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STATE

Cross-country drifter sentenced to death

DEL RIO (AP) — A drifter who confessed to slashing the throat of a 13-year-old girl in her bedroom during the night was sentenced to death on Wednesday.

Tommy Lynn Sells, 36, who authorities say has confessed to at least a dozen murders across the country, was sent to death row by jurors who deliberated for about two and a half hours. Their only other option was life in prison.

The former carnival worker admitted to killing Kaylene Harris on Dec. 31 after breaking into her family's mobile home near the border city of Del Rio, 160 miles west of San Antonio.

Jurors convicted him of capital murder on Monday after finding that he climbed through a window intending to sexually assault the girl, and then killed her.

Sells also was convicted of attempted murder for slitting the neck of Kaylene's friend, Krystal Surlles, who had been visiting from Kansas at the time of the attacks.

Kaylene's father, whom Sells had befriended at church, had been out of town that night.

NATIONAL

Blood bags could be contamination risk

CHICAGO (AP) — Baxter Healthcare Corp. is warning blood banks and hospitals that some of its transfusion bags are defective and could contaminate blood.

Neither the company nor the Food and Drug Administration have received reports of contamination or affected patients, but a spokesman for Baxter said the firm wanted to "err on the side of caution." "We want the product back because the system may be open (to air) and there is a potential for the final product to be contaminated," said Baxter spokeswoman Margaret Shubny.

She said about 100 blood banks and hospitals were notified by facsimile on Tuesday. Some blood banks serve several hospitals, she said, making it unclear how many facilities might be affected.

The company is one of the largest manufacturers of blood bags in the country, producing about 200,000 a month.

After the recall was announced, the Northwest Florida Blood Center in Pensacola quarantined its blood supply held in Baxter.

WORLD

Two hostages flee from Muslim rebels

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The Philippine government on Wednesday portrayed the escape of two French journalists as vindication of its decision to use force against Muslim rebels holding hostages in the jungles.

The attack by thousands of elite troops on the Abu Sayyaf rebels had been strongly criticized by French President Jacques Chirac, who said it could endanger the 19 hostages.

The two television journalists, who had been taken captive July 9, headed home Wednesday. They credited their nighttime escape to the army assault on the guerrillas.

Philippine President Joseph Estrada beamed as he presented the journalists at a news conference in Manila, an arm around each, as a vindication of his decision to use force.

"As you can see for yourself, these two gentlemen are in good shape," Estrada said.



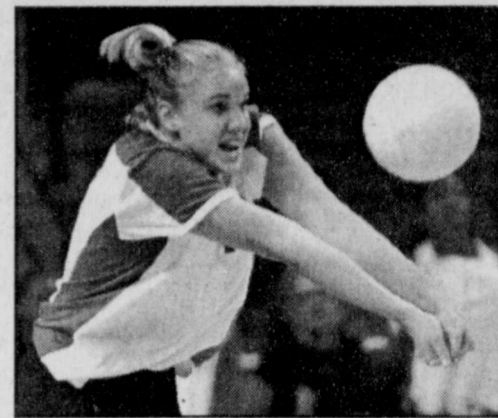
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Campus hate crime surge a trend

By Jeff Lehr
Staff Writer

College students across the nation are more increasingly becoming the target of hate crimes and hate groups.

Many of these targeted students are not the victims of hate. Instead, they are the aim of hate group recruiting efforts.

A nationwide non-profit organization based in Arizona, Safe Schools — Safe Students, was established to combat hate groups in America and to educate younger people before they become part of the growing problem.

Stan Turner, director of Safe Schools —

Safe Students, said these hate groups generally concentrate on crimes of race or religion, but, now, people are being victimized simply because they are different from that hate group in some way.

"People in these hate groups are victimizing anybody just because of the fact that they are members of any type of group or organization," he said.

Turner said some college student organizations seeing an increase in hate crimes against them are racial minority groups, religious groups and gay and lesbian groups.

Crimes against these particular student groups are taking place in the form of

physical attacks, as well as psychological warfare tactics, including spray-painted swastikas, racial epithets and Web sites.

The Web sites are what Turner said are slowly becoming the primary medium of exchange for these hate groups.

"The largest reach, right now, is on the Internet," he said.

"(Hate groups) are smart enough to know what people use on the Internet and how to target them."

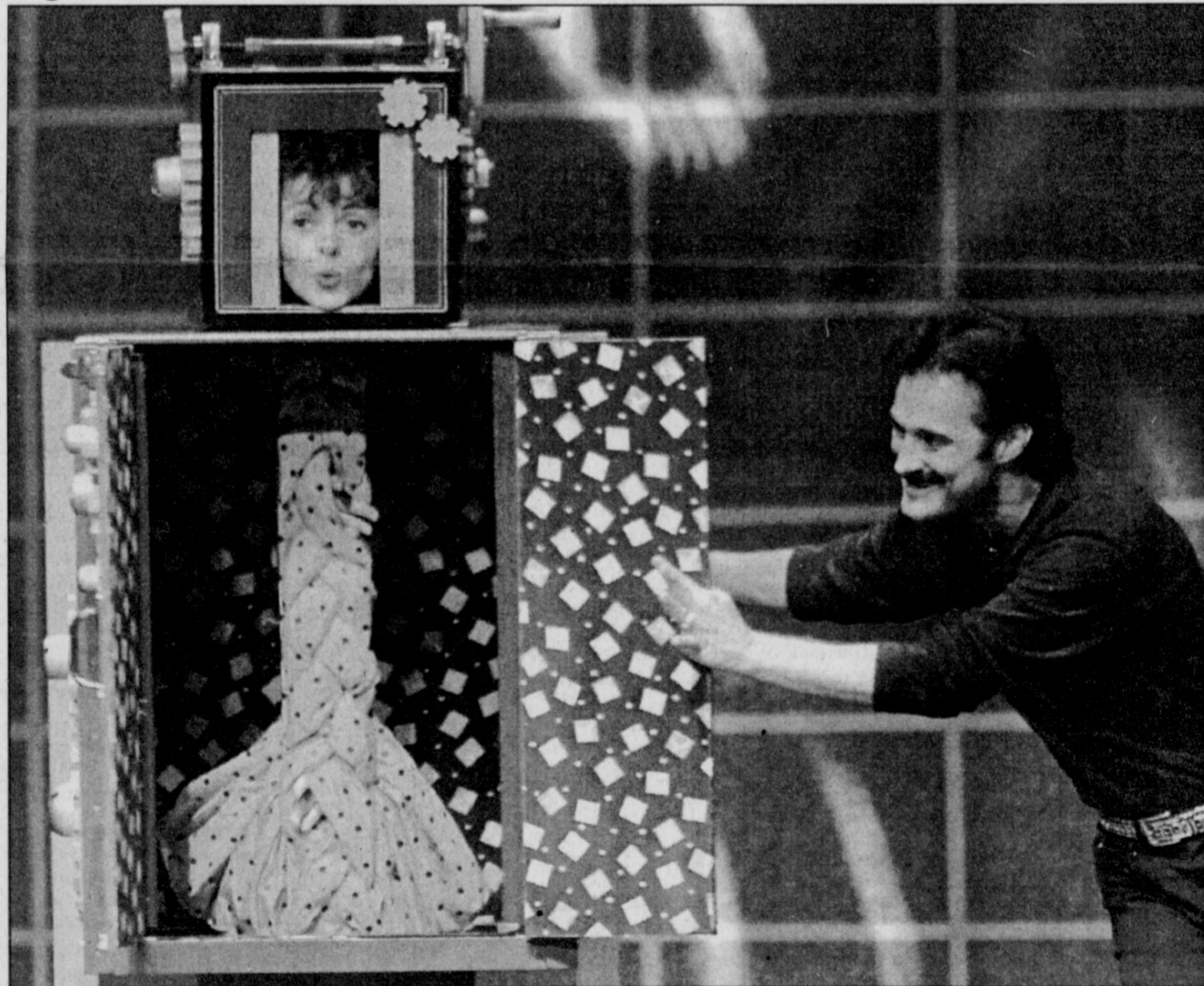
Safe Schools — Safe Students offers Internet safety programs through workshops at schools nationwide to target, not

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1998 F.B.I. Hate Crime Statistics at schools and colleges

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| Race Crimes | 392 |
| Ethnic/National Origin Crimes | 42 |
| Religious Crimes | 142 |
| Sexually Oriented Crimes | 177 |
| Disability Crimes | 2 |
| Crimes Dealing With More Than One Form OF Hate | 1 |
| Total Number of Crimes | 699 |

Right where he wants her



Kevin Spencer attempts to see his wife, Cindy, in half as part of an illusion during a show Wednesday night in the University Center's Allen Theatre. The Spencers use music, special effects and high-tech illusions in an attempt to elevate the art of magic into a dramatic art form in the 21st century. The show was part of a series of events that will be held throughout the fall semester at Texas Tech. All shows are sponsored by the Student Activities Board.

GREG KRELLER/The University Daily

Jones SBC receives generosity

City Bank donates \$1.7 million to Horizon Campaign for stadium changes

By Angel Wolfe
Staff Writer

Texas Tech Chancellor John Montford accepted a donation of \$1.7 million for the renovation of Jones SBC Stadium from City Bank Wednesday.

Curtis Griffith, chairman of the board at City Bank, presented Montford, along with Tech Athletic Director Gerald Meyers and head football coach Mike Leach, with the money during a press conference at City Bank, 5211 Slide Road.

"The continued success of Texas Tech athletics and academics, as well as the economy, are extremely important in the long-term growth of the community," Griffith said. "To have a tier one school, such as Texas Tech, is a wonderful economic benefit to the community."

From a personal standpoint, Griffith said, he and his wife have been long-term supporters of Tech. Griffith received his bachelor's degree from Tech in agricultural economics in 1973 and his law degree from Tech in 1977. His wife, Cynthia "Sue" Griffith, received a home economics degree in 1975.

"We've had a long-term family in-

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Worries arise at career expo

Annual career fair a cause for concern according to some recruiters.

By Heath Cheek
Staff Writer

Various problems within the university have several job recruiters worried.

Recruiters from across the nation came to the Texas Tech campus Wednesday for the annual career fair. While most of the recruiters said they were very impressed with the quality of the students and the university, a few of them privately voiced concerns about problems that they noticed with the College of Business Administration.

Melissa Wofford, a consultant with Ryan & Company, said her company was looking for accounting and finance majors. But, she said, the company is concerned about accreditation issues within the College of Business Administration.



JOE MAYS/The University Daily

Students participate in the job fair Wednesday in the University Center Courtyard.

"If the college loses accreditation, it will definitely have an impact on our recruiting," she said.

Wofford said her company would be less likely to hire a graduate from an unaccredited school.

COBA is accredited by the International Association for Management Education. It comes up for accreditation review in 2002-2003. In a meeting with students Tuesday, Dean Roy Howell said he felt the college would keep its accreditation when the time came, but that the college currently does not have the resources to meet accreditation standards.

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Financial aid not always the best way

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Promises of an elite-school education and financial aid went unfulfilled and constituted fraud, Attorney General Mike Hatch alleged Wednesday in a lawsuit against a Texas company that counsels people on paying for college.

Hatch accused College Resources Management Inc. of Grand Prairie, Texas, of failing to help find aid or reduce college costs as advertised. The lawsuit states that clients paid an upfront fee of \$595 for the guaranteed return of \$2,500 or more in aid. Some received nothing.

It further alleges that the company, which also goes by College Financial Aid Services of America, used high-pressure tactics to complete sales.

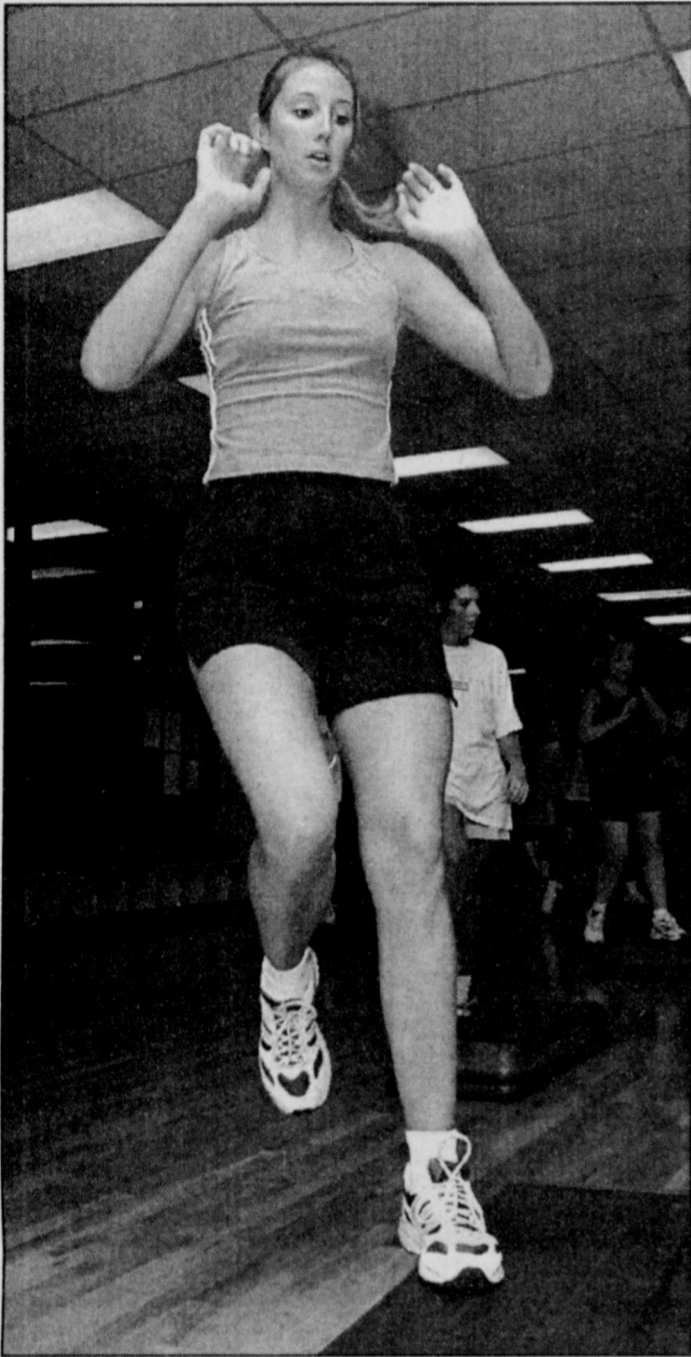
The lawsuit, filed in Ramsey County

District Court, seeks restitution and civil penalties. Mike Tumillo, director of client relations for College Resource Management, said the company first learned of the lawsuit from reporters and has not reviewed it.

After getting a personalized letter three years ago, Carl Wieman, of Owatonna, attended a seminar in Albert Lea with his wife and eldest son. The family, along with eight to 10 others, watched a testimonial-filled video before breaking off to meet with a counselor. They were asked to pay the \$595 before they left.

Subsequent correspondence — or lack thereof — left Wieman disillusioned and asking for his money back. Wieman said he was bounced around until he'd had enough and sought help from Hatch's office.

Steppin' on up



Jennifer Galvan/The University Daily

Kacy Patterson, a junior marketing major from Amarillo, participates in her aerobics class in the newly renovated fitness room at the Student Recreation Center on Wednesday afternoon.

Moment's Notice

■ The Society of Physics will meet at 5:30 p.m. today in 103 Science Conference Room. Call 790-6531 for more information.

■ The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Student Association will meet at 8 p.m. today in the Masked Rider Room of the University Center. Check us out at www.GLBSA.com.

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By the people — for the people

Student government executives promote student involvement, outline goals for upcoming year

By Pam Smith
Staff Writer

After four years of listening to students wonder when the Student Government Association would hear their concerns, Andrew Schoppe decided to do something about it. Now, as president of the SGA, he said he wants to return the government to the students.

"In general, the people who turn out to vote are thinking 'what is government going to do for me?'" Schoppe said. "They believe that their lives are not really impacted by politicians' decisions."

Schoppe said the SGA wants to put a face on government by talking with students, scheduling pep rallies and showing people that there are faces in government.

As a graduate student pursuing a degree in finance, Schoppe still participates in activities the average student does on a daily basis, despite his role. But, he feels the student body thinks the government can not relate to their needs even though it is comprised of students.

Ultimately, Schoppe hopes to change the way students feel about the student government and allow them to become more involved in the process.

"I think in order to see change, a couple of students will have to stick their necks out first," he said. "Once other students see these mavericks doing it, they will follow and make a difference themselves."

Many times, Schoppe said, students feel change is something out of their reach because the task often seems too complicated for them. But, in reality, it is often the smaller items that are the most difficult to change, he said.

"I had thought it would be difficult to coordinate letting students sit in the student section by showing their IDs, but it only took about five minutes," he said. "However, planning

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Andrew Schoppe

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



spirit rallies took five meetings and was like shooting a film piece."

Brenda Schumann, internal vice president for the SGA, said students must remember why the SGA exists in the first place.

"We are here to do what students want us to do," she said. "I think we all need to work together with the SGA and the university to make sure everyone is on the same page. Together, we can accomplish a lot of things."

The SGA has benefited from the theme of change in which the university has committed, Schoppe said. With the appointment of a new president and his new vision for the university, Schoppe said, he has been challenged to accomplish tasks he may not have been able to accomplish otherwise.

"President Schmidly and Michael Shonrock are really great people to work with," he said. "They challenge us to do things, and we toss ideas around until something happens."

One of the things Schoppe said he admired about Schmidly was that he is trying to remember what it is like to be a student in order to serve student needs better. He said it was "wonderful" to see the president and his wife taking time out to sit in the student section at the Texas Tech-North Texas game as a way to identify with the students.

Ryan Weller, external vice presi-

dent to the SGA, said he believes showing the students the SGA really cares will help toward accomplishing many of the goals that have been set forth for the university. He said, recently, a student was shocked when he took time to call and address a complaint the student had about the campus bus system.

"I had read a letter to the editor in the paper about a student who had a bad experience with the bus system and asked him if there was anything I could do to help," Weller said. "He was so surprised that I cared enough to call."

So far, Schoppe said he has already seen a lot of student involvement in the SGA. He said he has seen a great response from executives, senators and committee members, which he believes will translate into a productive year for the association.

One area in particular Schoppe said he wants to concentrate on is increasing student involvement and spirit in the university. He believes if students are given more opportunity to attend games and show their support, traditions and support will naturally follow.

"More traditions come about when people come out and get involved," he said. "Traditions that we think are cool, like wearing red to the game and throwing tortillas, were all traditions that spontaneously began when students got creative."



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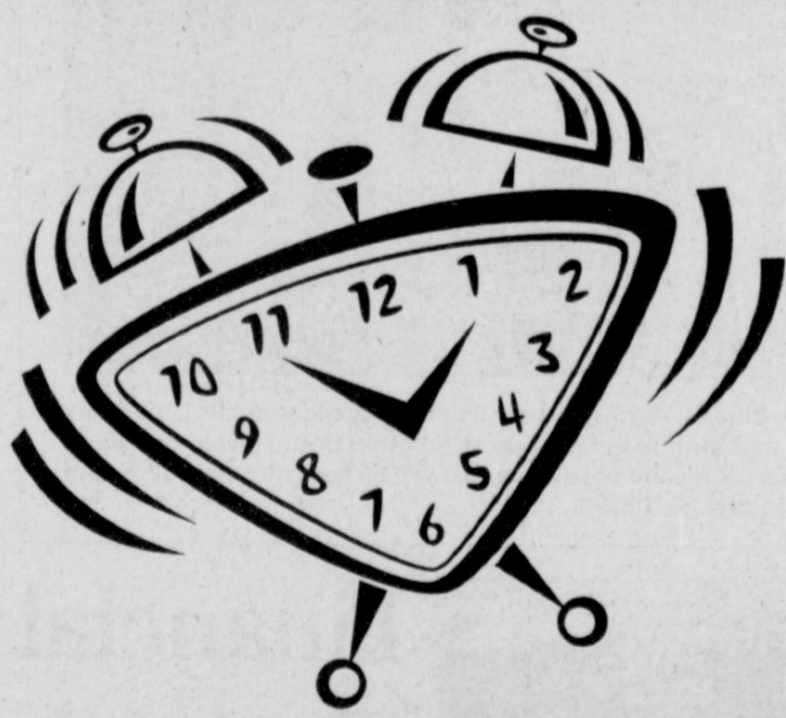
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Wehner named interim vice chancellor for development

Bill Wehner has been named interim vice chancellor for development at Tech.

Wehner will replace Ronda Johnson who resigned after accepting a similar position at the University of Cincinnati. The new position will be an addition to Wehner's current job as vice chancellor for special projects, where he is in charge of major gift fund raising.

"Under the new role, I will be director of development staff and the Horizon Campaign," he said.

Chancellor John Montford said Wehner was selected for the position because of his experience with fund raising.

"We needed a dependable person to serve as interim," he said. "It was a logical choice."

There are no plans to formalize a search committee to find a permanent replacement for Johnson, he said.

Wehner said his main focus in his new position is to reach the \$500-million goal Montford has announced for the Horizon Campaign.

Texas A&M senate to denounce fire

Renegade group still plans to hold off-campus bonfire

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M University student leaders were set to pass a resolution late Wednesday that denounces plans by some to build an off-campus bonfire this fall, a year after the school spirit celebration led to a deadly log collapse.

The 90-year-old bonfire tradition was officially put on hold for the next two years after 12 Aggies were killed and 27 others were injured when the 2 million pound stack fell during construction Nov. 18.

Wednesday's resolution, sponsored by the student senate, condemns any activities that thwart the bonfire moratorium.

It also discourages any other student initiatives not in line with the university's plans for going forward with the tradition.

The group has commended University President Ray Bowen's decision in June to suspend the bonfire, allowing it to continue with greater university supervision and a profes-

sionally engineered design.

The student senate action comes after another student group, Keep the Fire Burning, announced plans to build an off-campus single-tiered bonfire at a still-undisclosed location.

Passage of the resolution would represent the latest attack on the alternative bonfire group's plans.

Among those criticizing the group is the Texas A&M Traditions Maintenance Council, whose members in-

clude leaders from former bonfires.

The council recently issued a statement to The Battalion saying it opposed the plans by Keep the Fire Burning.

University officials have also warned members of Keep the Fire Burning of possible punishments if they proceed with plans for the off-campus bonfire.

The bonfire annually draws thousands of Aggies to the College Station campus

on the eve of A&M's football game against its archrival, the University of Texas.

In May, a five-member commission appointed and funded by Texas A&M to investigate the deaths blamed the collapse on flawed construction techniques and a lack of adequate supervision of students assembling the stack.

The findings led to Bowen's decision to temporarily suspend the event until changes can be put into place.

CRIME

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only the students, but their parents.

According to crime statistics at Tech, there has been only one reported incident in the last three years that has dealt with an issue of hate.

The incident occurred in 1998, and Tech police spokesman Bryan Roberts said the crime involved aggravated assault, which is typical of hate crimes.

Roberts said whenever a

crime occurs and an issue of hate is probable, it has to be proven that physical harm was caused as a result of some sort of bias before it can be ruled a hate crime.

In this case, he said, the victimizer stated a few biased words during the attack, which made it eligible for hate crime status.

Since this crime occurred on the Tech campus, it had to be reported to the FBI, who then released it in their annual university crime report.

No information about the

crime has been made public record yet because the matter is still under investigation.

According to the most recent FBI hate crime statistics from 1998, there were 699 total reported incidents on school and college campuses across the nation.

The majority of those reported were crimes of race, which totaled 392. Crimes against religion and sexual orientation were less in number at 145 and 117, respectively.

Turner said the increasing access young children have to

the Internet is making the battle against hate groups tougher than it should be.

There is information out there, he said, about how to start a new hate chapter at their university, as well as, instructions on how to make bombs and other weapons.

Safe Schools - Safe Students is preparing for National Safe School Week on Oct. 15-21. Turner said he is working with communities, schools, ministries, state attorney general offices and governor's offices to get the word out to the students.

DONATION

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involvement," he said. "But, from a business angle, I see this as a great investment."

City Bank is also donating money for scholarships at South Plains College and contributing to high school programs throughout Lubbock, Griffith said.

Montford said donations, such as the one from City Bank, are important to the university athletics and academics.

Almost 18 percent of fundraising for the Horizon Campaign is for athletic facilities, Montford said.

"A large part of the atten-

tion Tech receives is from athletics and (Tech has) to have competitive facilities," he said.

Besides competitive facilities, Montford said, it is important for the community to support the Red Raiders during athletic events.

"It is my hope to fill the stadium for the last four games and support the Red Raiders," he said. "Frankly, I'm disappointed in the attendance up until now, not from students, but from the community."

At the end of August, it was estimated the Horizon Campaign has raised about \$366 million in its now \$500-million goal.

FAIR

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Another Ryan & Company recruiter said she is disappointed that the business colleges at other universities, such as Texas A&M, continue to rise in ranking while Tech's is on the downfall.

Vivek Kornick, a manager for Cap Gemini Ernst & Young, said the MIS curriculum "should focus more on the industries' requirements."

For example, Kornick cited the teaching of the COBOL computer programming language as unnecessary, a program included in Tech's MIS core curriculum.

Kornick said this problem

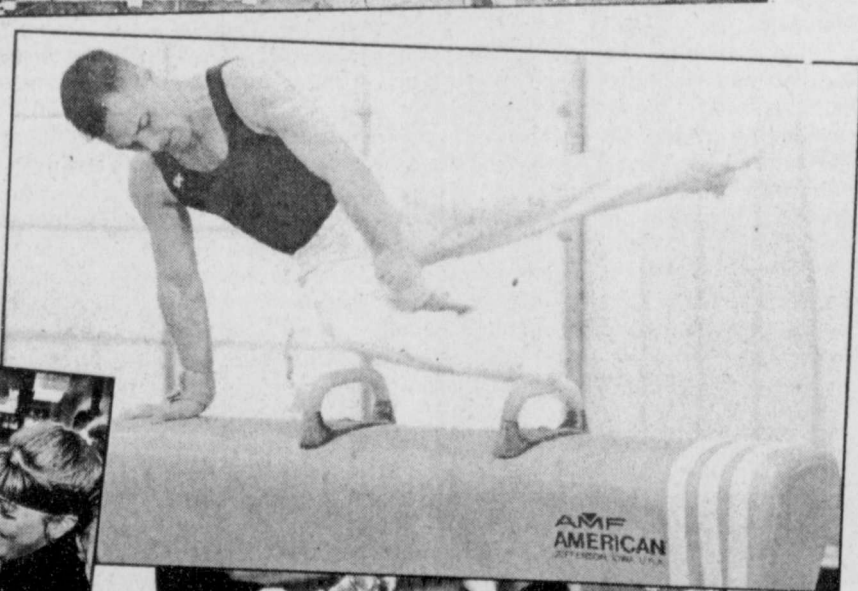
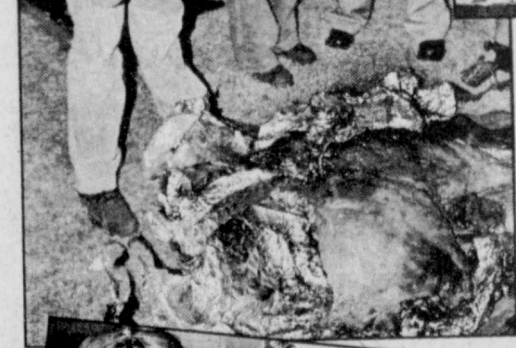
would probably not affect hiring at present, but he could see problems with it later on.

Despite these problems, many recruiters said they had a good day.

Terry Pierce, assistant director for recruiting for Arthur Anderson, said he was really impressed by students concern for their future.

"We received some good targeted questions from the students. I was very impressed," Pierce said. "Tech students have always done extremely well for us."

When asked about the Tech's business college, Pierce said his hiring would not be affected by the loss of accreditation, unless the quality of education noticeably decreases.



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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Your View

What do you think about the Dennis Miller concert being canceled because of the lack of student participation?



Joe Collins junior agricultural education and business major from San Marcos

I saw him on Monday Night Football, and I really didn't think he was that funny, and, \$25 is a scam. It is ridiculous to pay that much money just to go see someone talk.



Jennifer Henderson freshman pre-nursing major from Dallas

It is really disappointing that no one supports student activities... It just shows how much our school supports activities that a lot of people worked so hard to put on.



Tracy Mason senior general studies major from Lubbock

I think the main problem was that there was too many events going on all at once. It just got to be too much money to spend, and students had to pick and choose what they wanted to do.



Paolo Riviello freshman mass communications major from El Paso

I really wasn't planning on going. I already had Creed tickets, and I chose to spend my money on that. I think more people were interested in other concerts.



Jonathon Watson freshman telecommunications major from Lubbock

The big problem was that it was not publicized enough. I didn't even know about it until two days ago, and then I read in the paper that it was canceled.

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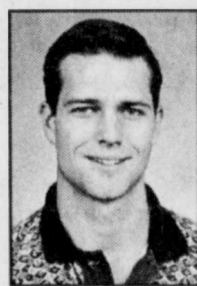


Column

Animals deserve our respect

Did you know that horses and dogs have nothing in common other than the fact that most people think they are pets?

It has always fascinated me to watch people goo-goo over their animals. I, myself, am an animal lover at heart.



Cody Nash

It amazes me to think that, more and more, people know less and less about animals. I believe this is simply a naturally occurring result of the migration from a rural to a more urban society.

Production agriculture endures much scrutiny from citizen groups who actually believe that animals have rights.

Local zoos, circus trainers and researchers of medicines and treatments galore feel the pressure, as well.

I do not believe in the concept of animal rights, however, I strongly believe in, and frequently promote, animal welfare.

The reason I do not believe that animals have rights is simple. Rights, in my mind, refer to the ability to make conscious choices.

I think I remember reading somewhere that God gave man dominion over all the beasts of the Earth, birds of the sky and creatures that crawl on the ground.

Next time you hear someone squawking about "rights this" and "rights that," pointing their finger at agriculture, softly remind them of this: somewhere out there, a man or a woman woke up before the sun, and began

their day full of chores, feeding, watering, doctoring and caring for livestock of all kinds because they accept that awesome responsibility set forth by a higher power.

You can learn a lot about a person by watching how they handle and treat animals. Any person who would beat, abuse or starve an animal would probably walk on their own mother's grave.

I mentioned horses and dogs at the beginning because, of all the animals I have ever worked with, they are probably the most responsive.

They return affection shown to them by humans. You can see it in their eyes and how they move. They are sensitive to the tone of voice and body motions you use when you are around them.

So, I will leave you with this thought: when it comes to animals, they will run over you, bite you, kick you and hurt you if they feel threatened — so will people.

Next time you are handling an animal, stop and think how you would like to be treated if you were in their skin.

Cody Nash is a sophomore agricultural communications and education major from Tolar.

Letters to the Editor

Shot through the heart

To the editor: Dennis Miller is not coming to town. Who do I blame?

Sure, we could easily blame Dennis Miller and say that he must just be too much of a "big shot" to play in our small town, but I don't blame him.

I could blame the Tech students for not buying tickets to see his show, but I don't blame them. I read that the ticket office was charging its lowest prices ever for an event in our new United Spirit Arena.

I could blame the someone (I'm not sure who) for charging such high prices and not having it in the University Center instead so it would be cheaper.

the line the arena was probably the only place it could have been held.

It looked like the ticket office wasn't even planning on that many people going. My friends and I bought out a whole row, and it looks like we were the only ones.

So, to whoever's fault this falls on, you are forgiven. I suppose we can all use this time to spend more time with our friends, talking to each other or working overtime.

To quote Dennis Miller: "Is there any four-to-10-year period of your life more glorious than college? Ah, college. What other institution charges you \$90,000 to prepare you for a \$20,000-a-year job?"

Miles Comer junior management information systems

Not straight, not crooked

To the editor: I would like to start by saying I affiliate myself with no political party. The reason I do this is because I vote for whoever is the best person for the job.

The reason I am writing this letter is to tell

other students, faculty and staff to please do the same this year. That is, if you can remember to vote.

It is important that we, as young adults, begin to take our responsibilities as Americans seriously. These responsibilities include, but are not limited to, paying your bills on time, driving responsibly, paying taxes, and, most importantly, voting.

This is the only time we get to tell the people in Washington, and every other level of government, exactly how we feel.

I, therefore, encourage each student, faculty, staff or whoever else reads this, to please not vote a straight party ticket. There are great candidates from each party with his or her own personal strengths and weaknesses.

If we, as Americans, do this, we can ensure good governing from the White House down to the local justice of the peace.

Sean Buchanan senior mechanical engineering

Column

Americans lose under Bush plan

Directions: Open mouth, insert foot. Once again, George "Dubya" has shown his true colors.

This new health plan will provide free prescription drugs only for seniors living 135 percent below the poverty level and 25 percent of the cost of drugs for everyone above that income level.

Gore questioned how Bush would finance the plan.

The biggest problem is there's no money to pay for it if you give away all of the surplus in the form of a giant tax cut

to the wealthy at the expense of the middle class," Gore said.

Bush is emphasizing competition among HMOs making health care into an even larger moneymaking scheme with the American people coming out the losers.

In another attempt to make himself more palatable to voters, Bush approved a nasty advertising campaign against Gore.

Bush is no more than a guy who's run out of career opportunities waiting to inherit daddy's throne.

avoid. Bush lowered the bar and insulted American voters when he attacked Gore's credibility with a sarcastic television advertisement revisiting Gore's days as soliciting money from the monks.

Texas has the fewest number of children covered by health care, is one of the most polluted states in the nation, and, proven by scores on standardized tests, the educational system is a joke.

Overall, Bush's plan to make himself look better is lashing back in his face. Even the GOP is getting a little concerned and has recently criticized Bush's performance.

The GOP's concerns are well founded. Bush is no more than a guy who's run out of career opportunities waiting to inherit daddy's throne.

I encourage everyone to get involved politically. Especially in this part of the country, awareness needs to be raised about all political candidates — not just "Dubya."

Bethany Cline is a sophomore political science major from Spearman.

Passengers blamed for death

Teen on Southwest flight had no chance for survival

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The FBI wants to talk to a Canadian man who says he tried to stop passengers on a Southwest Airlines flight from fatally beating a man who tried to break into the cockpit.

Dean Harvey says a large man climbed on a seat and repeatedly jumped on Jonathan Burton's chest while four men held him still.

"I asked him to stop," Harvey told the Edmonton Journal. "I said, 'You've got the guy subdued, what more do you want? You don't have to pound his head in.' The guy was being held with his arms outstretched. He had no chance to absorb the shock."

An autopsy report released last week said Burton was killed by passengers who tried to restrain him after he kicked in the cockpit door on Flight 1763 Aug. 11. But the U.S. Attorney's Office is not filing any criminal charges, saying the 19-

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"I just know that anybody who gets pounded that hard is going to die."

Dean Harvey
WITNESS

year-old's death was unintentional.

Ed Steward, spokesman for Dallas-based Southwest, said passengers did nothing wrong.

"The FBI investigated this," Steward said. "This is why they've decided not to file any charges. They say the right amount of restraint was used based on the fact that he had already attacked the crew and the passengers and was still trying to kick the door in. Several passengers have the bloody lips to prove it."

But FBI agents say they want to

interview Harvey, who contacted the Edmonton newspaper after reading about the autopsy results.

"We weren't able to locate him before now," said Bill Matthews, special agent for Salt Lake City division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. "We were trying to interview everyone on the flight, but there were some people on the manifest where all we had was the name."

Harvey, his wife Flavia and their 11-month-old son were on their way from Las Vegas to Salt Lake City

when Burton erupted.

Harvey, who was sitting in a third-row aisle seat, said Burton was yelling, "I can fly this plane," as he ran down the aisle, kicked in the cockpit door and grabbed a pilot with each arm.

Harvey said everyone watched while Burton made his way back to his seat on his own, then six to eight passengers congregated around him. After sitting for a few minutes, Burton stood back up, Harvey said.

"A fight breaks out. This guy is tough. He starts beating up a couple of the passengers," Harvey said.

He said five people helped restrain Burton before the burly man attacked him.

"He was doing it so hard, it appeared like he was trying to kill the guy," Harvey said. "Whether or not he was thinking that, I have no idea. I just know that anybody who gets pounded that hard is going to die."

Sentence upheld in El Paso triple murder

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Wednesday upheld the death sentence of a Mexican citizen convicted in 1998 of killing three El Paso teenagers.

The court denied the direct appeal of Ignacio Gomez, 30. He was convicted of the 1996 shooting deaths of Tolbert Hathway, 18; Michael Meredith, 16; and Matthew Meredith, 16.

Gomez claimed in his appeal that because he was not a resident of the United States that his written confession to police should have been suppressed. At the time of his arrest, Gomez was a resident alien, court records said.

The appeal claimed the confession was invalid because Gomez was not given warnings by police required under the Vienna Convention, which gives a for-

eigner arrested in another country the right to contact his consulate and requires officials from the arresting country to contact foreign government officials.

The court also upheld the death sentence of Chuong Tong of Houston.

Tong, 23, was convicted in 1998 of fatally shooting off-duty Houston police officer Tony Trinh, 24, while he was working at his parents' grocery store.

Tong objected against the jury selection process for his trial, saying the judge refused to allow objections.

The death sentence of Coy Wayne Westbrook, 42, also was upheld.

He was convicted of the 1997 shooting deaths of his ex-wife Gloria Coons, and her friends Antonio Cruz, Anthony Rodgers and Kelly Hazlip in Channelview.

VitaPro informant denies theft of bribe money

HOUSTON (AP) - An informant who helped the federal government pursue corruption cases against former Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards denied Wednesday that he stole bait money intended as a bribe for the politician or received special treatment when he was sent to prison.

Patrick Graham and his brother, Michael, are star witnesses in separate corruption cases against Edwards and former Houston Mayor Fred Hofheinz. They also are witnesses in a case against former Texas prison chief James "Andy" Collins, accused of taking kickbacks from

Montreal-based VitaPro Foods Inc.

During a deposition in federal court Wednesday, Patrick Graham was asked what happened to half of \$100,000 he received from federal agents to give to Edwards as a bribe. Michael Ramsey, attorney for VitaPro owner Yank Barry, said the money was deposited over a two-month period in the bank account of Graham's wife.

But Graham said he thinks the money was given to him by Hofheinz in a deal surrounding the construction of a state juvenile prison in Jena, La. But he couldn't remember what the deal was.

"Either he stole \$50,000 from the FBI or the FBI gave it to him," said Kent Schaffer, another of Barry's lawyers.

"Either way, it's not good."

Michael Graham, who was deposed Monday and Tuesday, also claimed memory loss while on the stand, saying that blood pressure medicine caused him to lose his ability to recall information.

U.S. District Judge Lynn Hughes, presiding over the VitaPro case, ordered the Grams deposed after learning the government made oral immunity agreements with them. Such agreements usually are docu-

mented.

Schaffer and Ramsey contend the government illegally is withholding details of financial rewards in the agreements.

Patrick Graham went to state prison in July after being convicted of theft to help a Dallas computer programmer escape from prison after he was sentenced to 75 years for stabbing his wife to death in an insurance scheme.

Defense attorneys said Graham was taken out of prison in Huntsville, Texas, simply because he wasn't comfortable there. Graham confirmed that he found prison to be difficult.

"I was not real pleased with it," Patrick Graham said. "Because of the nature of my involvement with the federal government, I was treated differently."

He said he was classed with prisoners who were segregated for misbehaving, and when that didn't work out, he was placed in isolation.

In July, Patrick Graham was removed from the prison and taken to a jail in St. Bernard Parish, south of New Orleans.

Patrick Graham said he wasn't moved because he complained. A writ was issued which allowed him

to leave Texas so he could testify in other cases. He said he was needed for the Hofheinz case, which doesn't start until January.

"I sound like such a complainer," he said.

But Ramsey said Patrick Graham was moved just because he was unhappy.

"Without him, the VitaPro case and the Hofheinz case would fall apart," Schaffer said. "He never thought he would go to state prison. It's prison. It's supposed to be punitive. He probably told the government that if they didn't get him out, all bets were off."

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A Country boy can survive

Texas Tech student fulfilling dreams of becoming country music star while earning college degree

By Erin Coppens
Contributing Writer

Walking into a crowded bar, hearing the sounds of country music blaring from the sound system set up on stage and fans singing lyrics to a song about Texas, one would think a country music star was playing inside — not a Texas Tech student.

Not many students at Tech go on to be rising stars, but Luke Olson, a senior communications major from San Antonio, has proved that his singing and songwriting talent can help him fulfill his dreams in the changing music industry.

Now at age 22, Olson is balancing a career in music with trying to get his degree from Tech.

"It's been a busy couple of years trying to get a degree and play music at the same time, but for me, it is worth it to play — music is my love," he said.

Olson said he has been playing the guitar since he was eight years old. He later formed his own band at the age of 16 and made his first album during his senior year at Alamo Heights High School.

Since his first album, *Maybe Someday*, was released in 1996, Olson has released two more albums, *Southern Skies and Panhandle Sunset*, that have grabbed the attention of music lovers.

He has produced sounds of what some fans say is "true South Texas music."

Olson has opened concerts for country music stars such as Robert Earl

Keene, Jack Ingram, Pat Green and David Alan Coe. He will open up for Lyle Lovett Saturday in San Antonio.

"I never thought that I would get the opportunity to play on the same stage with musicians who inspire me to write

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It's been a busy couple of years trying to get a degree and play music at the same time."

Luke Olson
SINGER, TEXAS TECH STUDENT

the music that I write," Olson said.

Fellow musicians have told Olson he has a natural songwriting ability that not many people have.

He composes songs that inspire him and remind him of his youthful days in Texas.

Panhandle sunsets, floating in an inner tube on a Hill Country river and road trips down old Texas highways are just a few of the images he creates within his songs.

Some of the romantic songs of Olson's albums were mostly directed

to his girlfriend Kate Gray, who is also a Tech student.

"I am so proud of the accomplishments and awards he has received during his career," Gray said. "He is so dedicated to making his dreams come true in music and has proved that he has true talent in songwriting."

Although Olson is noted mostly for his South Texas music style, he performs a variety of songs in concert from such artists as Grateful Dead, Widespread Panic and Pink Floyd.

During his professional career, thus far, Olson has been named Best New Artist at the Current Magazine Music Awards in March 1998 and Best Local Country and Western Band by readers of *The University Daily* at Tech.

"Watching Luke perform is always entertaining because he can get the crowd up and dancing," said Lynn Griffith, a senior arts and sciences major from Lubbock. "His music is fun to listen to, whether it's on his CD or live in concert."

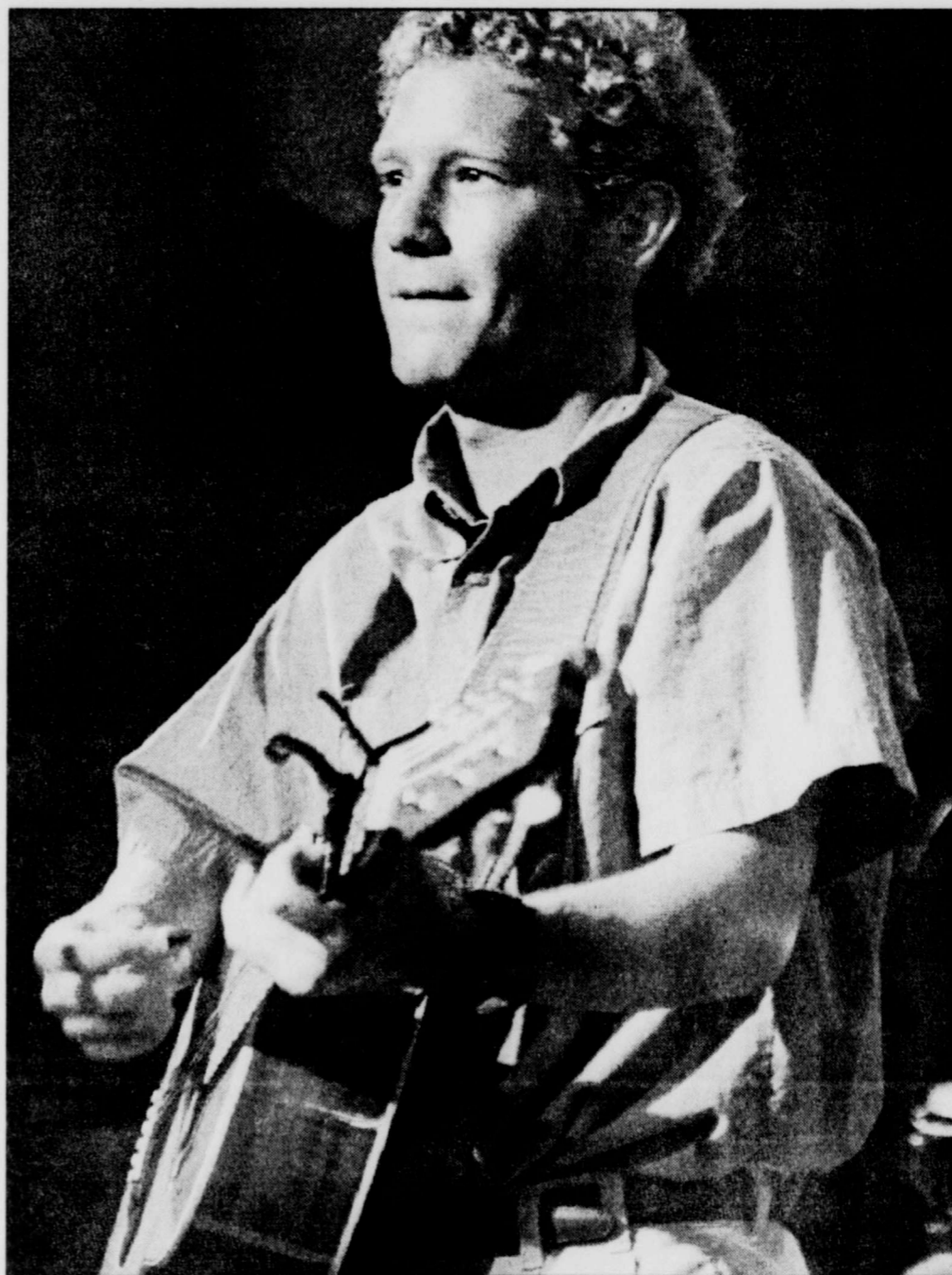
Olson's increased popularity on the Texas music scene has made his packed schedule busier. He plays in Lubbock during the week and leaves town two to three times a month to play shows all around Texas.

Olson said school is his top priority right now, but making music for years to come is his ultimate goal.

"Supporters who come and listen to my music are the ones that make it happen for me," Olson said.

Luke Olson will play in Lubbock at 10 p.m., Oct. 6 at the Blue Light.

To learn more about Luke Olson, log on to his Internet Web site at www.lukeolson.com



Star in the making Luke Olson, a senior communications major from San Antonio, is pursuing his degree at Texas Tech while pursuing his passion for music. Olson travels around Texas on the weekends playing gigs. His next Lubbock show will be at 10 p.m., Oct. 6 at the Blue Light.

Greg Kreller
The University Daily

Christian rock band's music, unique style anything but 'normal'



Courtesy Photo: The Normals

The Normals will perform at 7 p.m. tonight at St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

■ *Group's lyrics to provide valuable insight, uplifting message to Hub City.*

By Leslie Follmar
Staff Writer

The underground tunes of tightly woven voices and guitars sound out a cry of everyone who has ever lived. Lyrics and music form a profound expression of life that comes from experience.

An artist's musical wisdom is usually attained from worn fingers and tired lungs — those are the musicians

who have lived long and seen life.

One band, the Normals, has been graced from above with wisdom and musical talent far beyond its years.

Coming to Life, the Normals latest CD, arrives during a time when our generation walks around in uncertainty. The Normals present certain absolutes in life such as love, lust, sin and the all-too-often broken relationships.

Lead singer Andrew Osenga began writing music in high school with the band's lead guitarist Mark Lockett.

The two grew together musically through high school. The other four members of the band were later asked to join after signing with Forefront Records.

Some disappointments from the Normals first CD, *Better Than This*, caused Osenga to re-evaluate the whole music process.

The CD, *Coming to Life*, penetrates the hardest of hearts. Honesty and vulnerability present in five guy's lives are crammed into this CD.

Building unity amongst band members and learning more about himself, Osenga has learned many lessons over the past year-and-a-half that surfaced in this album.

"That was my desire, to be as honest as I can be," Osenga said. "A lot of music that is out there today tends to be really bland with no real depth."

He also said the band takes its job very seriously.

"I have a responsibility as an artist to spark interest in thought and art," Osenga said. "It's not very good art if it doesn't make you think."

The band is on its first headlining tour, featuring Nickel and Dime and

Matthew Perryman Jones.

Zac Murtha, guitarist and vocalist for Nickel and Dime, said he agrees with Osenga that art must be an art form and not made by a formula.

"In the beginning, our music was simple," he said. "People were very surprised by our latest CD, *When You Come Around*. It shows a growth in our music and our lives."

Nickel and Dime's lead singer Jon Shirley said the Normals have had influence on him as a musician and as a person.

"I've become a fan of more music, and they've turned me on to other artists."

The Normals and Nickel and Dime will perform at 7 p.m. tonight in St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

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Cruz lands 'on top' though latest film flops

(AP) — You have to suspend major disbelief if you're going to enjoy "Woman on Top."

You must believe a woman could cook Brazilian dishes that are so fragrant, so delectable, that their aroma could lure legions of men from their overpriced San Francisco apartments and into the streets.

You must believe that because of her mouthwatering food, this woman could land a live, half-hour cooking show during prime time in the fifth largest television market in the country, for which the station constructs an elaborate set, even though she has no TV experience.

And you must believe that a moonlight serenade could right all wrongs between this woman and her cheating husband.

Granted, we're talking about



Penelope Cruz, who is beautiful and charming and has tremendous screen presence.

You may remember her from Pedro Almodovar's Oscar-winning "All About My Mother" (she played the pregnant nun with AIDS) or from Stephen Frears' "The Hi-Lo Country."

Cruz has appeared in several Spanish-language films over the past decade, but "Woman on Top" is her big United States breakthrough.

Too bad it couldn't have hap-

pened in a better movie. Cruz is about the only thing that makes "Woman on Top" watchable.

She plays a chef named Isabella, who lives in a small Brazilian fishing town with her husband, Toninho (Murilo Benicio), and cooks at his restaurant. They have a passionate relationship, in which food is an aphrodisiac.

One day, she catches him in bed with another woman and promptly hops on a plane to San Francisco to stay with her transvestite friend, Monica (Harold Perrineau Jr., who is extremely passable in drag).

Flying is a serious challenge for Isabella. A running gag (which isn't terribly funny) is that she has severe motion sickness, but if she's on top — in every situation, wink wink — she's fine.

Within just a couple of days, Isabella has a budding television

career. The station's ratings skyrocket. And men everywhere fawn over her, including Cliff (Mark Feuerstein), the TV producer who discovered her.

Toninho, a singer who always has just the right amount of facial stubble, follows her with his band of troubadours to try to win back her love.

This is not a movie for cynics. This is total fantasy. And it gets increasingly more ridiculous toward the end, all in the name of romance and magic, blah blah blah.

It does look and sound good, though — Venezuelan director Fina Torres got that part right.

The music, the scenery, the waves and the colors will make you want to escape to Brazil immediately. And don't see "Woman on Top" if you're hungry.

Isabella's spicy shrimp dishes will make your stomach growl.

Feuerstein is good as an uptight TV producer who tries to loosen up and find his passionate, impetuous side to impress Isabella. And Perrineau has some funny moments as Monica, even though his character is the stereotypical drag queen.

This is Cruz' show all the way. It's fun to watch her transformation from repressed wife, slaving away in the kitchen with no credit for her work, to sexy TV starlet.

Hopefully her next big U.S. film, "All the Pretty Horses" with Matt Damon, will be better, because she deserves to be a huge star in this country, as well.

"Woman on Top," a Fox Searchlight Pictures release, is rated R for strong sexuality and language. Running time: 1 hour, 25 minutes.

Motorcycle deaths climb as riders' helmet use drops

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas motorcycle deaths rose 31 percent in the year after the state partially repealed its mandatory helmet law, although serious injuries declined slightly in that period, a federal transportation analysis shows.

Helmet use became optional on Sept. 1, 1997 for the state's motorcycle operators and passengers over 21.

The study by the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said helmet use dropped in Texas from 97 percent of riders wearing them in 1997 to 66 percent in May 1998.

Study of shrimp banks off-shore fishermen in Gulf

AUSTIN (AP) — A state advisory committee on Wednesday approved a recommendation to require the Parks and Wildlife Department to study the Texas Gulf Coast's shrimp population.

The recommendation comes on the heels of new regulations approved by the Parks and Wildlife Commission that shrimpers say will devastate them financially. The rules increase areas closed to shrimping and restrict off-shore fishing.

The Sunset Advisory Commission on Wednesday struck down a plan by state Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr., D-Brownsville, that called for exempting shrimpers in Cameron County.

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Hip-hop enters mainstream

By Andrew Mancuso
Staff Writer

Hip Hop music is making waves in the entertainment industry. It seems a day does not go by without hearing news about a particular rapper or rap event.

Take your pick — ODB getting arrested, fights at the Source Awards or Eminem being chastised by government officials for the lyrical content of his songs.

Hip hop is everywhere. Even "Nightline" did a three-part series about this music phenomenon that is gaining popularity by the day.

With this in mind, I know Lubbock isn't exactly the hub of the hip hop world, but I felt it was time to bring hip hop to *The University Daily* and to Texas Tech.

The last concert, with anyone of note, was South Park Mexican. Who didn't see that commercial on TV every five seconds?

I feel that hip hop has gained a large enough audience at Tech to deserve some attention.



I'm going to bring the fans of hip hop news, upcoming album releases, album reviews and other items of concern.

I know that everyone doesn't love this music, but for those who at least have some interest in hip hop, let this column be informative and give you a better idea of what's going on in and around the hip hop world.

Nelly Country Grammer

Nelly has been blowing up since the beginning of the summer.

His No.1 single, "Country Grammer," has topped the charts. He is one of the hottest rappers in the industry.

Nelly is no one-hit wonder, though. The biggest misconception about his CD is that "Country Grammer" is the only good song. Nelly's CD is loaded with up-tempo beats and solid production all the way around. ★★★★★

Big L The Big Picture

Big L is an artist that many hip hop listeners have just recently discovered. Though he's been on the underground scene since 1995, Big L's latest release is sure to guarantee him commercial success.

The Big Picture showcases L's talents as an exceptional lyricist who can flow with the best of them. His vivid storytelling is reminiscent of the late, great Notorious B.I.G.

Big L hooked up with big names such as Tupac, Fat Joe and Gangstarr for this project, and it really is special.

Unfortunately, in what is becoming an all too familiar story in hip hop, Big L was murdered outside his Harlem home early last year just af-

ter completing this album. People will realize how much the hip hop world will miss L after giving this album a listen. ★★

Nelly's Country Grammer and Big L's The Big Picture are both available at Hastings.

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Study finds more tire troubles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional investigators say they have data from a second test by Bridgestone/Firestone in 1996 showing problems with the Firestone tires that were recalled only last month. Meantime, Ford Motor Co. acknowledged today that it did not conduct a durability test of the Firestone tires on the Explorer before the world's best-selling sport utility vehicle went into production, reversing an earlier denial of charges made by Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La, who is leading an investigation into the recall.

Mesquito virus kills 78 in Yemen

Yemen (AP) — Yemen appealed for outside help Wednesday to fight an outbreak of the Rift Valley Fever, a mosquito-borne virus that has killed 78 people so far this week.

A Yemeni official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said 50 people died in Wadi Mour, a valley in northern Yemen that runs to the Saudi border, while 28 others died in the northern province of Hajjah.

The virus is transmitted from livestock to humans by mosquitoes and causes diarrhea, nausea, and internal bleeding that can result in death.

Simpson seeks damages in court

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After failing to stop a planned TV movie about O.J. Simpson's criminal trial, his lawyer returned to court Wednesday seeking damages for what he said was a conspiracy to defraud Simpson out of privileged information.

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Aikman cleared to play against 49ers

IRVING (AP) — While Troy Aikman has been cleared to play and expects to start against San Francisco, Dallas coach Dave Campo wasn't as certain about the quarterback's status Wednesday.

"I feel like enough time has passed and I don't feel like I'm putting myself at risk," said Aikman, who has missed two games since his ninth concussion, sustained in the season opener.

Even after Aikman took a majority of the snaps with the first team during the Cowboys' two-hour workout Wednesday, Campo said the quarterback's playing status hadn't been determined.

"It's an evaluation process. This

is no different than last week," Campo said. "We feel like he's an experienced quarterback. If he's ready to go, he'll be our starter and we go from there. I think it's just a case of us at the appropriate time making a decision."

Aikman didn't talk to reporters after practice, a session that wasn't attended by team owner Jerry Jones.

Before practice, Aikman said he had met with team doctors, who told him he was clear to play.

"They say it's a decision I can make. I'm feeling good," Aikman said. "The idea is that I will be playing this week. I feel like I'm capable of doing that, and am looking forward to it."

Aikman has not played since being sacked for the fourth time in the first half of the opening 41-14 loss to Philadelphia on Sept. 3.

Randall Cunningham started at Arizona and Washington. Aikman practiced throughout last week but was held out again against the Redskins. The Cowboys won 27-21, with Cunningham throwing for 185 yards and two touchdowns.

"It was evaluated from a medical standpoint as far as what would be in the best interest for me long term. It wasn't about how I felt following those practices," Aikman said.

Aikman has had three concussions in his last 10 regular-season starts, including in consecutive

games last season that forced him to miss two games.

He was still having headaches last week from the latest concussion, but he said Wednesday he wasn't having any more concussion-related symptoms.

Aikman appeared upbeat after practice, unlike he had last week.

While he has been especially susceptible to concussions the past year, Aikman insists he has no worries about getting hurt again.

"I wouldn't play if I felt I was going in tentatively. I don't anticipate that happening," Aikman said.

"It never has in the past, and I don't think that is the case now. If it is, I'll be the first one to say I

shouldn't be playing. You can't play effectively if you're concerned about getting hit."

Campo has avoided any hint of a quarterback controversy by saying all along Aikman would return to the lineup when he was ready.

Cunningham's performance the last 21/2 games (563 yards passing, six touchdowns, two interceptions) will have no bearing on the decision.

"Troy knows he is the guy. He knows it," Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith said.

"We just have to go out there and play around him and do the same things that we've done over the past two weeks, and that is make improvement."

Silver not so bad in Australia

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Madame Butterfly was on Wednesday. The performance, some distance from Sydney Opera House, went badly, with the diva shouldered aside by a young Yank. But applause was loud.

Aussies, whatever else, are pretty good sports.

Martin Place, which is scream central for the great ticketless masses, pulsed with 220-volt excitement as Susie O'Neill hunkered down for the 200-meter butterfly, her personal, private race for six years.

For the next 2 minutes, 5.88 seconds, thousands belated, shrieked or quietly prayed before the giant outdoor screen. But then it was Misty Hyman, from someplace called Phoenix, who was flipping out with joy.

After a brief stunned hush, a polite round of clapping grew louder and louder as Australians acknowledged that the beautiful, brainy and well-mannered young Arizona Olympian had earned her gold.

O'Neill was still their hero, and her record stood by seven one-hundredths of a second. Shame seemed to be the furthest thing from anyone's mind.

"She done well just to get what she got," said Gladwyn Dunn, a tree surgeon, whose intricate Australian flag painted on his cheek. "Whether they come in first, second or third, we're all proud of them."

"I just love her," said Fiona Waller, a knee surgeon, whose 10-year-old daughter, Sophie, wore the facial flag in the family. "That was such a surprise for the American girl. It was sweet."

Crowd noise drowned out the post-race interview with O'Neill, but no one missed those gleaming, white teeth visible because of that familiar wide smile.

"I don't know what she said but I'm sure it was something self-deprecating and pleasant," Waller said.

Young Sophie agreed: "Susie has a record that hasn't been beat in six years. She is my hero."

The ol' win-or-lose-it's-how-you-play-the-game is hardly a new theme, but down here most people seem to believe it. It feels great to win, particularly against braggart adversaries. But close also counts.

This was explained by a man in a suit who carefully placed a newspaper on the sidewalk to plunk down next to a group in jeans who had just finished off a tub of linguini with tomato and basil sauce.

Brown contemplating legal action against NFL

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — While Orlando Brown's former teammates prepared for their next game without him, his lawyers were contemplating possible legal action against the NFL.

Brown, who hasn't played or practiced since he was accidentally struck in the right eye by a referee's thrown penalty flag in December, was released by the Cleveland Browns on Tuesday.

He came to the team's training facility Wednesday morning to say goodbye.

"I'll talk to you guys later," Brown said to reporters before driving away.

Meanwhile, Clifford Stern, an associate in lawyer Johnnie Cochran Jr.'s firm, said other teams have expressed an interest in signing the 6-foot-7, 350-pound Brown, who is still experiencing pain in his eye and hasn't been able to work out in nine

months. Stern said if Brown is not physically able to play pro football again that a lawsuit against the NFL was possible. Brown retained Cochran, who defended O.J. Simpson, to explore the league's liability.

"If he can't play, then we would look at lawsuit or some other recourse," Stern said.

"This is a very unique injury. It is not just part and parcel from playing football. This is an injury that was caused by a referee's negligence."

Stern said he met with Brown in the last week, and that he has also discussed the offensive tackle's situation with league officials. Since being injured, Brown has been limited to riding a stationary bike and walking while waiting for his eye to heal.

He spent time at the Browns' training complex, riding a stationary bike and walking a hill adjacent to

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Clifford Stern
ASSOCIATE IN COCHRAN'S LAW FIRM

the practice fields.

After cleaning out his locker, Brown wrote a farewell message to his teammates, who like everyone else, called him "Zeus." It said: "Work hard, play hard."

"It showed how much he cared about the team and how much he wants us to do well," fullback Marc Edwards said.

"Even with him not playing, he

was a pretty big presence around here. You knew when Zeus was around. He's going to be missed."

Browns coach Chris Palmer said the decision to waive Brown weighed heavily on him for weeks. He had several discussions with Brown, who a year ago was made the highest paid offensive lineman in NFL history with a six-year, \$27 million contract.

Brown told Palmer that he wanted to get on the field so badly that he was willing to ignore his doctors' advice and sign an injury waiver.

"I said, 'Why would you do that?' You have three lovely children and a wife," Palmer said.

"There comes a time where as a coach you have to look yourself in the mirror. We know there's a risk in this game, but when does the risk outweigh the reward?"

"As I told him, there's no gold

watches in this business. Coaches don't get gold watches. Players don't get gold watches. You leave when you don't want to leave. There's no retirement parties."

Palmer said he came away feeling good that he did what was best for Brown and his family.

"I think what we did was the right thing," Palmer said. "We tried to give him as much time as we could. The information Zeus gave me was that there was a high risk if he goes back on the field. That's something he has to weigh, but how do I look his family in the face if he goes out and loses his eyesight? What kind of person am I?"

Brown was paid three game checks this season, totaling \$374,000. And because he was on the physicallyunable to perform list, he is eligible for \$82,000 in severance and other benefits under the league's collective bargaining agreement.

American softball team struggling at Olympic games

BLACKTOWN, Australia (AP) — There are days on the sports calendar that you are supposed to dread being the opponent.

The fight after Mike Tyson gets a bill for back taxes from the IRS.

The start after Red Sox ace Pedro Martinez gets bombed.

The game after the U.S. softball team loses its 112-game winning streak.

OK, scratch that last one.

The juggernaut has thrown a tire. China caught the reigning gold medal champions one day after they got beaten by Japan in the worst way imaginable and extended the losing streak to an excruciating two.

Considering the way the United States has dominated softball since the game went international 35

years ago, the two losses in the two longest games in Olympic history, no less constitute a drought.

The last time the Americans lost two straight was the 1982 season. And with a game Wednesday against their most feared rivals, the Australians, looming just 12 hours away, there was a real possibility of three in a row.

"The challenges have been thrown at us and we'll show what kind of people we are by how we answer them," Lisa Fernandez said.

The 2-1 loss to Japan was especially vexing, a breakdown so complete the U.S. women refused to dwell on it for fear it might shake their confidence even further.

Their most recognizable face, Dot Richardson, who turns 39 Friday and

used to be their most reliable fielder, made two errors in the 11th inning that led to both of Japan's runs. Fernandez, the most accomplished hitter in the game, went 0-for-6 in that same loss part of an 0-for-the-Olympics slump that would stretch to 18 at-bats by the end of the China game. Against Japan, the Americans left an Olympic-record 20 runners stranded, including the bases loaded in the seventh, eighth and ninth innings. But afterward, it was Richardson, an orthopedic surgeon in the off-season, who apologized over and over for her bad hands, and Fernandez, the toughest member of the team, who broke into tears.

She begged her teammates to keep faith in her and predicted, "I'd be worried if I were the rest of the teams."

China turned out to be anything but worried.

With pitcher Zhang Yanqing throwing like Martinez and squealing like tennis star Monica Seles with each follow-through to the plate, the Chinese stayed with Americans through the seven innings of regulation and like Japan, waited for them to self-destruct.

Against Japan, it took 11 innings. On Wednesday, it happened in 14.

Any time a softball game goes beyond nine innings, each team begins its at bat with a runner on second base. China's An Zhongxin started there, and after U.S. pitcher Michelle Smith fanned two batters, she took third on a bunt single by Mu Xia. The next Chinese batter, Zhang Chunfang, hit a drive that ricocheted off Smith's leg to U.S. second baseman Jennifer McFalls. Hurried, McFalls threw wide of first, enabling both An and Mu to score.

It fell to Fernandez again to put a

brave face on the Americans' problems. She has been the most successful pitcher ever and gets the start against Australia and with it, the chance to dominate the game in a way she's been unable to do so far with her bat.

"The more opportunities we get, the better we're going to be at getting out of the funk that we're in," Fernandez said.

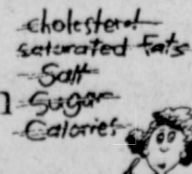
A moment later, the worry lines showed through. The likelihood is that the Americans will still advance from the eight-team pool into the four-team medal round. But unlike Atlanta, they're not scaring anyone anymore.

"The mental mistakes, the physical mistakes... there's just no excuse for them," Fernandez said. "I'm sure we've opened up a can of worms, at least as far as the other teams are involved."

An Olympic tournament that set up like a victory lap for the Americans only a week ago has turned into a grueling marathon. Against Japan, they squandered a brilliant pitching performance by starter Christa Williams and Smith in 5 2/3 innings of relief. Smith came back a day later against China and was even tougher, striking out 21 over the distance. But Zhang Yanqing was no slouch, either, allowing just three hits while fanning 16.

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Raider football squad ready for weekend off

Tech gridiron squad to use football-free weekend to relax, recuperate injuries, visit loved ones away from Lubbock

The Texas Tech football team will get the weekend off before the Texas A&M contest.

By Patrick Gonzales
Staff Writer

Wake up around noon, get out of bed 30 minutes later, and then, watch college football all day.

For most Texas Tech football players, this scenario is a fantasy.

Yet season after season, there is one weekend when the Red Raiders get to put away their gear and act like average students.

It's during a bye week — a time when Tech has no opponent on Saturday and players get the weekend off.

During this season's bye week, the Red Raiders will end practices today and get the weekend off before returning Monday to prepare for their battle with Texas A&M Sept. 30 at Kyle Field in College Station.

For most players, it will be their last free weekend until the end of the regular season, which finishes Nov. 18.

Tech senior defensive tackle Kris Kocurek is a veteran of bye weeks and understands how important it is to take advantage of any free time during the season.

He said he will use this year's bye week to relax and get some home cooking.

"I'm going back home to Caldwell and visit my family for probably the last time until Christmas," he said.

"I plan on just taking in a day of football from the couch.

"It's a good time to let your mind and your body relax for a little while and just kind of take in everything else."

Watching football on the tube

seems to be the most popular activity for Tech players during the free time.

For defensive end Devin Lemons, the weekend is about two things: relaxation and recuperation.

In fact, when Lemons wakes up Saturday morning knowing that he's not playing a game, he said it will feel "great," because he will get "to actually roll over and go back to sleep."

As for the rest of the weekend, Lemons plans on spending time doing the things important to him off the football field.

"I just plan on staying (in Lubbock) and kicking back and maybe go bowl or to a movie," Lemons said.

"But first, I plan on waking up at one (p.m.) and watching everybody else play. I'm also going to try and get

over a few nicks and bruises, and spend some time with my wife and (seven-month old) boy for a change."

Tech running back Ricky Williams also will look to heal-up injuries during his free time, but plans on going home for the weekend too.

He hasn't gone back to his hometown of Duncanville since the beginning of the summer.

"I'm going back (to Duncanville) and try to get my legs back under me and get my knee feeling right," he said.

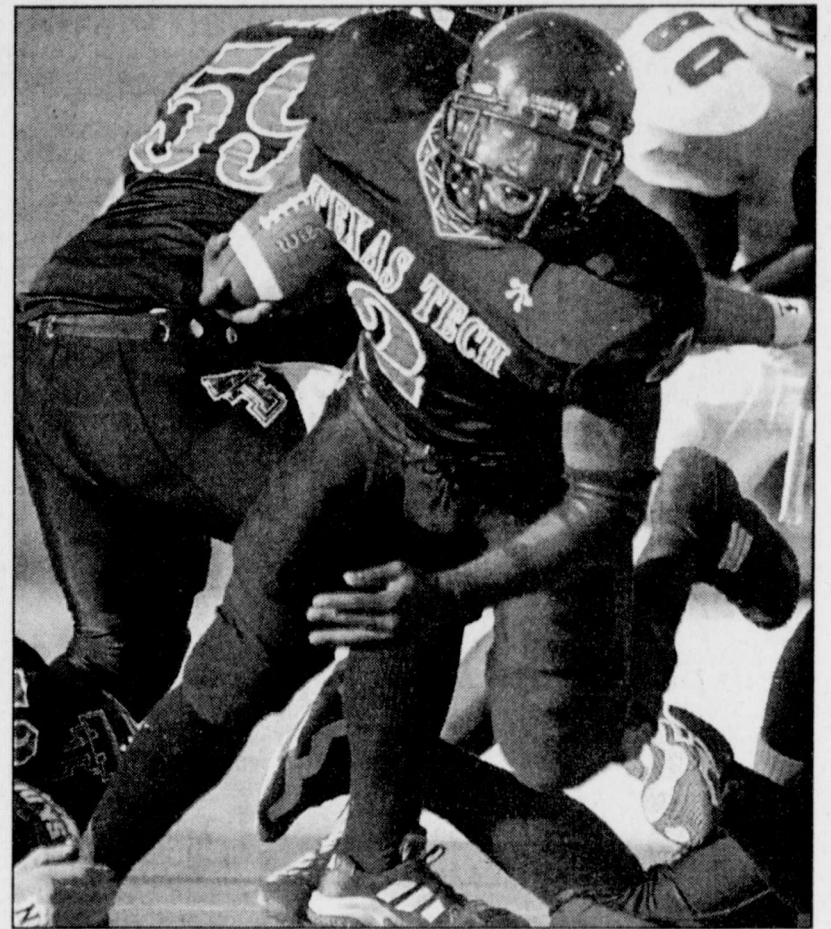
"I don't think (the bye week) could have come at a better time."

Williams is one of five Red Raider starters who were listed as probable or questionable at the beginning of practice this week because of injuries.

However, the bye week is not only about relaxing physically, but can also help players mentally.

"So much goes into being mentally prepared for a game — from the time you wake up until the last buzzer goes off," Lemons said.

"I'm going to enjoy sitting around the house in my shorts."



Greg Kreller/The University Daily

Tech running back Ricky Williams is one of five players that will use this weekend's bye week to rest an injury.

Sutton returns to Texas Open in search of another title

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Hal Sutton didn't have the chance to defend his 1998 Texas Open title because he was busy helping the U.S. team win the Ryder Cup at this time last year.

Now Sutton returns to Texas to compete against 1999 champion Duffy Waldorf.

"This is his week to defend, and

I'm just another guy in the field that wants to win," said Sutton, whose 1998 victory was his first PGA title since 1995.

"It's exciting to see if you can attain that kind of success again. I'm excited to be back."

When Sutton and Waldorf tee off at the La Cantera Golf Club on Thursday, they will be playing on a

slightly different course.

Nos. 5 and 14 have been shortened and changed from par 5s to par 4s, and players no longer will have to climb a steep hill at hole 14. La Cantera, on the edge of the Texas Hill Country, now is a 6,905-yard, par-70 course.

The winner of the 72-hole tournament, sponsored by Westin, will

receive \$468,000. The total purse is \$2.6 million.

Waldorf, who has won the Texas Open twice, first in 1995, predicted the changes to the two holes will make the course more difficult.

"(No.) 14 could be a pivotal hole in the tournament, especially near the end," Waldorf said. "It always was a hard driving hole, but you felt like

as a par 5, you had an extra shot. If you kind of missed your drive a little bit, you could just pitch it out and then still have a chance to knock it on the green and make a birdie or a par.

"Now it's still just as tough a driving hole, and if you don't hit the fairway, you're definitely looking at 5, looking at making a bogey."

Waldorf also expects the tournament to be more competitive this year, with the return of top golfers such as Sutton and Justin Leonard, who helped the American team win the Ryder Cup at The Country Club in Brookline, Mass., a year ago.

In the 1998 Texas Open, Sutton shot an 18-under-par 270 to beat Leonard and Jay Haas by one stroke.

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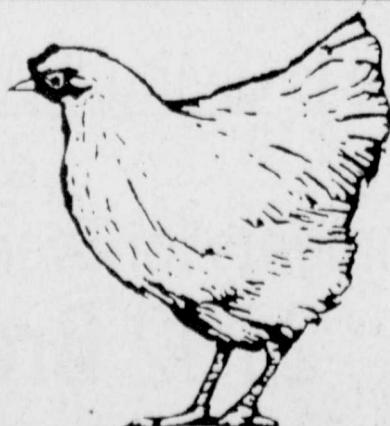
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Tech volleyball skins No. 20 K-State Wildcats

Red Raiders triumph in five-game marathon contest against nationally ranked Kansas State

Tech improves to 12-1 on the season with five-game win over Kansas State.

By Matt Muench
Staff Writer

It was what Texas Tech coach Jeff Nelson expected when he stepped on the floor for Tuesday's Big 12 Conference home opener against Kansas State at the United Spirit Arena.

Tech has begun to build a rivalry against the Wildcats because, for the third season in a row, the Wildcats have come to the Hub City seeking a victory but were dealt an extra-game loss.

After 2 1/2 hours of volleyball, the Raiders (12-1 overall, 2-1 Big 12) came out victorious in a nail-biter 15-6, 15-17, 15-8, 14-16, 22-20 over the Wildcats.

Kansas State was ranked 20th in the nation by the Women's Volleyball Coaches Association coming into the contest.

"This is a huge win, and I can't even describe it," said outside hitter Melissa McGehee, who led the Raiders with 21 kills and 21 digs.

"This is the biggest emotional high I have ever been on college-wise."

McGehee said the Raiders came out in game one wanting to get on top of Kansas State (8-3 overall, 2-1 Big 12) quickly.

"We had a new mission to take control because of what happened at the

Baylor match," McGehee said. "We knew it was important to win the first game."

Tech started out strong by going on a four point run with Heather Hughes-Justice serving.

Hughes-Justice had four service aces in the match and continues to lead the Big 12 in that category.

After falling behind 10-2, Kansas State got within five points in the first game.

Then a kill by Tech outside hitter Ann Romjue sparked the Raiders to win five of the next six points to seal game one.

After the win, Nelson thought his team should have swept the match.

"I was disappointed we didn't win 3-0 because I really thought we could have," he said.

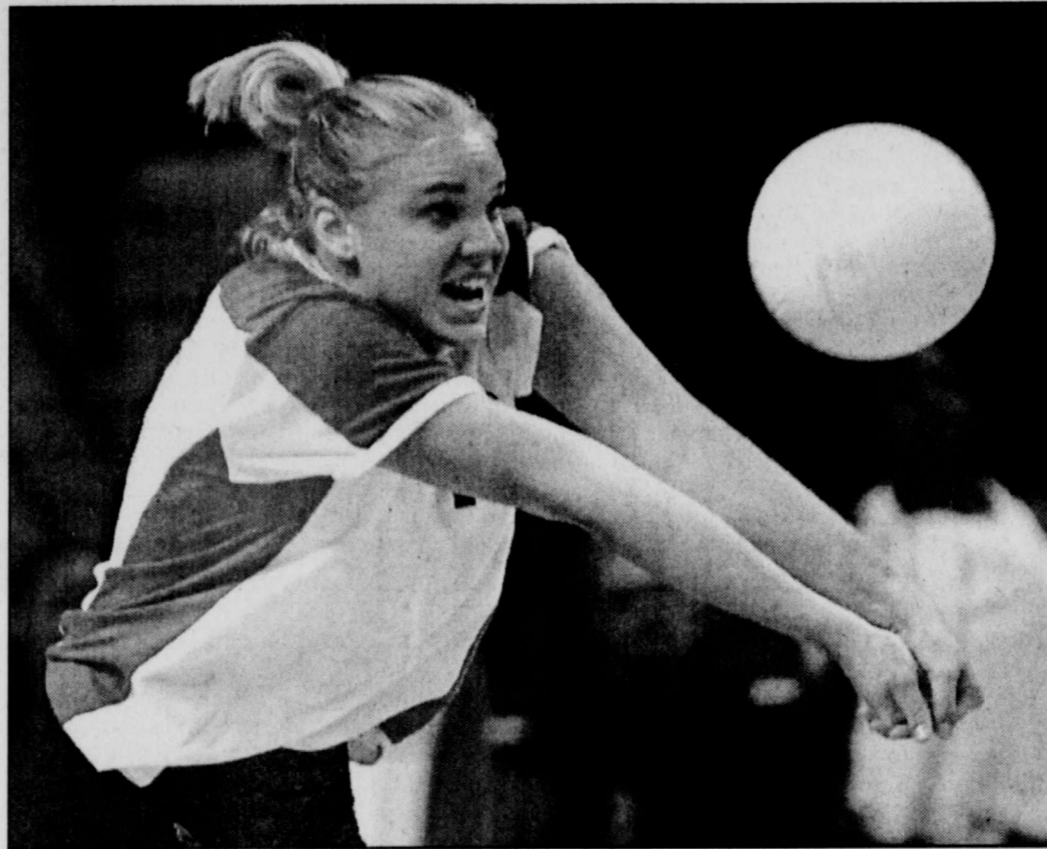
"But, I was happy to see us protect our home court and come out with the victory tonight."

Game two did not go as smoothly for the Red Raiders.

It was a seesaw battle the whole way until Tech went on a small run to move ahead 14-10.

Tech had six game points and could not execute on any of them.

McGehee said, at the second game intermission the team was very upset



Tech outside hitter Ann Romjue digs a serve in Tech's five-game win over Kansas State on Wednesday. Tech has defeated the Wildcats in Lubbock the past three years.

with the way they handled the end of game two.

"It was very frustrating because we didn't do the fundamental stuff," McGehee said.

"But, after halftime's little chat we knew we had to get out there and prove ourselves."

McGehee said Nelson told the

squad at intermission to once again jump on Kansas State early in game three, and the Raiders did that as they jumped out to a 5-2 advantage early in the game.

After the Wildcats knotted it at six, Hughes-Justice hit one of her four aces, and the Raiders cruised from there to take the 2-1 advantage in the match.

played a key role in the match.

"She really picked it up and she came out firing tonight," Nelson said. "We really need her to do that to beat the best teams."

McGehee's kill total was her career high.

"I thought I could have played better because I am always looking to

improve," she said.

"But, I was pretty happy with my performance tonight."

Tech had been struggling in the blocking area this season but totaled 17 blocks on the match with senior Janelle Jones leading the way with six block assists.

"I thought this was the best blocking game we had all year," Nelson said. "We played great on defense also but I also think we didn't play our best tonight."

Nelson said he knew Kansas State would make a lot of errors in the match because the Wildcats would try to attack the Raiders with the serve.

The Wildcats finished with 48 errors, 19 of those being service errors.

"When you are serving like (Kansas State) was that they are going to make mistakes," Nelson said.

"We needed to execute off their mistakes and we did."

The Tech cheerleaders, pep-band and the volleyball hecklers were on hand for Tech's upset win.

Nelson said he was really pleased to see the turnout of the fans at the match and said that it helped the Raiders confidence during the contest.

"The crowd, the band and the cheerleaders won the match for us," Nelson said.

"They didn't let us get down and helped bring us back."

The Raiders next travel to play rival Texas Saturday at 7 p.m. The Red Raider's next home contest will be against the Missouri Tigers at 7 p.m. next Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

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