricardo Puno. "The rebels are clearly moving them from place to place."

The military imposed a news blackout after the surprise attack aimed at rescuing the hostages held on remote Jolo island. Authorities launched the attack before dawn Saturday following nearly five months of negotiations with the Abu Sayyaf rebels and the reported payment of more than \$15 million in ransom for other captives.

President Joseph Estrada said his patience broke after the rebels, who claim they are fighting for an independent Islamic state in the southern Philippines, seized a new group of hostages from Malaysia on Sept. 10.

Just kickin back



Melanie Brosnahan, a junior physical therapy major from Plano, goes for a scissor-kick Sunday afternoon during Texas Tech's women's soccer game against Tulsa at R.P. Fuller Stadium. Tech lost the game 2-1, dropping their record to 1-6 for the season. See related story, page 7

GREG KRELLER/The University Daily

A great time to be Greek

Report shows that Texas Tech Greeks have higher-than-average GPA.

By Pam Smith
Staff Writer

As students this semester are busy cramming for tests, finding ways to study and trying to stay involved, the Greek community is celebrating with some bragging rights.

According to the All-Greek Scholarship report for the spring 2000 semester, GPAs for the Greek community are higher than the entire Texas Tech campus.

For spring 2000, the average undergraduate GPA was a 2.883, while the Greek GPA was 2.939.

The All-Greek Scholarship report is compiled after randomly selected students from both the undergraduate student body and members of the various organizations of the Greek community are evaluated according to GPA, gender, Greek affiliation, and active member vs. pledge status. Average

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Storm attracts Tech chasers

The Wind Engineering Team hopes to set up four towers to measure Gordon's intensity.

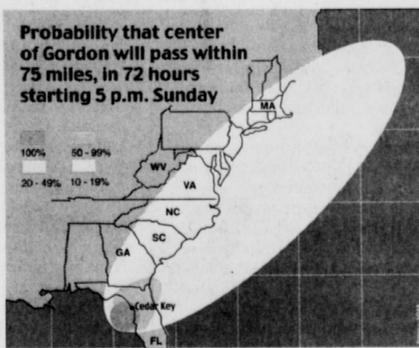
By Mara McCoy
Staff Writer

CEDAR KEY, Fla. — Battling high winds and torrential rains, several members of Texas Tech's wind engineering research team braced for Tropical Storm Gordon on Sunday evening as the storm plowed into the Florida Gulf Coast with winds just below hurricane strength. team set up four towers to measure the intensity and other factors of the tropical storm.

Wind gusts of 60 mph were reported in this rustic fishing town about 100 miles north of Tampa as the storm approached. Gordon's top sustained winds fell from 75 mph early Sunday to about 70 mph, just below the 74 mph threshold for a hurricane.

Rob Howard, research assistant and WEMITE coordinator at Tech, said Sunday's storm had taken a toll on the Tech researchers.

"We usually don't setup the towers during the storm, but this time, the storm caught us off guard and we were



rushing to put them up and get out of the weather," Howard said. "What usually takes us three to four hours took only 2-1/2 hours."

The team took two Wind Engineering Mobile Instrumental Tower Experiments, or WEMITES, two smaller towers, or portable mesonets, which are portable meteorological centers, and two instrumental cars, or mobile mesonets.

The WEMITES, one of which was built in 1998, is 30 feet high and has been used for eight tropical cyclones and the second, which was built in 1999, is 50 feet high and has been used for four tropical cyclones. Both units were built to withstand up to 150 mph winds.

"We have never seen 150 mph winds, but the towers

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Enrollment increase exceeds 25,000 mark

By Will Frederick
Staff Writer

The unofficial fall enrollment figures gathered on the 12th class day indicate a 1.79 percent increase in the number of students attending Texas Tech. Tech's 12th day enrollment reached 25,143 students, surpassing last year's number of 24,702.

Marty Grassel, Tech's director of admissions and school relations, said Tech's numbers are up across the board and not because other Texas universities are limiting their enrollment.

"Our enrollment numbers haven't risen because of other colleges over-enrollment," Grassel said.

"Our applied-and-admitted numbers have shown an increase of 25 percent all year."

While the undergraduate enrollment numbers have increased for this

fall, the Graduate School numbers at Tech have dropped in recent years.

"The current job market and economy have a major affect on the enrollment numbers for all graduate schools," Grassel said.

"When students can get good jobs following their undergraduate graduation, they may postpone their graduate work."

Ronald Anderson, senior associate dean of the Graduate School, said in the past few years, the enrollment number of graduate students at Tech has decreased.

"Graduate enrollment has been declining each year," Anderson said. "Hopefully, the decline has ended and we're heading in a new direction."

Anderson said with the recent Tier One nomination by the Carnegie Foundation, the enrollment numbers in the graduate program should increase.

Trend of '90s remains popular on the South Plains

Parties of the underground add variety to Lubbock night life.

By Cory Chandler
Staff Writer

Beads of sweat glisten on bodies that writhe beneath blacklights.

Music throbs to the pulse of strobe lights as lasers rip through a thin haze of smoke and scroll over the skin of dancers armed with twirling glowsticks and laser pointers.

In the early 1990s, a new musical trend began to emerge in large cities.

Underground parties, called "raves," incorporated electronic music and light effects to produce an euphoric atmosphere where people could dance all night.

This scene quickly became a place where drugs such as nitrous

oxide and ecstasy were used to create an uninhibited sensual experience. Raves quickly acquired a bad reputation.

As time went on, though, raves hit the mainstream as electronic music caught on with a larger audience. Raves spread across the United States and became more controlled.

Ecstasy is still commonly used at these events, but people who attend raves do so other than to use illegal drugs.

The rave scene hit the Hub City Saturday night when Odd-e0o Network hosted an all-night dance party at the 19th Street Warehouse, located at 19th and Buddy Holly.

The Lubbock rave did not compare to what he has witnessed in larger cities like Dallas and Austin, some students said.

"In (the larger cities), you could have 10,000 people show up," Tabor said. "You just can't compete with that in a place like this."

Tech student Drew Workman, a

junior restaurant and hotel management major from Midland, said he enjoys raves because he feels comfortable with the atmosphere.

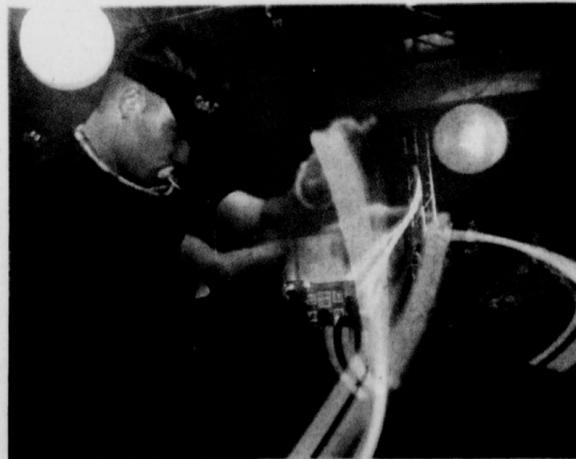
Workman also said he sometimes enjoys using drugs to heighten his rave experience. "This is such a relaxed atmosphere," he said, "especially when you're rolling."

Workman said he has not been pressured to try drugs at these events but said they are available. "People will ask you if you have any or want some," he said.

Not everyone is happy to see the rave scene moving into Lubbock, though.

April Jones, a junior pre-pharmacy major from Childress, said Sphere was her first rave, and she did not agree with some of what she saw.

"I think it is disgusting and degrading that Lubbock would let this sort of thing go on," she said. "It's not the music or the dancing that I had a problem with — it's the attitude of the people there..."



Jeremy Morris, from Roswell, N.M., sucks on a pacifier while waving glow sticks at a rave in 19th Street Warehouse on Saturday night.

JOE MAYS/The University Daily

My buddy and me



Stephani Stokes, a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Lubbock, looks over a football schedule at the Louisiana-Lafayette game with Misty Garcia and Neal Larkin, a senior international business major from Mansfield. Saturday's game was the annual Take a Kid to the Game day.

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average GPAs are then calculated and broken down into separate categories.

"The GPAs of the Greek community are consistently higher than the university average," Ethan Logan, assistant dean of students, said. "There are really 42 total groups that we are comparing to the university average. (Once it is compiled), I present the information to their national organizations."

The report also cited differences in GPAs in regard to gender within the Greek community. According to the

report, sorority members had a higher average GPA than fraternities, undergraduate and freshman categories. While the sororities scored an average GPA of 3.120, their fraternity counterparts had a 2.692. Undergraduate non-Greek females were a close second with a 3.056, followed by non-Greek female freshmen with a 2.885. Non-Greek male undergraduate's GPAs lagged behind with a 2.729, with freshmen non-Greek males scoring a 2.501.

Shelby Walters, who works with the Greek community, said he believes the reason sorority/fraternity member's GPAs are higher than the students who are not Greek-affiliated

is because of the emphasis the Greek community places on academics.

"We have study halls, scholarship roundtables and offer tutorials for students who need them," Walters said. "We also offer seminars that discuss different topics that Greek community is able to attend."

Another reason Walters said the Greek community is doing better in academics is because the active chapters of these organizations stress academics and use their success in this area to promote their chapters.

"Usually the active chapters are higher," he said. "They want Greeks to look good, and this is a way to promote themselves."

GORDON

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have always withstood the rains and winds from the storms," Howard said.

Howard said the towers and mesonets are used to help better understand damaging wind events. "With more information, we can build better structures to protect people," he said.

The mobile mesonets have instruments on their roofs and computers inside to collect data.

Howard, in a 6 p.m. interview with The University Daily, said the mobile mesonets would be out for six to eight hours more.

"They cover a very small area to study how the wind changes from one topographical region to another," he said.

Gary Skwira, a graduate student studying atmospheric science from Cold Spring, Minn., was in one of the two mobile mesonets.

At the time of the interview, Skwira said there were heavy winds, but no rain.

"We were in some pretty heavy rainfall for a while, but it tapered off," he said. "I think the center may pass fairly close to here."

About 200 Florida National Guardsmen were deployed to help in flooded areas, and schools and roads were closed in several coastal cities.

"We're seeing now waves of up to and beyond 6 feet, and the water is continuing to rise and coming over the road at the docks area," Cedar Key Mayor Heath Davis said as the storm came ashore about 8:15 p.m. EDT.

The storm knocked out electricity to much of the city and pounded the island directly in the path with heavy rain. A voluntary evacuation had been recommended, but many of town's 800 residents were staying put. Most had weathered hurricanes before, Davis said.

By 10 p.m., Gordon's center was near Cedar Key, still with 70 mph

winds. The storm was heading north-northeast at near 12 mph, a course expected to take it over north Florida and southeastern Georgia, weakening as it crosses land.

Gordon's weakening though the day was due to a combination of factors, said Hugh Cobb, a meteorologist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami. "The circulation center is getting close to land, plus it's pulling in dry air from the Gulf of Mexico and southeastern U.S."

In Sarasota and Pinellas Counties, streets that typically flood during strong summer thunderstorms were under a few feet of water. Officials reported four minor car accidents, but no injuries.

A tropical storm warning was still in effect for the Florida Gulf Coast from Anclote Key to St. Marks, and on the Atlantic coast from Flagler Beach in north Florida, up to Little River Inlet, S.C. A tropical storm watch also remained in effect north of Little River Inlet to the North Carolina-Virginia border.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

Student feedback needed in new era

When was the last year when a Red Raider football team opened the season with a 4-0 record? If your answer was 1998, when the team opened the season with a 6-0 start and ended the season with an appearance in the Independence Bowl, then you hit the nail on the head.



Andrew Schoppe

The Lady Raiders are coming off a season that saw them beat Tennessee Tech, Tulane and Notre Dame to reach the "Elite Eight" in the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament.

The track and cross country teams are under the leadership of a head coach whose name in the track community is second to none and who has 29 NCAA Championships, 12 outdoor and 17 indoor, under his belt as a coach.

The Red Raider baseball team has made it to the NCAA Tournament for the past six consecutive seasons, and in that time advanced three times to the regional championship game.

These are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the on-the-field success of Tech's athletic programs. This pales in comparison with the success of Tech athletes in the classroom.

In the 1999-2000 school year, 184 Tech student-athletes earned a spot on the Big 12 commissioner's honor roll. That puts Tech as one of the top five Big 12 schools in that category.

There were also 86 athletes who earned a spot on the dean's list and president's list at Tech. The overall cumulative GPA for Tech athletes for the 1999-2000 school year was 2.894. This exceeds the 2.809 cumulative GPA for all students at Tech during the 2000 spring semester.

To say Tech athletics is an asset to this university in more ways than one is an understatement. Think for a moment of some of the first images you ever associated with Tech? Does Darwin Hamm breaking the backboard against

North Carolina in 1996 come to mind? How about images from the Lady Raiders' 1993 NCAA Championship run? Lest we forget Zach Thomas' interception against A&M in 1995 that sealed the 14-7 victory for the Red Raiders with 30 seconds left in the game.

Unquestionably, Tech athletics is one of our university's greatest recruitment tools. It introduces potential students to the university and hooks people on what it is to be a Red Raider.

Tech athletics is one of the administration's greatest tools when asking people to make financial contributions to support and enhance this university, its facilities and its programs.

Athletics is one of the greatest things that brings us all together to grow as a Red Raider family and allows us to become a part of something larger than ourselves — Texas Tech.

So what is the value of Tech athletics to this university? What is the value to you, the student, of all the benefits that Tech ath-

letics brings to Texas Tech as a major asset to this university? What would you be willing to pay to receive the benefits that Tech

athletics provides for this university and its students, while also having the opportunity to attend all Tech athletic events by simply showing your valid Tech ID?

With a dozen "Speak Up!!" comment boxes located all around campus, there are plenty of places for you to jot down your thoughts about this topic, so please take a minute or two to do so.

In addition, there is still some very valuable information about the Student Recreational Center expansion posted on the comment boxes and information about Jones SBC Stadium will be coming soon. So take a second to speak up.

One lucky student comment card will be randomly drawn at the end of the month, and the student whose card is drawn will receive a free "Wreck 'Em Tech" T-shirt, compliments of the SGA.

Of course, you can always e-mail us with your comments at sga@ttu.edu or call us at 742-3631.

Whatever the case, athletics is a great way to get involved at Tech, meet other Red Raiders and create memories that will last a lifetime. So lets keep those "Guns Up," holler for the home team and show our support for Tech! Go Tech!

We are definitely in the midst of an era of excitement in Texas Tech athletics. The football team has a new coach, an unbeaten record and a championship attitude.

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Hockey team keeps 'em in-line

Texas Tech club squad prepares for 32-game schedule, tournaments

By Jacob Heesch
Contributing Writer

Not many Texas Tech students are aware of the Tech in-line hockey team, but chances are, the squad will be contending for a national title in April 2001.

After finishing 12th in the country last year and third the year before, team members said they are preparing to go all the way to the title game and bring home Tech's first in-line hockey championship trophy.

Coming off of a 26-6 regular season record last year, the team has 10 returning players and six out of the top 10 recruits from the state of Texas.

Gabe Aguilar, a grad student from San Antonio, said this year's team has more talent than any in-line hockey team at Tech thus far.

"This is the best in-line hockey team I have ever seen at Texas Tech, and I have been playing since the team was organized," he said.

The team, which is self-coached, was organized in 1994 when Tech offered in-line hockey as a class.

About 10 students in that class decided to make it a sports club. Since the first team was formed, in-line hockey has become increasingly popular.

This year, more than 50 people, including five women, tried out for the various teams.

Three teams travel and compete in tournaments around the country. An-

other team is grounded in Lubbock and confined to practices and scrimmages. About 14 players make up the "A" team, while the two "B" teams can travel with 18 players. The formation of a women's league is also in the works.

Tech's in-line hockey teams are maintained through team fundraisers and donations from Tech.

Some players have been playing on the Tech in-line hockey team since it was organized.

Kevin Kitchens, a junior philosophy major from Dallas, said he got into the club just by going to the in-line hockey team's booth during Double T Days.

"I saw the booth for it and went over to check it out," Kitchens said. "I've been playing for about three years now."

The 2000-2001 season is Anthony Licona's first year to play at Tech. Licona, a freshman electrical engineering major from Richardson, said he has played in-line hockey for about four years.

After coming to Tech, Licona decided he wanted to be a part of the in-line hockey team.

"I enjoy in-line hockey because it's fast-paced, and there are some really good players here," Licona said. "My dad used to play hockey and that's how I got into the sport."

The Tech team also is a part of the Southwest Collegiate Hockey League. The league is made up of every college



Nick Salomony, a freshman business management major from Southlake, takes a shot at the goal during in-line hockey practice. Although Tech's roller hockey team is only a club sport, the squad plays a 32-game schedule and travels to tournaments all around Texas.

hockey team in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma that has an enrollment of about 18,000 students.

The team plays a 32-game schedule in tournaments from October to April.

During the regular season, the team plays in Dallas, Midland, Austin and Houston.

The team has high hopes going into its first tournament in Midland against Texas, North Texas, Texas A&M, Oklahoma, Kansas and the University of Louisiana-Lafayette.

This year, the national tournament will be in Los Angeles.

Josh Sternberg, a senior business

administration major from Dallas and captain of the "A" team, said Tech students are encouraged to join the in-line hockey team. He also said memberships are welcomed year-round.

"Anyone can join all season long," Sternberg said. "Just call the rec center and talk to the Sports Club Office."

Violence prompts reduction at state's largest youth prison

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — The state's largest youth prison, the J.W. Hamilton State School in Bryan, will reduce the number of inmates in hopes of solving a slew of problems, including inmate escapes and assaults against guards.

The facility has already lowered the number of inmates from 623 to 450, and officials plan to lower it again to 360 in the next few weeks. The facility won't accept new inmates, will move some to other units, and will turn away those under 16.

"Once we reduce that number to 360, we'll monitor it for 90 days or so and then make a determination about what the number should be," Steve Robinson, executive director of the Texas Youth Commission, told the Bryan-College Station Eagle in Saturday's editions.

Recent problems at the reform school include charges that a 17-year-old inmate sexually assaulted another inmate in April.

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Column

Political priorities perplexing at most

A hearty round of congratulations to all concerned in this year's presidential race for three weeks of politics at their finest. First, we had the great debate over whether the vice president smooched his wife for too long at the Democratic National Convention - a matter of burning moment to the republic - complete with exegesis of the smacker as to whether or not he frenched her. Comparison of the candidates' economic plans was shelved for that week.

Then we had the Debate on Debates, a subject gripping the nation and affecting the very lives of all who dwell herein, with the referees in solid concert that W. Bush's ploy to make Al Gore look slippery was too cute by half and only succeeded in underlining Bush's gutlessness. Consideration of global warming was postponed.

Next we had a reprise of that old favorite, the Open Mike Gotcha, with Bush calling a New York Times reporter a major-league casserole. Although it can be argued that Bush's failure to apologize was major-league tacky, the matter necessitated shelving all questions related to economic globalization.

Then we spent several days on the grave question of whether a Bush ad deliberately held the word "RATS" on screen—a matter further complicated by Bush's repeated references to the technique as "subliminal," raising the even more weighty question of whether the man suffers from dyslexia or just the consequences of growing up with a father who is not fluent in English. Discussion of the income gap was necessarily moved aside, although the median housing wage is now \$11.08 an hour to afford a two-bedroom unit—more than twice the minimum wage in 29 states.

We spent a few days on who sent whom whose debate preparation tapes, with appropriate speculation on scenarios of which John LeCarre would be proud. Minor attention to Dick Cheney's failure to vote 14 out of 16 times in Dallas also pre-empted consideration of what to do about the 44 million Americans who have no health insurance.

We would then have paid serious attention to how to improve the public schools, except that we had to pause to report the percentage decline in the number of jokes about Gore's switch to earth tones by late-night television comedians.

The media are now engaged in a round of mourning over the incurable frivolity of the American public, which is apparently planning to spend the next two weeks watching the Sydney Olympics under the impression that not much of importance is being discussed in the presidential campaign. And may I say that it is darn difficult to be part of a serious effort to educate and inform the people when we in the media are stuck with such a piffle-headed public.

Far be it from me to imply that your alert watchdogs of the press are missing anything, but you might want to know about a couple of recent events in Portland, Ore. Gov. G.W. Bush held a public rally there attended by 2,300 citizens and a huge media pack, which gave said rally the national coverage that it so fully deserved.

Two days later, the Green Party rented a coliseum that seats 10,000 people and charged them \$7 a head to hear Ralph Nader, with droves of people being turned away for lack of room. This event received no coverage whatever beyond Portland, despite the fact that the crowd was so enthusiastic that the normally reserved Nader gave a speech that had the crowd standing and screaming while he pumped his arms like a champ. (One local paper specified "his spindly arms.")

As anyone in the media will explain to you, the reason we do not give more coverage to Nader is because he is not moving in the Polls. The reason he is not moving in the Polls is because he gets no media coverage. Do you want the chicken or the egg?

I know that this textbook campaign so splendidly illustrating the beauties of democracy (and by George, if we're not a role model for the rest of the world, who is?) makes us all proud to be part of a nation where tens of millions of dollars in corporate special-interest contributions decides the outcome of elections. But has it ever occurred to you that we might be missing something here?

I realize that this is nothing compared to the importance of the flap over the phone call that Gore did not make in 1995, and certainly not to Dubya's latest gaffe, but ... could it be that part of what we're missing is ... an opportunity?

And if this exercise is as puerile and sterile as it appears, what can we do? Bad enough that our political system is corrupt - must it also be this vapid? We could try to change the campaign finance laws or to find a Nader speech on C-SPAN. But maybe the Olympics will be good. Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.



Molly Ivins



Column

Let's strike while the iron is hot

It seems that in today's world, universities are run by boards of regents, administrators and people who donate large sums of money. The students who actually attend the schools—the very reason the school exists in the first place—rarely have a say in anything that occurs on their campus.

Case in point: The football games. During pre-season practices, our special teams were energized with songs like the "Jaws" theme and "Regulators." During our first game this year, when these songs were played over the speakers at Jones SBC Stadium (don't even get me started on this corporate naming crap), some people were annoyed that the school allowed this. They didn't like "damn," which appeared in one of the songs, so they complained. The

next week the songs were gone from the speakers, and wouldn't have been heard at all if it weren't for the Goin' Band from Raiderland. Everyone complains that we never have tradition here. Well, it's because these cry babies always ruin our fun every time we try to do something new and different.

Case in point: Tortilla tossing. We're not allowed to bring tortillas to the game because they get on the field and because people allegedly get injured. Have you ever once met anybody who has been rushed to University Medical Center with a tortilla injury? That's what I thought. And, so many people think we're rebellious punks because we continue to toss our tortillas. Why do elders constantly berate us for harmless, fun things we try with snide, de-

grading comments? Case in point: This year, instead of handing out drinks in a cup, they're handed out in bottles. Supposedly, if you get your drink in a bottle, you can't pour liquor in it. The funny thing is, they'll still give you a cup with ice in it if you ask. (The beverages still cost a left testicle, so I don't really care anyway.) After realizing the changeover to plastic bottles, one employee, who works for the plant and animal science department, made a negative comment about we students having yet another object to toss on the field. You know what? Shut up. If you don't remember

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what it was like to be in college and have fun, then go ahead and be grumpy, but stop keeping us from having fun.

These are not the only kinds of people who keep preventing great, new things from happening around here, though. Another hindrance is the students. Case in point: Raider Roundup. Last Sunday, the United Spirit Arena was all prepped for a crowd of students to invade the place. What they got, instead, was a small crowd of stragglers, many of whom admittedly only came for the food or because their resident assistant dragged them. Two comedians were on hand for entertainment (one of whom called the 35 students who actually showed up to listen to him the "little crowd that could.") Several Tech organi-

zations set up tables to recruit and inform. The Goin' Band and spirit squads showed up to rally Raider spirit. Have you ever watched a group of cheerleaders cheering to a crowd of barely 20 people? It's rather sad.

Another case in point: Dennis Miller. What the hell? You have to wonder what is going on when the president of the Student Government Association has to write a letter to the school paper to try and get people to buy tickets to hear class-act comedians like Miller. For the past couple of years, we haven't had anybody worthwhile coming. But suddenly, like 10 seconds after the United Spirit Arena was completed, we've been bombarded with awesome performers (which, by the way, I'm beginning to see the pros of the massive structure.) Everyone has complained for years that we don't have student-oriented events, but now that we do, no one does anything or participates in them. So, here's the deal—if you want something nice and cool, speak up, show up or shut up. We finally have people in powerful positions that actually listen to us and ask us what we want.

Cases in point: President David Schmidly and SGA President Andrew Schoppe. They are taking action and listening to us, so we finally have the chance to be heard and listened to. If we don't, then people are going to get tired of trying to get our input, and they're going to revert to the old way of just doing things and not asking us what we want. And, if you don't think we have worthwhile events, say something. If you don't think it's advertised enough, speak up. People are listening, finally! And, if you're not sure how to get your point heard, there are ways. Case in point: Letters to the Editor.

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Brandon Formby

Letters to the Editor

Nature's way

To the Editor: Loren Bell, your article, "It's time to get out of Nature's Way" was absolute drivell. (UD, Sept. 15.) Repeatedly, you gleefully commit a fundamental journalistic crime: you blather on about topics you have little to no idea of or exposure to, and, therefore, can provide no legitimate insight into. At least provide a logical progression from topic to topic.

Your critique of hunting was typical and misinformed. Accurate counts of deer population are furnished by either the ranchers who live on the land, or that state's gaming departments. Currently, Texas and New Mexico are lousy with white tail, mule deer and elk, while bear and mountain lion populations are very stable, and the timberwolf is benefiting from several successful reintroduction programs and increased rancher coop-

eration. As far as the issue of drinking and hunting are concerned, responsible hunters do not take alcohol out with them on the range, but, instead, refrain from any drinking until evening. This is not to say that there aren't irresponsible hunters out there, but I suppose it's no different from irresponsible columnists.

In your next magical bounce from topic to topic, you mysteriously land on the issue of fighting wildfires. The best I can gather from your ramblings is that fighting forest fires is a waster (of course you seem to contradict yourself two paragraphs later.)

I have an acute perspective on this issue because of the fact that my house and everything in it was consumed in the Cerro Grande fire in Los Alamos, N.M., this spring.

I can tell you that while I am but a lowly graduate student, and I certainly did not live in a yuppie summer-home, my house, as well as the 243 other homes lost, deserved the attempt that was made to stop the advance of

the fire. The practice of controlled burning (while it may have gotten out of hand in this instance) is, as a whole, an excellent way to ensure the natural burn/regrowth cycle is maintained without allowing potential fire danger to get out of hand.

I can't quite figure out why, out of the 25,000 Tech students The University Daily considers your journalistic skill to be so exemplary as to give you an entire column. My advice to you in the future is simple and remedial.

Do some research (GASP!), write about something other than what MTV tells you is a hot topic (CRINGE!), and try to maintain a logical thought progression instead of rambling on about whatever pops into your head so as to meet your deadline (WINCE!)

Noel Colls Graduate student biology

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Columnists generally are not, and do not have to be, journalism majors. Anyone can apply to be a columnist.)

Vote of disapproval

To the editor: This is in response to Kenneth Strickland's article Sept. 12. Voting is the lynchpin of democracy. This may sound like cliché bull durum, but it is a profound truth.

Strickland is correct in saying that the voting process is frustrating and that it sometimes seems pointless. However, to not vote is like looking upon the problems with our current judicial system and deciding that the easiest thing to do is to send all of the judges, police, guards and criminals home.

You may make a statement, but it is hardly the best thing for society. I would like to submit three ideas to Strickland.

First, that voter participation alone is of value. It gives the politicians an idea of how much you care, and it implies something about how much you will be watching. High

voter turnout imbues the government with a sense of responsibility.

Second, if you want to make a change, you might consider the lower levels of the government. You will probably be able to find some candidates there that are closer to your views, and I'm quite certain that the president will not be the only thing voted on this November.

Third, if you are going to be doing the campaign coverage for The UD, I personally would appreciate some objective thoughts on the lower level candidates for the state of Texas, Congress, the state Congress and the city of Lubbock.

Justin Westfall graduate student Chemistry, biochemistry

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Columnists are not assigned stories to cover.)

Soundtrack captures essence of '70s rock

By Leslie Follmar
Staff Writer

Take a trip back 30 years to the days when our parents were committing the sins they condemn us for — the days when vulgar lifestyles were hidden by crafty musical lyrics. This music embedded a new attitude into the minds of young adults in United States.

The soundtrack to the movie "Almost Famous" captures the young, wild spirit of the 1970s. The entire album is packed full of music from legendary artists.

Forerunners in rock such as the Beach Boys, Lynyrd Skynyrd and Led Zeppelin appear on the soundtrack. "Almost Famous" holds characteristics of a "Best '70s Rock" album.

However, it is not too outdated to hold the attention of today's 20-something listener. Everyone can enjoy this album.

The CD is not packed full of disco-crazed maniacs or early sounds of ska music. Classic rock 'n' rollers take up all 70 minutes of the soundtrack.

Whether plugged into an amp with an enormous pedal board or a straight acoustic guitar, all artists included on this soundtrack are perpetuated by their intense love for music.

Simon and Garfunkel kick off "Almost Famous" with the classic song, "America."

The song sets the mood and tone for the CD. It captures the

dream of most young adults in the 1970s who were on a search for their identities.

The classic Lynyrd Skynyrd song "Simple Man" appears in the middle of the soundtrack. "Simple Man" is a favorite among classic rockers and is one of Skynyrd's most popular songs.

The simple instrumental song "Lucky Trumble," by Nancy Wilson, sets the picture of driving down an autumn road in New England. The song, creative, yet somewhat repetitive, is a good transition in the CD.

This tranquil transition does not last for long when David Bowie's outrageous live version of "I'm Waiting for the Man" follows. The song with the biggest impression is Led Zeppelin's "That's The Way."

Beautiful guitar solos and poetic lyrics are present throughout the track.

The lyrics read: "I don't know what to say about it/When all your ears have turned away/But now's the time to look and look again at what you see/Is that the way it ought to stay /I don't know what to say about it/When all your ears have turned away/But now's the time to look and look again at what you see/Is that the way it ought to stay."

Each song is powerful in its own right, and with the combination of these 17 great songs, the "Almost Famous" album offers the possibility of an incredible soundtrack.



Students compete on catwalk

Seven contestants battle for Miss Fiestas del Llano pageant title; winner receives crown, \$30,000 scholarship donated by Tech

By Velma Valdez
Contributing Writer

The chilled Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theatre during the Miss Fiestas del Llano Scholarship Pageant Friday night did not seem to stop anyone from enjoying the sizzling competition of the seven contestants.

"I'm so excited, I cannot believe it because I have never been in anything like this before," said Lupe Reyes, winner of the 2000 Fiestas del Llano Pageant and a sophomore criminal justice and public relations major at South Plains College.

In addition to the title of Miss Fiestas del Llano, Reyes also won a \$30,000 scholarship donated by Texas Tech and University Medical Center.

Tech students involved in the event were: Margarita Medina, a freshman Spanish and pre-medicine major from Lubbock; Amanda Diane Nugent, a freshman business administration major from Lubbock; Julia Pedroza, a freshman pre-medicine and biology major from Idalou; and Ariana April Chavez, a sophomore business administration major from Lubbock.

While these Tech students didn't

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Margarita Medina
SECOND PLACE FINISHER

walk away with the crown, they did win other awards and \$500 scholarships.

Julia Pedroza won most photogenic. The congeniality award went to Ariana April Chavez. Best talent, with creativity and originality, was given to Ariel Garcia, and the extra mile award, with high commitment, positive attitude and always ready, was awarded to Marissa Arias.

Margarita Medina, who placed second in the competition, said one of the lessons the pageant taught her was determination.

"It helps you to know that you can't always win, but it also teaches you to never give up," Medina said.

Reyes said the aspect she enjoyed most about the competition was making new friends.

daughters, and I did all I could to help her and all the work was well worth it," Jose Reyes said. "There were no problems getting ready for the pageant, it was easy because she knows about the culture and the traditions that my wife and I have taught her. She is a loving person."

Lupe Reyes' goal is to help other Hispanics get involved in the Hispanic community.

"We need to know our Raza — we are all the same and should come together to help each other," Reyes said.

Each contestant had to be of Hispanic descent, between the ages of 17 and 24, single, with no children and enrolled in high school or college.

As part of the competition, contestants were judged in four categories: a personal interview with the judges, a talent section, an evening gown competition and an on-stage interview question.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Top of a head
- Novel necessity
- Fraudulent operation
- Strictness
- Firefighter's sprayer
- Nothing in Granada
- The Met, e.g.
- Slouch
- Unwanted plant
- \$ from a bank
- Gaudy and cheap
- Solitary
- Overnight flights
- Arouse
- Tears to pieces
- Surfaced
- Glimpses
- Cat starter?
- Gives permission to
- Secreting organ
- Kismet
- Old card game
- Armistice
- Chip starter?
- Second-time employee
- Cloud over
- Compounds of gurus
- Fella
- Singer Estefan
- Time period
- Bamboozled segment
- Peru's capital
- Malady of the snowbound?
- Reverse
- "The Bells of St. ..."
- Helpful information
- Pee Wee of baseball
- Fruity quaffs
- Single
- European river
- Autumn
- Cookie choice
- Rolling residences
- Open spot
- Disparaging remarks
- Tours to be?
- Menial laborer

DOWN

- Foot one's own
- Full-grown
- Curved molding
- Like pantomime
- Gun-owners' lobby
- Call up
- Clumsy clod
- CIA's predecessor
- Balanced on the brink
- Cloverleaf
- Bill Murray movie
- Peru's capital
- Malady of the snowbound?
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- Disparaging remarks
- Tours to be?
- Menial laborer
- Stick coating
- Ground cereal
- Abba of Israel
- With, in Aries
- Tableland
- Private school, briefly
- Straying
- Had Lunch
- Luminous
- Angelico

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7:00	Bloomberg Body Elec.	Today Show	News	Doug Sabrina	Good Morning	K. Copeland Paid Program	
8:00	Barney Teletubbies		Early Show	Pepper Ann Recess	America	Greg Mathis	
9:00	Callio Sesame	Martha Stewart	Sally Jessy Raphael	Change/Heart Paid Program	Live W/Regis	Dr. Laura	
10:00	Street Mr. Rogers	2000 Olympics	Price is Right	Grace/Fire Paid Program	View	Divorce Ct. Divorce Ct.	
11:00	Dragon Tales Arthur		Young & the Restless	Ricki Lake	Mad/You Port Charles	Joe Brown Joe Brown	
12:00	Visionaries Quilt/Day	News Days of Our	News Beautiful	Jerry Springer	All My Children	P/Attorney Mills Lane	
1:00	Comp. Chron. Barney	Lives Passions	As the World Turns	Jenny Jones	One Life to Live	Matlock	
2:00	Zooomaroo Clifford	Hwyd Square	Guiding Light	Liv'g Single Paid Program	General Hospital	Paid Program Magic Bus	
3:00	Arthur Washbone	Rosie O'Donnell	Maury Povich	Clueless Moesha	Housecalls Housecalls	Magic Bus FR Galaxy	
4:00	Zoom R. Rainbow	Oprah Winfrey	For Women CBS News	7th Heaven	Tell/Truth Family Feud	Digimon	
5:00	Belt/Lions Nightly Bus	News NBC News	News CBS News	People's Court	News ABC News	Sabrina Simpsons	
6:00	NewsHour	2000 Olympics	Jeopardy News	Judge Judy Judge Judy	News W/Fortune	Voyager	
7:00	Antiques Roadshow		Big Brother Raymond PG	Moesha Parkers	20/20	FOX Move: "Dumb & Dumber"	
8:00	Force More Powerful		Survivor PG	Hughleys Girlfriends	MNF: Dallas @		
9:00	Crv/Ctry		48 Hours	Jerry Springer	Washington	Nanny Caroline	
10:00	Nightly Bus		News David	Cops Cops		Simpsons Frasier	
11:00		News 2000	Letterman Craig Kilborn	Blind Date Change/Heart	News Nightline	Cheers Coach	
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'The Blair Witch Project' will scare you out of your mind at 8 p.m. Oct. 13 in the UC Allen Theatre.

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Community service enhances education

Did you know one in five people do not get enough to eat? In 1999, 124 Lubbock citizens were diagnosed with AIDS, 82 with HIV. Every nine seconds, one woman is battered. And the list goes on.

Every year, Community Service-Learning partners with local service agencies to provide the Texas Tech community with an event designed to enhance education of various issues, such as the ones mentioned. This program is known as Project Impact.

Beginning Fall 2000, Project Impact has been re-structured to put more emphasis on the importance of educating yourself on various issues within your community while taking an active step in increasing your civic responsibility.

Fall 2000 focuses on hunger,

domestic violence and AIDS/HIV. Along with the educational component, we encourage each participant to make a commitment to themselves and society to volunteer at a local service agency relating to the issue. For instance, when one attends the Project Impact focused on hunger, we will refer the volunteer to the South Plains Food Bank or Second Helpings Soup Kitchen while giving the option of participating in World Food Day activities. Each program will take place during the month of September. There is no sign up required. Contact our office to receive more information, or stop by the 210 University Center. Make a difference in the community and the lives that you touch through volunteering.

Leadership training this Saturday

Leadership Tech will commence a new era at Texas Tech on Saturday.

This campus leadership program has been redesigned to provide leadership programs and services for student organizations as well as the entire campus community. It is an all-day conference dedicated to student organizations, advisers and student leaders.

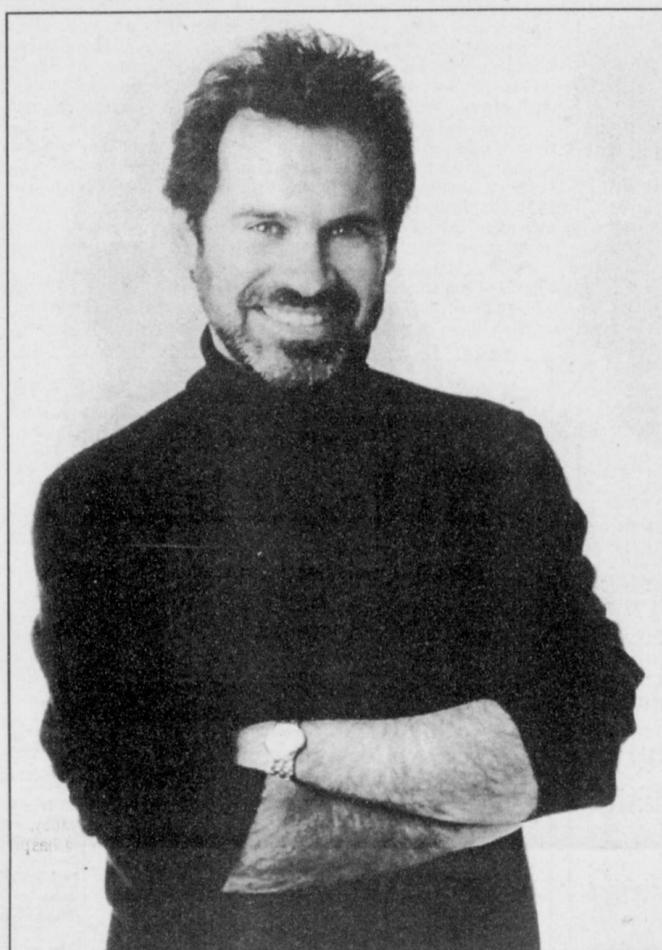
Educational sessions have been created to address the novice as well as the experienced leader and

adviser, ranging from topics such as having an honor code at Tech, diversity and community service-learning opportunities to fund raising, advertising, recruitment and servant leadership.

G. Eric Gordon, a dynamic, motivational speaker who authored "Common Sense Solutions for Success," will treat all to a keynote address on leadership.

For registration information, please stop by Campus Activities and Involvement, 210 UC.

Dennis Miller Live



The Texas Tech Student Activities Board presents "An Evening with Dennis Miller" Sept. 22 in the United Spirit Arena.

The Spencers to mystify Tech campus

What you see is not all that you get with the Spencers. This husband and wife illusion team will present their "Theatre of Illusion" at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the University Center Allen Theatre.

Kevin and Cindy Spencer use magic much like a storyteller uses words. Using music, special effects and high-tech illusions, the Spencers have elevated the age-old art of magic into a dramatic art form of the 21st century. The Spencers fuse their highly entertaining performances with a gamut of emotions from jaw-dropping amazement, to bitter-sweet romance, to side-splitting comedy. During this act, it is almost guaranteed you will spend the majority of time on the edge of your seat.



The Spencers

The Spencers are a highly acclaimed illusion team and are long-time favorites among campus audiences. In fact, this year marks the sixth consecutive year they've earned the National Association of Campus Activities campus entertainment award in the performing arts category.

Combining elaborate lighting and energetic choreography, the Spencers prove that a two-person magic show never has a dull moment.

From the very beginning of their performances, The Spencers capture their audience's imagination and set the tone for a spectacular concert for the eyes.

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The Spencers share their artistry in ways that extend far beyond their stage performances, however. Through a program called the Healing of Magic, they have worked with the physically challenged for a number of years.

Tickets are on sale now at all Select-A-Seat locations. Student-priced tickets are a low \$8, and general public tickets are \$16. For more information, call 742-3610.

Women oppression topic of talk

The government of Afghanistan is waging, what some would call, a war upon women.

The situation is getting so bad that one person in an editorial of the *Times* compared the treatment of women there to the treatment of Jews in pre-Holocaust Poland.

To address this issue and how it affects us in the United States, the Student Activities Board is sponsoring a Contemporary Topics roundtable discussion at 12:30 p.m. in the UC Red

Raider Lounge. This interactive discussion, titled "Liberty Lost: Afghanistan's War on Women," will provide a forum for open discussion on all sides of the issue and what we can do to affect change.

Since the Taliban took power in 1996, women have had to wear burqua, a head-to-toe covering. They have been beaten and stoned in public for not having the proper attire, even if this means simply not having the mesh covering in front of their eyes.

Women are not allowed to work or

even go out in public without a male relative. Professional women such as professors, translators, doctors, lawyers, artists and writers have been forced from their jobs and locked into their homes.

Women live in fear of their lives for the slightest misbehavior.

Recent developments indicate that schooling is no longer allowed for girls and that even the impromptu home schooling has been stopped.

An Aug. 17 article in *The Dallas Morning News* indicated that the Taliban have

now closed bakeries, funded by United Nations' World Aid. Such bakeries employed widowed women and provided bread for other women to purchase. This action has left many women without jobs and without a source of food.

Because women cannot work at all, those without male relatives or husbands are either starving to death or begging on the street.

The Contemporary Topics discussion is free and open to all. For more information, contact SAB at 742-3621.

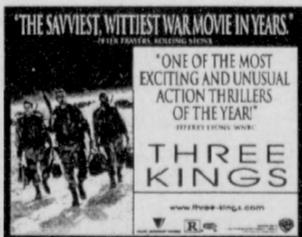
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Tech soccer falls at home to Tulsa

Raiders suffer fifth one-goal loss of season, sixth overall defeat of 2000 campaign



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By Matt Muench
Staff Writer

Blown opportunities and bad luck has been the theme of the Red Raider women's soccer team this season said Texas Tech coach Felix Oskam.

After dealing West Texas A&M its first loss of the season last Thursday, the Tech team could not fight off some misfortune Sunday by losing to Tulsa 2-1, at R.P. Fuller Stadium.

The loss brings the Raiders to a 1-6 record making it the fifth time this season Tech has lost by one goal.

With the score tied and more than six minutes remaining in the match, Tulsa's leading scorer Julie Twellman beat Tech goal keeper Brittney Peese one-on-one for the game winner.

Tech was in control on the offensive end for most of the match, outshooting the Golden Hurricanes 23-13.

Tech also had seven corner kicks to Tulsa's one.

Tech forward Carrie Graham said the team had some chances to win but could not execute when the time came.

"It is very frustrating, especially when we out-shot the other team,"

Graham said of the loss. "We just can't find a way to finish it off and that hurts us."

Tech got on the board first when Graham hit a one-timer off a cross from forward Marie Valdez.

Tulsa came back and tied the match 13 minutes later on a Julie Davidson penalty kick following a foul by Tech midfielder Tracy Loyd.

Oskam said he thought Tech should have scored more in the match and said it was just a case of bad decisions.

"We played sloppy the whole first half and part of the second," Oskam said.

"We need to do a better job at finding feet, being more composed and making better decisions on the field."

Tech ran into some bad luck late in the second stanza when the Raiders had what would have been Graham's second goal of the match called back for an offside call.

Graham felt it was a big momentum loss because Tech would have had the 2-1 lead if it wasn't for the penalty.

"Of course, I thought it wasn't offside," said Graham, who totaled eight shots. "It is up to the ref in those

situations and we should have just fought back and scored again."

Tech also ran into some bad luck with the goal as they hit the goalpost four times during the match.

Oskam said he is at least happy his team is shooting and trying to score.

"If we don't shoot, we have no chance of at least hitting the posts or the net," Oskam said.

"We just have to keep working on finishing."

Graham said the loss hurts, but she thinks the team's confidence is still high.

"I think we have been playing well and that should keep our heads up," Graham said.

"Hopefully we can pick them up a little more going into Big 12 play."

Tech opens the Big 12 schedule this week when it travels to play in-state rivals Texas A&M on Friday and Texas on Sunday.

Oskam said his team needs to start playing fundamental soccer.

"This loss hurts us, but, hopefully, we will learn from it and concentrate for the Big 12," Oskam said.

"It's crunch time now, and it is time to get some wins against those Big 12 schools."

Tech volleyball squad takes LSU tourney

The Red Raider volleyball team won its third tournament of the 2000 campaign this past weekend in Baton Rouge.

Tech competed in the Louisiana State tournament along with Southeastern Louisiana, Arkansas State and LSU.

The tournament was Tech coach Jeff Nelson's 13th career tournament victory at Tech.

The Raiders defeated all three teams 3-0, dropping Southeastern Louisiana (15-0, 15-13, 15-9) on Friday and Arkansas State (15-6, 15-11, 15-3) and LSU (15-9, 15-9, 15-6) on Saturday.

Outside hitter Colleen Smith was named the tournament's most valuable player for the second consecutive tournament, tallying 12 kills and six digs in the championship match against the Tigers.

The Raiders are now 11-1 overall and 0-1 in the Big 12.

The 11-1 start by the Red Raiders represents their best start since 1997 when they started out 14-1.

The Red Raiders continue conference action at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena against No. 24 ranked Kansas State.

Monday Night Football contest filled with intrigue

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Deion Sanders loves Monday nights. After a less than dazzling start with Washington, "Prime Time" is hoping for some quality prime time.

The Redskins opened their checkbook and were the NFL's big attraction when the season began. But they're 1-1, having played sluggishly in both games. They've also lost their top receiver, Michael Westbrook, with a knee injury.

Dallas is 0-2 and will have Randall Cunningham at quarterback for the second straight week while Troy Aikman sits with the ninth concussion of his career.

And if this Monday night affair needed any more intrigue, the game marks Sanders' first appearance against Dallas since leaving the Cowboys.

Sanders has lived up to his "Prime Time" nickname—five interceptions, one for a touchdown, in 15 Monday night appearances. He also has returned two punts for TDs.

"Every time I see Deion, I tell him it's better to play with you than having to play against you twice a year," Redskins quarterback Brad Johnson said. "This time, Troy and those guys will have to see what we have faced."

While the Cowboys are in more critical condition, expectations for "America's Team" this year aren't as high as they are for the Redskins.

After a \$100 million spending spree by owner Daniel Snyder — including the seven-year, \$56 million signing of Sanders — anything less than a Super Bowl trip for Washington will be unsatisfactory.

"You are going to see two teams

that need to win very badly," said Redskins coach Norv Turner, whose job security after seven years hinges on how far his team goes in the playoffs.

A loss would make Dallas 0-3 for the first time since 1989, when they were 1-15 in Jimmy Johnson's first year. On the other hand, their one win that season was a 13-3 victory in Washington.

Not only is Aikman out, but wide receiver Joey Galloway, for whom Dallas surrendered two first-round picks, was lost for the season after a knee injury in the opener. Aikman says it's too soon to talk about a crisis.

"I would hate to think that in Week Three we were in that frame of mind," he said. "But we are clearly a team desperate for a win."

Dallas has been outscored 73-45 in

its first two games, and the defense is ranked 27th in the league in yardage allowed. New coach Dave Campo points to Sanders' absence as part of the problem.

This is the cornerback's fourth team, having also played with Atlanta and San Francisco.

But Dallas is more intent on winning a game than winning a grudge match.

"It has nothing to do with Deion, it really doesn't, so I wouldn't even try to make this a Deion-Cowboys issue," said Emmitt Smith, who has 88 yards on 23 carries.

"Deion just happens to play for a team that we are playing up against, and happens to be one of our biggest rivals."

Cornerback Champ Bailey, who played both ways at Georgia, has prac-

ticed at receiver. With Westbrook out, 37-year-old Irving Fryar steps into the starting lineup opposite Albert Connell. The Redskins last week also signed 16-year veteran Andre Reed, whose 941 receptions are second behind Jerry Rice's NFL record of 1,214.

Running back Stephen Davis has 192 yards and one touchdown this season, but Brad Johnson threw four interceptions last week.

"They want to run the football and get after you physically and then hit the big play," Campo said.

Sanders, meanwhile, isn't concerned about last week, when against Detroit he had what he called the worst game of his career.

"They just moved the ball with short curls all day," he said.

"But that will be corrected this week. I will assure you of that."

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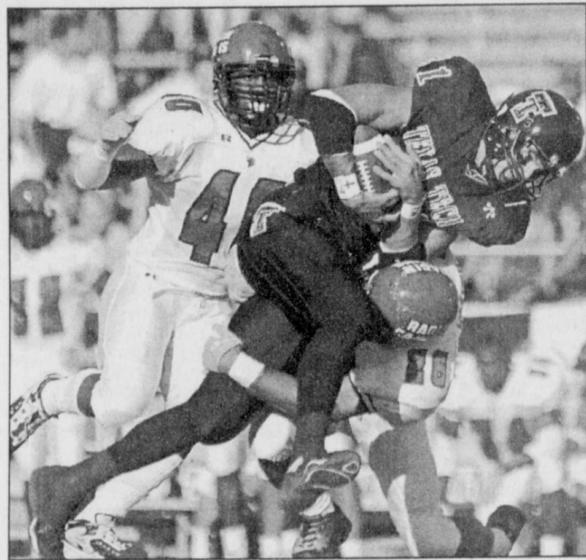
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Raiders cool down Ragin' Cajuns in 26-0 win



Texas Tech receiver Tim Baker fights for yardage against Louisiana-Lafayette. Baker hauled in six passes for 140 yards in Tech's 26-0 win.

Texas Tech defense puts up a shutout to help Red Raiders improve to 4-0

By Patrick Gonzales
Staff Writer

It seems as if the Texas Tech football team has found a formula for success — inconsistent offense added to a dominant defense equals victory.

That was the case once again for the Red Raiders when they defeated Louisiana-Lafayette, 26-0, Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium.

The victory came in front of 35,740 fans and gave Tech a 4-0 start for only the fifth time in school history.

"Any time you pitch a shutout, it's a pretty good game, no question," Tech coach Mike Leach said.

"Offensively, when we started playing with attitude, I thought we made a lot more happen. I still think we have a long ways to go."

The Red Raider offense had 341 total yards compared to 179 by the Ragin' Cajuns, yet scored only two touchdowns in the contest.

The first touchdown came on Tech's initial possession of the ball game, as the Red Raiders marched 75

yards in 14 plays to take the early lead.

The score came on a two-yard pass from quarterback Kliff Kingsbury to receiver Tim Baker.

Baker led all receivers with six catches for 140 yards, including a 71-yard screen pass that set up the Red Raiders' second touchdown.

Tech running back Ricky Williams scored on the next play, darting around the right end for a four-yard touchdown.

"I've gained a lot of confidence in the last few games and, hopefully, that will carry into the Big 12," Baker said.

"Kliff did a great job throwing the ball, and I can't take much credit because he makes it easy to catch."

The Red Raider special teams

tacked on the other 13 points in the contest.

Tech place kicker Chris Birkholz kicked two field goals in the second quarter, and freshman running back Wes Welker returned a punt 63 yards for a touchdown.

and forced 10 Ragin' Cajun punts.

The shutout was the Red Raiders' first since 1998 when they disposed of North Texas, 30-0.

It also marked the third time in four games the Tech defense has held its opponents to less than 200 yards.

"All in all, our defense is playing well, but we just have to continue to get better," Tech linebacker John Norman said. "It's like an uphill climb — we have to get better every week."

The defense, however, took a costly blow in the second quarter when reserve tackle Lamont Anderson may have suffered a season ending injury when he broke his right fibula during a Kevin Curtis interception return.

"Lamont is a great player and he does a lot of things for us in our defense, so that's a big loss for us," Norman said.

The Red Raiders have a bye this week, but will begin conference play against Texas A&M on Sept. 30 at Kyle Field in College Station.

The contest will mark the first road game for the Raiders this season.

"Any time you pitch a shutout, it's a pretty good game, no question."

Mike Leach
TECH FOOTBALL COACH

We're an attacking offense, so we have to be mentally ready."

Most of the attacking Saturday night game came from the Red Raider defense, which intercepted three passes

Armstrong wins time trial, prepares for Olympic games

YVETOT, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong, still feeling pain from a fractured vertebra, won the Grand Prix des Nations time trial Saturday and said he felt fit enough to go to the Olympics.

Armstrong sped through Saturday's 46 1/2-mile time trial on the winding roads around this northern France town in one hour and 31.05 seconds, beating his nearest rival, Raivis Belohvosciks of Latvia, by one minute and one second.

The two-time Tour de France champion said he was satisfied with his physical condition after Saturday's race and confirmed that his next stop would be the Sydney Games.

"I wanted to wait until today to see if my neck was OK and if the pain was OK," Armstrong said after the race. "The answer is yes, I'll definitely go."

The 28-year-old Armstrong fractured a vertebra between his neck and shoulder blade in a head-on col-

lision with a car while training in southern France on Aug. 29. His bicycle was destroyed and his helmet smashed.

Armstrong, who came back from testicular cancer to win the last two Tours de France, said on Saturday that he felt "about 90 percent" recovered from his recent injury, although he still felt muscle stiffness and pain in his neck.

"In the race I didn't feel it. But in the morning when I wake up ... it's a

little painful," Armstrong said. "I've been doing a lot of ultrasound. It's getting better."

Armstrong said he had initially been concerned that the injury would set back his preparation for the Olympics. "But last week I felt good, so I knew I'd be ready," he said.

Armstrong is expected to leave Paris this weekend and arrive in Australia on Monday. He is entered in the Olympic road race on Sept. 27 and the individual time trial, where he is among the favorites, on Sept. 30.

Asked if he was confident of winning, he said: "Anybody can win, I think. But I'm ready." He then added, "In my mind Ullrich is also a big fa-

vorite," referring to German rider Jan Ullrich.

U.S. Postal Service team sports director Johan Bruyneel said that Armstrong's injury had been a "disadvantage" in his training, forcing him to train shorter distances and focus on the Olympic time trials.

"He hasn't been so comfortable on his bike," Bruyneel said. "The main objective is the time trial. The distance will be a problem."

In Saturday's race, Hungarian cyclist Laszlo Bodrogi placed third, beating Germany's Michael Rich by two seconds. American Tyler Hamilton, who is also headed to the Olympics, finished fifth.

Athletes expelled from Olympics

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — The Romanian weightlifting team was thrown out of the Sydney Olympics on Sunday after two lifters failed drug tests before the games.

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