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Aycock arrested, game day fate unknown

By Michael Castellon and David Wichmann/Staff Reporters

Texas Tech defensive back Ryan Aycock turned himself into authorities Monday after learning of a warrant that had been issued for his arrest.

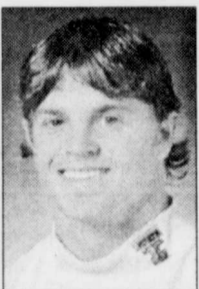
Lubbock County District Attorney Bill Sowder said Aycock turned himself into Lubbock County authorities after learning an arrest warrant had been issued for him stemming from an incident that occurred on May 26.

Assistant Athletics Director for Media

Relations Chris Cook said the athletics' department just recently became aware of Aycock's arrest.

"(Wednesday night) is the first we heard about it," Cook said. "Nothing has been said about it yet. He's been practicing."

Cook said Aycock refused to conduct interviews with the media about the incident. Tech coach Mike Leach said he has not



Aycock

made a decision on Aycock's playing status.

"We have to wait to get more facts and see the details," Leach said. "Ryan's got his attorney. We have to wait and see on that because we don't have all the facts yet. The thing is that it's one word against the other."

Tech Athletics Director Gerald Myers did not immediately return phone calls.

Lubbock police Sgt. John Gomez said the misdemeanor assault charge filed against Aycock is unrelated to an altercation allegedly involving members of the Tech football team that occurred at a local residence Sunday morning.

Gomez said the charge against Aycock stems from a spring incident at Bleacher's Sports Cafe.

"It was an unrelated incident that occurred May 26," Gomez said. "We completed an investigation, turned it in to the district attorney, charges were filed and a warrant was issued," Gomez said.

Misdemeanor assault is a class A misdemeanor punishable of up to one year in jail and a fine up to \$4,000, Sowder said.

According to the police report, Aycock said he was walking into Bleacher's when he saw Francisco Ortiz, a senior political sci-

ence major from Lubbock, looking at Aycock's girlfriend. Aycock and Ortiz began to argue and Aycock punched Ortiz. Aycock punched Ortiz six times, knocking him to the floor, according to the police report.

Ortiz was knocked unconscious and suffered a cut on his left cheek, a bloody nose and a bloody mouth, according to the report. Ortiz was taken to University Medical Center by EMS.

Gomez said Aycock can contest the

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Prosecution rests, defense presents case

By Keli Johnson/Staff Reporter

State prosecutors questioned their final witness Thursday in the capital murder trial of Vaughn Ross, who is charged with the double homicide of Douglas Birdsell and Viola Ross-McVade.

Angelina Reeves, a criminal specialist with the Lubbock Department of Public Safety, testified about evidence her crime lab received from the crime scene.

Reeves described how her lab analyzes blood and other DNA samples by using a swab technique to remove stains from objects. State prosecutors introduced bloodstained leaves into evidence, which the witness testified as a sample she had evaluated.

Reeves said her lab determined the blood on the leaves matched DNA samples belonging to Ross-McVade. Also introduced into court were other stained items. One item, a Central Missouri State University sweatshirt, allegedly belonging to the suspect, was analyzed for DNA evidence.

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Ross

SOAC unveils plans, purpose

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Student organizations ranging from the Students for Social Justice, Beta Theta Pi and the Red to Black program attended the first meeting of the Student Organization Advisory Congress on Thursday.

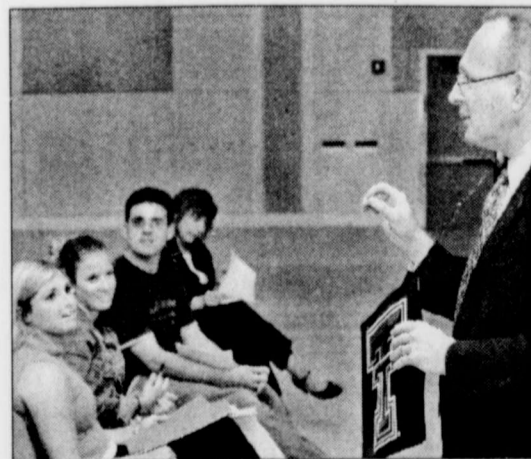
Student Government Association President Kelli Stumbo said she and her staff created SOAC because she wanted to make a difference and wanted Texas Tech students to know they were important to the university.

"I don't want to be the type where you see us at elections and never see us again," she told the representatives.

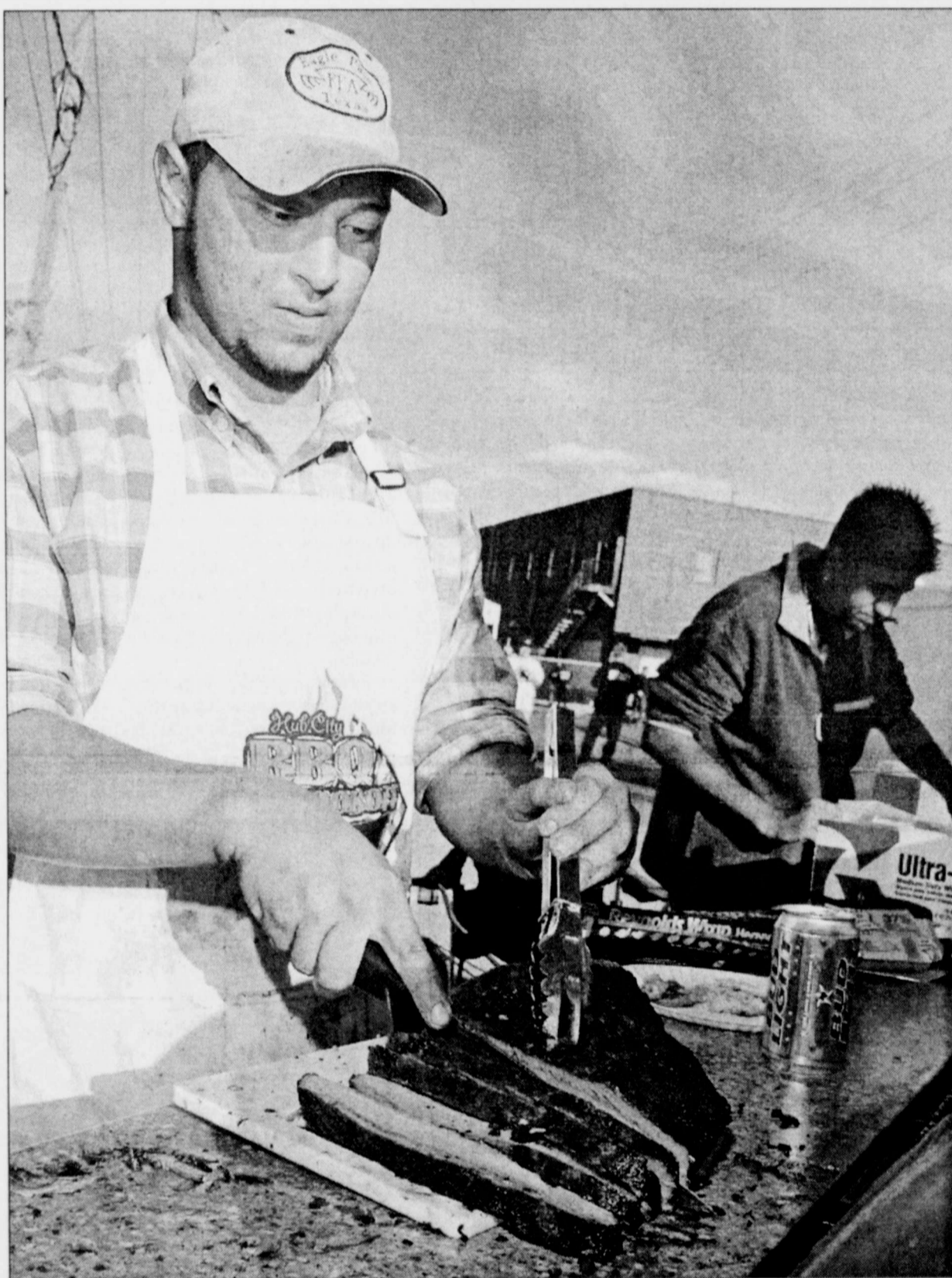
Stumbo said the SGA sent letters to the 400 Tech-affiliated organizations, telling them about SOAC and giving them information about the first meeting.

According to SOAC guidelines, the purpose of the

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DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer
VICE PRESIDENT OF Student Affairs Michael Shonrock speaks to members and leaders of various Tech organizations at the first meeting for the Student Organization Advisory Congress.



GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer
GUS GONZALES, A junior agricultural economics major from Eagle Pass, slices brisket at the Hub City barbecue cook off Thursday evening on Buddy Holly Avenue.

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Tech students participate in citywide barbecue cook off

By Heidi Diers/Staff Reporter

Country music, laughter and the smell of barbecue filled the air at the inaugural Hub City Barbecue on Thursday evening.

A crowd of people attended the cook off, sponsored by Lubbock's Chamber of Commerce and Texas Tech's Student Government Association. About 20 teams competed, including three from Texas Tech, contending in the student division.

Competitors were classified as student, amateur, corporate or professional. The competition was divided into two divisions, best brisket and best ribs. The SGA, under head cook Tim Wright, won the brisket division with the Cookin' and Caterin' team taking second and Alpha Phi Omega placing third. The rib division was won by the Cookin' and Caterin' Team with Gus

Gonzales and Lee Petty. Second place went to Alpha Phi Omega and third was taken by the SGA.

"I never thought we'd win," said Wright, a graduate student studying business administration from Dallas.

The competition officially started at 9 a.m., but many of the contestants started barbecuing earlier than that.

"We've been here since five in the afternoon (Wednesday)," said Lee Petty, a sophomore landscape architecture major from Grady, said. "We slept in our trucks and started cooking at around two in the morning."

However, Petty and teammate Gonzales, a sophomore agriculture economics major from Eagle Pass, said they agree the early hours were worth it.

"It's been lots of fun with the crowd," Petty said. "The people are all really friendly. We just didn't expect to cook so much food."

Competitors cooked three dishes — brisket and ribs along with another item of their choosing, ranging from peach cobbler to chicken.

"We've been the main attraction because of our chicken with beer," said Jason Bates, a senior finance and economics major and president of Alpha Phi Omega.

"We stuffed the chicken with an empty beer can. It's supposed to keep the chicken moist."

Many Tech organizations volunteered at the event, including the Women's Services Organization, Alpha Phi Omega, the SGA and the Miller Girls, said Leigh Mauer, external vice president for the SGA.

"It seems like fun to me," said volunteer Katie Cranfill, a senior education major from Allen, with Alpha Phi

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Bush seeks support

By Matt Kelley/Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush asked Congress Thursday for authority to "use all means," including military force if necessary, to disarm and overthrow Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein if United Nations inspections cannot eliminate Iraq's banned weapons.

Separately, the White House pressed reluctant allies Russia and France to support a U.N. Security Council resolution authorizing force. The Iraqi president told the world organization in a written message that his country has no chemical, biological or nuclear weapons — and was ready to welcome back inspectors.

The proposal Bush sent to Capitol Hill would give him broad war-making authority. "If you want to keep the peace, you've got to have the authorization to use force," he told reporters in the Oval Office.

The president worked to build support for a vote by Congress before lawmakers go home to campaign for the Nov. 5 elections. His proposed resolution says Iraq has repeatedly violated U.N. resolutions and international law by possessing chemical and biological weapons, seeking nuclear weapons, repressing the Iraqi people and consorting with terrorists.

Congressional leaders predicted lawmakers would quickly pass a resolution on Iraq, although Democrats said they would like to have a say on the measure's final wording.

"We don't want to be a rubber stamp, but we do want to be helpful and supportive," said Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "Congress has a role here, and we'll assert that role whenever it is necessary or appropriate."

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., said he would like the resolution to specify that Bush needs a U.N. resolution backing the use of force. "Going along has some very significant risks," Levin said.

As drafted, Bush's resolution would authorize him to use force unilaterally if he deemed necessary, without waiting for the U.N. to act.

It reads: "The president is authorized to use all means that he determines to be appropriate, including force, in order to enforce the United Nations Security Council resolutions, defend the national security interests of the United States against the threat posed by Iraq, and restore international peace and security in the region."

Bush spoke to reporters after meeting with Secretary of State Colin Powell on his difficult diplomatic

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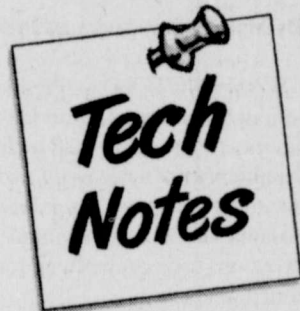
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SHOT IN THE DARK



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

LAW SCHOOL PROFESSOR Vaughn James take a shot blindfolded at a piñata during a Hispanic Law Student Association luncheon festivity Thursday afternoon at the Texas Tech Law School. The event was in celebration of Hispanic Heritage month.



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As most of you are probably aware, vehicles were towed from private property in the North Overton neighborhood during last week's football game. Texas Tech was not involved in towing the vehicles. If you or anyone you know had a vehicle towed, you are urged to con-

tact Sgt. Danny Holder at the Lubbock Police Department.

International faculty, staff and students should limit foreign travel to emergency trips only. Fundamental changes in law are significantly changing visa and immigration processing for international exchange visitors and students. Long delays and complications are becoming commonplace in obtaining visas outside of the United States. It is essential that international students and exchange visitors contact the Office of International Affairs well before any essential international travel.

The Rundown



Texas unemployment rises slightly to 6.0 percent

AUSTIN (AP) — The statewide unemployment rate held steady at 6.1 percent in August as government and services hiring was offset by job losses in manufacturing and trade, the Texas Workforce Commission said Thursday.

A year ago, seasonally adjusted unemployment stood at 5.1 percent.

Governments added 13,500 jobs, mostly at the local level, and the services industry created 9,000 new jobs, its largest gain this year, the commission said.

The finance, insurance and real estate sector also recovered after two months of decline to post its largest monthly increase since July 1999, adding 1,800 positions. Construction, led by specialty trades, added 1,200 workers, its second-largest increase this year.

But manufacturers cut 3,100 jobs in August, continuing a slump that has resulted in the elimination of 45,400 jobs since August 2001.

The statewide unemployment rate is adjusted for seasonal patterns such as summer and holiday hiring. Economists generally believe seasonally adjusted figures give a better picture of the job market.

Without the adjustments, the unemployment rate would have fallen from 6.6 percent in July to 6.3 percent in August.

About 10 million Texans were working in August, with 673,300 unemployed, the commission said. In effect, the commission calculated that seasonal patterns boosted the ranks of the unemployed by 20,000 and the number of those with jobs by 30,000.

Following are the August unemployment rates for Texas metropolitan areas, with July rates in parentheses. The local figures were not seasonally adjusted.

Senator wants to further tighten aviation security

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Commerce Committee on Thursday approved a proposal to further tighten aviation security by requiring air cargo to be inspected, background checks on foreign flight school students and training for aviation workers to verify people's identity.

The bill would also ban small planes from flying over stadiums for six months and impose prison sentences for up to 10 years for intentionally bypassing airport security checkpoints.

At the same time, the committee relaxed two restrictions that were part of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act passed in November.

The first would extend the deadline for up to 40 airports to miss a Dec. 31 deadline by up to a year to install equipment that would screen all passenger baggage. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, amended an earlier proposal that would only grant a six month extension.

"In California, Florida, Georgia, there are going to be problems with the six month deadline," she said.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said the government should hold firm on the six month extension. "The terrorists are not sitting around and saying we'll just wait to attack until they get it fixed," she said.

The second change to the aviation security act would allow people who are not U.S. citizens to become passenger screeners.

The House voted last month to extend the baggage screening deadline by a year. Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., chairman of the House aviation subcommittee, said the House and the Senate may not have time this year to pass the entire bill even if they do reach an agreement.

James Loy, head of the newly created Transportation Security Administration, told Sen. Ernest Hollings' committee last week that engineering problems will cause as many as 35 of the nation's 429 commercial airports to miss deadline.

OPEC rejects West's call for more oil on market

OSAKA, Japan (AP) — Rejecting calls from the West to put more oil on the market and give consumers relief on their fuel bills, OPEC decided Thursday to leave output unchanged — with top producer Saudi Arabia saying current prices are good for buyers and sellers.

Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi said OPEC would like to see its price average \$25 per barrel, a "magic number" slightly below the current level but more expensive than oil has been for most of this year.

OPEC agreed in a meeting here to stick with its official supply ceiling of 21.7 million barrels per day, which is being boosted by up to 2 million barrels a day of extra production by members cheating on their output quotas.

Ministers said they would gather again on Dec. 12 to take another look at prices and market supply.

OPEC pledged that more oil would be pumped if the price moves too high.

In an interview on CNN, OPEC President Rilwanu Lukman said no one will try to stop the cheaters for now, because that would nudge up prices and stir more tensions with consuming nations, who fear oil at around \$30 per barrel will harm their economies.

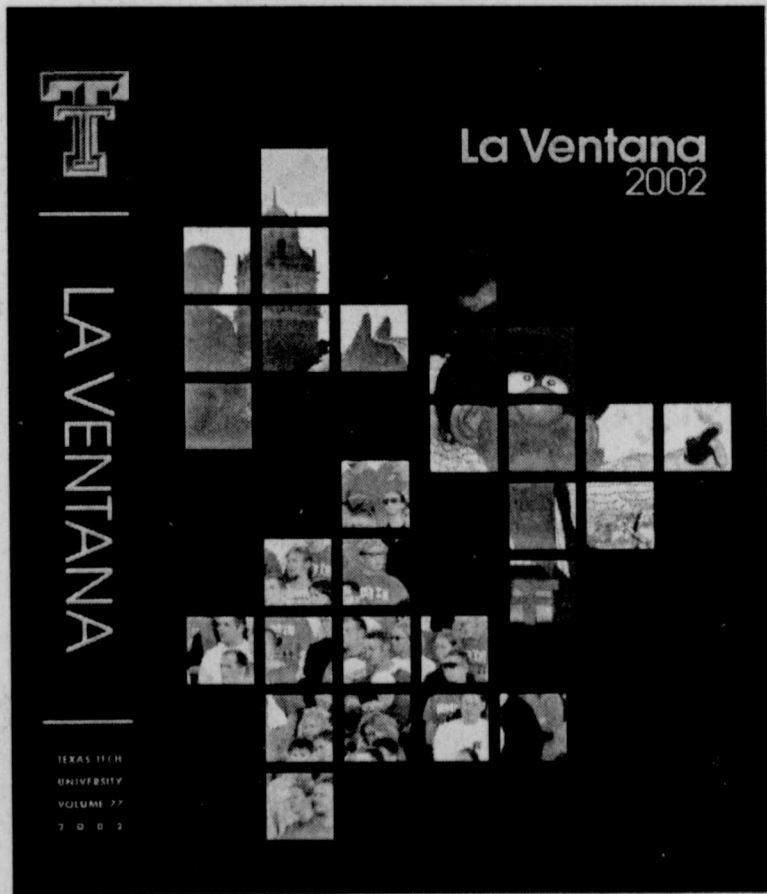
"Excess production over the official quota is always a concern for everybody," Lukman said. "If we are to pull this 1.9 to 2 million barrels out of the market, the prices will shoot up."

Lukman called that "a dilemma."

Earlier, Lukman said OPEC would produce more if the price breaks out of its target range of \$22 to \$28 per barrel. Premium grades of crude traded on the New York and London futures markets have been higher than that, but OPEC said its benchmark price was just \$26.92 on Wednesday.

OPEC has pledged to boost output by 500,000 barrels daily if the price exceeds \$28 per barrel for 20 days.

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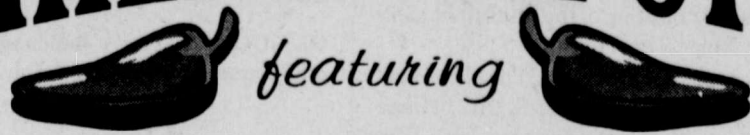


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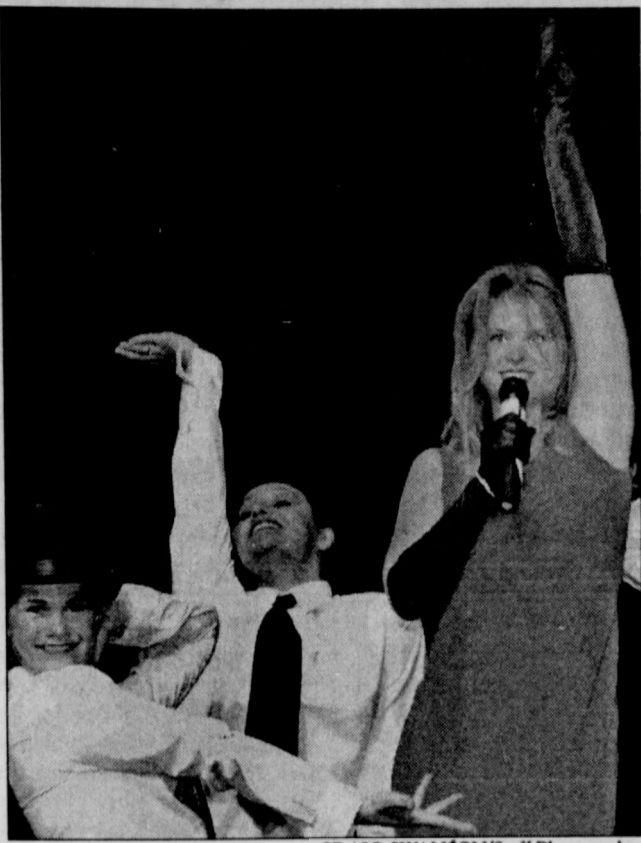
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Jessica Harris, a sophomore English major from Austin, sings at the Miss. Greek Pageant Thursday night. The money raised from the pageant benefits the March of Dimes.

Senate looks to improve image

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech's Student Government Association is looking to reform its image and sense of duty for the 2002-2003 academic year, as clearly implied by Internal Vice President Jeremy Brown at the second Student Senate meeting of the semester on Thursday night.

The overall theme of the meeting was the SGA becoming more visible on campus and doing more for the students.

Brown encouraged senators at the meeting to stand up in front of their classes, introduce themselves as senators and make themselves available to students with questions or concerns.

Brown expressed unhappiness toward recent comments cited in *The University Daily* from students saying they expressed doubt and confusion about what the SGA does on campus.

"This is the average Tech student saying this," Brown directed at his senators. "I don't like this. Next year,

this article is going to have students who are saying, 'Our SGA works their tails off for the students' - this is how we get these articles out of *The UD*."

A major upcoming event that should augment the SGA's visibility and leadership skills discussed at the meeting is the Big 12 Leadership conference to be held at Tech on Sept. 27 to 29. Ten, including Tech, of the Big 12 schools will be present at the conference.

Stress was placed on the senators being involved and active at the conference, whose debut at Tech was in 1984.

Twelve senators will be selected to attend every conference event as delegates like the other schools attending, said Jon-Mark Bernal, senator and chief of staff.

"We want it to feel like a Big 12 community," Bernal said.

The Graduate and Professional Student Government Association, represented by Deirdre Parrish, made a presentation at the meeting. She spoke to the Senate about graduate

students at Tech becoming more known and involved. Parrish pointed out the graduate student population has doubled on campus in the past five years, making it a substantial group of students.

"The Graduate and Professional Student Association is really to assist SGA on getting more graduate students involved and helping them benefit from services at TTU," said Chad Davis, a senator and graduate student.

"Generally grad students are naturally more individual from the rest of the campus - this is to further promote the grad students through opportunities here."

The SGA approved two resolutions at the meeting. The first of the resolutions was addressed by the Senate Legislation Review Committee.

According to the resolution, the Legislation Review Committee will be for the Senate to "...function as the voice of the students and to actively work for the betterment of Texas Tech University ... to communicate with the university and other

parties to follow up on the progress made on all legislation after being adopted in the Senate ..."

The second resolution, presented by author of Resolution Brandi Grissom, was to welcome Walter B. Huffman, the new dean of the Tech's law school.

"This is something we do so a new dean or administrator is welcomed by the SGA, traditionally," Grissom told the senators. "A copy of the resolution will be passed on to him and the administration."

Michael Burns of the University Life committee said their major issue is the lack of copy machines throughout campus, particularly the residence halls.

"It's a financial problem - our committee will do more research and try to reach a compromise with the administration for more copiers."

Students are encouraged to contact the SGA with comments, concerns, and questions. The SGA office is located on the second floor of the Student Union. The SGA's number is (806) 742-3631.

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TLTC appoints Human Sciences prof as Faculty Fellow

By Joshua Parrish/Staff Reporter

Ginny Felstehausen recently accepted an appointment from the Teaching, Learning and Technology Center to become a Faculty Fellow.

Felstehausen, a professor of family and consumer sciences education with the College of Human Sciences, will be the TLTC's first appointed Faculty Fellow.

Felstehausen is an 18-year employee and faculty member of Texas Tech, and prior to teaching at Tech, Felstehausen received her doctoral degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1983.

Her responsibilities will be to provide graduate students and fac-

ulty assistance with their teaching, Felstehausen said, so they can become more effective in the classroom.

Felstehausen said she hopes to help Tech faculty and graduate students who wish to teach come up with effective and innovative ideas to make the classroom experience better for students.

"I have an opportunity to work

with grad students who wish to go into teaching," Felstehausen said.

"And also with faculty from across campus rather than exclusively my own college."

The process for Felstehausen to become a Faculty Fellow occurred during several months this summer.

"They posted an announcement for a Faculty Fellow, which encouraged people to apply," Felstehausen

said. "And then the TLTC's committee met in early summer, and I got word that I had been selected in July."

Felstehausen also said if teachers use innovative methods to teach their students, the students learn better as a result of the teaching methods.

"It's exciting because it's a wonderful opportunity," Felstehausen said. "I feel honored to be the first Faculty Fellow the Teaching, Learning and Technology Center has had."

Edward E. Anderson, the associate director of the TLTC and also a mechanical engineering professor, said Felstehausen will be a welcomed addition to the TLTC.

"She has been known for excellence," Anderson said. "And we try to reach out to get the word out to the other faculty."

Anderson said he believes Felstehausen's creative teaching methods will inspire other faculty or students to use innovative teaching methods as well.

"We're looking forward to her extending her teaching innovation and techniques to other faculty on this campus," Anderson said.

Anderson also said he believes the Faculty Fellow appointment will help the TLTC create enthusiasm for creative teaching methods.

"We're very pleased about having Dr. Felstehausen receive our fellowship," Anderson said.

"It is exciting because it is a wonderful opportunity."
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Political correctness like a virus

Has anyone ever heard of a virus? Basically a virus is a structure of genetic material that injects its own DNA into your DNA. A cell's DNA is the information that tells a cell what to do — anything from synthesizing proteins to excreting hormones. The DNA of a cell is comparable to the brain of a human — it simply tells you what to do. Well, when a virus enters a particular cell of yours, it changes your DNA. Upon this happening, your cells now think they are supposed to be doing something else altogether — like destroying themselves. The infected cell does not remember what it used to do; it just knows what it needs to do. It has "forgotten" its purpose and could consequently begin a long process of self-destruction.

There are many viruses in the world today: Hantavirus, Ebola and AIDS, to name a few. Probably one of the most efficient attributes of a virus is the fact there is no cure for a virus. Being that a virus uses your own cells to do its work, your body cannot defend effectively against it.

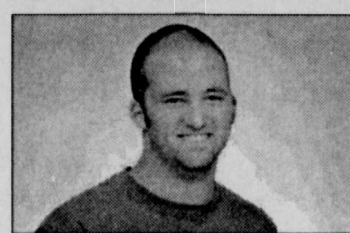
However, in my opinion, a much more deadly virus is sweeping the country today. Many of us have realized its existence, and many of us have contributed to its spread. Many people do not recognize it as a real epidemic taking control of the country — right under our noses.

The Merriam-Webster's Medical Dictionary defines death as deprived of life; lacking the ability to move, feel or respond. The virus I speak of will not kill a person — it will kill a society. If death is what it says it is, then the virus is no doubt killing us from the inside out — it is eating its way through our country like salt through a slug.

This virus is known as P.C.V., or Politically Correct Virus. Let me explain. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary, with more than 35 million copies sold, defines the words you need today, clearly and precisely. Consequently, it defines politically correct as "conforming to a belief that languages and practices which could offend sensibilities should be eliminated." Interestingly enough, this word was created in the year 1936, nearly 70 years ago. Keep that in mind.

The virus is increasingly evident in today's society. The original object of creating the phrase politically correct was to avoid portraying, saying, etc., anything offensive to anyone.

The very existence of this phrase and its implications creates a problem before the virus even gets started. What is this problem? The problem is, my fellow matadors, that no matter what you do, no matter what you say, there is ALWAYS going to be someone who is offended. Well, since offended is a flaky little word with an ever increasing vague meaning, let us grasp a definition.



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Webster's dictionary defines the word as "to cause discomfort or pain" and "to cause dislike or vexation."

In our society, the word offended gets thrown around at a blinding speed. Everyday I walk to class, or open the door, or begin to breathe, I am almost certainly going to hear of some offensive thing that happened to someone. It seems to me the virus has taken hold of our society's DNA.

To tell you the truth, it is hard to see this virus coming, but you know when it is there. Many times the symptoms, at first, are vague and inconclusive, but once the virus has taken full effect, it is apparent, and it is there.

The virus has affected many people to the point they no longer remember what it means, like to be free from infection. My contention is political correctness, as a whole, causes people to blame. It causes a shift in responsibility.

Let me further explain. When you blame someone or something, you are taking the responsibility from yourself, and putting it some-

where else. P.C.V. afflicts many in this way. In our society, we have this notion that nothing is our fault, and that is OK. If something happens, it does not matter, because it is not my fault.

Basically, the virus provides people with an out. It allows them to take one thing, and call it something else. In our society, we are so concerned with not stepping on anyone's toes that we miss the big picture. This sickens me with a different infection — disgust.

If you still have not gotten the picture, go turn on your T.V., watch a talk show for thirty minutes and then continue reading.

The talk show is the essence of political correctness, the initiator of the virus. Almost daily, we are exposed to teenagers on drugs, or who have killed people, or who have stolen a thousand cars. And they all have the same excuse — my childhood was bad. So what. I do not care. Every person in America has had problems in their life, but not every person in America is killing their friends while they are selling crack on the street. The successful people, the strong-willed ones, learn to overcome adversity.

The P.C. virus, once it reaches our societal DNA, makes us think we are seeing the truth. In reality, like a real virus, we are seeing what the virus wants us to see. We watch enough talk shows and hold enough hands, and cry enough with each other that we begin to relate to the teenager who is selling crack to his

brother and killed his girlfriend with a machete. Why? Probably because his parents didn't love him enough, or show him enough affection when he was 2 months old. And we associate with this heathen for one reason — all to be a little politically correct. All of this to make sure we do not offend anyone, when in reality, those of us who are not infected with the virus, see the teenager is still a killer, and no matter what his childhood was like, no one made him kill anyone or sell crack or whatever.

The sickest of us get so caught up in the issues of humanity; they miss the issues of humanity, as it really exists.

They get so caught up in the political zigzag of implications about the issues, they miss the bottom line — no one is responsible for what you do except you. You create your own destiny.

I know in the beginning of the article I referred to political correctness as a virus. Well, being that a virus has no cure; I feel the term 'virus' is inappropriate.

I feel this epidemic sweeping our nation and world is curable. The cure is to take responsibility for your own actions. Remember to be responsible to people, but if they are a killer, then call them a killer — not a poor product of our society with a brief lapse of judgment. Maybe a more appropriate term for political correctness is just a bad bacteria — a bad bacteria with a cure.

Who wins wars waged against all evil?

Despite the fact some have felt topics like, "Why hair is appearing on my ass and not my head" and the ever-infamous "Profession of active involvement of interspecies relations" are worthy of your time, I challenged myself to produce a topic that perhaps is of absolute relevance; therefore, warranting a contribution to the decline of your valuable time.

I say that now, despite my being an absolute virgin to the format we call the print media, I pledge to you to give a topic that is of the utmost urgency. Drum roll please...

I ask that there be an extensive evaluation of how we as a country are supporting a cause that is not winnable and most certainly not justifiable.

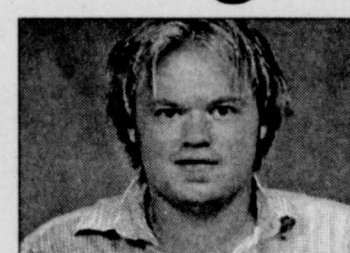
This cause is the most contorted concoction to have been imposed on an active civilization to date. We commonly refer to it as, "The War on Terror" and sometimes even "The war on

evil", or "The war to end all evil."

I ask the readers of this column question quietly to yourselves, exactly how one nation goes to war with evil and wins? The sheer inconceivability of that notion alone discredits any hope of unilateral victory marked with the future attainment of said notion by America.

As an American granted the right to free speech, I must say to this day we are being dragged around like little puppets responding to our own human emotions, such as need for espousal of justice, since Sept. 11, 2001. Are our lives meant only to serve an out-of-control capitalistic complex of which we are all members? A government loses control of itself at the very moment it becomes more interested in the control and the direction of society rather than adhering to the very principles it was founded on, is not a just government I feel (forgive my digression, this is another column indeed).

The moment this "war against evil" becomes a war on nations and



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The opposing sides of any potentially apocalyptic incident need to wake up and realize we are all riding in the same boat and this storm could cause all hell.

not strictly a search for attainment and prosecution of those only directly responsible for the attacks and

their counterparts, is the moment World War III will begin. I cite now the infamous statement: "History repeats itself" and follow with this notion. Was not Adolph Hitler or the Empire of Japan met with resistance when they got a little to close to disrupting civilization as we know it? And basically, it is this response by Islamic extremists to our own policies gone unchecked has set into motion the wheels of our "War on Terror."

The ones who are left around after a war to write have written history, and it is this fact and this fact alone justifies all of our actions.

I hate to spoil the tea party, but for every one of us that hates the politics behind the instigation of terrorist acts against us, there is another in our world with the same sentiments drafted our way. The opposing sides of any potentially apocalyptic incident needs to wake up and realize we are all riding in the same boat and this storm could cause all hell.

Now, before you go drafting your

response hear me out on this point. As an opponent of the killing of innocent lives on both sides of the court, I ask simply that rather than going into countries with the fervor of a Prairie Dog fleeing Lubbock, perhaps realistic goals should be set to prevent future attacks without committing the already perpetrated act of cultural genocide on entire societies.

While most authors of pieces of political interest slyly slip a catchphrase at this time hinting to a particular political affiliation, I must choose not to. It is the only choice I have given the fact the two choices that have been presented to me during my relatively brief life have both been as equally revolting. I close by asking, rather than accepting everything presented your way without asking of the consequences that you perhaps think what the policies of our government could conceivably lead to.

Truth will never be obtained if you have learned to instinctively trust in falsehoods.



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Country fiddle band performs at Center

By Erica Gonzales/Staff Reporter

Country music and dancing reminiscent of the type danced during the time when the first settlers came to the Texas panhandle is coming to Lubbock.

Larry Fiel and the Ranch Dance Fiddle Band will perform at 7 p.m. today at the National Ranching Heritage Center, which is part of the Texas Tech Museum system. The band will perform as part of weekend long event celebrating the 25th Annual Golden Spur award ceremony taking place on

Saturday. The award is given to one individual recognized for his or her extraordinary achievement in the livestock industry.

Leeann Alford, coordinator for special events of the center, said they are excited the band will be performing at their celebration.

"They play traditional old style music," she said. "It's not country and western."

Larry Fiel, founder and lead performer of the Ranch Dance Fiddle Band, said the band members consist of a wide variety of age groups,

including adults and teenagers. There are more teenagers than adults, but that does not negate their ability to perform well, he said.

"Although they are kids, they are playing at an advanced level," he said.

Alford said part of the appeal of the band is the high energy the teenagers bring.

"It's almost as entertaining watching the kids play as it is to listen to them," she said.

Their high performance skills stem from regular practices and personal instruction on Fiel's part. He

also teaches them old country dancing, such as the two-step waltz, which accentuate their performance on stage, he said.

The main objective of having the band, he said, is so the children can learn to appreciate music.

The band keeps children out of dangerous situations they might otherwise be prone to get into, he said.

Kalli Harbin, a sophomore in home school from Littlefield, plays the fiddle for the band.

Although performing for the band takes a lot of her time, educa-

tion is still her top priority, she said. She said although it is hard work, the effort is worth it.

"The harder you work, the easier it is," she said. "The challenge is to get better."

She said she is excited about playing at the Ranch Dance and is used to playing in front of audiences.

The band members get paid in scholarships for school, repairs on instruments and travel expenses, Harbin said.

This is Fiel's second attempt at leading a band.

The first band began in '95 and his band mates have either graduated, moved to college or moved away, he said.

The band performs songs from old country music he documents.

The group performs regularly across West Texas and New Mexico.

Tickets are \$5 at the door and children ages six and under are free.

For more information on the Ranch Dance Fiddle Band, log onto www.ranchdance.com or contact the Ranching and Heritage Center at (806) 742-0498.

Greek Peek

Here's a peek at the
2002 New Members!



Melissa Boone	Johanna Martin	Megan Serwatka
Alex Bradt	Erin Neighbors	Lynnsey Smit
Jenny Butler	Natalie Newberry	Heather Smith
Lauren Cirigliano	Brittany O'Brien	Shelley Smith
Allison Coleman	Tara Petross	Lauren Suderman
Tynan Coleman	Rebecca Piper	Caitlin Thomas
Jessica Crouch	Megan Pollan	Cassie Thomas
Carly Cummings	Kristen Potter	Allyson Timms
Amy Degroot	Andria Reynolds	Kym Villarreal
Tiffany Eitel	Danielle Robbins	Amy Waincott
Jenna Faldik	Kristina Rodriguez	Ashley Williams
Natalie Floyd	Vanessa Sanders	Tara Winfrey
KC Fowles	Jessica Schwartz	Jackie Zavala
Elizabeth Gabbert	Lauren Scott	
Kay Kay Gough		
Lisa Gavia		
Candace Goggans		
Megan Griffith		
Heather Hampton		
Lauren Henry		
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**CONGRATULATIONS
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MEMBERS**

Alpha Chi Omega



*The sisters of
Alpha Phi
congratulate their
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Regan Abbe	Stephanie Gray	Colleen Nord
Lindsey Alvarado	Kelly Harris	Pamela Parker
Lindsay Ashworth	Christine Hauser	Kaila Reiner
Alison Barnes	Brittany Hebert	Colleen Reinlie
Janelle Barnes	Jennifer Heckman	Katie Repsher
Brittany Barrientos	April Herrin	Liz Rogers
Taylor Bemis	Anna Hisey	Lindsay Shobe
Alise Bunton	Shannon Hopkins	Megon Siegert
Kathleen Carrino	Katie Hough	Angela Sikorski
Ryann Cashman	Bo Joplin	Cely Smart
Theresa	Ashley Kirker	Tiffany Smith
Cunningham	Kristin Kirkham	Kristie Stephenson
Kathryn Daneker	Amy Kohutek	Colleen Sullivan
Amanda Dugan	Megan Livingston	Ashley Thomas
Kari Favia	Charlscie Malone	Whitney Tyrrell
Lisa Findley	Brandy Meacham	Tara Wagner
Tasha Fitz	Robin Milstead	Gretchen Warsing
Mary Foley	Valerie Muckley	Julie Weathers
Diana Gonzalez	Amanda Murray	Jessica West
		Kellie Wiest

AΔΠ

**The sisters of
Alpha Delta Pi
welcome their
2002 Alphas!**

Stacia Barben	Rebecca Henson	Carrie Redgrave
Elizabeth Barney	Dallas Hinesly	Katie Schoppa
Courtney Black	Amanda Hothan	Becca Shelton
Amanda Brown	Amy Huckabee	Melissa Springer
Katie Chapman	Heather Jones	Ashley Stark
Carissa Cummins	Megan Jordan	Katie Torrence
Jessica Dameron	Melanie Lambert	Lizzie Waitkus
Natalie Davis	Kei Lara	Tami Whittington
Nicole Fischer	Desirae Lee	
Jennifer Gares	Rebecca Litt	
Liza Garner	Brittany Martin	
Krystal Gates	Melissa Mills	
Megan Geist	Tori McDevitt	
Amanda Good	Keri Norman	
Jennifer Haile	Abby Parker	
Danielle Handley	Megan Profanchik	
Amanda Harkey	Brittany Puckett	
Jessica Harris	Casey Ray	



**The sisters of Chi Omega
congratulate their new
Baby Hooters!**



Sarah Adams	Callie Flemming	Ashley Keef
Alex Agnor	Liz Fruge	Lauren Keith
Candace Baccus	Natalie Furr	Tina Kight
Jayne Beason	Danni Gauthier	Alicia Kimmel
Mia Biase	Kathryn Gentle	Meagan Lewis
Kayla Biggerstaff	Mindy Greer	Megan Mann
Nicole Blaydes	Anna Hale	Joylynn McClung
Kenna Bonner	Ashley Harrison	Kathleen McCulloch
Heather Boyd	Ashley Haugh	Lindsay Misenheimer
Lindsay Carrio	Lindsey Hettler	Amy Mitchell
MariAnne Chapman	Lindsey Horany	Lori Moore
Mindi Chappell	Traci Horany	Natalie Morgan
Mara Curtis	Allison Horn	Krissy Mund
Vanessa Dardano	Haley Huffstetler	Courtney Neal
Amanda Ellis	Jessica Jenkins	Laura Neuman
Ivy Fielden	Chelsea Jennings	Nicole Nowlin
		Whitney Peyton
		Kate Riebel
		Erin Schultz
		Bethany Sieling
		Liz Striegel
		Erin Toole
		Amber Usrey
		Whitney Walsh
		Lauren Watkins
		Kay Westernhagen
		Holli Williams
		Leslie Zindel

Delta Delta Delta



**The sisters of Delta Delta Delta congratulate
their new members!**

Ashleigh Adams	Blakely Davis	Kristin Luszc	Ashley Southwell
Morgan Ambrose	Lisa Demeyer	Vanessa McInvalde	Stephanie Stuart
Heather Anderson	Sarah Doyle	Courtney Meyers	Leslie Sykes
Lauren Anderson	Laura Freeman	Lindsay Nichols	Jennifer Tester
Ashlee Armas	Launnie Friedman	Holly Paulk	Katie Tucker
Stephanie Austin	Sara Geistweidt	Lauren Read	Nealei Vanderburg
Jessica Bond	Katie Gorin	Danielle Reed	Kelli Vandeusen
Ashley Burrus	Candice Griswold	Allison Reyes	Aimee Vivion
Maggie Bush	Neely Hicks	Audra Rives	Sarah Vonfeldt
Lauren Caltagirone	Gretchen Hill	Elena Sanchez	Courtney Wallgren
Irene Canales	Candace Ingram	Whitney Seago	Becca Weidenbach
Sara Christensen	Megan Jett	Erin Settegest	Kelsey Welch
Kristina Clark	Melanie Johnson	Lauren Sharp	Bridget Wolfe
Caroline Corlee	Kandi Killion	Rahie Shaw	
Melanie Cox	Kristi King	Mackenzie Shelton	
Sarah Davidson	Haley Lemond	Jessica Sorenson	

Road trip spawns realizations, Hot Spot Idea

MUSIC REVIEW



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So I am in Abilene, killing time while my girlfriend takes the G.R.E. When I told her I was under the impression she had already gotten her high school diploma, she patted me on the head and explained there was a difference between a G.E.D., and a G.R.E. I guess that is why she's the one taking the test, and I'm picking my nose for four hours.

The point of the story is, that I'm in Abilene with four hours to kill and a column to write with no computer to write it and send it in. So, my big idea is to go to McMurry

University and pose as a student in order to use their computer lab.

Texas Tech is cool because you can walk in to any computer lab and jump right on to the Internet. But here in A-town, they are total Nazis. You have to have an ID number to use a computer. I asked the lady at the front desk very nicely if I could have a guest pass or something. She managed to be as rude as possible in telling me no.

With my head down, I left McMurry University — I did manage to pick up a copy of their school paper and *The UD* is quite superior if I do say so myself.

On my way out, I called some of my friends from the radio station to see if they knew anyone here in Abilene. I was directed by the local CD Warehouse, run by the manager of Fontane, a regional band that just finished a tour with local band 10K Drive. When I pulled up to CD Warehouse, the van parked next to me was covered in stickers that told me I was in the right place: Sparta (El Paso band), The Needies (local group), and Air Raid Summer.

Suddenly, standing there in the parking lot, I was whisked away to last weeks Hot Spot: Air Raid Summer and Watermelonfastbass at the Amaranth Co-op.

Air Raid Summer absolutely tore the house down. After each song, the crowd's reaction — and by the way, this was the biggest attendance the Amaranth to date — grew and grew, as if by each passing song dawned on the audience.

Watermelonfastbass played a really fun set. Mostly comprised of the bands favorite 'fun' songs — songs like the "Mike Tyson Punch-Out" song; you know, the part where Mac is training in front of the Statue of Liberty after his bout with that Honda guy? Watermelon closed with a song written by guitarist, Winston's four-year-old nephew. The lyrics go a little something like

this, "Knock-Knock/Who's There?/ Nobody/ Nobody Who?! I don't care! Cha-Cha-Cha!" If you weren't there, you missed a really fun set from the Fastbastards.

Back to the exciting story. Well, Brandon, the Fontane manager guy, did not have Internet access at his store. But the good news is if you are ever in Abilene, go to his CD Warehouse on Buffalo Gap Road (on the other side of some high-way from the mall).

The indie section at the store is amazing. I ended up with a Pedro The Lion CD as a memento from my visit to Abilene.

Brandon pointed me to a nearby Kinko's where I am currently paying 30 cents a minute to write this column, which kind of sucks considering *The UD* pays me 10 cents a minute.

This week's Hot Spot is very ex-

citing. It is, however, something I feared would happen.

Due to the current lack of venues for local music, with the closing down of Einstein's, I was afraid that sooner or later I was going to be repeating the same Hot Spots from week to week. Well four weeks into the year and I am repeating a Hot Spot. But that's OK because this is literally one of the hottest places for music in Lubbock right now. So, it seems only right to do the Hot Spot here more than once.

This week's Hot Spot, as it was last week, is The Amaranth Co-op. Saturday night the Amaranth is hosting Chapel Hill, North Carolina's own brand of punk rock in, The Scaries. Opening for the Scaries is the extremely talented local punk bands, 80s Combat and Invitation To Failure.

I was fortunate enough to catch 80s Combat at last years Warner Brothers Rock-U Showcase, and they were great fun to watch. People were jumping up and down, getting sweaty, screaming and causing total anarchy. It was amazing. I expect

nothing less this weekend as Combat is set to tear it up again.

New to the Lubbock punk scene is Invitation To Failure. I have seen the guys a couple of times now in Lubbock, once at the Amaranth a couple of months ago, and more recently at Double Dave's. My favorite song by this relatively new group is "Binge Drinking". This song is more post-punk than it is punk, but has the same fire and energy of Kurt Cobain in the midst of some kind of drug frenzy.

Last time I saw the band they did a couple Buddy Holly covers that blew the audience away. Be sure to watch out for the drummer, Gabe's headbands. He will knock you down with his old-school-ness if you not careful.

Be sure to check the show out on Saturday night at the Amaranth Cooperative, located at 43rd and Boston.

Last week I erroneously placed the Co-op on 42nd and Boston — so make sure you go to 43rd street this week. Like always, the Co-op is BYOB and smoke-free.



Delta Gamma 2002

Jamie Adie	Taylor Dudas	Sara Kincheloe	Catie Roys
Michelle Adie	Kandice Dugan	Jillian Koblinski	Ressi Sands
Ashley Allenbaugh	Candice Duncan	Kellie Lambert	Jaceli Rippamonti
Andrea Antonietti	Kristen Edwards	Laura Landraf	Terri Sassman
Jenni Bergeland	Emily Fisher	Candace McDonald	Lindsay Sirles
Ceceli Blakley	Natalie Flores	Lisa McNabb	Lindsay Steele
Amanda Brant	Margaret Fontes	Tatiana Molina	Jenna Steery
Laura Cheek	Aly Fox	Erin Moore	Nicole Svor
Britney Cheney	Sarah Green	Catherine Neill	Kristin Thomas
Reagan Clark	Jennifer Goolsbay	Meredith Nesbit	Emily Thurman
Morgan Cooper	Jamie Hammond	Julie Nobleu	Carmen Tunnell
Niki Del Castillo	Reggie Headrick	Mary-Jane Petrini	Allyson Ward
Bridget Daresh	Sarah Heath	Chrissy Pilsen	Melissa Whitlock
Natalie Davis	Miranda Hooper	Belissa Ramirez	Melissa Williams
Sara Drehobl	Jamie Ireland	Rebecca Redmon	Jennifer Wilson
	Katherine Kane	Bridget Renshaw	

The sisters of Delta Gamma welcome their 2002 New Member Class!

Kappa Alpha Theta

proudly announces their 2002 New Member Class!

Jennifer Allen	Rachelle Douglas	Katie McInn	Kelley Ricker
Whitney Ballinger	Tanci Drew	Shelbie Miller	Lindsay Schubert
Sonia Basora	Emily Ehrlich	Jessica Muncey	Witney Selfert
Katie Blount	Lyndsey Escobar	Meredith McLeroy	Niki Stasik
Sarah Booth	Morgan Fitzgerald	Nicole Martella	Amanda Todd
Brittany	Heather Frawley	Mary Mazdra	Mina Shamsa
Buckmaster	Langley Garland	Randi McAnally	Amanda Todd
Jessica Burke	April Gough	Mary Catherine McCulloch	Christie Tubb
Leslie Bush	Kelly Harris	Stephanie McDonald	Katie Tyler
Amy Jo Callaway	Stefanie Beermans	Amanda Murphree	Megan Velt
Anna Clark	Tabitha Held	Gentry Newman	Trina Vollbracht
Melissa Conry	Kathleen Hudnall	Whitney Parnell	Julie Westerhaus
Kay Cosby	Meredith Hughes	Amanda Poe	Allison White
Lindsay Davis	Kristen Jackson	Amy Probst	
	Carly Jenkins	Casey Raney	
	Kerri Kelcy	Jennifer Richter	
	Cate Lock		

Kappa Delta

The sisters of Kappa Delta congratulate their 2002 New Members!

Alymer, Alison	Helberg, Lindsay	Robbins, Lacy
Barnett, Tracey	Hodnett, Christy	Salazar, Corina
Brewer, Debbie	Howard, Liz	Scoggins, Renee
Brininstool, Cara	Hundemer, Paige	Shelton, Keilly
Cavanagh, Meagan	Hunter, Sheila	Skinner, Stephanie
Chapline, Meagan	Johnson, Emily	Skinner, Stephanie
Dempsey, Erin	Kinsey, Brandi	Stults, Lindsey
Dickerson, Renea	Klim, Suzy	Sturdivant, Megan
Dowell, Lindsey	Klugiewicz, Lisa	Tabor, McKenzie
Driggers, Kacie	Landrewth, Courtney	Theobald, Carol
Edgington, Cyndi	Lowe, Ashley	Tipton, Megan
Edwards, Anna	Lowling, Lauren	Tisdale, Jamie
Gann, Amber	Middlebrooks, Lauren	Valenzuela, Gina
Ghiggeri, Laura	Miller, Kelly	Williams, Amanda
Green, Morgan	Mitchell, Whitney	Williams, Kristi
Haber, Lauren	Mushinski, Brynn	Williams, Nicole
Hall, Maren	Orr, Whitney	Yedowski, Abigail
Hall, Megan	Phillips, Tricia	Young, Allison
Harkinson, Margot	Pugh, Lacy	
Heckerorth, Sarah	Reece, Lindsay	

KAPPA

The sisters of Kappa Kappa Gamma congratulate their 2002 New Member class.

Jennifer Alvarez	Danielle Dreps	Morgan Peugh
April Balch	Katie Duff	Linley Piper
Mimi Bates	Kendra Elliott	Meg Popejoy
Ashlie Baumann	Sarah Ellis	Meghan Puhl
Brittney Beck	Lizzy Eversberg	Whitney Reece
Meagan Broadnax	Amanda Glasser	Jackie Richter
Jill Bowen	Ashlee Hale	Shannon Sartin
Lindsay Boyd	Jordan Hardin	Kayla Schrom
Stephanie Burpo	Celia Hernandez	Jennifer Semlinger
Katie Colerick	Courtney Hesseler	Paige Sinclair
Tracy Connor	Catherine Jacobs	Meredith Slaughter
Cassie Corrigan	Kayla Kiser	Lindsay Smith
Avery Cowan	Kelly Kyger	Shannon Sims
Anne Crossan	Allison Lacy	Lacie Springston
Shayna Crisp	Sara Lanier	Emily Thompson
Jaclyn Crowley	Molly Beth Little	Kallie Torr
Regan Cunningham	Amy Lowery	Jackie VanSant
Liesl Darr	Shayla Matthews	Kayla Walker
Tiffany DeNitto	Kayla McCravy	Shannon Whetstone
	Brenda McManus	Charlie Wright
	Chelsey Miller	

ΠΒΦ

Congratulations to the CUTEST New Member class on Greek Circle!

Lauren Abell	Meredith Hargrove	Elyse Scott
Monica Acosta	Leah Harrell	Emily Spruiell
Alison Balch	Alix Hill	Markie Stark
Dana Ball	Kim Hooper	Heather Stephens
Elizabeth Basham	Keathley King	Shelby Stewart
Robyn Billingsley	Kari Jo Knox	Leslie Taylor
Bethany Boundas	Megan Lavoie	Katie Teinert
Kelly Buchanan	Lindsay Lisman	Emily Thornton
Lindsay Card	Tara McClure	Amy Tucker
Kelley Clayton	Whitney McDonald	Lindsay Utley
Emily Clonts	Ashley Menzie	Mandy Vinson
Laura Darden	Janna Merritt	Lindsey Walker
Kim Doyle	Jamie Minor	Courtney Warren
Allison Dyer	Jaemie Moore	Emily Whigham
Emily Ewert	Kim Moore	Michelle White
Flynn Fletcher	Kobi Nix	Lauren Williams
Jenny Frerichs	Christian Phillips	Brianna Wright
Kelsey Graham	Kristin Pritchard	
Katy Guttery	Stephanie Riddle	

We are so happy to have you all as our newest ANGELS!

We Love You All!
Pi Phi Love & Mine,
your sisters at Pi Beta Phi

ZETA

The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha are proud to announce the women of their 2002 New Member class.

Bea Alvarez	Kristy Miller
Britni Baker	Ashley Moris
Megan Barnes	Kate Murphy
Whitney Boatright	Jess Murray
Courtney Campbell	Stephanie Olson
Kaleigh Cantrell	Caitlin Parker
Sarah Chain	Liz Peluse
Laura Chancellor	Sarah Perkins
Lindsay Chappel	Mariah Pradon
Kathryn Cooper	Rachel Ramsey
Carri Davidson	Melissa Reaves
Michelle Diehm	Megan Robinson
Megan Dubois	Tara Rucker
Kari Eckerle	Casey Salley
Beth Ferguson	Jennifer Sheridan
Sarah Finch	Haley Short
Gardner Folsom	Lindsay Snyder
Linsay Gowing	Katie Tacl
Steffanie Groggan	Kellie Tacl
Faye Haggard	Stacy Tenneberger
Tanis Herr	Evyn Temperton
Elizabeth Heter	Brooke Tomlin
Emily Hutchens	Laura Waldrep
Linsay Jansen	Tara Watkins
Darcie Johnson	Lauren White
Holly Jones	Ashley Woodson
Nikki Jones	
Sara Kasten	
Heidi Kempf	
Lindsay Latimer	
Missy Ledet	
Lauren Leonard	

Sam's Place celebrates official opening

By Erica Gonzales/Staff Reporter

Two facilities, the ATLC East and Sam's Place both located in Sneed/Bledsoe residence hall, end their weeklong grand opening today.

The opening began on Monday with free giveaways.

Kirk Rodriguez, assistant director of the University Dining Services, said although Sam's Place has been opened since Aug. 19, the grand opening was held this week instead of the beginning of the school year to give students time to settle into the routine of school.

Students registered for prizes throughout the week and winners were announced everyday at 4 p.m., he said.

Coolers with tailgate party essentials such as snacks, cokes and water were given away on Monday and Tuesday and a stereo was given away on Wednesday, he said.

The big event was held Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Rodriguez said.

"A TV, stereo and 25 dining dollars were given away," he said.

Kaley Paris, marketing and promotions representative for Student Affairs, said the event went well.

"Raider Red took pictures with students," she said.

Z102-FM gave away T-shirts and CDs, she said.

Sam's Place attracted many people, Paris said.

"There were lines nonstop," she said.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony kicked off Thursday's event.

The cutting was conducted by Kirk Rodriguez, assistant director of the University Dining Services, Gary Wiggins, Kelly Stumbo, president of the Student Government Association and Sheri Snider, director for Technology Support.

Leigh Mauer, external vice-president, also was present for Thursday's event.

"This is awesome," she said.

"This is really good for this side of campus because this side has been ignored," she said.

The engineering majors now have a place close by to eat and to

use the computer lab, she said.

"I had a good feeling about this," she said. "Before this, there was only The Market," Mauer said.

Howard Gibbs, a senior civil engineering major from Lubbock, was at the main grand opening event Thursday.

"We finally have something on this side of school. Everything else is on the BA's side," he said.

He also takes advantage of the new computer lab, he said.

"I use the lab a lot because there's good parking, it's better than going to the library or Chitwood/Weymouth," he said.

The event continued with drawings for T-shirts, Texas Tech flags, mouse pads and a digital camera.

Kirk Rodriguez said Sam's Place offers a variety of prepared foods, made-to-order food and convenience store items. Smoothies are available in 13 flavors and they even have their own line of cold stoned ice cream similar to Marble Slab.

The feedback from students has been positive, he said.

"The first time they came in, they were like 'Wow,'" he said.

The store even has the convenience of an ATM machine and the store accepts Tech Express, checks, dining bucks, Visa and MasterCard, Rodriguez said.

Jennifer Lucio, a senior public relations major from Lamesa, works next door at West Hall and likes the prices.

"The prices are reasonable," she said. "College students can afford it."

Sheri Snider, director of Technology Support, said the ATLC, located next door, is an added convenience.

"It was needed in that part of campus," she said.

It is open 24 hours, seven days a week as long as you have a valid Tech ID, she said.

"People think it's just for residents," she said. "It's for all Tech students."

There are 30 computers and free dot matrix printing.

"Many people use it to study, for e-mail and for instant messaging,"



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer
JEREMY DAVISON, A freshman business major from Houston, waits on his made-to-order chicken fajita wrap at the new Sam's Place located on the ground floor of Sneed residence hall.

a day and study."

Eubak Satti, a junior computer science major from Houston, lives in the Sneed residence hall and said it is convenient to have a computer lab near by.

"Now I don't have to go to the library," he said. "I come here once Friday is the last day of the grand opening events. A drawing for a mountain bike will be at 4 p.m. at each Sam's Place location, Sneed/Bledsoe, Carpenter/Wells and Chitwood/Weymouth residence halls.

Astronomy professor brings prestige, vast knowledge to Tech



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF physics, Ron Wilhelm stands with a 10-inch Mead LX200 telescope in his office Monday afternoon.

By James Hershberger/
Staff Reporter

When most people talk about Stars, actors and musicians are usually the topic of conversation. But such is not the case with Ron Wilhelm professor of astronomy at Texas Tech University. The first professional astronomer Tech has had in its history; he is actively researching space and teaching his students.

"I study the formation of our galaxy and the Milky Way," he said. "I do so by observing ancient stars that date back to the beginning of the galaxy. They are about 12 billion years old. I study stars in globular clusters as well as field stars."

For Wilhelm, astronomy has

been a life-long fascination.

"I got interested in astronomy when I was a kid. My mom and dad are farmers and we would sit outside at night and look at the stars," he said. "I would think about the enormity of the universe. Of course, back then, I wanted to be an astronaut. I thought I would be able to see the stars better from a space ship."

Wilhelm grew up in Monroeville, Ohio, and obtained his bachelor's degree from Bowlinggreen State University in Bowlinggreen, Ohio. He earned his doctorate from Michigan State University and has been teaching for seven years. At Tech, he works for both the Physics Department and the Honors College. Wilhelm's arrival at Tech last year satisfied a long-

standing need for an actual astronomer to teach the astronomy classes, Lynn Hatfield, the chairman of the physics department and Wilhelm's direct supervisor said.

"We've always needed an astronomer," Hatfield said. "His wife took a job here in the college of education and he obviously wanted to be with her, and we really needed an astronomer, so it really worked out well. He is doing an excellent job teaching and works very hard on his research."

David Lamp, associate professor of physics, said Wilhelm has earned his respect.

"I think it's wonderful that he is here," Lamp said. "Having a real astronomer gives some legitimacy to the program here. We're making it so that we can have an impact. He is concerned with some very interesting problems, which is great for Texas Tech."

He said he has enjoyed his career.

He said he narrowly missed fame with his astronomical research. The thesis he submitted to his university theorized a counter-rotation in the halo, based off the work of other astronomers. The existence of a counter-rotation would mean our galaxy collided with another one millions of years ago to create the one we live in now, he said.

"A few years later, the theory was proven by someone else using a different means than I used," he said.

Wilhelm said he believes that everyone could benefit from astronomy.

"The universe is so expansive," he said. "Our whole lives may be spent on earth, but the more going on up there. I think it would be good for people to up at the nighttime sky every once in a while."

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Raiders seek to break out of offensive scoring slump

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

After starting the season 2-0, the Texas Tech soccer team has lost four consecutive games, falling to a 2-4 record. Now, the Red Raiders said they are ready to get back to their winning ways. Tech will compete in the Texas A&M Fazoli's Classic this weekend at College Station.

Tech coach Felix Oskam said he is having a tough time figuring out what starting roster will produce positive results on a regular basis.

"We can't find consistency yet," he said. "No eleven players are stepping up and saying, 'We are the starters.'"

With a larger squad this year compared to last season, Oskam said he has greater leeway in making personnel decisions.

"This year I have the option of replacing players if I have to," he said. "If you don't perform, you're going to be benched."

This weekend pits the Raiders against two non-conference opponents, Idaho State and

Florida Atlantic. Players said these two games are crucial.

Sophomore defender Roxanne Frilot said the Raiders have to come away from this weekend victorious, especially with Big 12 Conference play coming up.

"We need to win these two games," she said. "It would be nice coming off of two wins before conference play."

Junior forward and team co-captain Kerri Campbell said the Raiders were not cocky after the 2-0 start, but they have played without motivation.

"We were never overconfident," she said. "We just had a lack of intensity. Hopefully, we can play with higher intensity because these are two must win games."

Sophomore midfielder Nicole Frilot transferred from Sacramento State to Tech. She played in the Big Sky conference with Idaho State.

"They won the conference," she said. "I remember them being real big and aggressive. I think defensively they were

pretty strong. They were a tough team, and they're not going to be easy to get by."

Oskam said he sees the Raiders' season becoming progressively more difficult. He said this weekend's contests as no different.

"I know it's going to be two tough games," he said. "Every game has been tough so far, and it's only getting tougher."

Nicole Frilot said she is concerned that other schools might not consider the 2-4 Tech squad a worthy opponent.

"Our record isn't too great," she said. "We need to come out with confidence and show that we are meant to be here."

Roxanne Frilot said the biggest problem for the Raiders was not playing fired up. She said that has to change for Tech to win.

"We need intensity," she said. "We need to play with heart and not be so lackadaisical."

In order to find the right formula for winning, Tech will make changes in who plays, but the

tactics should remain identical, Roxanne Frilot said.

"Right now, they're looking at switching personnel," she said. "Our formations will stay the same. We're just trying to fit new people into new places."

Oskam said the team is able to win, and the players realize that.

"I know what we're capable of, and they know what they're capable of," he said.

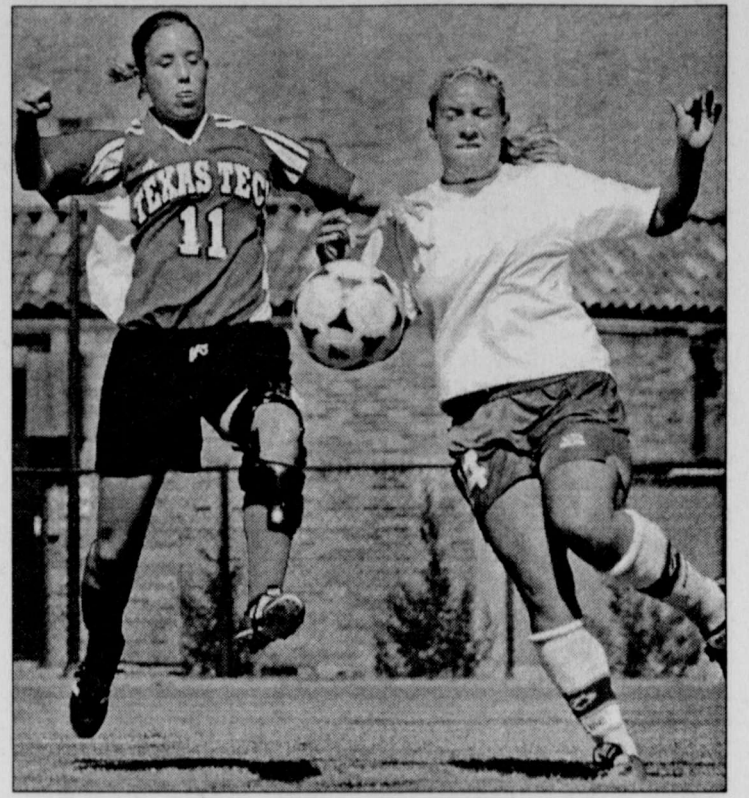
Oskam said the Raiders are going to have to improve, but he is not giving up.

"We can't throw in the towel with two non-conference games left," he said.

He said he is anticipating his team to play better this weekend, and he will be watching for improvement.

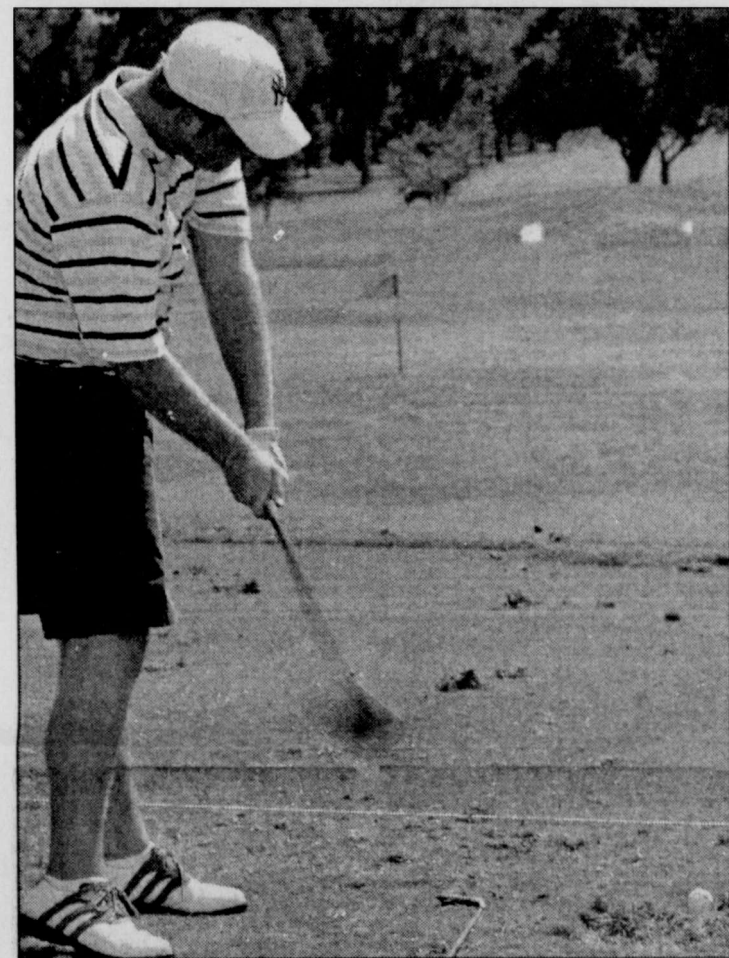
"I'm looking for players who are going to step up, show leadership, and be consistent," he said. "That's the bottom line."

Tech plays Idaho State at 5 p.m. today. The Raiders face Florida Atlantic at 11 a.m. on Sunday.



FILE PHOTO/The University Daily
TEXAS TECH'S TRACY Loyd tries to hustle to ball before her opponent during a soccer scrimmage earlier in the season. Tech will take its 2-4 record on the road to College Station to play two non-conference matches today and Sunday.

Red Raider golfers, coaches set sights on NCCA Tournament again



JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer
TEXAS TECH GOLFER Drew Hackler hits off the driving range at Lubbock Country Club on Wednesday. Tech, who reached the NCAA Tournament last year has confidence it can back a repeat return this year.

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech is said to be a school rich in tradition, and the men's golf team would like to make its appearance in the NCAA Championship last season a regular occurrence.

Head coach Greg Sands said he does not think it was a coincidence the Red Raiders made the tournament and thinks his team can get back there this season.

"It's our biggest goal to make the national tournament again," Sands said, "and be in contention to win it."

The Raiders were not happy with how they played in Columbus, Ohio for the championship last year and would like to improve on their performance.

"Once we made it we obviously wanted to play well," Sands said, "but I don't think we were very pleased with the way we played there."

The Raiders placed 25th out of 30 teams, and Sands said it is a nice feeling to be considered a top 25 team based on those results. The Raiders want to be higher on the leader board and become a force to be reckoned with.

Drew Hackler said the team's appearance at the NCAA last year and how Tech played throughout the year proved the swingers deserved to be there.

"We all know we're good enough to be there," Hackler said. "I think we showed everyone Tech's going to be around for a while. We want to become a big name team and being someone everybody knows is good."

The Raiders goal for the 2002-03 season is to finish in the top 5 at every tournament they play in and be put on the map of the collegiate golf world.

Brooks Kelly said the key to the season will be playing well day-in and day-out.

"We have to be consistent," Kelly said. "We are going to have to play well to put us in position to win some tournaments, and that way when we make it (to the NCAA Tournament) we don't want it to be a surprise."

The Raiders have already started their season by playing in two tournaments. The team finished fifth in its last competition out of 18 teams.

Earlier in the month, Tech traveled to the home of golf to play in an invitational tournament at St. Andrews, and those who went said it was more than they imagined.

"It was unbelievable," Sands said. "It's a lifetime experience. I enjoyed learning about the home of golf."

Hackler said seeing the course on television does not do it justice. The Old Course must be experienced first-hand.

"It's basically where golf started, so it was pretty awesome," Hackler said. "It's totally different than TV. I've always wanted to do it to say that I did."

The Raiders are looking forward to another good season, and play

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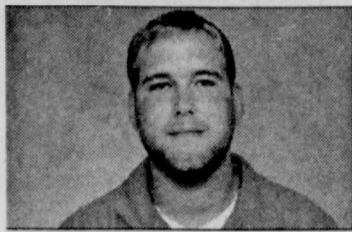
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Nebraska, Colorado overrated; Cal and Notre Dame turning it up



Kyle Clark

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First off all, I want to say congratulations to the California Golden Bears. Every year there is a surprise team in college football, but if someone had told me before this season that it would be Cal I would have laughed directly in their face. Coach Jeff Tedford deserves a lot of credit for what is going on in Berkeley, Calif.

Now, let the bashing begin. Nebraska is plain horrible. I have seen monkey feces fights at a zoo

more organized than the Huskers' defense last Saturday against Penn State. Coach Frank Solich has to be held accountable right now. Since he decided it would be a bad decision to fire his defensive coordinator last year, Solich must be fired this year, unless the Cornhuskers start winning. Don't worry though, they won't.

If Nebraska can take solace in one thing, it would probably be that they aren't the Colorado Buffalos. I haven't seen a team that overrated since ... ever. The Buffs' are embarrassing the entire Big 12 Conference. Last week the team managed to garner 60 yards offense. That is it, just 60 yards! Ridiculous, if you ask me. Colorado please do me a favor, fire coach Gary Barnett, so I don't have to see the idiot anymore.

Speaking of overrated, Michigan

State was beaten 44-17 this week-end by aforementioned Cal. Cal won only one game last year and analysts were making Michigan State a national title pick. What were they smoking? Probably the same thing Spartan quarterback Jeff Smoker was when he came up with the idea that he was a half decent field general.

This week the Spartans take their sad sack of a program into a game with the 3-0 Notre Dame Fighting Irish, and as much as it pains me to say it, I can't wait to see the Irish lay

the hurt on them. I have been known in the past as a Notre Dame hater, but for right now, I have a lot of respect for the team and coach Tyrone Willingham.

This week-end my beloved Texas A&M Aggies get a big test in the form of the Virginia Tech Hokies. V-Tech has made it look easy thus far this season against Marshall and LSU, and A&M has made it look hard against Pittsburgh and Louisiana Lafayette. Expect the Wrecking Crew defense to keep this thing close for a while,

but the Hokies will turn up the heat and get a big win in Kyle Field. That is going to make me so happy. Seeing the Aggies lose at Kyle Field is like finding beer in strange places in the house.

This week the game of the week is the Tennessee Volunteers vs. the Florida Gators. This game is the ultimate chance for Gator coach Ron Zook to shut up his critics with a big win against Florida's biggest rival. Don't expect that to happen. The Gators are dead in the water. The Volunteers are going places this year.

Speaking of going places, I have better things to do than gibber away selfishly on a computer. I think I have a class. I wouldn't know though, I don't go much.

Have a blissful, football filled weekend.

Golf

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their next tournament on Oct. 7 in the Purina Classic in St. Charles, Mo.

"This will be a good season, at least as good as successful as last year," Kelly said. "This program is on the up and coming. (Sands) is here to make the program better."

Kelly said the Raiders know they can be a good team again this season, and the team is entering the year with a lot of confidence because of last season's success.

"We have a little bit of cockiness to us," Kelly said. "It's good to be recognized as one of the best teams out there at every tournament you go to. It's always a good feeling to hear people talk about you like 'Texas Tech is here this week.'"

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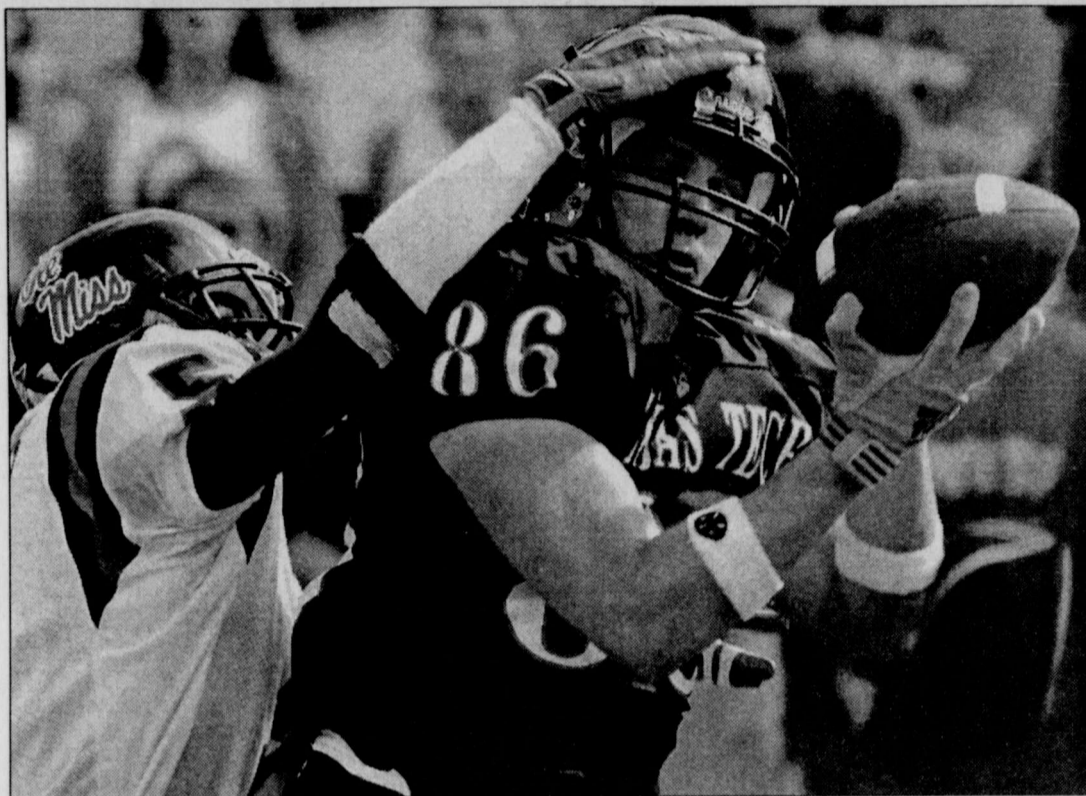


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Tech hopes to hunt down Wolfpack



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TEXAS TECH WIDE receiver Mickey Peters catches the ball in the corner of the endzone for the two-point conversion during the Red Raiders' win last Saturday against Ole Miss. Tech is back in Jones SBC Stadium to face North Carolina State at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday.

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

During the preseason, many analysts had Texas Tech's schedule difficulty ranked in the top five toughest in the nation. Now after three games, the non-conference schedule is winding down and Tech may face its hardest challenge yet against North Carolina State at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Jones SBC Stadium.

The Wolfpack is 4-0 after its 32-13 win against Wake Forest last Saturday and N.C. State also is the first ranked team Tech has played this season. Tech's first opponent, Ohio State, is currently ranked sixth, but was unranked before it played Tech.

No. 17 ranked N.C. State boasts a spread offense and a Heisman Trophy candidate in quarterback Phillip Rivers.

Defensive coordinator Greg McMackin said he knows Rivers 6-foot 5-inch frame will be a challenge for the defense.

"People bounce off of him," McMackin said. "He's a big strong guy. He's a guy that we're going to have to wrap up."

Defensive end Adell Duckett was also quick to see a challenge in Rivers' size.

"I heard he's a big quarterback," Duckett said. "You've got to get your hands on him, so we'll see."

Leach said he sees a lot of another quarterback in Rivers despite his size.

"I'll tell you who he reminds me of in a way," Leach said. "He's built a little different, but Arizona State had that quarterback Jake 'the Snake' (Plummer). He reminds me of him a little bit."

It is Rivers' playmaking ability that drives Leach to draw such a comparison.

"He's kind of a gritty playmaker type of guy," Leach said. "At key times he has the ability to get them out of trouble or make big plays. He's a Jake the Snake type of guy."

The Wolfpack this season has been a high scoring team averaging 41.2 points per game, and Rivers has thrown for 953 yards and 9 touchdowns thus far this season.

Leach sees quality in the

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GAMEDAY

- LOCATION: NCS—Raleigh, NC.
- SCHOOL POPULATION: TT—27,200; NCS—28,000
- OFFENSE P.P.G: TT — 29; NCS — 41.3
- DEFENSE P.P.G ALLOWED: TT — 29; NCS — 11.5
- OFFENSE Y.P.G: TT — 389; NCS — 400
- DEFENSE Y.P.G ALLOWED: TT — 433; NCS — 225
- AVG. WEIGHT OF O-LINE: TT — 301 lbs.; NCS — 295 lbs.
- AVG. WEIGHT OF D-LINE: TT — 272 lbs.; NCS — 263 lbs.
- PLAYERS TO WATCH: TT—Quarterback Kliff Kingsbury: 83-131, 980 yards, 8 touchdowns. Defensive End Adell Duckett: 5 batted passes, 1 interception; NCS — Quarterback Phillip Rivers: 52-78, 953 yards, 9 touchdowns. Terrance Holt: 21 tackles, 13 solo, two interceptions.
- RECORDS: TT — 2-1 (0-0 Big 12); NCS — 4-0 (1-0 ACC).
- NEXT GAME: TT — road against New Mexico; NCS — home against UMass.

Raider special teams gaining more respect

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

Some say offenses sell tickets. Some say defenses win championships. What role do special teams play?

Last Saturday the role of the Texas Tech special teams unit was to set the field position for both teams and to dictate the pace of the game. It worked. Tech won.

Punter Clinton Greathouse did not allow Mississippi an opportunity to return a punt during the game, and he dropped four punts inside the Mississippi 20-yard line. Two of those four punts went out of bounds inside the Ole Miss 5-yard line and Greathouse's greatest achievement

may have been his 67-yard punt in the first half of play.

Greathouse said he felt much more comfortable against Ole Miss than he did in the first two games, and he said he even surprised himself with his performance.

"One of my main problems was trying to hurry the kick instead of relaxing and getting the kick off," Greathouse said.

Greathouse also said although special teams tend to be overlooked, he and his special teams counterparts controlled the game.

"Anytime the special teams did something well, the sideline got up and everybody rose to the occasion,"

Greathouse said. "That continued from there."

The exploits of special teams players and especially kickers or punters can go unappreciated, but lineman Rex Richards said Greathouse's role is just as valuable to the team as anyone else's.

When asked at the weekly press conference about the notion that Greathouse is just a kicker, Richards was quick to set the record straight.

"He's a part of our football team just as much as anybody else," Richards said. "It's hard to say he's just a kicker. I'm just a lineman. Kliff's just a quarterback. Hunt's just a defensive end, and Flu's just a linebacker. Everybody has a part on this football team. He definitely played his part."

Also in the kicking game for the Raiders, kicker Robert Treece had field goals of 40 and 45 yards. The 45-yarder was Treece's career high.

Another key special teams per-

former in the game was Wes Welker, who returned a punt 72 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter.

Welker's punt return put Tech ahead by 21 points in the third quarter, and Welker said the return was key to rejuvenating Tech in third quarter.

"Our backs were against the wall," Welker said. "The punt return was pretty big for us in the third quarter to get us going."

Coach Mike Leach said Welker had a large contribution, and he had some admirable things to say about his multi-threat player.

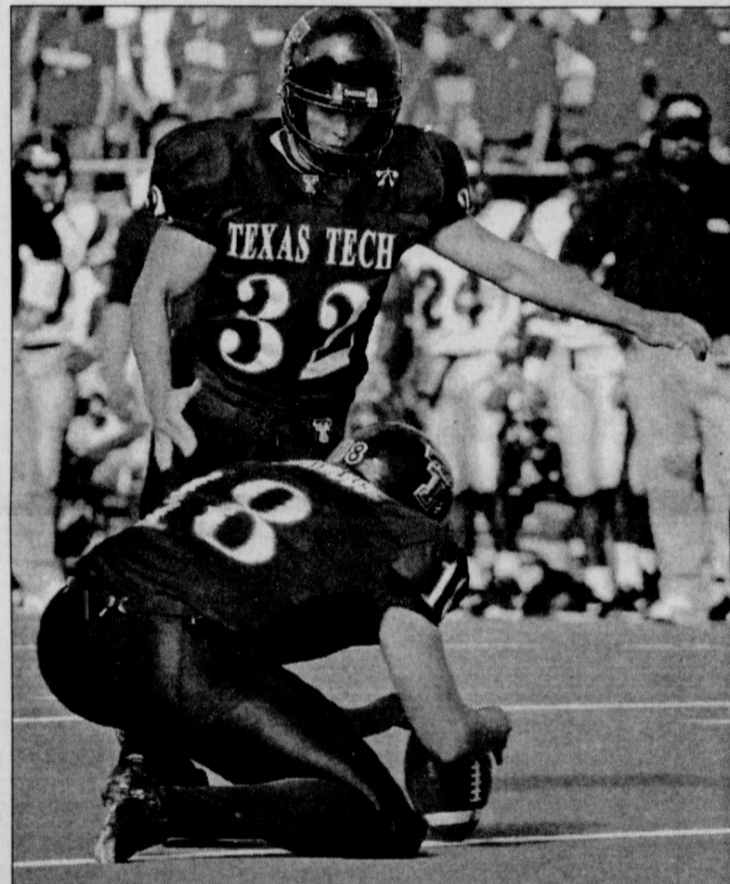
"If you told him he could play a game every day he probably would," Leach said. "He refuses to leave the field."

Leach even went as far as to make a type of celebrity comparison to Welker.

"He reminds me of the chicken hawk on Bugs Bunny," Leach said. "Where they have the big, fat rooster who says boy I want you to build a house and gives him a little stack of boards. You come back and he's built a mansion."

He said Welker's mannerisms and confidence are evident like the hawk.

"He's kind of bowed up like the chicken hawk, and he walks with extreme confidence," Leach said. "And



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TEXAS TECH KICKER Robert Treece kicks one of his two field goals during Tech's win against Ole Miss last Saturday.

he knows full well even though someone might be bigger or faster, he's going to measure up just fine, and it's just a matter of time before they become a potential casualty in a long list of them."

This week Welker and company said they will try even harder to make special teams one of the most recognizable parts of Tech football.

"We work long hours on special teams," Welker said. "It feels good to have it pay off. We're real proud of the strides we've taken."

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