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## Pay gap widening between faculty, officials

By Michael Castellon/Staff Reporter

Chief administration officers have traditionally earned more money than university faculty, but that gap is widening, according to a report issued recently by the Texas Faculty Association.

According to the report, university chancellor's salaries have grown by 98 percent, and university president's salaries have grown 72 percent between the fiscal years 1992 and 2002. Between 1997 and 2002, Texas chancellor's salaries grew 41 percent,

and president's salaries increased by 22 percent compared to an increase of 10 percent for full-time faculty members.

According to U.S. Department of Commerce National Center for Education Statistics faculty surveys, the average salary for Tech professors was \$88,009 and associate professors earned an average of \$61,554 in 2000 to 2001, those numbers increased from 1999 to 2000 from \$80,844 for professors and \$56,377 for associate professors.

According to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Tech professors earned an average of \$86,200 and associate professors earned an average of \$60,003 in 2001-2002.

Tech Faculty Senate President Shane Blum said he is satisfied with the way administrators have handled faculty salary concerns.

"I think they're apprehensive about what money will come out of Austin," Blum said. "The administration is extremely proactive in helping us get the same funding we've had in the past. Last year we got 3 percent increases—that was the administration saying it was important for faculty to get raises."

Faculty salaries at Tech are still above par considering statewide averages.

Statewide, the average 2002 salary for assistant professors is \$49,800; both salaries represent nearly an 11 percent gain over the past 10 years, according to the TFA report.

A recent study conducted by *The Chronicle* ranked Texas Tech System Chancellor David Smith 10th among the highest compensated public university chiefs in the nation. According to his contract, Smith's current base salary is \$450,000.

"What those reports sometimes fail to mention is that many health sciences center administrators make more than chancellor's," Smith said.

Smith said the reports also fail to consider salaries of the athletic staff.

Smith said Tech administrators will not be receiving pay increases this year.

"We're not going to be doing increases in administrative salaries this year," Smith said. "Our first priority is to preserve our

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## Enrollment puts UNT at No. 4

By Michael Castellon/Staff Reporter

The University of North Texas' record fall enrollment numbers will not have an effect on Texas Tech's position among the list of the state's largest student enrollment numbers.

UNT Vice President of Student Development Benita Jacobs said unofficial student enrollment reached 30,256, the highest fall enrollment in the university's history.

"We've been working on this for some time," Jacobs said. "This is the sixth year in a row we've experienced an increase."

UNT's unofficial fall numbers represent a net increase of 2,398 students, an 8.6 percent increase from fall of 2001, Jacobs said.

Tech Vice President of Enrollment Management Michael Heintze said Tech's official enrollment this fall is 27,569, an increase of more than 1,996.

Heintze said increased enrollment at universities across the state is the result of recent university efforts to accommodate increasing numbers of high school graduates.

"For one thing the number of

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## Brawl case closes without charges

By Keli Johnson/Staff Reporter

Individuals involved in a brawl at a residence in the 3500 block of 28th Street have decided not to press criminal charges.

Texas Tech offensive lineman Cody Campbell, who was involved in the incident, will be allowed to play in the upcoming Tech football game, said Chris Cook, assistant athletics director for media relations.

"When no charges were filed, we stopped our own investigation," he said. "There is no disciplinary action being taken at this point. It's probably between the lawyers now. Basically, the whole situation is over."

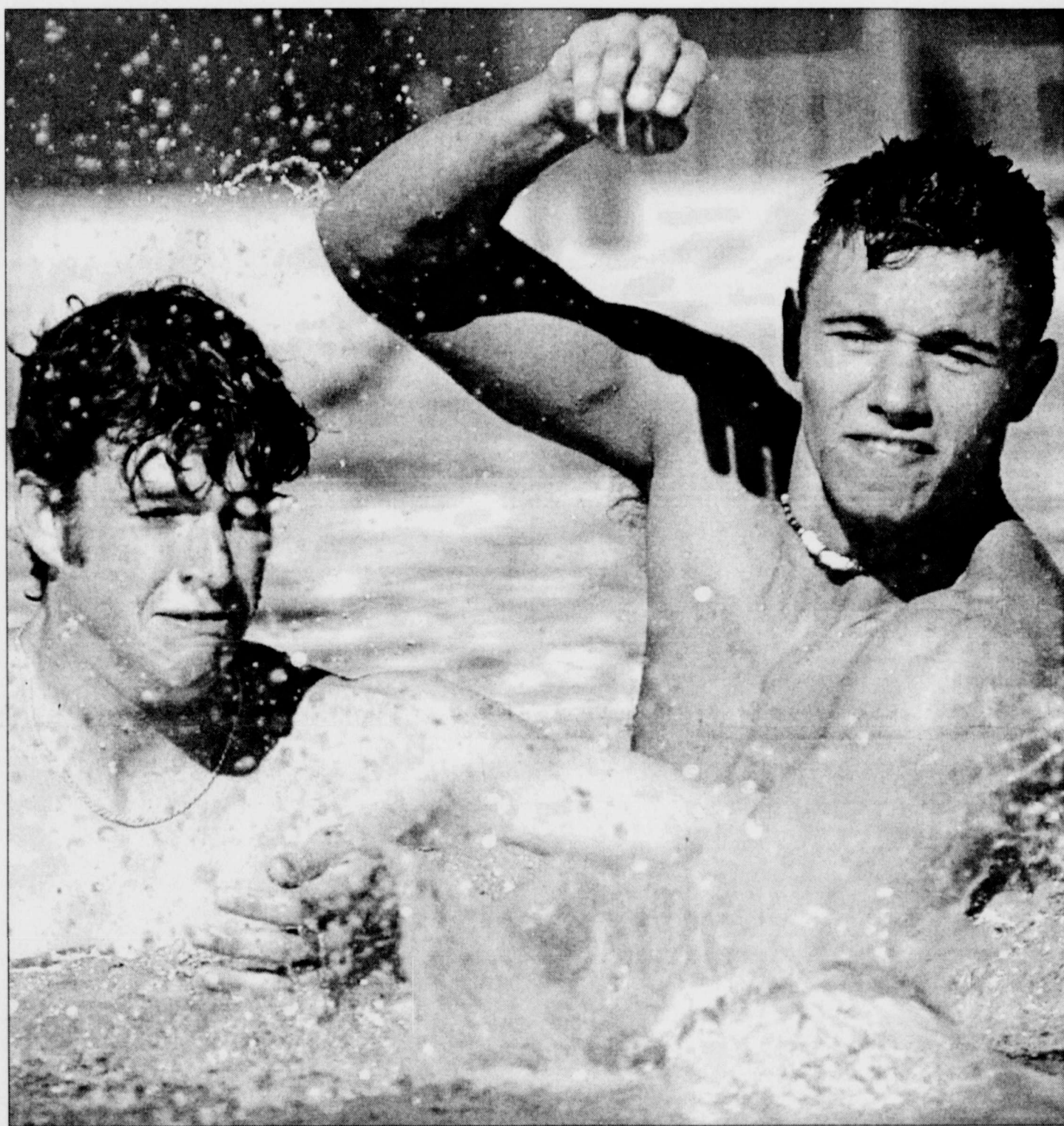
Bill Morgan, spokesman for the Lubbock Police Department, said the reports have been closed, and the investigation has ended. If neither party involved decides to press charges then investigation ends and the reports are closed to prevent an unnecessary waste of time and manpower, Morgan said.

"After interviewing everyone involved, no one wished to pursue criminal charges. No involved party had a prosecutive interest," he said. "They may have decided to seek civil remedies, meaning a civil lawsuit."

Attorney John Sims, who prac-

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## FISH IN WATER



MATT MCKENNAN, A freshman pre-pharmacy major from Dallas, and Tyler Fenley, a freshman petroleum engineering major from Nacogdoches, fight for a loose ball while playing hoops at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center swimming pool.

CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

## Art sculpture memorializes Library dean

By Heidi Diers/Staff Reporter

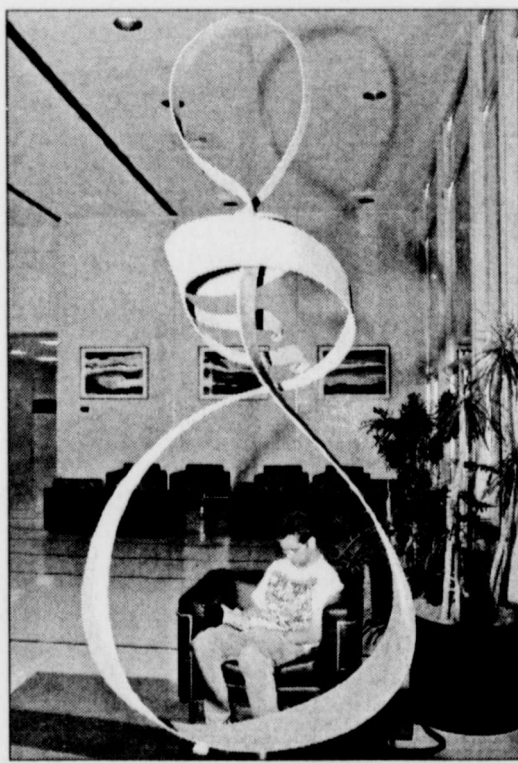
Friends, family and colleagues gathered Wednesday morning to dedicate a sculpture in memory of Douglas Birdsall, former associate dean of libraries who was killed in January 2001. Birdsall worked at the Tech Library from 1989 to 2001.

The memorial service took place in the new book section on the east end of the library, where the sculpture is positioned. The location for the sculpture is fitting, said Nathaniel Birdsall, Douglas Birdsall's son.

"It's good that the sculpture is in such a prominent place," Nathaniel Birdsall said. "My dad wasn't a stuffy administrator who liked to hide away in his office. He would have wanted it to be down here among the students."

The Art in the Library Committee, which Birdsall established, commissioned the sculpture said Liz Applin, executive assistant to the dean of libraries. Library personnel and colleagues from across the country contributed to purchasing the piece.

"The committee did a good job in choosing the



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer  
AN UNIDENTIFIED STUDENT next to the sculpture dedicated in memory of former Associate Dean of Libraries Douglas Birdsall.

sculpture," Nathaniel Birdsall said. "My father loved music and was a fan of abstract art. We're also pleased to see the money for the piece go to a relatively local artist."

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## Gunfire kickline calls it quits

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

The Tech Gunfire Kickline kicked for its last time last week.

Kickline Director Jasilyn Schaefer said the dance team officially disbanded Sept. 16 because they were unable to get support from the university.

The Kickline also had difficulty getting performances, she said. Since its inception in 1997, the team performed at one volleyball game, a soccer game and a few basketball games, as well as some of the pep rallies and other spirit events.

"We asked for pretty much anything and everything," Schaefer said. "Our goal was to really generate some support."

Because support from the university was not forthcoming, morale slipped in the last few years and participation declined, she said. This year they decided to end the organization.

According to information from Schaefer, each member spent about \$800 out of pocket to pay for uniforms and other expenses the team incurred. The team applied for funding from the Student Government Association and received about \$250 a year. No other funds came from the university.

Schaefer said the team was discouraged from participating in university events by Center for Campus Life Director Greg Elkins, Athletics Director Gerald Myers and Band Director Keith Bearden.

Elkins said he has not met with Schaefer or anyone



FILE PHOTO/University Daily  
THE GUNFIRE KICKLINE members dispersed and are no longer an organization at Texas Tech.

else from the Kickline since October 2001, when they discussed the organization's purpose. He did not discourage the Kickline from being in existence, he said.

Elkins said it was difficult to comment on the demise of the Kickline because he has not met with them in almost a year. The organization did not receive funding from the Center for Campus Life, he said, but that is not uncommon. Many student organizations do not receive funding from them.

Bearden said he couldn't recall anyone from the Kickline asking the band to play for it, and therefore,

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The Rundown



**Farmers Insurance pulling out of Texas market**

AUSTIN (AP) — Farmers Insurance Co., the state's second largest homeowner insurer, said Wednesday it is leaving Texas homeowners' market and will stop renewing policies starting Nov. 11.

The decision will affect about 700,000 customers. Letters informing the customers of the decision were sent out to customers late Tuesday night, after the decision was made.

Farmers is currently facing a lawsuit filed by state officials who accuse the company of charging customers too much and deceptive trade practices. The company has denied wrongdoing.

Farmers said it is leaving because conditions ordered by the Texas Department of Insurance would not allow the company to generate the money it needs to survive.

"We have made every attempt to continue offering homeowners insurance to the people of Texas and we take this action with deep regret," said John Hageman, Texas State Executive Director for Farmers. "We find the grounds for the Department of Insurance's recent legal actions to be without merit."

**Hospitals can now refuse to perform abortions**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House passed a bill Thursday that would let hospitals and insurance companies refuse to perform or pay for abortions without forfeiting Medicare and other federal funding.

Anti-abortion activists hailed the 229-189 vote as a key action that would shield Catholic hospitals and other health providers that oppose abortion. Supporters of abortion rights accused conservatives of attempting to scale back women's access to the procedure.

The debate provoked strong emotions among lawmakers.

"The question before us is not the question of abortion," said Rep. Todd Akin, R-Mo. "The question is whether we protect the various health care organizations, whether we want to protect their right to have a choice, to even have an opinion."

Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., countered: "This bill is not about religious freedom or protecting the right of conscience. This bill is simply about making it harder for women."

The Bush administration earlier in the day offered its support.

**Gunmen kill seven at office of Christian charity**

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Gunmen entered the offices of a Christian welfare organization in the southern port city of Karachi on Wednesday, tied workers to their chairs and shot each in the head, officials said. At least seven people were killed and another was critically injured.

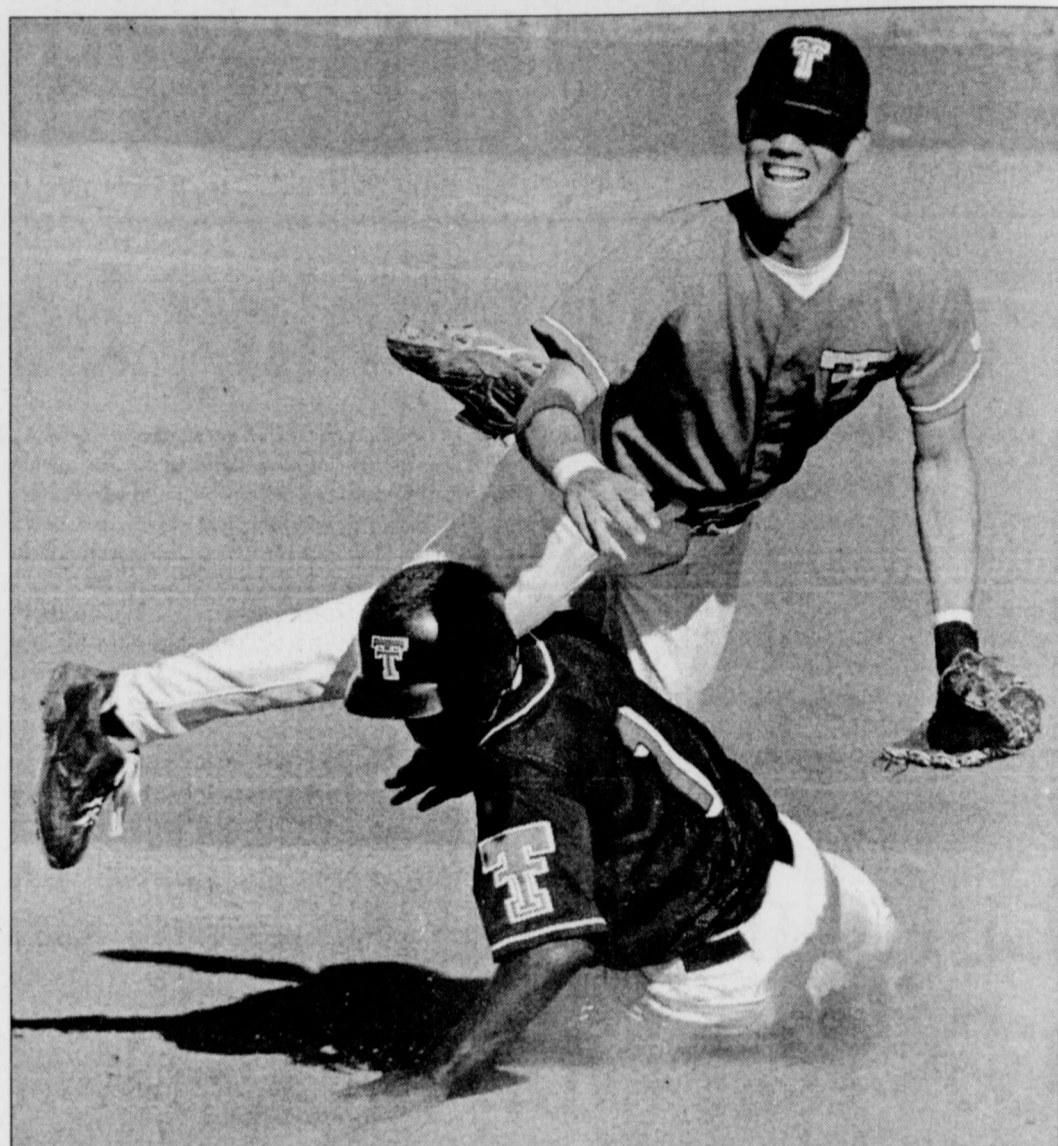
The shooting was the latest in a string of violent attacks against Christians and Westerners, who have been increasingly targeted since Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's decision to crack down on Islamic extremist groups and join the U.S. war against the Taliban and al-Qaida.

"Today's incident shows that the government has failed to protect us," said Bishop Victor Mall, head of the Diocese Church of Pakistan in Multan.

"People in our community now feel more insecure," he said. "Our people are being killed."

The killings took place at the third-floor offices of the Institute for Peace and Justice, or Idara-e-Amn-o-Insaf, a Pakistani Christian charity that does work in the city.

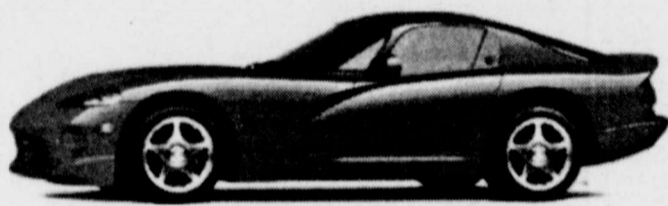
FALL BALL



TEXAS TECH INFIELDER T.J. Bruce attempts to turn a double play as Scooter Jordan slides underneath him during the Red and Black scrimmage Tuesday at Dan Law Field.

GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

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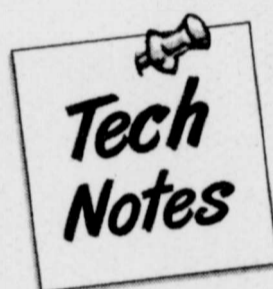


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The Texas Tech Law Liberties Union, along with the Lubbock chapter of the ACLU, are sponsoring a meeting for Banned Books Week at 7 p.m. today in 163 English/Philosophy building. There will be readings from recent prominent banned books, as well as a discussion concerning ACLU activities. Direct all inquiries to Johnny Taylor at beaumontbrawler@netscape.net.

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# Abbott makes campaign stop in Lubbock

By Kristen Gilbreth/Staff Reporter

Judge Greg Abbott, Republican candidate for Texas attorney general, was in Lubbock on Wednesday to outline his six-point anti-crime proposal.

"It is an honor to be in Lubbock, Texas, today to talk about issues important to my campaigning and issues that are important to all Texans," he said.

Abbott "taking it to the streets" plan includes actions such as creating a new corporate fraud division in the attorney general's office and aggressively prosecuting more child pornographers and sexual predators.

He said the largest division in the office is the child support division, and he intends to work closely with district clerks in Texas to ensure children in the state receive each dollar they deserve.

He pledges to work directly with Lubbock officials to accomplish his goals.

"It is critically important for the attorney general of the state of Texas, the state's top law officer, to be actively involved working shoulder to shoulder

with law enforcement officers on a local level," he said. "I will be focusing on as of right now to be with your local law enforcement officers to make sure that the streets of Lubbock are as safe as they can be."

Abbott, a twice-elected Supreme Court Justice, said he is running for attorney general because he wants to use his experience, background and abilities to work proactively to improve the Texas legal system.

He spent his first year of law school at Tech in 1981, so he said he understands the needs of the community.

"(College students) deserve to have

their elected officials spending their time, their resources and their priorities on assuring their safety,"

*"(College students) deserve to have their elected officials spending their time, their resources and their priorities on assuring their safety."*

— GREG ABBOTT  
Candidate running for Texas Attorney General

Jessica Garcia, vice chairman of committee relations with the College Republicans of Tech, spoke with Abbott while he was in town about her strategy to increase voting turnout among college students.

"I am supporting Greg Abbott because once you hear his story you will understand why he is the best candidate,"

Garcia, a graduate student at Tech said. "He has an outstanding record, and he is truly a great man, a decent human being."

She said Abbott inspires her because he uses a 1984 injury that paralyzed him to make him a better leader.

When jogging at the age of 26, Abbott said, a 75-foot oak tree, weakened by a previous Houston hurricane, fell and crushed his spinal cord.

While sitting in a wheelchair, he said the event made him a better man, and a more down-to-earth leader.

"Realizing that what you have can be stripped away from you, you want to use it as effectively as you can and that provides the drive and determination to use my life as productively as I can," he said. "It helps me have a greater compassion for all people and helps me understand the reality of hardships people have to go through."

Sarah Miller, a junior petroleum engineering major from Lubbock, said Tech students need to vote for Abbott in order to protect their future.



Courtesy Photo from Greg Abbott's campaign staff  
GREG ABBOTT, RUNNING for Texas Attorney General speaks in Lubbock on Wednesday.

# Local restaurant raises about \$300 for aphasia therapy clinic



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer  
GRADUATE STUDENTS STUDYING speech pathology went along with members of the Aphasia Therapy group for a tour of the Texas Tech Museum on Tuesday morning.

By Josh Parrish/Staff Reporter

Tuesday's fund raiser at J&M Bar-B-Q raised about \$300 for the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center's aphasia therapy clinic.

If an individual mentioned aphasia therapy at the time of an order at J&M, proceeds from the meal were given to the aphasia therapy clinic to help with the operating costs of the clinic and the costs to give the patients speech therapy.

"We had a great turnout; we did about \$1,300 to \$1,600 dollars worth of extra business," Guy Davis, owner of J&M Bar-B-Q, said. "That's how much business was brought in between the two stores."

Aphasia occurs when an individual has a stroke or suffers from a serious brain injury, such as severe head trauma or a brain tumor. Depending upon which section of the brain is affected, some people may have their ability to communicate drastically affected, or lose the ability to communicate altogether, Corwin said. In many cases, the individual may lose the ability to write,

to read, or in some cases, the person afflicted may even lose the ability to speak, Corwin said.

Those who suffer a stroke and deal with aphasia may have their communication altered in several ways, according to a study done by Mary Lynch, a professor at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va. According to Lynch's study, the stroke victim may have problems finding words while communicating, they may interchange words that do not fit together, use broken speech or use made up words.

Corwin said for those individuals who lose their communication abilities, the clinic works with the patients to try and repair the damage the stroke has done.

According to the National Aphasia Association's Web site, about 1 million people in the United States are afflicted with aphasia, many of these due to strokes.

The National Aphasia Association Web site said while there is no guaranteed cure for aphasia, speech therapy, like the type used

by the HSC, is an extremely helpful tool in the process of repairing the damage done to the brain by the stroke.

Sarah Granados, a graduate clinician for the aphasia therapy clinic, said this semester will be geared toward doing fund raisers and benefits that get the public involved with the clinic.

"I think it's a good opportunity to get the public involved with the clinic," Granados said. "We do a lot of fund raisers within the school, and we don't do a whole lot outside the clinic."

For other information on the aphasia therapy clinic or how to help the program, call Melinda Corwin at (806) 743-5660, ext. 223.

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# PERSPECTIVES

## Why should I care about Iraq?

You skipped two days of class already and you've only got two absences left. You've got a new round of tests coming up and you haven't studied. Your girlfriend caught you with your arm around another girl last week, and your parents think you spend all your money on beer.

You lead a fast-paced, modern lifestyle here at Texas Tech and some goober in the paper wants to talk to you about foreign policy? Some right-wing dork wants to drop bombs on some brown people who speak a different language. Why is this your problem?

Honestly, it's not your problem — yet. A war in Iraq will have little effect on your personal life. It might make prices at the gas pump go up, but we'll just dip into our oil reserves like we did last time. High prices will be gone in a week.

People in Europe are calling us savages. A justice minister in Germany just lost her job because she compared our president to Hitler. But those are Europeans after all. We bailed them out of two wars this century, and they owe us some respect. Right?

The United Nations thinks

we're a bunch of arrogant cowboys over here, but hey, we're the most powerful nation on Earth. If we can't act like cowboys, what's the point of being No. 1?

Our president laid it out for them last week. From now on, America strikes first. We're not going to sit around and wait for Saddam Hussein to drop chemical weapons on Israel. We're going to rush in there and take him out. He's like a criminal on parole. He's got a bad reputation and British intelligence says he can have a missile ready to fire in 45 minutes.

That's all the evidence we need. In an address before Congress last week, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said, "Any who insist on perfect evidence are back in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and still thinking in pre-Sept. 11 terms."

Welcome to the 21st century where we shoot first and gather evidence later. Welcome to the 21st century where civil liberties can be suspended by a simple change in description.

"Prisoners of war" is so 1944. Let's call them "battlefield detainees."

Welcome to the 21st century, where America stands alone.

I don't claim to be an expert on



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military history, but I never expected to see a time when third-world nations could take down skyscrapers. I never expected to see a European continent dominated by pacifists.

Germany precipitated two world wars in this century, and now the country is run by pacifists. That sounds like a foreign policy achievement to me, but I'm not sure we can take credit for it.

Foreign policy doesn't mean much over here, but foreign policy just changed the outcome of an election in Germany. Gerhard Schroder was just reelected as chancellor over there (barely). He did it with the support of the pacifist Green party and will find his government leaning much further to the left as a result.

He ran on an aggressive anti-war platform that was highly critical of,

if not openly hostile to, the United States. German/U.S. relations are at an all-time low. The German economy has been bogged down by social programs and labor union perks, but their elections are decided by foreign policy. If our economy were hurting this bad, we wouldn't give a flip about foreign policy. Bill Clinton used that knowledge to defeat George Bush in 1992.

But why should you care what Germany thinks of us? Why should you care if we invade Iraq? After all, wars make good television. The Gulf War was like a miniseries produced by the Defense Department.

It all seems very distant to us here in Lubbock. Wars don't bother us. Oil prices don't bother us. Terrorists pick on bigger cities, and Europe is just a bunch of feeble ex-communists, trying to look tough.

So, why should I care?

Because Lubbock has representatives in the National Guard. Because men and women from Lubbock serve in our armed forces. Because if this war goes forward, someone you know may die in Iraq.

Because National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice has promised to rebuild Iraq as a "unified, demo-

cratic state."

This exercise is called nation building and most of the people reading this probably aren't old enough to be scared of the term. In short, nation building means that we will send troops to Iraq and leave them there, until they make a government that we approve of.

We'll rebuild their infrastructure and monitor their elections. We'll neutralize coup attempts and fend off Muslim terrorists enraged by our interference in the region. Anger about our intervention in the Gulf was one of the primary complaints listed by Osama bin Laden. If we proceed with this war, someone you love may die in Iraq. Someone you love may die in New York. Someone you love may die in Los Angeles or Chicago or Dallas, or any one of the major cities terrorists have listed as potential targets.

Starting a war in Iraq will increase our exposure to terrorists worldwide. Starting a war in Iraq will inflame the Arab world and legitimize the complaints of people like bin Laden. Starting a war in Iraq will make Lubbock a more dangerous place to live, and that's something we should all care about.

## Chili example of what memories are made of

I am not normally the kind of guy who goes to the big fraternity festivals. To me it always seems like too much trouble to see a few bands, drive out to nowhere, inhale enough dust to kill a moose and then be all sweaty and un-showered when the sun comes up. No, I am the kind of person who would normally stay at home. Sweaty and un-showered vs. asleep on my queen sized Denver Mattress — pretty easy decision to make.

And then there is the music. When I was a freshman I swore to myself if I ever heard "The Road Goes On Forever" one more time I would shoot someone — a lot. Every single large party I went to back then, it seemed like the sun wouldn't come up until that god-forsaken song was played. So why the hell would I want to drive miles out of my way to hear the song again, this time sung by hundreds of drunks as well?

Despite all these reasons not to go — I haven't missed Chili Cook-Off the whole time I've been here at Texas Tech. In fact, every year I have had the time of my life. The reason I have had such a good time cannot be explained very easily, it's a lot of things, really. After I explain these, I'll give you a good tip me

and my friends have used in order to survive the weekend.

First of all, the fact that the doors to this show open at 4 a.m. might have a lot to do with it. Sure the doors open at four, but in order to get your truck into a good spot you have to get there much earlier to wait at the gate. This means just for one night, every college kid in the entire city of Lubbock knows when the bars close, the night has just begun. How often can you say that?

So, with someone sober driving, you and a bunch of your friends load up into the biggest truck you can find — which unfortunately is always mine — and head out to Buffalo Springs Lake. Just the drive out there is exciting; here you are on a road to nowhere and there are hundreds of cars in front and behind you. It is always fun when people are joined by a common goal.

Once you get to the gates, the first thing you think is, 'Damn, there are already a lot of people here, next year we'll get here earlier.' But of course next year you get there at the exact same time. I mean, it is not like you are going to leave the bar before it closes — who in Lubbock has ever done that?

One thing I always notice at these functions is there are more girls wearing cowboy hats now than there are guys. When did this become the big fashion fad? Anyways, when the



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*Even the critic in me has to admit seeing that many people together singing the same song about and experience they are all currently having — well, that's a beautiful thing.*

gates finally open, and you've already taken a leak about five times in the surrounding bushes, you eventually shuffle your way into the show. (Oh and by the way, make sure to not take a right once you get in the gates — you will get lost, very lost. That's what happened to my dumb ass the first year I went.)

Finally, after all this mess, once

you have parked inside the show, the real fun begins. The best part of Chili for me is always when the sun starts to rise. Here you are, out in the middle of nowhere with hundreds of your fellow students, all underneath the same burning sky. It is a great experience.

After the sun comes out is when the cameras should come out. Most pictures taken before sunrise are fun because everyone is drunk and having a good time. The pictures taken after the sun rises, however, are always the best. These are the pictures of people passing out in their folding chairs — pictures of people horribly drunk, before 10 a.m., and pictures of people disfigured from weariness. Almost any picture taken at Chili after the sun rises is prime material for blackmail.

It is about this point the losers who decided to sleep in and join the show at a decent hour show up. You will hate these people because they will complain about how tired they are since they had to get up early. Here you are, one eye half closed, mud stains from beer you spilled on yourself at some point undetermined, and they are complaining about being tired?

Eventually the music begins, but at this point you are so tired you hardly notice. Last year we made it all the way until the end of the show. I couldn't remember my name by

then, but I did know I had a great time.

My big tip for surviving Chili? What my friends and I did last year, and it worked well enough to keep us there until the end of the show, was to stay up all night Thursday. If you can stay up and go to school Friday morning without falling asleep and then pass out until about 9 p.m. Friday night, you will be set for a full night of fun. Trust me, if you plan on being hardcore and making it the whole time, this is good advice to follow.

So what does all this have to do with music you may ask? If you don't know by now, then you definitely need to experience the Cook-Off on Saturday. What I have just described here is the essence of Texas Country music. It is the embodiment of the Texas college student experience. All day Saturday, Robert Earl Keen, Cross Canadian Ragweed, Gary P. Nunn and Roger Creager are going to be singing about experiences they had, and you'll realize their experiences are not a whole lot unlike the one you are having.

Even the critic in me has to admit seeing that many people together singing the same song about an experience they are all currently having — well, that's a beautiful thing. Sleep is good and fine, but sometimes there are better things.

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**Gap**

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base." Smith said faculty salary funding will be dependent on the legislative session.

"The real message is all eyes are on Austin," Smith said.

According to the Texas Faculty Associations report, the association will recommend to the Texas legislature that it take steps to close the gap between chief administrator officer and faculty salaries.

Assistant Provost Liz Hall said the state is considering a policy that will take into consideration the cost of hiring certain faculty members.

"Obviously some faculty are more expensive than others," Hall said.

The Austin-based Universities Formula Advisory Committee will meet in October. The committee will discuss a cost-study of faculty salaries, Hall said.

**Brawl**

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times both criminal and civil law, has spoke to Cody Campbell and his father, and at this time he said Campbell is not pursuing civil action.

Sims said no charges were filed after both parties filed separate complaints; Campbell filed an attack complaint, and residents of the house where the altercation oc-

curred reported property damage and assault.

Sims said police typically present civil action as a possible alternative to settle the situation to charges. He said Campbell would have the right to sue those he alleges attacked him and caused his injuries.

Sims said the residents also have the option to sue for damages to their property. Sims said he has not been contacted by an attorney representing the residents of the house, and he does not anticipate civil ac-

tion. He said Campbell does not wish to pursue civil action at this time, and he said it was fortunate that there were no serious injuries resulting from the altercation.

Drew Pennington, a resident of the house, said he would not comment on why he decided not to press criminal charges for the estimated \$660 of damage to the residence.

He said civil action is a possibility, and he has spoken to a lawyer about the situation.

**Sculpture**

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Douglas Birdsall was well liked by the people he worked with and very dedicated to his job, Applin said.

"He was such a big part of the library," Applin said. "You don't realize how much a person does until that person isn't there anymore."

The dedication of the sculpture at the end of Douglas Birdsall's murder trial signifies a happy ending, said Roger Birdsall, Douglas Birdsall's brother. The sculpture is a perfect tribute to his brother, he said.

"This dedication service is a nice way to finish it all. These were his loves — art, the library and his family," Roger Birdsall said. "This sculpture is perfect. Now, there will always be a part of him here."

**Kickers**

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he has never refused to play for it.

"We play for the cheerleaders, we play for the team, we play for the pom squad," he said, adding that if the Kickline was related to the game, the band could play a song or two for them during the course of the game.

Myers was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

Darlene Graves, one of the

founders of the Kickline, said she had difficulties since she and co-founder Lisa Rosson started the organization.

"Whenever we originally founded this, we met resistance," she said. "Every year we met more and more resistance from the university. We ran through hoops like you wouldn't believe," she said.

SGA President Kelli Stumbo said the SGA is upset the Kickline is disbanding because it was another way to increase Tech spirit at events.

"It's neat that we could provide

all three; the cheerleaders, pom squad and the Kickline," she said.

Stumbo said she was not aware of any requests the organization had made for funding, but she said if they wanted it and went through the process, the Kickline would have been given financial assistance from the SGA.

Drill teams are not common in West Texas, Graves said.

"We all along have felt that the students have been very supportive of us," Graves said. "It's the administration we have problems with."

**Enrollment**

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high school graduates is increasing," Heintze said. "There's been a concentrated effort by the legislature to encourage universities to grow. If Texas is going to maintain a progressive and vibrant economy, it must have a skilled workforce."

Heintze said Tech will continue efforts to increase enrollment.

"All universities have been asked by the legislature to be a part of the solution," Heintze said. "We can help by growing our enrollment."

Heintze said increased enrollment numbers will have an impact on appropriations the university receives from the state.

The state legislature uses formula funding to determine the amount of appropriations universities receive, Heintze said.

University officials across the state have expressed concern in recent months as institutional funding may be cut short as a result of a reported \$5 billion to \$12 billion state budget shortfall.

"As our enrollment increases, assuming formula funding doesn't change, we should see a growth in

revenue," Heintze said.

Jacobs said UNT's growth is the result of increased marketing efforts and student retention.

"We predicted 35,000 students by 2010," Jacobs said. "It appears we may reach that number sooner than expected."

UNT Director of News and Information Roddy Wolper said the university did not expect such a dramatic increase.

"This is our biggest enrollment," Wolper said. "This is certainly more than we thought we would have."

Tech is ranked fifth in the state, reporting an official enrollment of

27,569, leading Southwest Texas State, which reported an unofficial enrollment of 25,065.

Wolper said the increased student enrollment at UNT has not changed the university's position in population rankings.

"We're still ranked fourth," Wolper said. "We're still behind University of Texas, Texas A&M and the University of Houston."

University of Texas reported the states largest unofficial enrollment numbers of 52,273; A&M ranked second with 45,111; University of Houston reported 34,000, Jacobs said.

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- This puzzle's theme
- Tranquility discipline
- Flounder cousin
- Jai alai basket
- All tied up
- Sound of a disappearance
- Tasty tidbit
- Zero
- Time for a low turnout
- Frequently in a poem
- Former queen of Spain
- Attacked
- Turn right
- Patriot Nathan
- Westernmost of the Aleutians
- Astrologers' diagram
- Contender for SA
- In a nutshell
- Type of tale
- Phoenician city
- Check out
- Ice-cream cake
- Important time
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- Jury determination
- Machu Picchu resident
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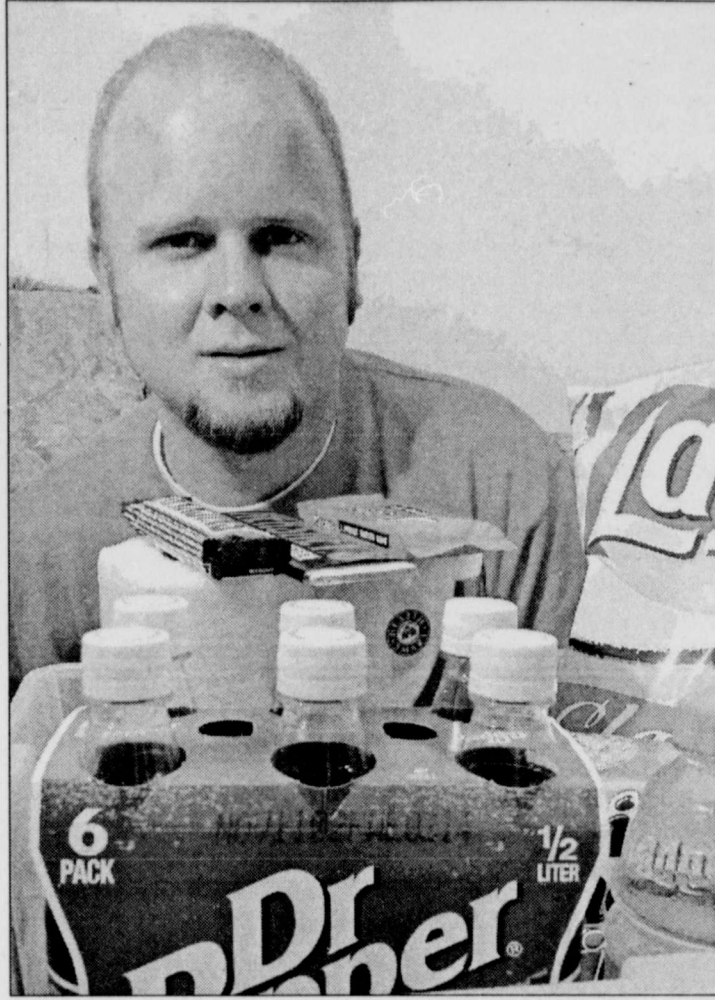
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- Building wing
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- Dryly humorous
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- Very large in scale
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- Proclamation
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By Alan P. Olachwang  
Huntington Beach, CA  
9/26/02

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GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer  
JASON DUGAN, A senior finance major from Cedar Hill, is starting his own business, which offers custom care packages for Tech students.

## CARE PACKAGING

### Tech student starts online business

By Whitney Wyatt/Staff Reporter

While most Texas Tech seniors are focused on graduating and getting a job, Jason Dugan just started his own business.

Dugan, a senior finance major from Cedar Hill, opened Tech Care Packages, an Internet-based company offering care packages to Tech students, earlier this month.

"I have a tendency to start new things," he said. "It's more of a hobby." Even though he is a senior, Dugan said he cannot imagine getting a job. "I like to run my own businesses," he said.

Besides his new care package business, he also sells musical instruments on another Web site, is an Advocate distributor and has had his own lawn mowing business for the past three summers, he said.

"I've got my hand in every piece of the pie," Dugan said.

His hope for his care package business is for students to utilize it, he said.

By creating his Web site, [www.techcarepackages.com](http://www.techcarepackages.com), Dugan said he designed a way to allow Tech students to send a hint to their loved ones about wanting care packages.

"Sometimes it's a hassle for parents and grandparents to send packages," he said.

Students can go to the Web site and click the line marked "I Want a CP!" and fill out a form. The form will be e-mailed to their loved ones and a postcard will be sent to them as well.

"I want to market it through the students," he said. "If students don't want it, parents aren't going to order it."

**Profile Pick of the Week**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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This story is part of an ongoing series of random student profiles.

Dugan said running the business is important to him because he is a Tech student, and he knows what Tech students want and need.

Emily Dugan, said opening businesses suits her husband's personality. "Jason has a real entrepreneur spirit," said Emily Dugan, a junior human development and family studies major from Duncanville. "He comes up with a new business idea every day."

She said he is the hardest worker she knows.

"He can't stand still," Emily said. "Jason does whatever it takes to get things done. He is real goal-oriented, too."

Her job for now, she said, is to support her husband as he gets his new business going.

"My part is the 'Good job, Jason,'" she said.

After the business takes off, her job will be adding more of a creative touch to the packages, she said.

As for now, Jason said Tech Care Packages has four pre-designed packages to choose from: study buddy, game day, extreme entertainment and bath and body care. Each package is delivered in a reusable plastic container and a note from the sender.

"Notes from parents make it more personal," he said. "I'm trying my best to personalize every package."

If none of these packages works, Jason said parents can create their own care packages as well. Creating more packages and expanding to other colleges and universities are goals of his, he said.

"It's fun to watch the fruit of my labor come in," Jason said.

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- Zeta Psi
- Zeta Tau Alpha

LAST DAY: FRIDAY, SEPT. 27

# Paige turning heads

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

What a difference a year can make. Just ask Red Raider receiver Anton Paige.

After transferring from Northwest Mississippi Community College last season, Paige was immediately considered to be one of the top Raider receivers, but injury problems held him out of 2001 spring workouts and a junior season, which was viewed as a let down.

Paige said not being able to work-out in the spring coupled with trying to learn a new system created pressure.

"I came in with the hamstring injury and I couldn't do much," Paige said. "Coming into a new system and not being healthy put a lot of pressure on me coming in as a high-rated junior college player."

Fans may have expected more from Paige because of his accomplishments at NW Miss. In his last season at NW Miss, Paige was a first-team NJCAA All-American. He had 64 touchdowns, and his totals for yards and touchdowns led the nation.

Paige said all he could do his first spring was jog and try to prepare for the season. The injury slowed him down and coach Mike Leach said the situation was disappointing for

everyone involved.

"It was frustrating to Anton, and it was frustrating to us too," Leach said. "When he did come back, just because of having a bad wheel, he wasn't in good shape."

Last spring Paige received the off-season workout he said he needed, and it has shown thus far this year.

"I didn't know missing so many months out of the off season would hurt you," Paige said. "With me going through last spring I'm feeling good, and it's good having the opportunity to step on the field and contribute."

Paige's contributions this season include 22 receptions for 248 yards and two touchdowns.

Leach said he was excited about being able to get so much production from Paige's position.

"We're getting a lot out of X (receiver) right now," Leach said. "It's

really good to see him out there playing. Now he's in good shape, he's healthy, and he's playing well."

In his last game, Paige had seven receptions for 81 yards and his first two touchdowns of the year. Paige said he is just playing his role as a Raider receiver and working well against the defensive game plan of his opponents.

"A lot of teams are going to try and play Wes (Welker) because he's been our standout star," Paige said. "Someone else has to step up, and that's been me the last couple of weeks."

Welker is the leading receiver on the team with 23 catches for 368 yards, but he has only caught nine balls for 98 yards in his last two games.

Receiver Clay McGuire said every receiver on the team is developing into their role, including him and Paige.



TEXAS TECH WIDE receiver Anton Paige makes a touch-down catch to tie the game at 48 late in Tech's 51-48 loss to N.C. State on Saturday. JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

"Everybody knows their role," McGuire said. "Me and Preston (Hartfield) block and occasionally we get a pass. Anton, Wes, Mickey and those guys are all expected to catch the ball."

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# Nebraska downs Raiders in three games

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

The opportunity was there for the Texas Tech volleyball team. They just could not capitalize as the No. 5 Nebraska Cornhuskers defeated the Red Raiders 3-0 in Tech's first home Big 12 Conference match of the season Wednesday night at the United Spirit Arena.

Tech outside hitter Kelly Johnson said Tech (6-5, 1-1 Big 12 play) could have won the match because the team started strong and Nebraska (10-1, 3-0) did not.

"The way the match started I really thought we could win it; (Nebraska) didn't act like they wanted to win," Johnson said. "They weren't even playing volleyball."

Tech opened the match tough by jumping out to a 7-4 lead. Then the Huskers got back in it by scoring the next three points. After

scoring their first five points in a row, the Raiders failed to muster any type of rally for the remainder of game one and lost momentum with three consecutive service errors.

Tech outside hitter Melissa McGehee said the serving was an important part of the match, but Tech did not execute well enough to beat Nebraska.

"We didn't serve (well)," McGehee said. "They were serving bombs at us, and we served up free balls."

Tech's strategy entering the match was to continue serving the way it did against Iowa State on Saturday. That plan obviously did not unfold as Tech had 10 service errors to Nebraska's five.

The size of the Cornhuskers also was something to deal with, and Tech managed to keep pace in game

one with its block. Both teams had three blocks in the opener, but Nebraska put up the wall in games two and three. Nebraska out-blocked Tech 4-0 in game two and 3-2 in game three.

Tech could not run its fast-paced offense either because of breakdowns in the passing game. Tech coach Jeff Nelson said serving was what hurt his team.

"We struggled with passing and with service errors," Nelson said. "And we couldn't stop their setter."

Greichaly Cepero was national player of the year in 2000, and she posted a triple-double Wednesday night with 10 kills, 38 assists and 12 digs. Nelson said his team did nothing to stop her, and Tech was cautious.

"You can't wait for things to happen," Nelson said. "When you play great teams, you've to come out,

kick some butt, and just let it go."

Nelson said the Raiders could only gain from playing well Wednesday, but they did not play how they wanted; and that is what hurt the team.

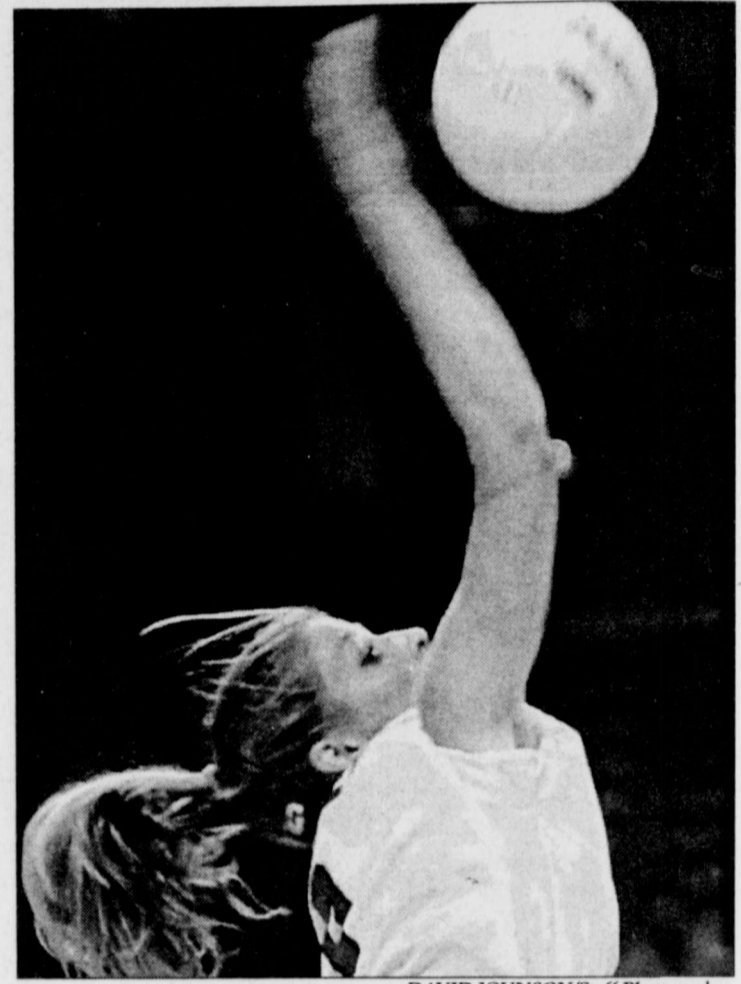
"We had nothing to lose," Nelson said. "We have to come out, and if it turns out great, it turns out great. If not, we can at least say we gave it all, and left it on the court. I don't think the team feels very good about how they played, though."

McGehee said it is difficult when a team does not play to its fullest in a big match but said that looked like it could go their way.

"It's frustrating because we know how we can play," McGehee said, "and we didn't play that way. We came out timid. We lacked that intensity we needed to win the match."

Johnson agreed it was a frustrating match, but she also thinks Tech will be a scary team to face if the team clicks and runs on all cylinders.

"We can't play up and down like that," Johnson said. "We have to have at least two or three hitters playing well. If we have two or three of us play to our potential, I think we'll be unstoppable, but we just can't get in a groove."



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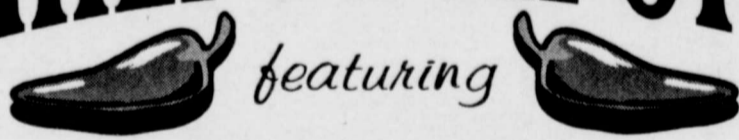
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