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cal data concerning how the precinct voted in past elections," he said. "If something has changed since then, the model may not work."

Neeley said despite the recount, he believes the election will still turn out as originally projected. He said regardless of the outcome, the new president will probably encounter difficulty because of the closeness of the election.

"What I think is going to be difficult for the winner is getting the things they want done," he said. "This election shows that the country is divided, and there is no public mandate behind either one of them.'

Students who followed the election expressed opinions saying the close race for the presidency has definitely made the political process more interesting than in past years. They also said the fact the election has come down to one state provides commentary on the two candidates involved and the status of the country's political beliefs.

Charlie Goldston, a junior management in-

formation systems major from Keller, said he believes the election depicts how divided the country is about whom they want to be president

"This election says a lot about the way the United States is divided," he said. "It will be really hard for the president once he is selected."

Rebeca Cordova, a freshman dietetics major from El Paso, said the unpredictability of the election reflects that the country will be in good hands, regardless of who wins the election.

"I think the closeness of the election sends a message that both of them will be fine as president.'

Cassie Bigham, a freshman pre-med major from Amarillo, said the reason people voted the way they did was because they didn't want the other candidate in office.

"I don't think most people know who is the better candidate," she said. "I figured they voted for that person because they didn't want his opponent to win.

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prepared for an election this close," she said. "I don't think the media is overzealous, they are just trying to give the information the people want.'

Associate professor of mass communications Liz Watts said she attributes the miscalculation to the live broadcast coverage the event has received.

"They were live, so they had to provide something interesting for people to watch," she said. "I think they got too eager and broadcasted the returns to early.

Assistant professor of political science Grant Neeley said he believes the reason the networks predicted Gore to have won Florida was because the model they base their projections on was not equipped to handle a tight race.

"The networks base their projections on exit polls, they target key precincts based on histori-

Tech, HSC receive honors for donations to state employee charitable campaign

It will be announced Friday that Texas Tech and Texas Tech Health Sciences Center faculty and staff have met their goal of donating \$463,000 to the State Employee Charitable Campaign.

The Lubbock area goal for the campaign is \$530,000 with Tech contributing roughly 87 percent of the total.

The campaign began in September and had a target completion date of Oct. 31, but donations are still being accepted, said Ben Lock, executive assistant and chief of staff for the chancellor.

The State Employee Charitable Campaign runs in conjunction with the United Way Campaign.

A luncheon is scheduled for Friday at

the Lubbock Civic Center for the conclusion of both campaigns.

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Faculty and staff are able to chose from a list of charities for contribution. Donations can come from a one-time check or can be deducted from paychecks

Anyone from the main campus interested in donating should contact Ron Phillips at 742-2121. Those interested at the HSC should contact Jim Bob Jones at 743-2907. Anyone with the systems office who is interested in contributing should call Lock at 742-0012.

Tech and HSC faculty and staff were recognized for having highest giving among higher education institutions in the state.



Beth Cane, senior administrative advisor for international students, views the "Anne Frank and her place in the Holocaust" exhibit Wednesday afternoon. Today is the final day the exhibit will be on display International Cultural Center. The exhibit focuses on the mass killings of the Jewish community in Germany. The exhibit, designed by Michael Jones, associate dean in the College of Architecture, contains pictures of Holocaust victims and text describing the conditions forced upon millions of families during the period.

CALENDAR

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calendar is and how information can be added. The calendar is free for organizations to utilize

Brenda Schumann, internal vice president for the Student Government Association, said the calendar is a great way to share information to everyone on campus.

"I think it will help everyone on campus

know what is going on," said the senior agriculture communications major from Bellville. "The university is

taking great strides to make everyone aware of what is happening.

Schmidly promised students, faculty and staff when he took office Aug. 1 that he would strengthen communication on campus by establishing an electronic calendar system. The address for the calendar Web site is

www.calendar.ttu.edu.

TechNotes!

The Gay Lesbian Bisexual Student Association will meet at 8 p.m. today in the Lubbock Room of the University Center. Contact Cris Newsome at 749-2956 for more information

A roundtable presentation titled "TTU Community and Cultural Diversity" will be held from noon until 1 p.m. today in the Lubbock Room of the UC. Contact Suzanne

Tapp at 742-0133 for more information. Rowdy Raider Rally will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

Contact the SGA Office at 742-3631 for more information. Drowsy Driving Awareness Day is sched-

from the commuter lots adjacent to Jones SBC Stadium and Raider Alley (C1, C2, C5 and Dan Law Field lot) by 7 a.m. Saturday for this week's home football game. Vehicles parked in these lots not displaying a valid permit may be towed by the Athletics Department through an independent towing service at the violator's expense. During the weekend, you may park in the residence hall's lots . Please be aware that R14, across from Gordon Hall, also will be closed. These lots will be reopened after the football game.

ATTENTION COMMUTERS: Due to the Iones SBC Stadium renovation project. portion of the C1 parking lot will be closed until further notice beginning Nov. 13. Please allow additional time to find parking. Plenty of space should be available in the lots west of Indiana Avenue.

uled for 1 p.m. on in the UC Courtyard on Nov. 16. Contact Tim Wright at 788-1690 for more information.

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Virginia police continue searching process for stockbroker shooting suspect in Norfolk

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) - Police were searchingWednesday for a fired stockbroker accused of returning to the office and killing the manager who dismissed him.

Joseph Ludlam, 36, reportedly was fired a month ago from First Union Securities because of discrepancies in his accounts and aggressive trading practices. Police say he returned to the brokerage Tuesday morning and killed Timothy K. O'Shaughnessy, 40.

The search for Ludlam focused on southeastern Virginia because a witness saw him in Portsmouth as late as

Tuesday afternoon. "We don't have anything to indicate that he left the area," said Larry Hill, a spokesman for Norfolk police.

Police warned that Ludlam was armed and should be considered dangerous

Ludlam arrived at the office at about 8:30 a.m., encountered several employees and confronted O'Shaughnessy, witnesses told police. He told at least one other person in the office, "You'd better get out of here," shot his former boss, then fled, police said.

Ludlam ran to a nearby parking garage and fled in O'Shaughnessy's 1998 green Honda Accord, police said. The car was still missing Wednesday.



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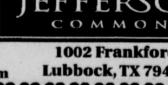
Саѕеу & Вобо Forever

Ever since Casey was a little tike growing up in Dallas, Bobo has always been by her side. They were as tight as a pair of Wranglers on a cowboy. When Casey moved to Lubbock to attend Texas Tech, Bobo was very sad. He thought that he would never get to lick her face to wake her up in the morning or growl at her boyfriend when he is being mean. Now Bobo is wagging his tail with joy because Casey moved to the best apartment complex in Lubbock: Jefferson Commons. At Jefferson Commons, all dogs 20lbs or less and at least 6 months old are welcome. Now Casey and Bobo are back together forever!

We've Got It All At **Jefferson Commons**







Tech grad undergoes life-changing experience

By Kellye Fondy **Contributing Writer**

Aug. 28 marked the beginning of a new life for Texas Tech graduate Michael Lackey. A tragic train accident severed three of his four limbs. Ironically, it occurred just 50 feet from his home in Roswell, N.M. Lackey is a graduate of Tech with a degree in finance.

Lackey's house is located outside of Roswell, adjacent to the railroad tracks. He was walking by the tracks very late at night and tripped and was knocked unconscious. Unfortunately, when he fell, he landed directly on the tracks. He was on the tracks for an undetermined amount of time. Since Lackey was unconscious, he was not aware of the approaching train.

'The last thing I remember was walking along the tracks," said Lackey.

The trainmen recalled thinking that a piece of trash was in their path, when in fact, it was Lackey, wearing a white shirt and dark pants. The engineer of the train did not see him on the tracks until it was too late

"A 7,000-ton train traveling 55 mph will take about a mile to come to a complete stop," said Sante Fe trainman Skipper Woods.

Lackey was positioned so that his legs and his right hand were draped over one side of the track. Both legs were severed along with his right hand. His hand was severed at the wrist. One of his legs was lost above the knee about midway up his thigh and the other was just below the knee.

The trainmen radioed an ambulance as soon as they realized they hit a human. The paramedics rushed to the scene and took measures to save his life. According to the paramedics, Lackey was able to tell them his brother's name and phone number. They also said that he was fighting for his life with everything he had.

Lackey was rushed to Eastern New Mexico Medical Center about 2 a.m.

"I remember getting the most frightening phone call of my life that night," said Jodi Ashcraft, a family friend

Once Lackey was stabilized in the emergency room, he was rushed to emergency surgery. Dr. Whitwom, a general surgeon, and Dr. Latimer, an orthopedic surgeon, operated on Lackey for about six hours. They

The only reason I am here today is because it just wasn't my time to go."

Michael Lackey

ACCIDENT VICTIM

were not confident he would make it through the surgery.

"I never thought we were going to lose Michael; I couldn't think that,' said Ashcraft.

The purpose of the first surgery was simply to stop the bleeding so that he could be transported to the University Medical Center in Albuquerque, N.M. Lackey was taken to Albuquerque at about 9 a.m. the next day.

Lackey was in stable but critical condition in the intensive care unit for about 1-1/2 weeks.

He was on heavy medication at that time, so he was unable to communicate with family and friends. Lackey also underwent several surgeries during the first week in the hospital

"The support and prayers from so many people were amazing," said Ashcraft.

After only three weeks in the hospital, Lackey went into rehab.

"I was always determined sometimes frustrated — but always determined to succeed," said Lackey

Lackey endured about a month of difficult rehab before returning to Roswell. Soon after, Dr. Dutchover of Roswell fit Lackey with his first prosthetic hand and legs.

"I actually started learning to walk about a month after the accident, but it was too early," said Lackey

He said the first place he wanted to go when he returned to Roswell was to church.

"The only reason I am here today is because it just wasn't my time to go," said Lackey.

The first few months were difficult for Lackey. He had to learn to do everything differently. He spent most of the next few months in a wheelchair.

Things that most people take for granted were grueling challenges for Lackey. He learned to write, draw and type with his left hand. It was his only option.

Lackey's vehicle was converted to fit his needs. He can control the speed by using a gear attached to the steering column.

"It took some practice to learn to use it, but once again, I was determined," said Lackey.

Michael knew many obstacles were ahead of him. He was 22 years old, a recent graduate of Texas Tech University and ready to face the world.

Previous goals of his, such as graduate school, seemed unimportant now. He was focused on making a full recovery.

The most ironic thing may be that Lackey was involved in an earlier train accident at the very same location. His vehicle was hit by a train while crossing the track. Amazingly, he walked away with only minor scraps and bruises.

With the help of gifted doctors and enormous determination, Lackey has made a full recovery. In fact, he is going elk hunting this weekend.

He can walk, write and do everything he has always done, just in a different way. He only uses a cane to walk; however he doesn't need it all of the time.

Lackey now utilizes his finance degree to manage all of the business affairs for his family's business, Kaywall, Inc. He also builds Web sites and offers in-home computer training for individuals and businesses. In his spare time, he gives lectures to local high school students.

"His testimony is inspirational to all that hear it," said Ashcraft.

Lackey stresses the importance of cherishing every day as if it were the last. He also emphasizes that everything is possible with determination and Jesus Christ. Everyday activities seem effortless and sometimes boring to many people, but in the blink of an eye it could all be gone.

"I think God every day," Lackey said, "for giving me a second chance at a wonderful life.

Agriculture interns named by college

By Memory McEachern **Contributing Writer**

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources recently named the students selected for the State and Federal Internship Program. Brandon Lipps, junior agricultural and applied economics major from Midland; Lauri Vaughn, junior agricultural and applied economics major from Lubbock; and Jana Howe, sophomore agricultural and applied economics major from Clyde, will live and work in Washington, D.C., for the spring semester.

"The students will work for representatives, senators or the House Ag Committee," Leslie Williams, coordinator of student and career development of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, said.

Williams said a faculty committee chose the students by academic excellence and qualification. Applications were screened by criteria such as GPA, interpersonal skills, leadership skills and extracurricular activities. "Interns will perform tasks such as attending committee hearings and briefings and researching bills," she said.

Vaughn said she plans to attend

law school and someday lobby for agricultural policy. She hopes this internship will give her opportunities to see how the government works and give her a direction toward a career in the field.

Howe plans to pursue a career in politics and hopes to develop skills for the job while she is an intern. "I have always had an interest in politics and how it affects the people around me," Howe said. "I hope this program will help prepare me for a career in politics.

The interns will be assigned to representatives in December. A stipend of \$1,000 per month will be awarded to cover rent, food and other living expenses

They will earn a minimum of six hours of credit. Students will be required to complete a presentation or project following the internship.

Chel Bearden, senior agricultural communications major from Mason, Texas, was an intern for the House Ag Committee in 1999

"The experience is a way to network with people in the area of government you are interested in," Bearden said. "You will meet people in a variety of different venues.

Dean discusses issues, helps students

Ex-Students CEO spends his time helping current students in and out of the classroom.

A 1961 Tech graduate, he taught journalism at Lubbock High School for four-1/2 years.

He also went to Coronado High School to work as director of activities

Before Dean began his Tech tenure, Dean was also the chapter adviser for Phi Delta Theta for 35 years.

university. The anticipates more growth for the uniassociation versity, both academically and in also represents athletics

"When I was in school at Tech, we were in the Border Conference," Dean said.

"Being in the Big 12 helps the time Dean has university out tremendously. We been here, he have come light years in athletics." On the other side of the spectrum, some of the changes Dean has seen were not promising.

Study finds herpes virus transmitted by kissing

BOSTON (AP) - A form of the herpes virus that causes an AIDSrelated skin cancer appears to spread through kissing.

Herpes virus 8 was discovered six years ago and causes a skin cancer called Kaposi's sarcoma. In the United States, the cancer occurs almost exclusively in people with AIDS

Some had suspected that the virus was transmitted through sexual intercourse, but the new research from the University of Washington, reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, contradicts that idea.

Dr. John Pauk and others tested 39 gay men who were infected with the virus but did not have Kaposi's sarcoma. They found the virus in 30 percent of their saliva samples and mouth swabs, compared with 1 percent of anal and genital samples. When present, the virus levels were also much higher in saliva than in semen.

"The important thing is it suggests that oral-oral contact plays some role in transmission, although more study is needed to confirm that," said Pauk

The study also found that homosexual men who engaged in "deep kissing" - kissing that involves a lot of contact with saliva appeared to be at substantially higher risk of catching the virus.

Kaposi's sarcoma causes purple skin blotches and can also attack the internal organs. Like many other diseases that kill people with AIDS, it usually affects those with weakened immune systems

access to the close proximity parking for events.

However, Citibus shuttle parking

the alumni on legislative issues.

By Walker Wallace Contributing Writer

Performing several tasks might be hard for some people, but for Bill Dean, associate professor in the School of Mass Communications, it is just another day at the office.

Dean has many different irons in the fire at Texas Tech.

On any day, you might find Dean teaching class or helping a student in his office

First employed by Tech 33 years ago as director of university publications, Dean moved up the career ladder and currently works as executive vice president and CEO of the Ex-Students Association and is an news and activities. adviser for the Tech chapter of Phi Delta Theta.

After a 2-1/2 year break, he has temporarily reassumed this role until a replacement is found.

Students respect Dean's leadership and feel that they benefit from having him as a professor.

Tyler Nobles, a junior finance major from Midland, said he feels lucky to have Dean as an adviser.

"Dr. Dean is a prestigious and well-respected man around campus," Nobles said. "The chapter thrives from his leadership and guidance.'

Dean is also an important link between alumni and the university. The Ex-Students Association tries to keep alumni informed about Tech

The organization promotes financial and moral support for the

has seen many changes. Dean The biggest

During the

change he said he has witnessed is the university's overall quality.

"My degree is worth about 20 times more than when I graduated," Dean said.

"I think Texas Tech is as good a place to get an academic degree anywhere in Texas.'

Dean believes Tech has progressed rapidly in its 75 years and considers Raiderland as a relatively young school of higher education.

Dean said Tech has progressed well, considering it is not a land grant college and does not receive as much money from the state as other universities

With Tech now in the Big 12, Dean 37 years.

He said alcohol and drugs are a bigger problem than before.

Dean said he feels many students start drinking in high school and continue the habit in college.

"When I came to Tech, there were no such things as drugs," Dean said. "We live in an age now where people think they are immortal, but they are not.

Outside of campus life, Dean continues to stay busy. He has held several civil offices, such as chairman of the City Transit Committee and president of the YMCA.

He also has coached Little League baseball in the summer for the past

Forget Something? If you missed getting your yearbook photo taken last week, the photographer will be back on campus January 22-26, 2001

from page 1 he said. "We looked at it and said we could be a little more efficient in some areas.

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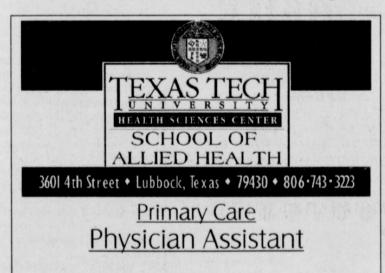
Brunjes said when he developed the second budget for the second year, he decided revenue could be reduced and that included eliminating the per-event parking fee.

Meredith said patrons who purchase suites in the arena will still have

for arena concerts and non-athletic events was suspended for the second year due to a loss of money, Meredith said.

"I don't think we could have them keep running the buses during those events when they were losing money," he said.

The shuttle service remains available for upcoming Red Raider and Lady Raider basketball games.



A Physician Assistant (PA) is a skilled health care provider who is academically and clinically prepared to practice medicine under the supervision of a licensed physician. The PA is trained to take medical histories, perform physical examinations, interpret diagnostic tests, formulate a diagnosis and implement a treatment plan for a variety of diseases or medical conditions. A PA may practice in both urban and rural areas.

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Physician Assistant Program is located in Midland, Texas, on the campus of Midland College. The entry level graduate program awards a Master of Physician Assistant Studies following 31 months of intensive academic and clinical training.

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Your View

Today's question: Do you think Hillary Rodham Clinton will be successful as a New York Senator?



She has been around politics for a long time, and she can Curt handle it as St. Romain well as anyone junior else." journalism

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Erin Jackson freshman undecided politics."

Opinions deas The University Daily



Column How to catch a senator

need more women representatives. Even if she doesn't do a good job, it

will get women in office and get things rolling for women in

added responsibility that takes tremendous dedication. Some cows are busier than others, having to juggle coming into the pen for rancher Bob's weekly exercises with grazing, slurping from the water tank or resting under a shady oak tree. It's not that they don't want to meet with rancher Bob, but hey, grazing is important when you're a cow. There is no excuse, however, for laziness and rules are rules, but I

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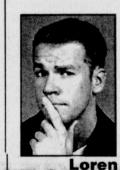
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Column The politics of the wide wilderness

Wow. At the time that this article is being written, Gore leads Bush in electoral votes, as well as popular vote as the nation turns its eager eyes to Florida. The people of Florida will determine the next president of our United States, regardless of the fact that Gore will most certainly take the nationwide popular vote. If Bush wins the presidency, we must be circumspect in our celebrations and critical of the outdated electoral system.

But enough about politics - as if the months leading up to the election were not enough to completely saturate all but the most die-hard political junkies, the days



Bell

since the election have been agonizing. It is time to take a break, head to the hills, submerge ourselves in the natural world and relax. If Gore is elected, a trip to the wilds may be the beginning of a beautiful relationship. If Bush robs the vote, it will be the beginning of the end. So hit the trails now, either in celebration or lamentation.

There are some who have never stepped foot out of

Texas and many who, despite owning beastly behemoths of four-wheel-driven destruction, have not spent time in the mountains. There is also a surprisingly large number who, despite donning Vasque boots, North Face jackets and assorted carabiners (some actually made for climbing) on their brand new summit packs, have never set foot on a trail. Although they may feel like the outdoor type, they know nothing of the rewards the great outdoors provides. Experiencing the challenges and the achievements that come from meeting the natural world at ground level can alter a person's entire philosophical constitution and allow them to recognize how great the loss will be if these places are not protected from the industrialized clutches of a Bush presidency. But we are not discussing politics. The mountains, canyons, hills and rivers teach us to slow down. The natural world was created over a period of millions, even billions, of years, so why rush to destroy it over the span of just a few thousand? If more of mankind would pause in its rush from one meeting to the next in a whirlwind of traffic jams, electronic communication, construction, production and industrialization, they would be able to see that it simply is not worth it. Our time on this earth is roughly a blink of an eye, a glimpse not worth squandering away one penny at a time. They teach us to be constantly aware of our surroundings. In the wilderness, inattentiveness could result in serious injury, death or the missing out of a world so simple, yet so complex, that it is hidden from everything but the reverently attentive observer. All too often we are tempted to float through life so concerned by where we are going that we forget to appreciate where we are. Take a look around and see how much we have created and how much we have destroyed. Let it lift you up with pride, let it raise you up in protest, but do not let it slip by unnoticed. They remind us that we can rely on no one but ourselves. The real world does not have the safety nets in place that society has tried to fabricate for your protection. Out there, it is up to people to take care of themselves and their surroundings. No one will pick up after you, no one will protect you, no one will rescue you and no one will tell you what to do. If you want it, you have to work for it. Decide in what it is that you believe and take action to obtain those ideals instead of lounging around moaning that it doesn't really matter, its not your responsibility, there is nothing you can do. Apathy is a disease that can only be overcome from within. It is up to you and not somebody else to take up the reins of activism and achieve great things. Kudos to those who voted - more kudos to those who voted intelligently. But it does not stop there. Win or lose, we must remember to continue to speak loudly for that in which we believe. Head for the hills, experience the world and take the advice of nature: slow down, take notice and do something about it.

Alpine



know much about her, but from what I know, I just really don't like her much as a person."

"No, I don't. She

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How does she

Clark sophomore interior design El Paso



Leslie Shive sophomore pre-physical therapy The Woodlands



"I think she will make a great senator. She has a lot of connections and more experience than a lot of others."

Michael Chaney sophomore chemistry Lubbock

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"No, I don't. I don't really

them back to the herd or neck them to a large tree and bring the herd to them. It took a certain type of individual to do this job. Men hired to herd wild cattle had to be rugged and brave, but most importantly, keen and witty.

work together to rope strays and lead

bid you know that if you are going to catch a cow, you

round them up and drive them in massive herds to centrally

located holding facilities. Occasionally, two cowboys would

were truly wild, cowboys mounted on fast horses would

have to be smarter than the cow? There are lots of

ways to capture cattle. In the days of old, when cattle

Now days most cattlemen simply call the domesticated descendants of those mentioned above into a coral of some sort with a bag of feed. Depending on the breed of cattle, the geographic location and the size or type of operation, some bovine manipulators still have to coax and coo their cattle into captivity.

I write about catching cattle for several reasons. First, it interests me and it's something I am good at. Second, some of you have never stood out in the snow shaking a feed sack at two or three mangy herd quitters that won't come to the pen, so it's an insight into the less glamorous side of modern agriculture. Finally, I am going to compare this concept of catching cattle to the recent predicament of our own Student Senate.

I am also serving as a student senator. Since I am on a pretty important committee that has a large job to do this spring, I have been following the recent issues reported about the Senate. If you are wondering which committee I am referring to, ask the treasurer of a student organization you are involved in somewhere around Dec. 5, and you will figure it out.

Too often, elected people think they should speak when they should be listening. Like when ranchers think they should move when they should be still.

When I started seeing the articles about apathy of student senators, I stepped back, sat quietly and watched for several weeks. As a young boy I worked cows with lots of older men. They were wise enough to be patient, sit tight and let the cows come at their own pace. Too much pressure at the wrong time causes fear in the herd and blows your chances of catching any of them. Now that a few of them are in the pen, and the rest are catching on, I would like to share my thoughts on the subject.

You know, leadership is a funny thing. Traditionally, leaders in any society are highly involved in a number of efforts. Your student senators are no different. Obviously, they are active on campus and respected for their abilities. Otherwise, you would have elected someone else. Granted, it is an honor to serve the students of Texas Tech, but it is an

encourage you to put your cowboy hats on for a moment and think of it like this.

Cattle establish a pecking order. If you ever watch a herd that has pastured together for an extended period of time, you will notice that they normally follow each other in the same order when they move as a group. The lead cow is probably like the Senators who showed up to all of the meetings. You can count on her being there every time the gate opens. She doesn't deserve a cussing but since she is always there she hears every word directed at those bringing up the rear or standing just outside the gate.

Every cowboy knows you can't let the escape artist cow get away or you will never catch her. What is really most disturbing is that they normally get the job done, but those escape artists are a pain in the rear. Some producers are content to let cows that are hard to catch stay out in the brush and fend for themselves as long as they have a calf every year. Most of them usually do. Eventually though, they suffer individually for their inconsistency and can cause problems for the entire herd.

Most producers however are not willing to allow such a disrespecting critter to remain as part of the herd for fear of what she will cause the other cows to do. So, rancher Bob has a choice to make - he either turns the other way and watches her disrupt his management practices or he loads her butt in the trailer and hauls her to town. Obviously, the rules and administration committee loaded up some of the senators and hauled them to town. Not to worry though once the unruly critter is eliminated from the herd, she can be replaced by another more consistent, cooperative individual.

I learned a long time ago that it's simple to eliminate the herd quitter but it's much more difficult to inspire the entire herd to come for their own benefit. You can chase them with the pickup, you can honk the horn until the battery runs dead, you can shake an empty sack until your arms go numb, you can moo at them until they go deaf and you can cuss them until you're sweating, but all that does is confuse them and cause them to be afraid.

As you read about the issues that face the senate and form your own opinions remember this: When it comes to catching cows and inspiring leaders to lead, nine times out of ten, if you open the gate and get out of their way, they will all come in and you can get something accomplished.

Cody Nash is the president of the Texas Tech Rodeo Association and a sophomore agriculture communications and education major from Tolar.

Letters to the Editor

Tech cheerleader

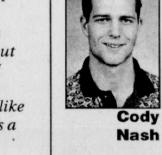
To the editor: I am writing in regard to the column printed in Tuesday's paper about our Red Raider football team. To answer Matt Muench's question regarding the probable record of our team when the season is over: Would you, as Tech fans, be proud of that? I would be proud of that! That record belongs to Tech. If Tech were to lose

every game this season, I would still be at every game to route my team on. I have only been a Red Raider for a few months now, but I am one of its biggest supporters. I love Texas Tech! My point is, I sure do not see Muench on the football roster. He does not know what it's like to practice everyday, know the game plan front to back, go out on Saturday to execute it and still have the score not come up in his favor. Those guys practice hard, and I appreciate the time and effort they put into performing in front of thousands of people on

Saturdays. To Matt: If you aren't here to cheerlead for the red and black, then please leave and go where you can be proud of your school and its athletic teams. One reason I chose Tech was because, like you said, Lubbock caters to the red and black. If your column was put up against the top sports writers in the nation, you too would have to add another loss to your record!

> **Julie Longoria** freshman biology

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Hollywood birthdays

(AP)-Celebrity birthdays for the week of Nov. 12-18 Nov. 12: Singer Neil Young is 55. Actress Megan Mullally ("Will & Grace") is 42. Musician David Ellefson of Megadeth is 36. Actor David Schwimmer is 34.

Nov. 13: Actor Joe Mantegna is 53. Actress Whoopi Goldberg is 45. Actor Steve Zahn is 32.

Nov. 14: Musician James Young of Styx is 52. Actress Laura San Giacomo is 39. Actor D.B. Sweeney is 39. Rapper Run of Run-DMC is 36.

Nov. 15: Actor Ed Asner is 71. Actress Beverly D'Angelo is 46. Rapper E-40 is 33. Rapper ODB of Wu-Tang Clan is 32

Nov. 16: Actor David Leisure ("Empty Nest") is 50. Actress Marg Helgenberger is 42. Actress Lisa Bonet is 33. Singer Bryan Abrams of Color Me Badd is 31.

Nov. 17: Movie director Martin Scorsese is 58. Actress Lauren Hutton is 56. Actor Danny DeVito is 56. Actress Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio is 42. Actress-model Daisy Fuentes is 34. Actress Sophie Marceau ("Braveheart") is 34. Musician Isaac Hanson of Hanson is 20.

Nov. 18: Actress Linda Evans is 58. Actress Susan Sullivan ("Dharma & Greg") is 56. Singer Graham Parker is 50. Comedian Kevin Nealon is 47. Singer Kim Wilde is 40. Actress Elizabeth Perkins is 40. Musician Kirk Hammett of Metallica is 38. Singer Duncan Sheik is 31. Actress Chloe Sevigny ("Boys Don't Cry") is 26

A little bit country, a little bit rock 'n' roll

By Leslie Follmar Staff Writer

Though Americans across the country have displayed their varied interests, the band Reckless Kelly has an undisputed country-rock sound. Claiming Texas roots, Reckless Kelly comes from states that are anything but southern. Lead singer and guitarist, Willy Braun and brother fiddle and mandolinist Cody reign from Stanley, Ind. Bassist Chris Schelske comes from Oregon and guitarist David Abevta was sharpening his musical skills in Boston at Berkley School of Music.

After meeting at a local bar, Reckless Kelly relocated to Austin in 1997. Very quickly, the band's debut CD, Millican was released in 1997. By planting their roots in the "Live Music Capital," Reckless Kelly acquired many awards from the Austin Music Awards. Receiving the "Best Roots Rock Band" in 1998 and 1999 complemented the "Best New Band of the Decade" in 2000. Reckless Records was created with the band's second CD, Live at Stubb's in 1998. Live was re-released by Valley Entertainment in June 2000. Reckless Kelly delivers their latest CD, The Day, last month with an attempt have a heavier rock drive.

The Day has issued what may be the new sound of country. Reckless Kelly offers a change to the unoriginal ballads of pick-up trucks and . dogs which have so often been tagged with country music.

The lyrics are not the only distinctive attribute of Reckless Kelly. Add-



Austin-based Reckless Kelly combines elements of both country music and rock 'n' roll to create their own unique sound.

ing the influence of Bob Dylan and creations of their own, Reckless Kelly has baked up a superb meal. "What Would You Do" might bring a reminder to some of the days of Merl Haggard. A slow, simple guitar solo completes the song, bringing it into the category of classic country.

Modern rock bands have their inspiration in the song "Lonely All The Time." Besides the twang of lead singer, Willy Braun, the song might be easily confused with hits from the late Toad the Wet Sprocket.

All around, The Dayreflects the differences of backgrounds amongst band members through their songs. Tunes tied carefully together complete The Day and hopefully bring Reckless Kelly much needed recognition.

Jewelers



'E.R.' number one in Nielsen Rating

(AP)—"E.R" is on top again. Prime-time ratings compiled by Nielsen Media Research for Oct. 30-Nov. 5. Top 10 listings include the week's ranking, with rating for the week and season-to-date rankings in parentheses.

An "X" in parentheses denotes a one-time-only presentation. The rating is the percentage of the nation's estimated 100.8 million TV homes. Each ratings point represents 1,008,000 households. 1. (1) "ER," NBC, 18.1, 18.5 mil-

lion homes. 2. (3) "Friends," NBC, 15.2, 15.6 million homes.

3. (4) "Everybody Loves Raymond," CBS, 13.9, 14.2 million homes.

3. (6) "Who Wants to Be a lionaire-Wednesday," ABC, 13.9, 14.2 million homes.

5. (10) "NFL Monday Night Football: Tennessee at Washington," ABC, 13.8, 14.1 million homes.

6. (8) "Will & Grace," NBC, 13.0, 13.3 million homes.

7. (6) "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire-Tuesday," ABC, 12.8, 13.1 million homes.

8. (5) "The West Wing," NBC, 12.7, 121.0 million homes.

9. (9) "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire-Sunday," ABC, 12.5, 12.8 million homes.

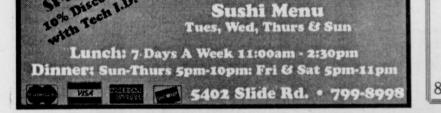
9. (11) "The Practice," ABC, 12.5, 12.8 million homes.

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9:00	Caillou Sesame	Today Show	Sally Jessy Raphael	Nanny Caroline	Live W/Regis	Dr. Laura
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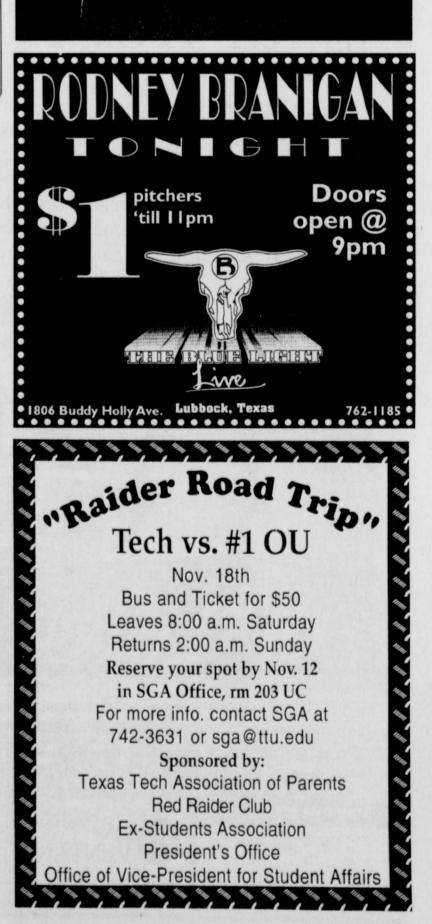
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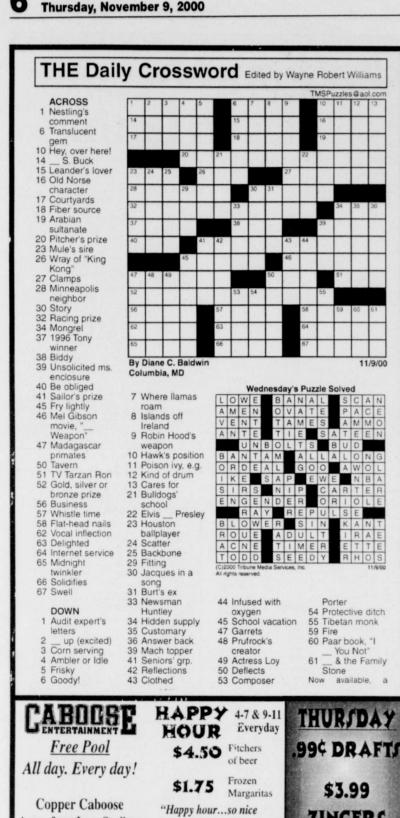
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Tech v-ball soars past Kansas

By Matt Muench Staff Writer

With the United Spirit Arena covered with snow, the Red Raider vollevball team left Kansas out in the cold Wednesday night.

Texas Tech dominated the Jayhawks winning in three games (15-1, 15-5, 15-11) giving the Raiders their second consecutive sweep at home.

The win also gave Tech its second season sweep of the 2000 campaign. Tech coach Jeff Nelson said he was very pleased with his squad's performance.

The first two games we really went out and controlled the pace, and we just kept going at them," he said. "Game three, it was tough to maintain momentum because we won the first two so decisively."

Nelson said the win was big for NCAA Tournament implications.

'We felt like we really needed to win it in three," he said. "Kansas is 42nd in the power rankings, and we thought if we can beat them, it will help us."

Senior outside hitter Colleen Smith said the Raiders (21-6 overall, 9-6 Big 12 Conference) were fired up from the beginning.

"We went in fired up and we really had some incentive to win because Kansas was saying earlier in the day that they were going to beat us here because we beat them down there," said Smith, who led Tech with 20 kills. "That gave us a little fire to come out strong.

Smith also highlighted Tech's victory by breaking the school record for kills in a season.

In game two, Smith broke Brande Brown's record and now has 451 kills and counting.

"It was exciting to get the record," Smith said. "But I think it is something not to get all crazy about.'

Smith has stepped up her play of

late as she has posted hitting percentages of .300 or higher in each of her last three matches.

Smith said because it is her senior season, she has to go out with a bang.

"I know it is my last season playing this type of volleyball," she said. "So I just kind of told myself that I need to finish strong."

Smith hit .349 Wednesday while posting just five errors, which were all in game three.

Nelson said he is happy with the improvement Smith has made the past week.

"She had a great match today, and she is really swinging well right now," he said. "She is really playing well for us, and we need her at a time like this.

Game one featured a Tech defense that allowed the Jayhawks (14-11 overall, 5-11 Big 12) just seven balls put away.

Before the Raiders broke a sweat, Tech was up 10-0 within the first five minutes of the match.

Game one also featured three service aces and just two errors by the Raiders. However, Nelson said defense was the key to the fast start.

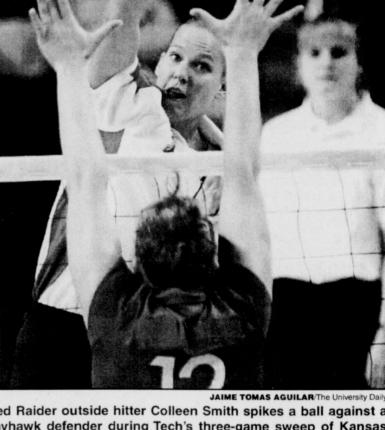
"We did a good job of keeping the ball in play with our digs," he said. "Not just getting it there but we got it to the net so we can put it away and get some points. Game two showed the Raiders

offense at their best as they didn't record one error in the second frame.

It was the first time this season the Raiders have accomplished such a feat.

Smith said because the hitters have been struggling, having no errors in a game helps them mentally. "It gave us hitters more confidence, and it is exciting," she said.

"It also pleases the coach." Game three was not as fast as the previous two as the Raiders came



Red Raider outside hitter Colleen Smith spikes a ball against a Jayhawk defender during Tech's three-game sweep of Kansas Wednesday night at the United Spirit Arena.

out slow following intermission and by Smith, two errors by Kansas and fell behind 11-9 until a kill by Janelle Jones and two errors by the Jayhawks tied the game at 11.

Tech never looked back and scored the next four points off a kill



a combined block by Kate Jury and Ann Romjue. Defensively, the Raiders were led by Romjue who recorded 13 kills while playing on a bruised right ankle. Along with Smith, Jury and Melissa McGehee had double digit figures in kills.Jury recorded 10 kills and McGehee slammed 12 of her own.

The Raiders next travel to Oklahoma to try and get a season sweep of the Sooners. Tech has lost their last two road contests.Smith said momentum is on the Raiders side as they head to the Sooner State.

"We need to play like we did tonight," she said. "Right now, every match counts, and a road win would be nice."

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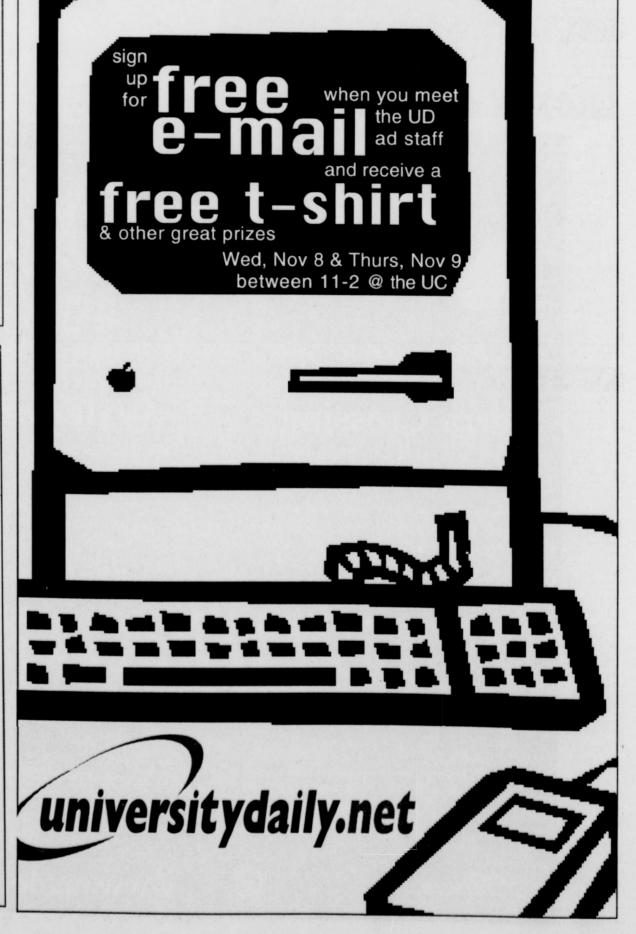
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The University Daily Thursday, November 9, 2000

Religion aiding Red Raider runner

Leigh Daniel has used her faith in God to cope with an illness this season

By Phil Riddle Staff Writer

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." (Hebrews 12:1.29 RSV).

Texas Tech cross-country runner Leigh Daniel could use this verse from the Bible as her own personal mission statement.

Daniel, a standout distance runner for the Red Raiders, should be enjoying the fruits of her athletic labors in her final year of collegiate eligibility.

Instead, she is battling health problems and is struggling with a sub-par running season.

As with any athlete, frustration has set in, but Daniel uses her faith to keep her centered on things she sees as pivotal in her life.

" In my daily life," Daniel said, "especially in the situation I'm in right now, having a bad season and dealing with that, the Lord gives me my peace and makes me who I am. I think people know me by my faith. The type of person I am is because of my faith. A lot of times when things aren't going great, I still have a peace and happiness that somebody who may not have Christ in their life would not have.

Daniel became one of Tech's most noteworthy athletes after winning the gold medal at the 1999 World University Games with a time of 34:01.63, the second fastest in Red Raider history.

She also set school records in both the 3,000 and 5,000 meter events in 1999

her training regimen this year, as well as her number of successes this cross-country season

"I have hypothyroidism," Daniel said." and basically the doctors have just said sometimes it takes longer than others to get you back on track. It gets to a level where it's broken down so much that it takes a long time to rebuild.

"Running is hard enough as it is. If you aren't in tip-top shape, you're not going to have the best finish."

Daniel said the condition has hampered her progression as a runner this season.

"Training doesn't really bother it (hypothyroidism)", she said, "but at the same time, it doesn't really help me to get any better. When sedentary people have this disease, it's a lot easier to get them on the right medication, to get them going again. But as far as running goes, because of your metabolism and oxygen intake, stuff you need for running, you can't breathe as well, and you're tired all the time. It's frustrating."

Tech cross-country coach David Smith said he has seen a difference in Daniel's performance this season because of her illness.

"She's been dealing with this hypothyroidism for five or six months now," Smith said.

"It's really been inhibiting what she has been doing, training-wise. She's definitely having the toughest season of her career.

"We have a really young team, a lot of freshmen, and they really look up to her. A lot of them came here because she is here. They all hope to learn from her. Even though she's not competing at the level she was last year or the year before, she's still a hard worker.

Smith said Daniel has been an A thyroid disease has hampered asset to his squad in 2000, regardless Smith said.



Tech track athlete Leigh Daniel has drawn on her faith in God to help her deal with an illness in her senior season as a Red Raider.

of her racing success.

"Her value to this program, to me and to this team, goes well beyond what she has done athletically,"

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"She is one of the most competitive people I've ever met. She's great with people. Whenever she's not racing, she's a great ambassador for the team. She's always talking to kids at schools, and she's always done a real good job of being very accessible." Daniel, in spite of her relative lack of success running this year, maintains an upbeat outlook.

"People tell me a lot of times that, having the season I'm having, 'I'd be really upset," Daniel said.

"And I am, but I also understand that there is a plan for everything. If it's going to happen, it's going to happen. If running success doesn't ever come again, it's time to move on and become who you know to be."

Daniel is a senior human development major and has become more visible in the Lubbock community because of her athletic achievements and her faith-based lifestyle.

She appeared in a video that was shown at the Franklin Graham Crusade in the United Spirit Arena during the summer, and she is a popular public speaker at area schools and churches.

"I believe that's why God has blessed me this way," Daniel said.

"As soon as I started having success, churches and schools and different organizations started asking me to come and speak. I've never given a speech in my life. It's been just amazing.

Upon graduation and getting her physical health back in balance, Leigh hopes to continue running.

Her future plans also include counseling girls with eating disorders and continuing her current role as a motivational speaker.

Daniel said she remains confident that her recent troubles will strengthen her credibility in those endeavors.

"This is frustrating," she said. 'But if I'd never struggled, I wouldn't know how much I depend on God and my friends and family.

Woods angry with PGA Tour

TRUMBULL, Conn. (AP) -Tiger Woods lashed out at the PGA Tour for taking advantage of him, saying in a magazine interview that his frustration is serious enough that it "could escalate into a bigger situation.'

In an interview for the Nov. 10 issue of Golf World magazine, Woods said commissioner Tim Finchem speaks to him only when he wants the No. 1 player in the world to play in a certain tournament. Woods also said he didn't

like how the tour was using his image for its own marketing and promotional purposes.

"I believe what I believe in," Woods said. "I understand the whole picture. What amazes me is how much the public doesn't understand."

When asked the seriousness of his conflict with the tour, Woods said, "Serious enough that if we don't make everyone aware of it now, it could escalate into a bigger situation.'

Tour spokesman Bob Combs said Finchem does not discuss player relationships with the media, but added that the commissioner and Woods have a "solid relationship."

"I'm confused by these implications," Combs said. "At every tournament, Tim has been very public and very clear about the excitement Tiger has injected into professional golf.'

Asked to characterize his relationship with Finchem, Woods said a dialogue barely exists.

"The only time he talks to me is when he wants me to do something for him," Woods said.

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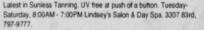
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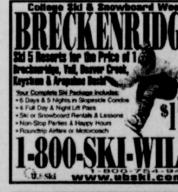
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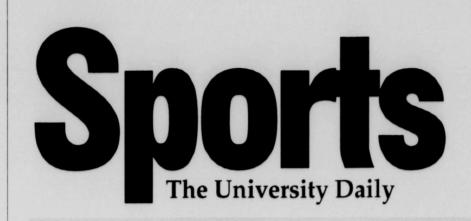




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Williams could play one more year

By Patrick Gonzales Staff Writer

During the past two games, Texas Tech running back Ricky Williams has been feeling a little different.

He's getting faster, stronger and making better cuts on his runs than he used to.

For Williams, this can only mean one thing: His injured knee is getting closer to a 100 percent playing level. Now, he wants to come back to the

Red Raiders next season. Williams, who missed most of the

1999 season with a knee injury, has decided to file for a medical red shirt from the NCAA.

Williams has previously said he didn't want to receive a medical red shirt and that this year would be his last.

"I came to the conclusion that it is probably best for me to stay another year," said Williams, who has 390 rushing yards this season on 112 carries. "I think I can have a better season next year because my knee will be 100 percent.

"Right now, my mobility is coming back, and my feel for running the ball and just sensing the defense is all coming back.

Williams said coming back also would further help his chances of playing professional football.

"(Playing professionally) is a dream that I've always wanted to accomplish and with God's help, hopefully I'll be there someday," Williams said. "I knew that my current condition would hinder my opportunities to play at the next level.

Williams played in only one game in 1999, when he suffered a season-

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ending knee injury in Tech's seasonopener against Arizona State.

According to NCAA rules, players can earn a medical red shirt year if a season-ending injury causes them to play less than 20 percent of their team's contests in the first half of the season

Williams said Tech officials already have filed the necessary paperwork and now the only thing for him to do is wait

"I think next year, I'll be a whole lot better, just like I was my sophomore year" the senior from Duncanville said.

As a sophomore, Williams was fourth in the nation in rushing with an average of 143.82 yards-per-contest, earning second-team All-American honors.

Another performance like that next season, would most likely help the Red Raiders, who rank 113th in the nation, in total rushing offense.

"Ricky's such a great player he would be a great asset to this team next year," Tech center Toby Cecil said. 'He is also a great leader and before the game or in the huddle, he's always pumping us up."

One of the reasons Williams didn't previously want a medical red shirt was because he wanted to leave the Tech program with the same players he started with.

Tech's 1 p.m. contest against Oklahoma State on Saturday would have been Williams' last game at Jones SBC Stadium.

"It's going to feel real weird not seeing all those guy's faces next season," Williams said. "But my decision is the best for me, and I think it will help the



Texas Tech running back Ricky Williams runs for yardage in a game earlier this season. Williams is awaiting word from the NCAA on a medical redshirt that would allow him to play another year as a Red Raider.

Houston approves new sports arena

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HOUSTON (AP) - A proposed downtown sports arena was a slam dunk for Harris County residents, who voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to build it using tax money a year after rejecting a similar referendum

With all precincts reporting, the arena issue passed 65 percent to 35 percent, ensuring Houston will keep its pro basketball team and boosting efforts to draw major-league hockey. The referendum asked voters to apply existing hotel and rental car taxes to construct a \$256 million home for the Houston Rockets, who say their existing home, 25-year-old Compaq Center, lacks the luxury boxes and other amenities needed to compete financially with other National Basketball Association teams.

Last November, voters rejected a similar deal by 10 percentage points after months of hot debate. After the referendum failed, Rockets owner Les Alexander explored moving the team but never found a suitable alternative. The Florida businessman's lease at Compaq Center expires in 2003. The new building would open later that year. Unlike the previous election, no well-organized antiarena campaign surfaced and some former leaders of the opposition backed the new proposal.

"What a difference a year makes," Harris County-Houston Sports Authority chairman Billy Burge said.

Lady Raiders open 2000 b-ball campaign with exhibition contest

By Matt Muench

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Lady Raider basketball team won their to Tennessee. Now, the Lady Raiders squad will be playing against new team that Sharp said has improved the starting nods. third consecutive Big 12 Conference are back to try and continue their faces. title and reached the "Elite Eight" of dominance as the 2000 campaign be-

"I am really excited about the new

every year. "I am not real concerned about the will start and is the sq win/loss because it doesn't go on anyone's record," said Sharp, who enters her 19th season at the helm of the Lady Raiders. "The focus for us is we need to determine how we are going to rotate some players." Sharp said everyone will get some action and the upperclassmen will get

Lady Raider guard Katrisa O'Neal

Seven months ago, the Texas Tech the NCAA Tournament before falling

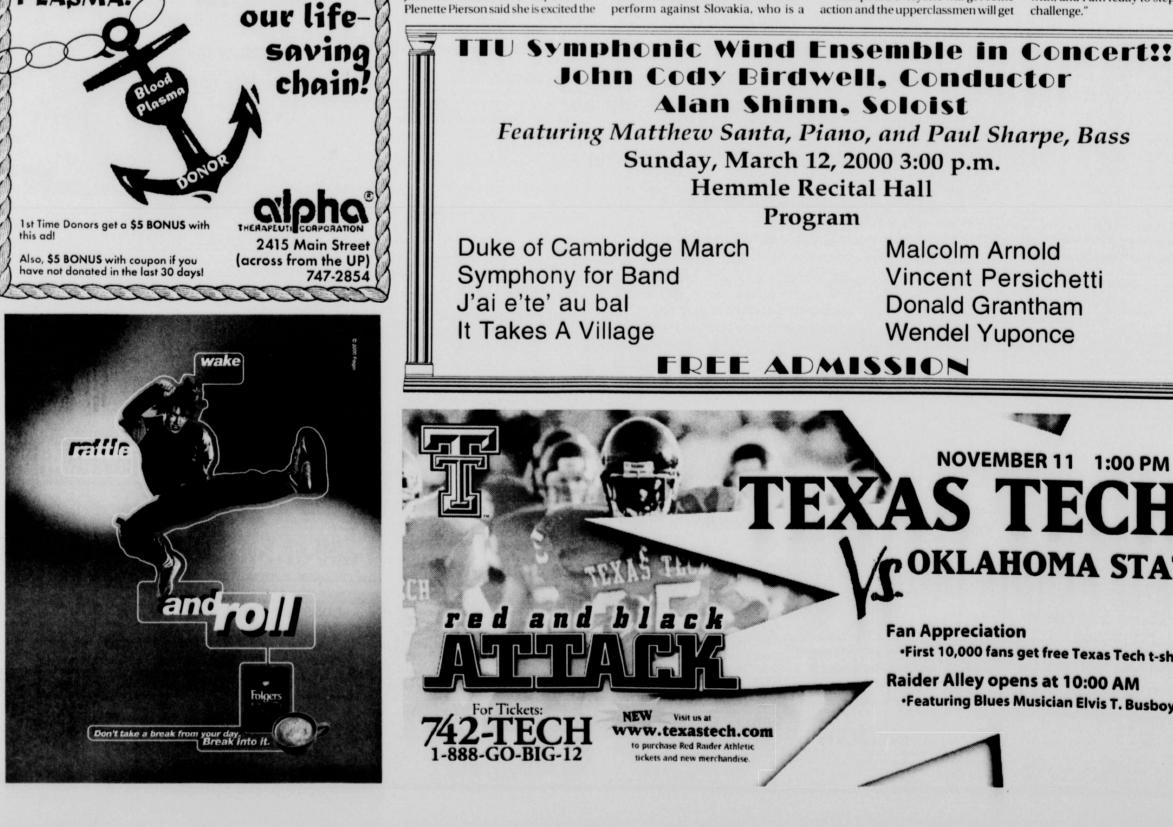
gins at 7 p.m. today against Delta Kosice-Slovakia.

The Lady Raiders are coming off a 1999 campaign in which they finished will be good to get out there and play tied with Oklahoma and Iowa State for the Big 12 title. Although the game is just an exhibition, sophomore Plenette Pierson said she is excited the

season and I know the freshman are too," said Pierson, who was the Big 12 freshman of the year last season. "It somebody else for a change."

Tech coach Marsha Sharp said she is anxious to see how her team will perform against Slovakia, who is a this season. O'Neal has taken a new role this season as a team leader.

"It feels weird to be the only senior because I feel like I have a different role from last year," she said. "I knew it was something I would be faced with, and I am ready to step up to the challenge.'



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