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STATE

Attorney known for burglary attempts

DALLAS (AP) — John Kowalski was one of the most active attorneys Dallas County has ever known. He also turned into one of its most prodigious burglars.

Kowalski, 44, has represented misdemeanor defendants by the thousands and filed divorces by the tens of thousands. Last month, he went to prison for a series of burglaries he committed at businesses and high-end home-construction sites.

He stole stoves, dishwashers, a hot tub, Oriental rugs and crystal chandeliers, computers and sheet metal and a five-ton air conditioner. And even the kitchen sink.

The list of recovered property, valued at about \$250,000, is several feet long. Authorities say several hundred thousand dollars worth of other stolen goods was fenced and probably will never be found.

Near the end, he was arrested for burglary, drug possession and running from police at gunpoint.

He also accumulated a pile of complaints for his work as a lawyer.

Officials said his law office accepted incomplete divorce payments.

NATIONAL

Teen-age hacker gets six-month sentence

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — A teen-age hacker sentenced to six months at a juvenile detention center for invading NASA and Pentagon computers said he now regrets what he did.

"Never again," 16-year-old Jonathan James told *The Miami Herald*. "It's not worth it, because all of it was for fun and games and they're putting me in jail for it. I don't want that to happen again. I can find other stuff for fun."

James told the newspaper he also hacked into other networks, including BellSouth and the Miami-Dade school system. His claims could not be verified immediately.

Armed federal agents raided his home in January, seizing four desktop computers, a lab top and a hand-held computer.

He was sentenced Thursday after pleading guilty to invading NASA computers that support the international space station, as well as Pentagon systems that monitor the potential for nuclear, chemical and biological attacks against the United States and its allies.

WORLD

Flood waters recede after hundreds die

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — As flooding receded, the army worked Sunday to deliver food and fresh water to millions marooned in eastern India after six days of rain submerged the countryside and left an estimated 373 dead or missing, officials said.

Soldiers took hundreds of boats into the countryside to rescue people from their rooftops. Rescue efforts, hampered previously because of downed roads and rail lines, were back in full swing, officials said.

Up to 13 million people were left stranded, said Buddhadev Bhattacharjee, the deputy chief minister of West Bengal, one of the worst affected states. India is a densely populated country of 1 billion people.



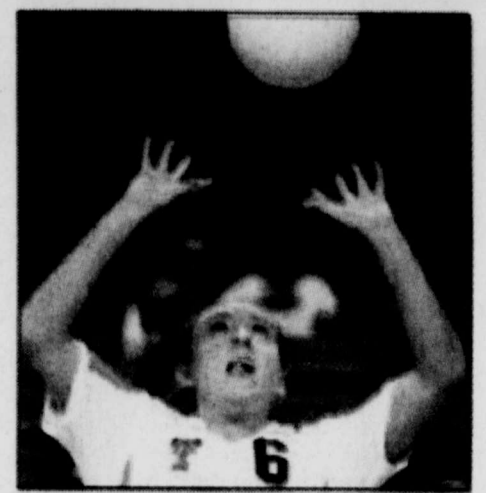
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Chilin' in the wind

Fraternity celebrates its 25th annual chili cook-off at Buffalo Springs Lake.

By Cory Chandler
Staff Writer

A cool breeze kept the sun bearable for the thousands of Lubbock residents and Texas Tech students that turned out for the 25th annual Sigma Alpha Epsilon Chili Cook-off on Saturday.

The daylong event took place at Buffalo Springs Lake and included chili tasting and live music.

The gates opened at 5 a.m. for people who wanted to park near the stage and winded down around 5 p.m.

Andy Mejia, a senior marketing major from Waco, coordinated the event and said though they don't have the exact ticket sales yet, an estimated head count placed the crowd at 5,000 people.

Mejia said he thought Robert Earl Keen helped attract such a good crowd, which would be larger than they have had before.

Craig Malone, a senior business major from Houston, who helped Mejia coordinate the event, said 1,500 more tickets were sold than last year.

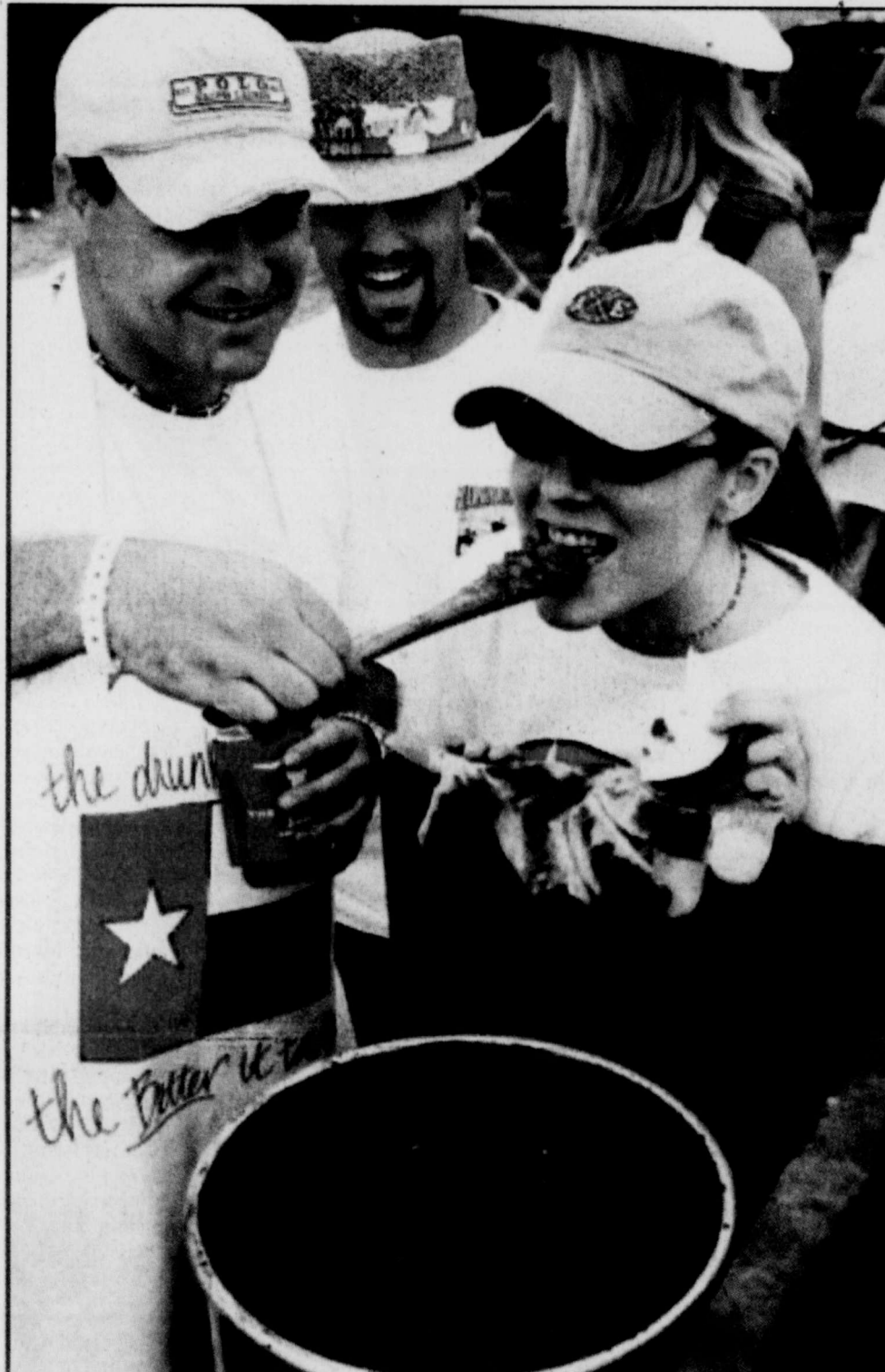
"This was a good year with good bands and good advertising," Malone said.

Mejia also credited the success to good advertising.

"We spent our money the right places and got the word around," he said. "We also had a good T-shirt and poster design, which helps a lot. People wearing our shirts around gave us a lot of free advertising."

Partial proceeds from the ticket sales will go to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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Myka Nichols, a sophomore surgical nursing major from Lubbock, tastes chili made by Jeff Dressen's, a junior marketing major from Abilene, at Saturday's Sigma Alpha Epsilon Chili Cook-off at Buffalo Springs Lake. Wesley Gill, a junior marketing major from Midland laughs as he watches from behind.

Parking services offered

New service set to provide on-campus assistance for those with car trouble.

By Heath Cheek
Staff Writer

Students with car trouble on campus can receive immediate assistance, thanks to a new service offered by the Texas Tech University Traffic and Parking Department.

The Motorist Assistance Program was implemented this semester to help students whose cars break down on the Tech campus. The program provides battery boosts, door unlocks, a gallon of gas or tools to fix a flat tire.

Eric Crouch, manager of operations at Traffic and Parking, said the program was designed to help students in trouble.

"We made the program in order to help people get out of a jam," he said. "If you run out of gas or have a dead battery out in the commuter lots, you don't have a lot of options, but with this program you now have one."

Though the program is fashioned see **MAPP**, page 3

Flu bugs could be plentiful

Vaccines to fight flu will be scarce in Lubbock until late November.

By Mara McCoy
Staff Writer

Fevers, aches, sneezes, dry coughs, headaches, sore throats and fatigue — welcome to flu season.

While influenza, or the flu as it is commonly called, sometimes can be prevented with the flu vaccine in healthy young adults, that may not be the case this year.

The vaccine will be more than a month late in reaching clinics and hospitals this year. The delay is due to the inclusion of two new type A virus strains that were included in the 2000-2001 vaccine.

Alice Pena, a receptionist with Covenant Health Care, said the vaccine will not be available in the Lubbock area until Nov. 15.

"There is both a shortage and a delay right now, so we won't be getting any vaccines until mid-November," she said. "That is when the rest of the area will be getting theirs, too."

While the optimal time to receive a flu vaccine is October through mid-November, shots can be taken any time during flu season. It takes one to two weeks after receiving the shot for a person to develop the antibodies that help fight the illness.

Melanie Bixler, chief pharmacist for Student Health Services, said

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Running for their lives

By Camie Crump
Contributing Writer

A chilly wind blew through crowds of runners as they warmed-up for what may have been the most emotional race they had ever run — a race for the cure for breast cancer.

The racers had more than just crossing the finish line on their minds. The support shown by those who braved a cold Saturday morning was proof that each of these participants was a winner.

More than 3,800 people ran or walked in the sixth annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure held at the Texas Tech campus Saturday. Beginning at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion, breast cancer survivors and supporters participated in a 5K or 1-mile event to

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Race for the Cure participants take off Saturday morning in front of the Frazier Alumni Pavilion in the 5K race to bring awareness to the effort of fighting breast cancer.

Plans for El Paso med school revealed

By Angel Wolfe
Staff Writer

Texas Tech soon could begin setting construction plans and recruiting faculty for a four-year medical school in El Paso if the Legislature approves the proposal in January.

Chancellor John Montford and Health Sciences Center President Dr. David Smith asked the legislative budget board to consider the proposal earlier this month.

A medical school program for third and fourth-year Tech stu-

dents and residents already exists in the border city.

Glen Provost, HSC vice president for health policy and planning, said they are asking for financial help from the Legislature.

"In this first phase, we are asking the Legislature for (financial) support for new faculty and facilities," he said. "We are looking to fill in the gap in basic sciences (of first and second-year training) and will need to recruit basic-sciences faculty."

As it is now, Tech medical students complete their first two years of school in Lubbock and then have

a choice of either staying to complete their last two years or finishing at Amarillo or El Paso.

"The program in El Paso is highly popular among students who want the border education," Provost said. "It's the first choice among most students for their third and fourth years."

El Paso was a logical choice for a second medical school for a number of reasons, Provost said.

"President Smith and Chancellor Montford came up with the expansion idea to elevate the El Paso campus to a four-year medical school," he

said. "Something simply made sense. It had a lot of things going for it."

The El Paso community and region are very supportive of the idea of expanding the school, Provost said.

"For a number of years, the (Tech) medical school was the only one on the border," he said. "Being on an international border, it provides a unique education and benefits for students. The experience (one would receive from studying on a border city) is hard to get any other

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Freshmen don't turn out for elections

Web voting causes difficulties, bugs still to be worked out

By Pam Smith
Staff Writer

The results of the Freshman Council elections were announced Friday, despite some technical difficulties.

Voter-turnout for the election was lower than in years prior. This year, about 6.9 percent of the freshman student body voted in the election. Two hundred fifty-seven freshmen voted in this year's elections compared to 350 who voted last year. This decrease is despite the overall increase in the size of the freshman class.

The Freshman Council will include 26 representatives of the freshman class, one more than was anticipated because of a tie vote for the final position. Ryan Clay Moore and Jenna Klym both tied with 37 votes.

Kathryn Quilliam, election commission adviser, said these candidates were among 73 others competing for the positions in the Freshman Council. Of these 73, six were write-in candidates who could only receive votes by means of the paper ballot. None of these candidates won positions on the council.

"One person was formally declared a write-in candidate," Quilliam said.

"We had four or five who were ac-

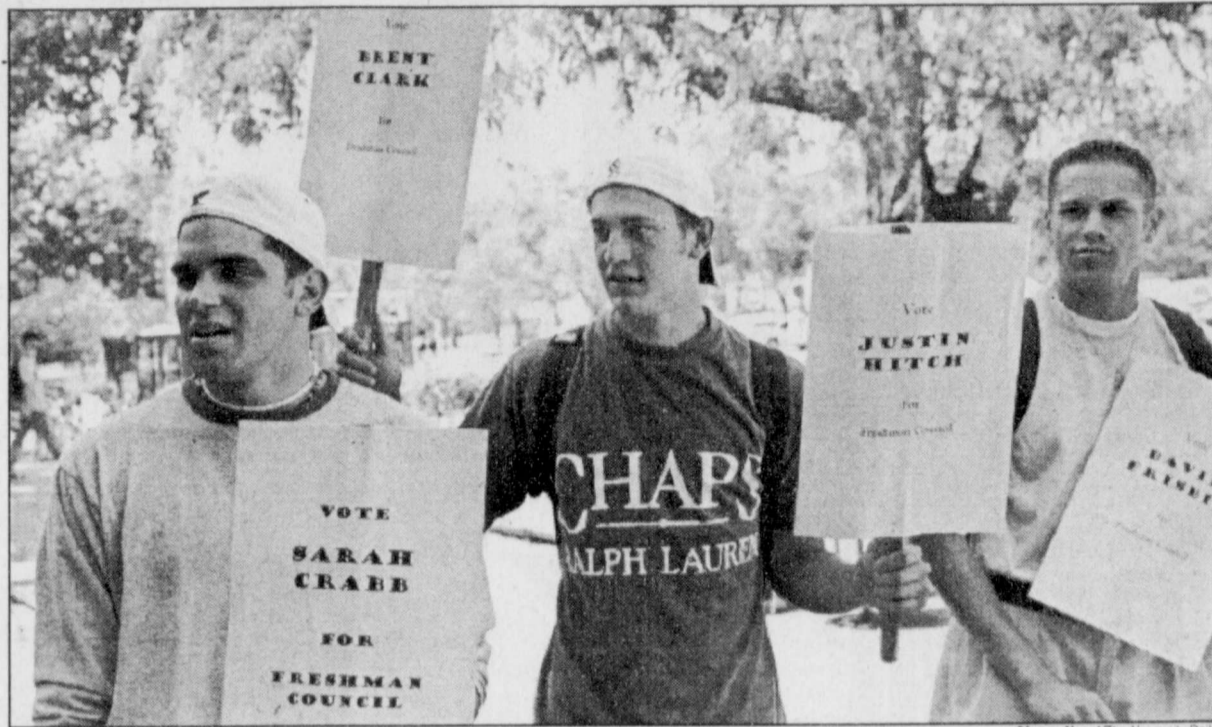
tually write-in candidates." This election also was the first election held by the Student Government Association, that operated under their new election system of incorporating both Web voting and paper voting in an attempt to make the polls more accessible to students.

Despite some technical difficulties with Internet connections and the availability of computers, Brenda Schumann, SGA internal vice-president, said the election went well. She said one of the features, a new program that integrated the votes from both the paper and Web voting booths, did so without any problems.

"The program blended the two together very well," Schumann said.

Quilliam said the SGA did have a few technical problems in other areas. Three residence halls, Stangel/Murdough, Chitwood/Weymouth and Gordon/Bledsoe, were originally planned to have Web voting booths but were equipped with paper ballots because of problems with Internet connections.

The availability of computers also became an issue for the remaining Web voting booths. Quilliam said several of the computers were borrowed from the SGA office, the University Center and



Brent Bartholomew, a sophomore accounting and finance major from Austin; Justin Rado, a freshman business major from Plano; and Michael Fernandez, a sophomore international business major from Plano, show support for the Freshmen Council candidates with their signs outside the University Center on Friday.

from home.

"We borrowed them from everywhere," she said. "We used Brenda's (Schumann) home and office computers, other computers from the SGA offices and we borrowed a laptop from the UC."

Schumann said the SGA did not have to worry about these types of issues in future elections because

most are held in academic buildings, which are already equipped with Internet connections and often have their own computer labs.

"Since they will be in academic areas, it will be a lot easier," she said.

Member of the 2000-2001 Freshman Council include: Megan Brock, Katy Sellers, Alisha Kensing, Amanda Fritz, Heidi Nagy, Sarah

McMahon, Vincent Pezzulli, Callie Gussett, Brent Clark, David Frisbie, Phil Hammond, Preston J. Browder, Sarah Crabb, Justin Hitch, Heather Pinkerton, Chelsey Stephens, Tanya Martin, Dori Berkey, Christy Morgan, Michelle Hodnett, Jacque Steinmetz, Jessica Price, Katy Johnson, Ryan Clay Moore, Jenna Klym and Clayton Isom.

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to help raise money for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Foundation. The foundation was formed in 1982 by Nancy Brinker to honor her sister, Su-

san G. Komen, who died from breast cancer at 36.

The largest group who participated in the race was Zeta Tau Alpha with over 170 members present. The organization is the largest non-corporate sponsor of the Susan G. Komen foundation

Lindsay Lineweaver, a senior political science major from Bedford and president of Zeta Tau Alpha, said the organization has become a huge supporter of the foundation because Susan G. Komen was a member herself. Lineweaver said breast cancer awareness is their sorority's philanthropy. She said the disease is all too familiar—her aunt is presently fighting the disease.

"A race like this one hits very close to home—Zeta takes advantage of every opportunity to help the Komen Foundation and breast cancer awareness," Lineweaver said.

Zeta Tau Alpha donated more than \$4,000 last year and have exceeded the sum this year.

Amanda Fenn, a senior accounting major from San Antonio and Zeta Tau Alpha member, said this is the fourth time she has participated in the race and plans to make it a yearly ritual after moving to San Antonio.

"I plan to totally take it up in San Antonio after I graduate in December," she said.

Zeta Tau Alpha helps in raising breast cancer awareness during the month of April when they hold their "Don't be a Fool" service project. The members pass out shower cards with breast cancer information at all local grocery stores to customers.

"I think, if younger people were made more aware of the risks of breast cancer or even just prevention, they would take it more seriously," Lara Latimer, a sophomore business and exercise and sports science major from Lubbock and Zeta Tau Alpha member, said. "Even if people throw the cards away, it gets on their minds."

Cancer victims and survivors were not the only participants in the race. Friends and family members were a huge part of the event and showed their support for the cause.

George Bond, major hometown class and Phi Gamma Delta member, volunteered to help out at the race. He and many other members helped race participants write the names of their family and friends, who have been

faced with or have died from the disease, on pink signs. The signs were then worn on the backs of racers in support of the cancer-fighters. He said two of his mother's friends are among those who have faced the disease.

"I didn't realize it was this big of a problem," he said. "It feels good to know this many people came out to help fight it."

The closing ceremony after the races ended was an emotional event, especially for those who have fought the disease. Breast cancer survivors wore pink T-shirts and hats. Each survivor was given a pink rose for each year they battled bravely for their lives at the ceremony while the song, "Hero," by Mariah Carey, was sung by the King Family Singers.

Lubbock is one of 107 cities to host the Susan G. Komen Foundation Race for the Cure. Seventy-five percent of the proceeds earned at the annual event stay in the Hub City to help raise awareness and support and provide screenings and education.

VACCINE

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Tech will not receive its order of vaccines until the end of November.

"It will be shipped Nov. 27, and it typically takes a couple of days to get here," Bixler said. "(Student Health) will start offering vaccines Dec. 1."

Bixler said while the vaccines will be coming in late, students will still want to receive a flu vaccine. "Even if a student gets a vaccine late, it will still help them," she said.

Many clinics in Lubbock will be offering vaccinations starting in late October or November, Bixler said. But those clinics focus mainly on the high-risk patients.

Bixler said the vaccine will cost \$7 and will be offered on a first come, first serve basis.

"There is a limited number of inoculations," Bixler said.

"In previous years, we were able to reorder, but we may not be able to this year."

A flu vaccine is typically made up of the several different strains that



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are predicted to be prevalent during that year's flu season, according to the CDC's Web site.

One of the new strains has not grown as well as those used last year, which has caused both the shortage and delay.

For more information on the flu vaccine, call Student Health Services at 743-2636.

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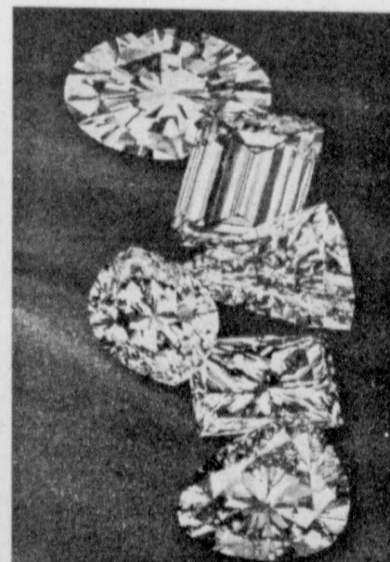
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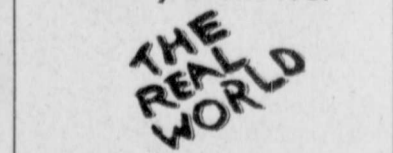
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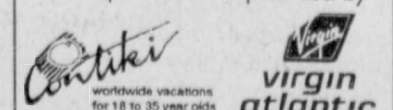
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Mejia said SAE donates a dollar per ticket sold to the MDA.

About 45 teams took part in the chili tasting competition.

Kappa Kappa Gamma won the sorority division, and SAE will be donating \$500 to the Children's Miracle Network in their name.

Rayme Vigil won \$400 for having the best tasting chili in the local competition division.

Robert Eversburg, a senior international business major from San Antonio, who was in charge of the judging, said judges tasted the chili from numbered bowls so they would not know which team it came from.

Eversburg said he did not taste any of the chili himself.

"There was no chili eating for me," he said. "I didn't want to take part in the tasting so I could remain impartial."

Eversburg said each of the judges scored the chili on a one to 10 scale, and he tallied all the scores to find the winners.

"It was a tight competition this year," he said. "I'd say 50 percent of the groups were within four or five points of the winner."

Though the gates opened at 5 a.m., the true festivities did not start until 9 a.m. when the band West 84 took the stage.

West 84 was replaced by the psychedelic groove of Larry, who opened for Robert Earl Keen.

Noel Hoffman, a senior business major from San Angelo, said this was his first Chili Cook-Off at Tech since he transferred from Texas A&M for the fall semester.

"I've been impressed so far," he said. "They put on a good show here."

Hoffman wouldn't comment on how well the cook-off compared to those at A&M but said he was only looking for a good time.

"I'm just out here to drink a lot of beer, listen to some good music and meet people," he said.

Rain relieves water ban in some cities

AUSTIN (AP) — A blast of fall weather and some timely doses of rain have prompted some Texas cities to lift mandatory water rationing that were in effect during Texas' cruel summer. Other cities meanwhile say they will wait for autumn to get a better hold.

Austin became the latest and largest city to scale back water restrictions after a series of cold fronts earlier this month have placed the city on pace to be the wettest it's been since June.

Waves of cold fronts sweeping through the region have given Austin 1.34 inches this month and a cold front sweeping southward is expected to give the city more rainfall Sunday, said Rob Blaha, a weather service meteorologist in New Braunfels.

That's expected to give the city a shot at passing the 5.27 inches that fell in the city during June.

"We feel safe," Austin spokeswoman Lisa Rhodes told the Austin American-Statesman. "I think there will be lots of people happy."

Austin implemented mandatory watering restrictions in July for the first time since 1986 and scaled them back Friday. In the past two months, authorities issued 72 citations for violations, a Class C misdemeanor that carries a maximum fine of \$2,000.

The Edwards Aquifer Authority, which supplies water to San Antonio, also cited cooler weather and rain for its decision Thursday to allow customers to begin using sprinklers again. The 1.56 inches of rain that have fallen this month has given

San Antonio its wettest month since 7.61 inches fell in June.

Austin is now about 2 1/2 inches behind normal at 20.69 inches this year, while San Antonio is almost four inches below normal with 18.99 inches.

In the first six months of the year, Central Texas was on pace to be wetter than normal. By June, Austin had 17.32 inches, one half inch above normal, and San Antonio had 16.93 inches, 1.36 inches above normal. But rainfall dwindled in July and August.

"Right at the time of year we get the highest evaporation we didn't get any rain," Blaha said.

Despite the most plentiful rainfall in months, other Central Texas cities are sticking with mandatory restrictions.

"It's going to take more rainfall and continued conservation on the regional level to see this aquifer come back up," said San Marcos spokeswoman Melissa Millicam. "A little rain in the recharge zone can do a world of good."

The cities of Blanco and Pflugerville also remain under mandatory water restrictions and have no plans to scale back.

San Antonio remains under Stage II restrictions, meaning people can sprinkle their lawns on one designated day a week between 3 and 8 a.m. as well as 8 and 10 p.m., and can hand water on any day of the week between those hours.

Stage II restrictions, which were triggered when the aquifer level fell to 650 feet, won't be lifted in San Antonio for a return to more lenient

Stage I restrictions unless the aquifer level stays above 650 feet for 30 days, according to a city ordinance. The aquifer was at 642.5 feet Friday.

Officials in other Central Texas cities, including Round Rock, Leander, Cedar Park and Georgetown, say they will remain under voluntary rationing.

Round Rock's voluntary conservation will expire at the end of the month.

The city set a record in July of 29.84 million gallons per day but avoided mandatory restrictions by adding capacity to its water treatment plant.

Georgetown's voluntary measures will remain in effect indefinitely, water services manager William Adams said.

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for basic car problems, Crouch said, the department would help students with major complications to get appropriate assistance.

"If a student has serious car trouble and we can't help them, the program will help get the proper expert out there to help them out," he said.

The program was established earlier this year after the Traffic and Parking department decided act on all the calls they had received to perform these basic functions.

Many departments contribute to the program including the Physical Plant and the Texas Tech University Police Department. Crouch said the program utilizes the departments' existing resources and services to make the program work. Prior to the creation of the Motorist Assistance Program, both the plant and the police department rendered these ser-

vices. He said Traffic and Parking just brought the services together and gave it a name and phone number.

Earlier this year, Traffic and Parking handed out bookmarks with their parking permits, to inform students of the new program. Crouch said word about the program quickly spread around campus.

Amanda Ward, a clerical specialist in the Traffic and Parking department, said there has been a good response to the program thus far.

"Since the program is so new, it will be a month or two before we are able to tell exactly how successful it has been," she said.

Crouch said the service is provided free for all students with parking permits. However, students are limited to three uses of the service. After the third use, students will be charged \$25 for a boost or unlock and/or \$12.50 for a gallon of gas or a can of fix-a-flat.

The service is available for use from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. To use the service students can call 742-MAPP.

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place in the country."

If the Legislature approves the funding of the medical school, Provost said some things in the program have to change. Students will no longer have the opportunity to complete the four-year program in El Paso after beginning in Lubbock.

"If it is a full four-year program, the classes will be filled," he said. "But we will always serve residents in El Paso."

The school will have 400 students, 100 per year.

The Legislature convenes in January, and during its session, Tech officials will hear the answer to the proposed medical school.

"It's possible the Legislature could support the concept of the school and not give financial support," Provost said. "There are too many variables to be definite about it (at this point)."

It is possible the process of funding, building and accrediting the school could take up to 10 years, Provost said.

"It could be accelerated if the legislatures and others felt so inclined," he said. "But, we would have to have the finances required to recruit new faculty and go through the accreditation process."

Tech Board of Regents Chairman Jim Sowell also said the El Paso area is a logical choice for a second medical school. "El Paso deserves (the 'medical school)," he said. "It's a booming, growing area there, and we're going to do everything we can to make the school a reality."

Sowell said the discussion of the medical school has spanned over the past two years and has become an important project for Tech.

"The El Paso medical school is something that is very important to us," he said. "It's something we are going to work on, something we look forward to making a reality."

Texas employment turnover statistics

EL PASO (AP) — Weldon Jarratt has road building in his blood, and he is warning Texas drivers to expect a bumpy ride ahead.

Jarratt, a former Texas Department of Transportation employee, is one of a growing number of people who have left state employment for higher wages and the promise of upward mobility in the private sector.

"To be promoted any further, somebody had to die or retire," Jarratt said of his former job.

Raises weren't a sure thing, either. "It was strictly up to whether the Legislature gave us any raises," he said, "and the Legislature has not been too favorable to the state in the past 15 years."

State employees repair roads, guard prison inmates, administer welfare and maintain computer systems. They oversee agricultural programs, fight wildfires and patrol the state's highways.

◆ POLICE BLOTTER

The police blotter is compiled from reports of the Texas Tech University Police Department.

Thursday, Sept. 14

■ An officer investigated criminal mischief in the C1-S parking lot. The door to a vehicle had been kicked repeatedly.

Friday, Sept. 15

■ A non-student was arrested for theft of two wallets and \$40 cash from 163 Administration building. A student and a faculty member detained the non-student before police arrived to make the arrest.

■ A student fell from her bike and hit her head at the intersection of Red Raider Avenue and Drive of Champions. She refused treatment from

EMS at the scene.

■ An officer investigated criminal mischief in the basement of the library. Someone had poured liquid paper on the walls, carpet and a desk.

Saturday, Sept. 16

■ An officer investigated the theft of a one-way sign from the intersection of 15th Street and Flint Avenue.

■ An officer documented information concerning someone who had fallen through a rusted manhole

cover under section 117 of Jones SBC Stadium.

Sunday, Sept. 17

■ An officer investigated disorderly conduct in 29 Mass Communications building. A male student made unwanted sexual advances, using profane language, toward a female student.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

■ A student riding a bicycle in the 3000 block of 18th Street collided

with a student who was walking in that same block. Both students received injuries from the accident and were taken to UMC ER.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

■ An officer responded to a 9-1-1 medical call in 105 Human Sciences building. A female student was dizzy from not eating and fell from a stool.

■ An officer responded to a fire, which occurred on the southeast side of the Human Sciences building. A

tree and grass had caught on fire and was extinguished by the Lubbock Fire Department.

Thursday, Sept. 21

■ An officer documented an incident in which a Citibus brushed against a student in a crosswalk at the Drive of Champions and Red Raider Avenue. A student who was riding his bike in the 1800 block of Akron Avenue struck the curb causing the front tire of the bicycle to come off.

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Column

Peace only dominates during Olympic years

With the political season in full swing and the candidates gearing up for their final showdown in November, I thought it would be nice for a change of pace.

Although I can't say I haven't participated in it, there have been numerous columns written in endorsing plans by Gov. George W. Bush or Vice President Al Gore.

Frankly, I'm getting tired of it all. A pro-Bush column isn't going to convince a Gore supporter to change his mind and vice versa. Who cares if Bush can't pronounce "subliminal" or thinks Broadway is



Greg Okuhara

with already. Right now, I'd rather focus on another event the whole world has their eyes on. The 27th Olympiad. Now here is where the real story is.

The world focuses its attention to the athletes in Sydney. While politics draws lines between countrymen, the Olympics help to erase them. For 17 days, the world is unified in the name of sport. For the most part, world politics are put aside and countries collectively cheer for their athletes.

Much can be learned from the games and their athletes - stories of improbability, inspiration and heartbreak.

One of the most lasting images of the games so far is that of Eric Moussambani from Equatorial Guinea. For those of you who are not familiar with Moussambani's story, here's a quick recap.

Nine months ago, he learned to swim in an alligator-infested river in his home country on the West Coast of Africa. He received a wild card exemption to the games by the International Olympic Committee to help foster sports in developing nations. In a race that probably meant nothing to most of the crowd in attendance and had no bearing on the race for the medals, Moussambani and two other swimmers took to the block. The other two swimmers had false starts. That left Moussambani to swim the 100-meter race by himself before what was left of the 17,000 who packed Sydney's Aquatic Center.

From the onset of the race, it was clear Moussambani's skills were nowhere near the Olympic elite. Nowhere near collegiate skill levels. Not even high school. It took him about twice as long to finish the race as it takes world-record holder Ian Thorpe.

It was clear that Moussambani was struggling just to keep his head above water. The Australian crowd, which follows swimming as closely as West Texans follow football, could have easily have laughed at him. Yet they cheered him on as if he were one of their own. The entire crowd was on their feet, spurring on the swimmer like he was in contention for the gold medal.

Moussambani said, after the race, that he was so tired after the first 50-meters that he wanted to quit, but the noise from the crowd kept him going.

Another Olympic moment came during the women's rowing pairs final. American Missy Ryan took to the water after she donated a kidney to her brother to save his life. The procedure took place not long after her silver medal performance at the 1996 games in Atlanta. Sure, her career in rowing was probably in jeopardy, but the more important thing was to ensure her brother would live to see her compete in the next Olympics. Then, on Friday, Ryan and her partner took the bronze

medal. Just goes to show that the race is not always for the gold medal.

Although it's great that an event such as the Olympics brings the world together for a little more than two weeks,

it's a shame this kind of sportsmanship and goodwill among countries only lasts during the games.

Even the commercials during the Olympics center around the hopes, dreams and compassion displayed during the games.

Will the Olympics solve all diplomatic problems facing the world today?

Probably not. But at the risk of becoming too optimistic, they do provide a little spark toward solutions.

So, if you skip class to watch the finals of women's synchronized diving, remember that there is a deeper meaning to the competition.

And hats off to the Australians for not making the Olympic torch not look like an order of McDonald's french fries.

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Column

Quality over quantity

It's more about what you do, than how long it takes to do it

By the time you get to the ripe old age of 22, you have come to realize three very important, infallible truths. One is that you only really call your parents when you need money, and they really only call you when it has been awhile since



Brandon Formby

you've needed money, and they miss the sound of your voice. Two is that each year, the freshman class seems younger and hotter than the one before, and

the generation gap continuously grows each fall. And the third, and most important thing you have come to hold true is that you should have graduated by now. It seems that everyone I graduated from high school with, in the pre-Internet registration, Backstreet Boys, Monica Lewinsky year of 1996, is off enjoying their new post-college lives. They're buying engagement rings and getting their 401K plans lined up. They're thinking about mergers and money market accounts and buying houses and updating their resumes. Me? Oh, I'm still struggling through the second year of college French, sporadically thinking about my degree plan, though I know I still have 34.5 semesters before it has to be filed.

Maybe things would be better if I didn't know that this, my fifth year of college, wasn't going to

be my last. Everyone from friends to relatives to former teachers always greet me with the same question, "You're almost done, aren't you?" I answer with reluctant, slurred "no's" and fumbled explanations of why I've been in school since Carter was president but still have no degree to show for it.

"I'm double majoring in biochemical engineering psychology and pre-law tax accounting exemptions," I'll sometimes spout.

"Well, I took two years off in the middle somewhere to go to fight for peace in Hadagonsia and restore prosperity and basic, human rights for the poor children over there," I'll brag.

"I haven't been able to take more than six hours a semester because, in my spare time, I've been helping one of my professors research American issues and lobby for a bill that will end hunger, prevent violence in high school and rid the country of taxes all together," I'll proclaim.

But still, there's this small voice deep down inside of me that keeps on saying, "You're such a damn loser! When the hell are you going to get it together! You're like, what, 83? Get with the program!"

Believe it or not, though, there are some real perks to taking more than half a decade to get your undergraduate degree. When your people refer to John Hinkley, the Challenger, Tootie and the Rubix cube, you know exactly what they're talking about. Each semester, your professors become less like intimidating, intelligent lecturers and more like normal people because, let's face it, you used to sit at the same lunch table with them in junior high. When it comes time to register, you get to go first, and

you really appreciate the whole online thing because you know what it was like to stand in line at the University Center. When your pop quiz has the bonus question, "Who was Texas Tech's chancellor before John Montford," you know it is a trick question.

Of course, the various downsides include being served at the bar by people who were born when you were, like, a sophomore in high school, hanging out at Chili Cook-Off with the younger siblings of people you dated in seventh grade, and having to sit through your younger brother's college graduation when you've still yet to declare a major.

They say that college is the best four years of your life. So if you stretch it out, does it become the best 11 years of your life? And why are people so worried about when I'm graduating? They're not paying for it. Who knows, maybe it's all my fault. If I'd stop overloading my class schedule with nine, maybe I wouldn't keep failing at least two classes a semester. You see, everyone's at their own pace, so don't frown upon people who are older than your parents, but have been here since they were your age. Now you know our side of things. And if you're as old as I am, you remember that knowing is half the battle.

Brandon Formby is a platinum, super-duper ultra senior journalism major from Plano. He really wrote this column not about himself but about his favorite editor, although he is tending to follow in the latter's footsteps.

Out of the Past

From the Sept. 25, 1930, issue of the Toreador:

■ 175 faculty members at Texas Technological College attended a reception at President and Mrs. Horn's campus residence. Mrs. Carl Scoggin sang. Mrs. Nat Edmonson was declared the official faculty bride and Charles Ralph Galbraith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Galbraith, was born Sept. 9 and was declared the official faculty baby.

■ Grady Washburn, a pre-med student from Graham, has returned after spending the summer in his hometown. During the summer, Grady was a night clerk at the Dolman House in Graham.

■ Among the first social events of the year was a bridge party given by the Las Vivarachas club Saturday afternoon. The party was held in the home of Miss Genevieve Deckert.

From the Sept. 23, 1950, issue of the Toreador:

■ Elizabeth Schovajsa and Jo Simmons were named student association secretary and head coed cheerleader, respectively, at a called meeting of the student council Thursday night.

■ Nine buildings were under construction and improvements on the gym were being planned. The Administration building wings are nearest completion, and the new engineering building was expected to be completed Sept. 1, 1950.

■ The current war situation was believed to be the cause of the 494-student drop in 1950's enrollment. This fall's total is 5,370, while 1949 was 5,844.

■ Leroy Adams, 24, a Negro employee at Texas Tech was charged with assault with intent to kill late Wednesday, Bill Tucker, assistant district attorney said. Adams was charged with shooting James Moss, 30, another Negro, in the kitchen of Women's Dormitory III about noon Wednesday.

From the Sept. 25, 1970, issue of The University Daily:

■ A \$20,000 mix-up in the 1970 student service fee resulted in \$10,000 cut in The University Daily fund, a \$6,000 cut in the band and a \$2,000 cut in the Student Senate funds.

■ The Texas Tech Board of Regents met to consider bids on \$5 million in bonds to finance construction.

■ Richard Lee Echols, a senior mechanized agriculture student from Dublin, has been selected as the Aggie of the month for September by the Student Agriculture Council.

From the Sept. 25, 1980, issue of The University Daily:

■ The Saddle Tramps conducted a ticket draw for upcoming Dad's Day Tech-Baylor game.

■ Layne Walker, a former New Mexico back of the year, has left the Southern Methodist University football team and transferred to Tech, but the quarterback is undecided about playing football at Tech.

From the Sept. 25, 1990, issue of The University Daily:

■ Byron Grandy from KAMC will emcee the presentation of the 18 homecoming queen candidates at noon in the University Center Court-yard.

■ Donald Barnes, the man whose rejection of animal cruelty in research was the basis for the movie "Project X," will speak at 8:15 p.m. tonight in 107 Chemistry.

From the Sept. 25 1999, issue of The University Daily:

■ More than 3,000 people attended the 24th annual Sigma Alpha Epsilon Chili Cook-off at Buffalo Springs Lake. The Luke Olson Band and David Alan Coe entertained the crowd.

■ The Texas Tech School of Law discussed adding a distance learning program to its curriculum.

■ Texas Tech volleyball lost its opening Big 12 Conference match to Nebraska.

Out of the Past is a column that highlights past articles and advertising from the Toreador and The University Daily. Wording is retained to reflect the issues of the period.

Letters to the Editor

Reform needed

To the editor: It's pretty hard to get excited about this year's presidential race, or any of the Congressional races. While some legitimate issues are raised by the candidates, there still seems to be a sense of "detachment from reality" in this campaign, and it has been there from the start of the primaries. It has seemed, all along, that the candidates have been preoccupied by raising money in Washington, New York and California, and that raising money is the top priority, while we, the voters, are an afterthought. Most people don't understand how badly campaign finance reform is needed. Those fat cats who are lined up to pour money into the coffers of the presidential campaigns aren't doing it out of conviction or love of country. No, many of them are doing it to avoid conviction.

What it boils down to is that people who want things from government officials that are in our best interest don't need to write out big checks to campaigns. The strength of their argument for the common good would do the trick. No, big campaign contributors expect something for their "investment." In order for anyone to raise the money necessary to run for president, the Senate or Congress, they must be willing to turn their backs to the excesses of their financial backers. Big polluters, organizations looking for unfair tax breaks, corrupt labor unions and even foreign powers looking to steal technology love that they can buy anything they desire for the right price. We lose because our needs get put on the back burner. No one is making a huge campaign contribution to make sure the homeless are fed, health facilities are properly funded or that federal financial aid is increased, so these needs are neglected. If you don't feel like any of the candidates care about you, you're probably right. Money is the name of the game

and until we, as a nation, get serious about campaign finance reform, it is a game that we will lose every time.

William Mattiford
senior
management

Cycle friendly

To the editor: Is it really safe to walk the sidewalks of Tech? Lately, I have been noticing that people who transport themselves on campus via bike, have a tendency of nearly running people over. I feel that they should show pedestrians respect! They shouldn't be riding their bikes on the sidewalk in the first place. So, to all those bicycle riders out there, please slow down and show some generosity.

Alicia Dotsey
sophomore
business management

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The University Daily



'Almost Famous'

Fans leave fair wanting 'more'

Nashville's 'biggest' new artist gives traditional country music new flare with unique style, dominating stage presence

By Leslie Follmar
Staff Writer

A stampede of Rocky Mountain jeans scooted their way into the Fair Park Coliseum Saturday night hoping to catch the eye of country singer Trace Adkins.

A disappointingly small crowd turned up for the second night of the annual South Plains Fair.

The crowd cheered on the towering 6-foot 6, 250-pound country singer who would make any cowboy shake in their boots.

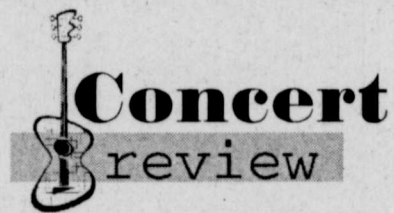
Decked out in a bright turquoise shirt and black cowboy hat, Adkins didn't have to try very hard to swoon the middle-aged ladies in attendance.

The country music star gave the West Texas fair a night of great entertainment.

Simple country songs like "Girl in

Texas" proved that the new millennium hadn't disturbed the deep roots of country music.

Adkins, who had his set of stereotypical country songs such as "Big Time" and "Lonely Won't Leave Me Alone," was still able to give a remarkable performance.



Adkins' band would have reason enough to attend the show. The seven-man band and Adkins came together to create a sound enhanced by amazing solos performed by the band's violinist and lead guitarist.

Shouts from the crowd of, "tuck in your shirt!" gave everyone a smile on their faces.

The females in the audience were enthused when Adkins started to do a little "boot-scootin'" on stage.

Screams and hollers echoed over Adkins' voice, similar to that of a 16-year-old girl at an N'SYNC concert.

Adkins played songs from all three of his CDs. One favorite off his new CD, *More...*, was "All Hat, No Cattle," which talks about a young man who dresses the part of a cowboy, but in no way would be able to make it a day where there is actually livestock.

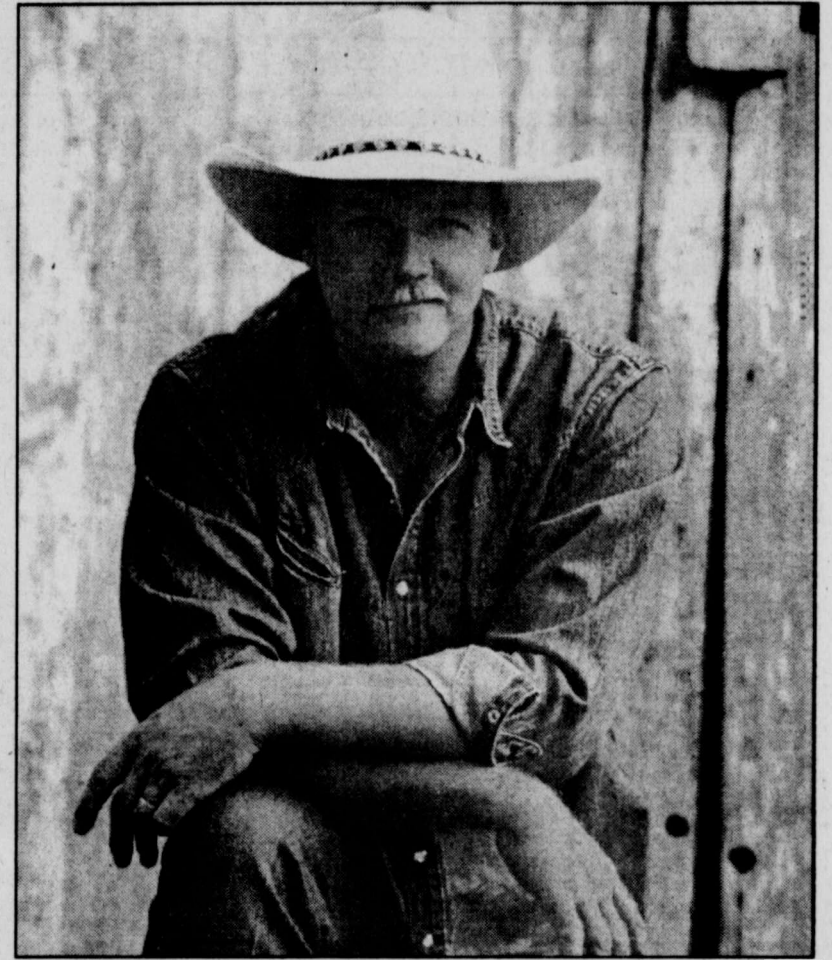
Trace relates this song more to himself than to the average wannabe kicker.

The South Plains Fair will usher in many concerts this week, including Lonestar, which will perform tonight.

Audio Adrenaline, La Tropa F and Ty Herndon also will be making appearances. Dwight Yoakam will be the closing act for this year's fair Sept. 30.

Who's up next

Lonestar	Sept. 25
Audio Adrenaline	Sept. 26
La Tropa F	Sept. 27
Ty Herndon	Sept. 29
Dwight Yoakam	Sept. 30



Courtesy Photo: Trace Adkins

Complicated plot line downs 'Almost Famous'

By Cory Chandler
Staff Writer

This movie has a few good scenes in it, but finding them takes a lot of patience.

The storyline of "Almost Famous" takes a good half-hour to develop and the plot seems to be written around the soundtrack, which is the saving grace of the film.

At first I thought I had paid \$7 to see an extended version of VHI's "Behind the Music."

Far from being the lighthearted comedy it is advertised to be, "Almost Famous" lingers in a limbo somewhere between being a drama and a documentary with a few quality humor scenes thrown in to wake the audience back up again.

Patrick Fugit plays a 15-year-old reporter named William Miller who gets a

chance to write an article for *Rolling Stone* magazine.

William gets accepted and then adopted by a band named Stillwater and its groupies, even though he is about as stimulating as an animated cardboard.

Fugit tours with the band, trying to get an elusive interview with its guitarist and eventually falls in love with one

of the groupies. That is only a small portion of the movie though.

"Almost Famous" contains about five separate plot lines that fail to connect with each other. It seems to have a message but never manages to deliver it. There is a love triangle that never resolves itself and a family falling-out that fizzles as the movie reaches its conclusion.

Perhaps all of these inclusions come from the fact that Cameron Crowe, who wrote and directed the movie, based Fugit's character on his own life and rise to fame. But the complicated plot line slows the pace and crowds the movie with scenes that build viewers up for drama it never delivers.

Despite all this, I did find myself bond-

ing with the characters by the end of the movie. However, I mostly blame that on the inclusion of Led Zeppelin's song "Tangerine" in the closing sequence, which has the feel of a drug recovery scene.

Maybe I'm just bitter because I'm not writing articles for *Rolling Stone*, but I would suggest watching this movie on a VCR.



THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Tech gears up for homecoming

Homecoming 2000 is filled with numerous activities that have historically occurred during this weeklong event: banner contest, style show, pep rally and bonfire.

However, this year is especially exciting in that a number of additions have been planned. How appropriate, considering that the leadership of the University has changed; not only do we have a new president, but also a new head football coach. In keeping with our homecoming theme, New Visions-Timeless Traditions, the student-driven Homecoming Coordinating Committee, in collaboration with the Student Government Association, has added a homecoming king position for the first time in Texas Tech's homecoming history. The response has been extremely positive; a number of campus gentlemen have entered the competition. Students can get their first glimpse of the candidates at the king and queen style show at 8 p.m. Oct. 2 in the UC Allen Theatre. Fashion Board hosts this extravaganza, so be sure to pick up your tickets at the UC's ticket office and root for your favorite candidates.

On Tuesday of homecoming week, student organizations will have the chance to display their school spirit and their talent at the first annual karaoke contest slated for 7 p.m. in the UC Allen Theatre.

On that same day, a service-learning project will promote a blood drive, sponsored by United Blood Services, with satellite locations include the UC and the Stu-



Las Vegas band Epstein's Mother will be the featured artist Oct. 6 at the homecoming concert in the Urbanovsky Park Amphitheatre.

dent Recreational Center.

Also on Wednesday, the Student Alumni Board's homecoming cook-out is being combined with the Saddle Tramp's coaches' coffee. Feeding starts at 11 a.m. on the northwest corner of the UC. Don't miss a chance to visit with some of Tech's coaches.

On Thursday, Lubbock's local ice hockey team is sponsoring "Tech Night with the Cotton Kings." Although this was done last year, since this year's game is a preseason

game, a spirited, homecoming twist will be evident throughout the evening. For tickets, just stop by the Ex-Student Association at the Market Alumni Center to pick up a few discounted tickets for yourself and all your friends.

On Friday evening, students and the Lubbock community will be treated to a concert, rousing pep rally and bonfire. Although we still have not constructed our permanent bonfire site, it still should stimulate you to "get your guns up"

as well as thoroughly warm your outer garments.

Finally, on Saturday, three hours prior to kick-off in a tent adjacent to the Frazier Alumni Pavilion, many student leaders will be treated to the first annual Former Student Leader Reception. This program will provide a chance to rekindle old friendships as well as make new ones. By then, the entire campus and community-at-large will be ready to join in welcoming our team back home as they battle the Baylor Bears.

Q. What political satirist has 535 writers?

A. Mark Russell has 100 in the Senate and 435 in the House.



UC Briefly

Double feature to be shown Friday

Do you and your significant other always argue about what movie to see? Ladies, does he demand bullets, explosions and car chases? Guys, does she crave romance and character development? Or is it the other way around? Don't argue about it! Just agree to disagree and come to the Girlfriend/Boyfriend Double Feature at 7 p.m. Friday. Texas Tech Student Activities Board presents "Notting Hill" and "Three Kings" in the University Center Allen Theatre.

"Notting Hill" envisions what it would be like for a man to be in a relationship with the world's most-wanted woman. This modern romantic comedy stars Julia Roberts and Hugh Grant. Rated PG-13.

"Three Kings" is set in the chaos immediately following the Gulf War and follows the adventures of three men who set out to steal gold and end up leading an oppressed people to freedom. Starring George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg and Ice Cube. Rated R.

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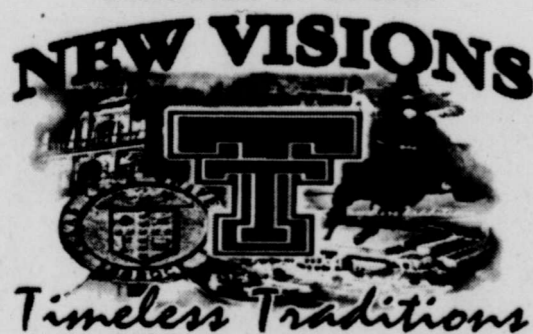
SAB to show 'Blair Witch Project'

Texas Tech Student Activities Board presents "The Blair Witch Project" at 8 p.m. Oct. 13 in the University Center Allen Theatre. The film tells the chilling tale of three film students who travel to the Burkittsville Woods in Maryland to investigate the legend of the Blair Witch and then mysteriously vanish. One year later, film footage from the trio is found that reveals their terrifying ordeal. A modern horror classic! Rated R. 80 minutes. For more information, please contact the Student Activities Board office at 742-3621.

Enhance your education — volunteer

Participate in this unique service-learning program that will enhance learning outside the classroom. Attend any of the three educational components that interest you, make a commitment to volunteer eight hours at a local agency relating to the issue and complete a reflective evaluation. This semester, Project Impact will focus on three different social issues: AIDS/HIV, Hunger and Domestic Violence. For more information and a list of dates, contact the Office of Campus Activities and Involvement at 742-3621 or stop by 210 UC.

Texas Tech Homecoming 2000 Schedule of Events



MONDAY, OCT. 2

6 p.m.: Banner Contest, UC Matador Room
8 p.m.: King and Queen Style Show, UC Allen Theatre

TUESDAY, OCT. 3

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Blood Drive, UC Ballroom
2 p.m. to 10 p.m.: Blood Drive, Rec Center
7 p.m.: Karaoke Contest, UC Allen Theatre

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4

Elections, TBA
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Blood Drive, UC Matador Room
2 p.m. to 10 p.m.: Blood Drive, Rec Center
11 a.m.: Student Alumni Board/Saddle Tramps cookout

and coaches' coffee, UC

7 p.m.: Tech volleyball against Oklahoma, United Spirit Arena

THURSDAY, OCT. 5

Elections, TBA
7 p.m.: Tech night with the Cotton Kings, Lubbock Municipal Coliseum

FRIDAY, OCT. 6

6 a.m.: Pep Rally, Broadway entrance at Tech seal
6:45 p.m.: Snake Dance through campus, starting location TBA
7:15 p.m.: Homecoming concert with Epstein, Urbanovsky

Park Amphitheatre, north of Chitwood/Weymouth at 18th Street and Flint Avenue

8:30 p.m.: Pep Rally, 18th Street and Flint Avenue.
9 p.m.: Bonfire, 18th Street and Flint Avenue

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

8 a.m.: Red Raider Road Race, Rec Center
10 a.m.: Homecoming parade, Broadway
2 p.m.: Greek for Life reunion, Greek Circle
3 p.m.: Former Student Leader Reception, Frazier Alumni Pavilion
6 p.m.: Tech-Baylor homecoming game with halftime presentation of Tech's 2000 homecoming king and queen

Project Impact

Domestic Violence Hunger

Would you like to volunteer your time at a local agency, as well as learn more about one of these issues?

Participate in Fall 2000 Project Impact

Attend any of the following information sessions?

- Hunger Focus Sept. 27 6:30pm UC Double T Room
- Domestic Violence Focus Sept. 28 6:30pm UC Red Raider Lounge

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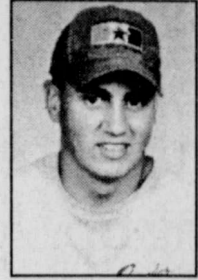
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Tech volleyball squad could win Big 12 title

First off, congratulations to the Texas Tech volleyball squad. In case you didn't know, the Red Raider volleyball team ended 23 years of futility Saturday in Austin, when it defeated the Texas Longhorns in four games, 15-8, 13-15, 15-11, 15-10.



Jeff Keller

The last time Tech volleyball picked up a win in Austin was Nov. 19, 1977.

The win for the squad was also its first win over Texas since they beat them in Lubbock in five games in 1992.

This year's squad is 13-1 and has taken out the likes of Kansas State and, now, Texas in their stellar start

this season. Coach Jeff Nelson has a solid group of athletes on this year's squad that is rich with experienced players.

Don't be surprised if the Red Raiders make a serious run at the Big 12 Conference title.

If they are going to earn the Big 12 title they will have to go through Nebraska.

By the way, Tech plays Nebraska Oct. 14 in the United Spirit Arena, the same day the Red Raider football squad takes on Nebraska at Jones SBC Stadium.

Both the Nebraska squads should be highly ranked nationally when they visit the Hub City.

What a weekend of sports that should be!

Well, you had to know that I was going to talk about it.

If you have ever read my column, you know what I am about to mention.

Before I say anything else, kudos to the 49ers for taking it to the Cowboys. That is, kudos to everyone except Terrell Owens.

I could not believe that Owens ran to the middle of the star after his first touchdown in San Francisco's, 41-24 victory.

I was cheering like crazy after Emmitt Smith returned the favor three plays later when he scored Dallas' lone touchdown of the first half.

All of that was fine, it was just good-natured trash talking between two long-time rivals.

But when Owens did it the second time when San Francisco put the icing on the cake in their blow out, repercussions had to be expected.

So, my second kudos of the contest goes to Dallas safety George Teague for taking the initiative to stalk Owens as he returned for a sec-

ond time to the star for an unneeded show of emotion and promptly level the showboat prone 49er receiver.

I know the refs in the game threw a flag on the last occasion on both Owens and Teague, but where were the refs the first time around when Owens and Smith did these mid-field celebrations?

There were no flags thrown. I think the refs in that particular contest were less than average.

Now, all of that aside, there is a question for the Cowboys, should Randall Cunningham be back in the line-up for the Cowboys at quarterback?

My answer, that I am sure Dave Campo will take into consideration when making the final decision, is just leave Aikman in there.

If I am not mistaken, Aikman was not the one who could not stop Charlie Garner from running up and down the field at will.

Aikman had an average game, and if the defense would have stepped it up like they did against the Redskins, maybe it would have been a closer game.

So, to all of the fans that booed Aikman when he ran onto the field after Dallas fell behind early, shame on you.

How quickly you forget what Aikman has done for the Cowboys.

Those fans proved my colleague Matt Muench right. I guess most Cowboy fans are fair-weathered.

I didn't want to believe it, but Sunday, those so-called "fans" that booed Aikman showed their true colors.

There is less than a week until the Red Raider football squad's biggest game of the season, thus far, a battle with Texas A&M at Kyle Field.

I will get a jump-start on predicting the outcome of this game.

all know what happened.

Tech was the last squad to defeat the Aggies at Kyle Field in 1996, and I will go out on a limb and say they will end the Aggies 21-game home-winning streak with a 21-10 victory.

I think the extra week of practice the Red Raiders got to prepare for this contest will prove to be the key in the contest.

The Red Raiders have had an extra week to rest injuries and look at film and practice to improve upon their weaker areas.

For these reasons, I feel the Red Raiders have the upper hand going into the contest. I wonder if A&M officials would get mad if the Tech fans stormed the field and tore down the Aggies' goal posts?

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Niners beat Dallas at Texas Stadium

IRVING (AP) — While safety George Teague defended the homefield pride, he couldn't change the overall frustration being felt by the Dallas Cowboys.

San Francisco defeated the Cowboys 41-24 Sunday, and receiver Terrell Owens rubbed it in by going to midfield after both of his touchdown catches to celebrate on the Cowboys' star logo. When Owens caught a 1-yard TD pass with 4:05 left to make it 41-17, he again took off toward midfield. This time, Teague followed Owens and leveled him as he went to kneel on the logo.

Teague was ejected, and the Cowboys (1-3) were left still dejected and with many questions.

"We're trying to find out what it is that needs to be done, over what trickery Troy Aikman said, 'The trick is trying to find out where to begin.'"

The artistry of previous meetings

when they met at midfield after the game. Both refused to elaborate on what was said then or to their players.

"I went to the star the first time because it was the right part of the game and I wanted to get a spark going in my team," Owens said. "It was a spur-of-the-moment thing. I guess I should have picked my time better (on the second one). I wanted to get back at Emmitt."

Just minutes before Teague was thrown out of the game, Dallas cornerback Darren Woodson was ejected. Woodson, upset that referees didn't call a penalty when 49ers center Jeremy Newberry stepped on his chest after the whistle, kicked the ball and then threw his helmet.

"You see a couple of guys that are frustrated and want to win. When they see things happen that shouldn't be happening, it's just frus-

trating," Dallas linebacker Joe Bowden said. "It's just frustrating. We're human and we react and respond in different ways."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said after the loss that he believes in what the Cowboys are trying to accomplish by returning to the offense in which Aikman had so much success in during the mid-1990s.

"I am disappointed and surprised by 1-3, but I'm not looking to make any dramatic personnel or philosophical changes," Jones said. "A win is not going to come easy. It is a series-by-series, quarter-by-quarter thing for us."

The Cowboys appeared headed in the right direction after an emotionally charged 27-21 victory at Washington on Monday night. But all that was accomplished by winning that game was wiped out by another humiliating loss at home.

Kansas State not earning respect with schedule

(AP)—Thrashing an unranked opponent by 45 points didn't earn Kansas State any respect.

The Wildcats dropped a spot to No. 5 in the Top 25 after beating 0-4 North Texas 55-10 Saturday. No. 1 Nebraska survived an early scare to beat 0-4 Iowa 42-13 as the Big 12 Conference's other two nationally-ranked teams climbed the chart a week before conference play begins. Texas jumped two spots to No. 13 after beating Houston 48-0, and Oklahoma moved up three

notches to No. 14 by beating Rice 42-14. In Saturday's other games involving Big 12 teams, Baylor (2-1) beat South Florida 28-13 in Waco; Kansas (2-1) shutout Southern Illinois 42-0 in Lawrence; and Southern Mississippi defeated Oklahoma State (2-1) 28-6 in Stillwater. Colorado, Iowa State, Missouri, Texas A&M and Texas Tech were idle. In Manhattan, Kan., quarterback Jonathan Beasley scored a school-record five touchdowns and completed 12 of 15 passes for 202 yards as the Wildcats

routed their third straight non-conference opponent. Last week, Kansas State (4-0) set a school scoring record with a 76-0 blowout over Ball State.

"Out of the box I thought we played very well," said Kansas State coach Bill Snyder. "We took up where we left off last week. But when we put some No. 2s in the ballgame, we weren't happy about some of that."

In an unchallenging non-conference schedule that included games

against Iowa and Louisiana Tech, the Wildcats outscored their opposition 212-20.

"You'd always like to be a little better in some things," Snyder said. "But as I look back, there were times that we were a little bit better. Are you ever ready for a conference schedule as tough as our conference is? I don't know."

Kansas State will find out at Colorado (0-3) next week. Nebraska appears poised for its conference opener against Missouri (1-2).

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10:00	Street Mr. Rogers	2000 Olympics	Pride 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
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Tech volleyball quiets Longhorns

Red Raiders pick up first win in Austin since 1977, improve to 2-1 in Big 12

■ The Raider volleyball squad improved to 13-1 with its win over the Longhorns.

By Matt Muench
 Staff Writer

The last time the Texas Tech volleyball team went to Austin to face Texas and came home with a win was Nov. 19, 1977.

None of the Tech players were even born when the Red Raiders last defeated the Longhorns away from Lubbock.

Twenty-two matches later, and many plane rides home with low emotion, the Red Raiders went into Gregory Gymnasium and beat the Longhorns (15-8, 13-15, 15-11, 15-10) Saturday.

It had also been eight years since the Red Raiders (13-1 overall, 2-1 Big 12) even notched a victory against Texas, having last beaten the Longhorns in Lubbock in 1992.

"It felt really great to go in there and beat them," said Tech coach Jeff Nelson, who was thrilled to get his first victory against the Longhorns. "I didn't realize how long it had been."

About 70 to 80 Tech alumni attended the match, and Nelson said the best thing about the victory was seeing the expressions on their faces after finally witnessing a victorious Tech team in the state capital.

"It was great to see the looks on the alumni's faces," Nelson said. "They were fired up the entire match, and they helped us get in and stay in the match."

In her fourth season as a Red Raider, senior co-captain Janelle Jones said Saturday's victory was an emotional one for her because it was the first time she had beaten the Longhorns (3-6 overall, 1-2 Big 12).

"It felt great, and it was nice to see Jeff (Nelson) so excited," said Jones, who was born 21 days after the last time the Raiders beat the Longhorns on the road. "It felt better that we took care of them in four games."

Jones also was happy to see that Tech now had beaten every team in the Big 12 since the conference was established in 1996.

"I really think they took us too lightly," said Jones, who had 10 kills and six block assists against the Longhorns. "I think midway through game one they looked at us and realized we are someone you just don't play with. We shocked them."

Tech came into the match having picked up an upset win against Kansas State last Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

The Raiders had more motivation to win after reading Friday's game preview in Texas' campus newspaper, *The Daily Texan*.

To close out the article, Longhorn outside hitter Jenny Tannenbergsaid, "We're more concerned with what we do. If we play our game, we will beat them. We've beaten them in the past, and we beat them pretty bad in spring league."

After reading the article, setter Skydra Orzen thought the comment was inappropriate.

"I think she thought it wasn't bad to say that," said Orzen, who had 60 assists in the match. "What it did was pump us up even more."

Outside hitter Colleen Smith said she was shocked at the comment because she thought the team played well against the Longhorns during the

spring. "She totally pumped us up," said Smith, who tallied 19 kills to lead all players. "I don't think they matched up with us well, and I think we have a lot more talent than they do."

Jones thought the statement was just part of the Longhorn's strategy.

"I thought she went overboard," Jones said. "But, that is just UT, and they are going to say things to try and take us out of our game."

The home of the Longhorns may be the most hostile place to play in the conference, and, with fans basically sitting on top of the players, Jones said, the one thing she did not want to see was the fans getting in the heads of the Raiders.

During Tech's only loss of the season at Baylor, Nelson and Jones both agreed that the Baylor fans were getting to them during the match.

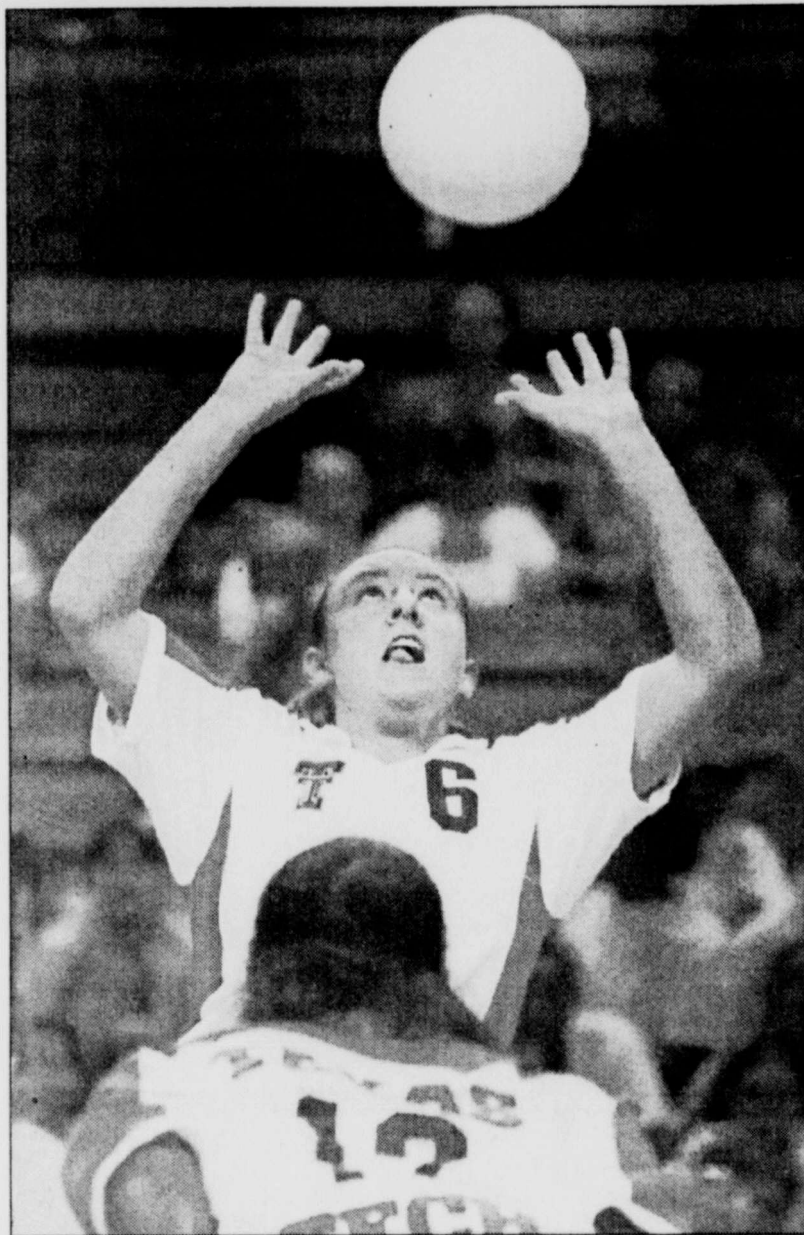
"The fans were obnoxious because they were basically on top of us," Jones said. "We couldn't let them wreck our game because that hurt us against Baylor."

After the match, Jones said she could tell the 1,500 Longhorn fans and the Texas players were pretty gloomy and surprised to see something that had not happened in more than two decades.

"We didn't rub it in, but we did celebrate," Jones said. "I could tell their fans were feeling it."

Following victories against the Longhorns and Wildcats, Nelson said, the momentum for the Tech squad is rising, and he hopes it continues to rise going into Tech's battle with Missouri at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena.

"It is going to be tough every match when we play in a conference like this," he said. "I told them they can celebrate till 1:30 (p.m.) on Monday as we start preparing for Missouri."



The Tech volleyball squad is off to a 13-1 start in the 2000 campaign. The Red Raiders will next face Missouri at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the United Spirit Arena.

Nelson burning up senior tour

DALLAS (AP) — Just call Larry Nelson "Senior Tiger."

He's dominating the PGA Senior Tour like Tiger Woods controls the junior circuit. The hottest player on the PGA Senior Tour the last six months, overcame a chilly Texas norther and light rain Sunday to shoot a 4-under-par 68 and earn the Bank One Seniors Championship by a stroke for his tour-best fifth victory of the year.

"I'm just hitting the right shots at the right time," said Nelson. "Today was my worst ball-striking in a month but I came up with some big putts when I needed them."

The statement sounded a lot like Woods explaining his dominance.

Nelson posted a 13-under-par 203 to take his third victory in the last four weeks. It was his 24th consecutive subpar round and the \$210,000 paycheck put him on top of the money list with \$2,271,555, his finest financial season ever.

"I would like to be the Player of the Year and I'll play in five or six more tournaments and we'll see what happens," Nelson said. "All I know is the IRS is sending me thank you notes every week. If I decide to take two weeks off I imagine they'll send me a note telling me to get well soon."

Club pro Bill Brask birdied the last hole for a 70 to finish second with a 204 total along with Jim Thorpe, who also shot a 2-under-par 70 as winds gusting to 25 mph in the 63-degree weather.

It was Nelson's 10th career Senior Tour win, tying Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Al Geiberger. He has finished second six times this year.

Nelson took the lead for good with a breaking 8-foot birdie putt on the par-5, 544-yard 16th and made two rock-solid pars on the tough last two holes. He called his 7-footer for par on the 180-yard par-3 No. 17 "my best putt of the week."

Defending champion Tom Watson, who shot a course record 62 to win here last year, put on a strong charge in the British Open type weather but fell just short with a 67 for a 205 and a tie with Gil Morgan, who shot a 73.

There was a 50-degree difference on the comfort index for the players. On Saturday the heat index was 102 degrees, but after an overnight norther swept through the Bent Tree Country club, the wind chill factor dipped to 50 degrees. The temperature hovered at 63 degrees with winds gusting to 25 mph, forcing the seniors to break out sweaters and wind-breakers. Dallas had gone 84 consecutive days without rain until the showers hit around midnight. Light rain fell throughout the day.

Freeman becoming hero at Olympic games

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — On the night before her life changed forever, Cathy Freeman ran.

Fast. Ran the way she had all her life, first as a schoolgirl, in bare feet over dry river beds, and now as an Olympian, before a stadium packed with her countrymen, the heavy burden of history draped squarely across her slender shoulders.

Faster than everybody else. On Sunday, Freeman did it in the semifinal of the 400 meters, a distance over which she hasn't been beaten in more than two years.

If she does it one more time in Monday's final, she will have outrun the kind of pressure no Olympian has overcome since Jesse Owens won four gold medals at the Berlin Games in 1936.

She is already the biggest star in her homeland — featured in a downtown billboard some 80 yards tall — about to become bigger still.

Freeman is an Aborigine, one of Australia's indigenous people, and at

the moment, its most visible one. Six years ago, after announcing her arrival on the world stage with a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games, Freeman took a victory lap carrying both the Australian flag and the aboriginal flag.

Neither her life nor the sporting life of her country has been quite the same since.

"People choose to symbolize me for whatever they need a symbol for," she said.

Nine days ago, wearing a shimmering silver body suit, Freeman walked across a shallow pool of water and dipped a torch into the cauldron to light the Olympic flame.

It was widely received as a gesture of reconciliation, but not everywhere.

Aboriginal activists, dozens of them huddled in a makeshift tent city some 20 miles outside Sydney in a bid to call attention to their peoples' plight, accused Freeman of selling out.

They accused the 27-year-old woman they once dubbed "Sister Girl" of becoming the smiling front for a

government that only granted voting and property rights to Aborigines some 30 years ago and still refuses to address poverty, crime and child-mortality rates considerably higher than those of the white majority.

Freeman knows those concerns only too well.

Two of her grandparents were forcibly taken from their families as part of the government's plan to resettle aboriginal children, a shameful period of Australian history from 1910 to 1970 that is still referred to as the "Stolen Generation."

Several months ago, Freeman publicly lashed out at suggestions by the government that the "Stolen Generation" was a myth.

And she has indicated that when her athletic career is finished, a second one in politics is a real possibility.

"The time will come when I can be more instrumental in politics and national affairs, but not now," she said in the run-up to the Olympics.

"I think I'm playing a big part just doing what I'm doing on the track."

And so she runs. This night it was in a cold, driving rain that seemed to fit her mood.

When her name was announced, an unsmiling Freeman raised both hands above her head and clapped briefly along with the crowd, then bounced in place, trying to loosen up. Finally, she settled into the starting blocks and with the sound of the gun, took off.

It is when she runs, with everything around her a blur of color and sound, that paradoxically, Freeman feels most at peace.

Each long, balanced stride ends with the heels of her shoes — in the native aboriginal colors of yellow, black and red — nearly touching her buttocks.

On Sunday, flashbulbs lighted her progress around the track like a new galaxy unfolding.

Raindrops bounced off her black hair and brown shoulders, a grim set to her lips.

When she breezed across the finish line ahead of Ana Guevara of

Mexico, there was no smile, only relief.

Without saying a word, Freeman continued walking quickly on through the tunnel, past waves of reporters without so much as a word.

This is the way she wants it, life parceled out a quarter-mile at a time with no flourishes, on her terms.

Marie-Jose Perec, the Frenchwoman who took gold to Freeman's silver in Atlanta and was expected to be her competition here, fled Australia a few days earlier, scared off by the spectacle.

She did so without knowing half of the pressure that Freeman feels, only that it was too much.

How Freeman copes is anyone's guess.

How she will react has a nation holding its breath.

A few days earlier, she dropped a final hint.

"As I grow older, I get stronger in my pride," she said.

"Who I am becomes really, really obvious."

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