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Failing student kills three professors, self

By Arthur H. Rotstein/Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — A student flunking out of the University of Arizona nursing school shot three of his professors to death Monday, then killed himself as dozens of terrified students rushed to get away.

Police said Robert Flores Jr., 41, specifically targeted the instructors, killing one in her office on the second floor and shooting the others in a fourth-floor classroom as students dove for cover.

Flores walked to the front of the classroom and shot the first victim several times, then went to the back of the room and killed the

second victim, police said.

Senior Julie Raymond said she was taking an exam when the gunman came in.

"We just thought that he was late for the test," Raymond said. "Then he started talking to instructors and fired shots. All of us ducked under the tables and then ran out of the room. At first, I thought it was a joke and realized it wasn't when I heard the shots."

Flores told students in the room to leave. He was later found dead by officers searching the school.

University Vice Provost Elizabeth Irvin said Flores had failed a pediatric nursing class and was struggling in a critical care class.

Bomb squad members were called in after a backpack or package was found underneath the gunman's body. The suspect had threatened to blow up the building, though it was unclear when the threat was made, police said. The college and nearby buildings were evacuated.

Authorities continued to check for explosives into the evening.

The victims — Robin Rogers, 50, Barbara Monroe, 45, and Cheryl McGaffie, 44 — all were Flores' instructors, Police Chief Richard Miranda said.

"It's too soon to say why he committed this terrible deed," Miranda said. "We have deter-

mined that there are many issues in Mr. Flores' life, all of which are a factor."

Flores, a Gulf War veteran, worked until September at the Southern Arizona Veterans Administration Health Care System as a licensed practical nurse, and was studying to become a registered nurse, officials said. It wasn't clear in which branch of the military he served.

Anu Nigam, a 29-year-old graduate student, said she and her husband were outside waiting for a shuttle bus when a woman came out of the building with a cell phone, trying to dial and screaming that there was a man with a gun in the building. Police were at the

scene within seconds.

"A group of people were crying and running desperately to get out of the building," Nigam said. "They were crying, tripping over one another, falling down."

Student Lori Schenkel said she had several classes with Flores and he told classmates about a year ago that he had gotten a concealed weapon permit.

"He was just a very aggravated student, a rude, obnoxious type of person," she said. "He came across as very aggressive and mean, and seemed to have a lot of issues with being an-

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Rainy DAYS



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer

STUDENTS LOAD INTO the back of a truck in order to cross a flooded Drive of Champions to the C-1 commuter lot at Jones SBC Stadium on Monday morning in front of the Frazier Alumni building. According to the Department of Atmospheric Science, 1 inch of rain has fallen between 12 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday.



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

THE OVERFLOW PARKING area west of the United Spirit Arena floods from the rainfall Monday, hindering student parking availability.

Continuous rainfall causes campus flooding

By Jacqueline Marshall/Staff Reporter

More than 325 parking spaces were lost Monday because of heavy amounts of rainfall, said Max Hinojosa, vice president of operations.

With rain falling every day since Oct. 21, Lubbock is 300 percent over the average amount of rainfall, which is 1.7 inches, for the month of October, according to Shawn Ellis, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service.

The Department of Traffic and Parking closed the dirt overflow commuter lot by the United Spirit Arena when

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Poor weather creates problems for project

SOGGY SITUATION: Wet conditions cause minor disruptions in drainage improvement construction.

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Recent rainfall is not helping the city's storm sewer project.

Skipper Wood, a civil engineer for the city, said the amount of rain Lubbock is getting is creating some problems for the project's contractors, but it was nothing that could not be dealt with easily.

The storm sewer project, which is officially called the South Central Lubbock Drainage Improvement project, is a gravity flow storm sewer system. It is a 14-mile pipeline that runs from McAllister Park to Yellowhouse Canyon.

The pipeline was designed to reduce the flood risk around 12 of the playa lakes in Lubbock. When one playa fills up, the water drains into the pipe and runs downstream to the next lake. As the playas continue to fill, the water keeps draining from lake to lake until it empties into Yellowhouse Canyon.

Wood said this weather is similar to a weather pattern the city experienced in 1999. There were several small, light rains, which were followed by one large downpour. Several lakes and streets overflowed their boundaries, causing disorder throughout the affected neighborhoods and on the roads.

If the weather continues like this, the city might barricade lakes that are in danger of overflowing, he said. The city also will block off streets if any become flooded to the point they are no longer safe to drive on.

The storm sewer project also has pumps in place in some of the lakes that drain water out, which creates extra capacity and allows more rainwater to drain in. Wood said a field party checked some of the lakes to determine if they needed to be pumped down.

The majority of the lakes equipped with pumps are on the south side of the project, and only a few of them are rigged at this point of the project. However, the city is prepared to pump if needed, he said.

Buster Long, the lake on Slide Road that routinely drains into the South Plains Mall parking lot, is part of the storm sewer project. The parking lot was dry for several weeks ear-

lier in the month, but is back to being deluged because of the rain.

Jack Boyster, the mall general manager, said the management has no control over the drainage; it is all under the city's management. The parking lot is part of the natural drainage system, which is why the lake overflows into it frequently.

"That's the way it was designed," he said, adding that the lake has overflowed into the parking lot since it was built 30 years ago.

The water level was down because the city pumped Buster Long as part of the storm sewer project, but it is back to its normal level, Boyster said. The mall is anticipating the project being completed by December, so the holiday shoppers will have more places to park.

Gabriele Osborn, the Parking and Security secretary at Covenant Lakeside, which sits next to a playa, said the lake was "massively flooding." The water was out into the street and had filled the side gullies into the playa, although it had not emptied into the parking lot yet.

The lake has been flooding off and on for four days, she said. It had gone down but as soon as it started raining heavily on Monday, the level increased again.

"(Monday) didn't take long since it's already saturated," she said.

The excessive amount of water in the streets also is slowing people down. Wood said he, for one, is driving more slowly, but not all Lubbock citizens are.

"A lot of people, they just mosey right along and don't give a thought about it," he said.

The city does not have any plans to remedy the amount of water that drains into the streets, Wood said.

"We're just letting things take their natural course, like they would do the way they were meant to," he said.

Texas Tech is experiencing many of the same difficulties as the city. Vice President of Operations Max Hinojosa said the roads and the intersections throughout campus histori-

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Colorado fans deliver blow to band

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

At University of Colorado, it is a tradition to throw marshmallows during halftime performances.

This past Saturday, however, much more than marshmallows were slung at the Goin' Band from Raiderland during its halftime performance at Colorado.

"The Colorado fans were throwing what I thought were marshmallows," director Keith Bearden said. "Then, after our performance, I found out there had been lemons, tennis balls, trash, hot dogs, batteries and marshmallows with coins in them, so they'd fly farther."

Band member Erick Venzor, a tuba player, said he saw water bottles and at least one portable chair thrown down onto the field.

Director of Bands Cody Birdwell said he was positioned on the east side of the field where most of the objects were thrown from a student section and was pelted dozens of times.

"I don't know if there was anything other than marshmallows thrown at me," he said. "But those marshmallows sure were weighted down."

The Goin' Band's flag line received the majority of the abuse, according to several band members.

Alysen Cramer, a senior flag line member, said she saw a girl in the crowd position herself in order to hit her with a battery-stuffed marshmallow.

"I saw her crouch and throw as hard as she could," Cramer said.

Cramer and other flag line members said objects were thrown at them during their entire performance,

which Cramer said made her scared.

Sophomore trombone player Amy McSpadden said she had a battery thrown at her, which struck her in the eye. The incident gave her a bruise and a bloodshot eye.

"It happened right before halftime — when I turned around to look at the student section, it hit me," McSpadden said. "It was like a showering of hard objects."

Sophomore clarinet player Rachel Deville said she was hit in the back of the head with a water bottle.

"It knocked the air out of me for a while," Deville said. "I just continued the show, but it scared me. They were very vicious, and throwing anything. They had no respect. Something needs to be done."

Lt. McGraw of the University of Colorado police said his department

"can't do anything about" the reports from the Goin' Band.

"Officers went through and searched for foreign objects in marshmallows and couldn't find anything to substantiate their claims. We could find no band members to contend they'd been hit."

McGraw said safety is of "paramount importance" to the department, but it can only act on events "when they happen ... not three days later."

McGraw would not allow The UD to speak with the field director of security, saying, "We can't find anything to act on. You got to pick your battles sometimes."

University of Colorado police later said they did find reports substantiat-

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JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

THE GOIN' BAND from Raiderland waits to perform during halftime in front of the Colorado student section as they were pelted with marshmallows and other foreign objects during the Colorado-Texas Tech football game Saturday.

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The Rundown



NAFTA moves more money through Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — Considered in terms of commerce, the North American Free Trade Agreement has been a big win for Texas.

The agreement's effects on poverty and the environment near the border are still being debated.

Seven of every 10 truckloads of cargo entering the United States from Mexico cross the state's border.

Texas handles more cargo moved by truck, rail and pipeline than in any other state, according to the federal Bureau of Transportation Statistics. State exports to Mexico have doubled during the NAFTA era.

NAFTA has even changed the way many businesses operate in Houston.

For instance, Wyman-Gordon, makes parts for jet engines in a factory here. A factory in Mexico has been a money-saving step in the company's chain of production for the past three years.

Although NAFTA wasn't the big the only reason Wyman-Gordon put a plant in Mexico, it did come into play, General Manager Jim Houlden said.

"Had we been in a position where we had to pay duty, it probably would have killed the deal," he told the *Houston Chronicle* for its Monday editions.

The North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect in 1994, designed to eliminate trade barriers between Mexico, the United States and Canada over a 15-year period. The allowances for certain products to be shipped duty-free among the three was a major component of NAFTA.

The agreement also crafted a legal framework for investments in Mexico, which helped change attitudes about cross-border deals.

Now one in three jobs in Houston is tied in some fashion to international trade, and Mexico is the city's largest trading partner. A total of 139 local companies have subsidiaries in Mexico, and 1,145 Houston companies report trade with Mexico.

Fourteen Mexican companies have offices in Houston, including the U.S. headquarters of Cemex, one of the country's largest cement makers.

Most large U.S. shippers to Mexico use trucks or trains to move cargo across the border. Statewide surface trade doubled in the NAFTA era to at least \$84 billion.

Gas Russians used was opium derivative

WASHINGTON (AP) — The mysterious gas Russian forces pumped into a theater to end a hostage crisis was an opiate — a chemical related to morphine, Pentagon officials said Monday.

The Bush administration, meanwhile, refused to criticize Russian special forces for using the gas, which killed 116 of the hostages as well as the hostage takers.

"The president abhors the loss of life, but he understands that it is the terrorists" who are responsible for the tragedy, Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer said Monday as the president traveled to New Mexico.

Military officials said the U.S. embassy in Moscow had determined that the gas used by the Russians was some sort of opium derivative. Such substances not only kill pain and dull the senses but also can cause coma and death by shutting down breathing and circulation.

Russian authorities have refused to name the substance used, even keeping that information from doctors treating the rescued hostages.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the United States, as well as other countries, have asked the Russians to identify the gas they used.

"We are trying to get at that information," Boucher said. "That knowledge is also needed by the doctors. We're awaiting (the) response, but at this point, we just don't have the response."

Fleischer did not endorse the tactic in remarks to reporters as Bush flew from Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, to Phoenix, then from Arizona to New Mexico. But he made clear the administration's view that blame for the deaths lay with the captors.

Asked directly about the use of the gas, Fleischer wouldn't say whether the administration believed it was appropriate. "We don't know what all the facts are," he said.

He said, "As that information is developed, the president feels very strongly that the people who caused this are the terrorists."

Bush had not spoken to Russian President Vladimir Putin as of Sunday evening, Fleischer said.

Fleischer said the United States still is unsure how many Americans were involved in the siege but blamed that on the difficulty of keeping track of traveling Americans and not on the Russian government.

U.S. diplomat shot dead in Jordan capital

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — An assassin pumped eight shots into an American diplomat outside his home Monday in the first known killing of a Western envoy in the Jordanian capital.

The U.S. Embassy identified the victim as Laurence Foley, an employee of the U.S. Agency for International Development mission in Jordan, which handles foreign aid and humanitarian programs.

While Jordan is officially allied with the United States, anti-American sentiment has been rising with public opposition to a threatened U.S. attack on Iraq, Jordan's eastern neighbor and primary trading partner. The kingdom's 1994 peace treaty with Israel also has made it a target for Muslim militants and terrorist groups.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said President Bush deeply regretted the shooting. However, Fleischer, speaking to reporters aboard Air Force One en route to New Mexico, said it was too early to say whether the attack was terror-related.

"The investigation is just getting under way," Fleischer said. "We don't rule that out but we won't go beyond that for the moment."

U.S. Ambassador Edward Gnehm, his voice breaking several times, paid tribute to Foley as "a man who dedicated his life to improving the lives of others."

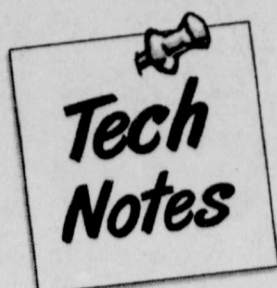
Gnehm had given Foley a "superior honor award" on Sunday. Gnehm quoted Foley's wife Virginia as saying on the night before he died: "I'm where I want to be doing what I want to do."

The ambassador called the shooting a "cowardly, criminal act" but refused to say whether he thought it was terrorist-related.

Jordanian Information Minister Mohammed Affash Adwan would not speculate on whether terrorists were involved, but called the attack "an aggression on Jordan and its national security."

Foreign Minister Marwan Muasher went to the U.S. Embassy to express condolences and promised swift action to catch the shooter.

"The Jordanian government is going to deal seriously with this horrible crime," the Jordanian news agency Petra quoted him as saying.



The 10th Annual Take a Kid to the Game will be Nov. 9 for Texas Tech's football game against Oklahoma State. Student organizations that registered to take part in the tradition of taking 1,000 children to the game will have a mandatory meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Double T Room of the Student Union. A member from your organization must be present in order to participate in the event. For more information, contact Britta Tye at (806) 742-2192 or Leigh Maurer at (806) 742-3631.

Pre-Physician's Assistants will hold its next meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday in 234 Chemistry. Dr. Eugene Jones, UT Southwestern's Pre-Physician's Assistants program director, will speak at the meeting. For more information, please call (806) 722-6191.

Tau Beta Pi is hosting an Engineering Futures Session at 6 p.m. today in 116 Petroleum Engineering. Everyone is welcome to gain experience in the engineering profession.

Tech Council on Family Relations will be selling pizza on Mondays in the month of November. Pizza can be purchased from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Broadway outside the Human Sciences Building. Three dollars can buy one slice and a drink, and \$5 buys two slices and a drink. Orders can also be taken for whole, ready-to-bake pizzas. For more information contact, Lane Powell at lpowell@hs.tru.edu.

Early voting will be on campus from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the remainder of the work week in the Student Union.

Room and Board payments are due Friday in the Housing Office.

Requests to change residence halls or rooms must be turned in by Friday to respective halls.

Time travel will be one of the subjects of Doug Kutach's lecture at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in 160 English/Philosophy. Kutach will discuss time travel, the general relativity theory and what a law of nature actually is.

TIME REFLECTED



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer
THE CARPENTER/WELLS CLOCK tower reflects in a puddle formed by the rain on Monday morning. Rains throughout the day flooded much of the campus.

Fierce storm kills 34

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Workers scrambled to clear roadways and railways of trees and other debris Monday after a fierce storm pummeled Europe with deadly gale-force winds, killing up to 34 people and leaving hundreds of thousands without electricity.

Gusts in excess of 100 mph were blamed for at least 11 fatalities in Germany on Sunday, including five people killed in storm-related accidents in the northwestern state of North Rhine-Westphalia.

Near Weilburg, north of Frankfurt, a falling tree killed a couple driving along a country road, and in the northern port city of Hamburg, an 80-year-old woman was hit by a car when a gust of wind caught her umbrella and she fell into a road.

The winds subsided Monday after uprooting trees and tearing boats from their moorings overnight. The morning commute was a headache; German rail officials said 2,000 workers were repairing and clearing lines.

In Britain, powerful winds were a factor in the deaths of at least seven people, including three children, authorities said. Utility workers were trying to restore power to about 280,000 homes, but officials cautioned some might remain without electricity for a few days.

At London's Heathrow Airport, where 60 flights were canceled during the height of the storm, most services returned to normal Monday. British Airways scrapped 11 domestic and European flights Monday, citing lingering storm-related effects.

The Association of British Insurers estimated wind damage to buildings, electricity supplies and road infrastructure could cost the country up to \$80 million.

At least four people were killed in the Netherlands, including a man who was killed by a falling tree while walking his dog in the eastern town of Enschede, and a 77-year-old man who lost his footing and died when he fell into a fence in the town of Hilversum.

The wind blew out panes of glass from the roof of Amsterdam's central train station, prompting police to close the platform area.

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Moscow prof. speaks on Russian federal system

By Michael Castellon/Staff Reporter

A visiting professor of comparative civil law at Moscow State University spoke on the Russian federal system and legal reform Monday night at the International Cultural Center at Texas Tech.

Christopher Osakwe, a professor at Moscow State University since 1999, revealed points of tension in the Russian federal legal system and the current Russian political climate.

"The major eye-catching concern is that Russia is not a federation at all, it is in name only," Osakwe said. "It has characteristics of a U.S. state's county. They are very centrally controlled unitary states."

Osakwe blames part of the current political and economic climate of Russia on its leadership.

"Currently there are 89 states, or what (Russian President Vladimir) Putin calls states," Osakwe said. "When Putin took office, he appointed seven governor generals. Five of these people were KGB and only two were civilians."

In his address, Osakwe examined the current Russian constitution, the Yeltsin constitution and its role in the current political ar-

chitecture of Russia.

Osakwe said the United States could take steps to improve Russia's political system.

"I think the U.S. can only help shape the future," Osakwe said. "The U.S. can start by doing more trade with Russia. Texas has a strong voice in gas and oil; I think we should open up the dam and release some of the subtle pressure."

Osakwe described the Russian economic situation and its relation to changes in the country's political structure.

"The per capita income in Russia is \$2,250 a year," Osakwe said. "Eighty-nine percent of Russia's wealth is located in Moscow and Petersburg. The World Bank estimates the average monthly salary of Russians is \$187.50."

Osakwe said salary data for Russian citizens is misleading based on the structure of Russian business practices.

"What must be considered are private stores and restaurants with privileged accessibility," Osakwe said. "For example, every professor at Moscow University gets perks. There are restaurants in Moscow where I can sit down to a five-course meal simply for showing my university ID."

Osakwe attributed the need for political

and legal restructuring of Russia's government to an unstable economy since the fall of communism in Russia and the liberalization of Russian society.

"Once there was a crack in the window the public wanted fresh air," Osakwe said. "Mikhail Gorbachev was left without Russia and Boris Yeltsin became a reformer."

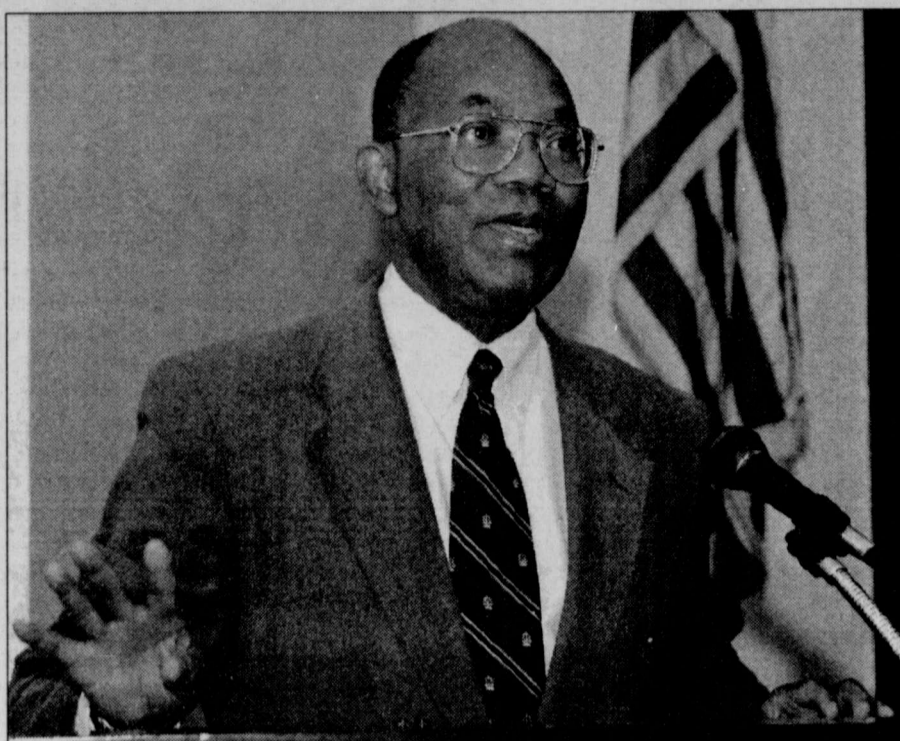
Lisa Schwamkrug, president of the International Law Society, said she studied under Osakwe while studying abroad in Moscow.

"He's a very fascinating individual," Schwamkrug said. "Because of his experience, he has a lot of insight on legal reform issues in Russia."

Schwamkrug said Osakwe has served as a coordinator for the World Bank Commercial Law Reform Project in Kyrgyzstan, an experience she said makes him a qualified expert in speaking about law reform in the former Soviet Union.

"As president of the International Law Society, I wanted him to come speak at the university," Schwamkrug said. "His experiences offer insight that other professors probably wouldn't be able to offer."

Osakwe will speak again at 12:30 p.m. today at the Tech law school.



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer
CHRISTOPHER OSAKWE, A professor of comparative civil law at Moscow State University, speaks about the Russian federal system, its problems and the prospects of President Vladimir Putin's views.

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gry."

Nurse William Gordon, who worked with Flores at the VA hospital and knew him for three years, said he saw nothing that would foreshadow violence. He said Flores dropped out of a nursing ethics class last semester and seemed upset, but it was not an unusual reaction.

"I didn't pick up anything majorly confrontational with him regarding the instructor," Gordon said. "Nothing that would alarm you."

Project

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cally flood with big rains, and this year is no different. This includes the intersections on campus and the external intersections.

"The number of times you go through high water is pretty incredible as you go (into campus)," he said.

The intersections are set low to the ground, which causes the water to flow into them. Water is gushing into the storm drainage system the campus has, Hinojosa said, but the drains can only hold a certain amount of water.

Band

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ing band members' claims of abuse, claiming their computer system had "crashed," and two band members reported third-degree assaults. The department reported it is looking at videos to identify perpetrators.

"They don't care what was being thrown," Bearden said of the Colorado police. Several band members said they saw some of the security personnel laughing throughout the occurrence.

Bearden played a tape recording of the half-time performance, in which an array of debris could be seen showering the field and band members and flags ducking to miss objects.

"If I'd known it had been happening, I would've made the band leave the game," he said. "We would've marched right off."

In response to the occurrence, Student Government Association President Kelli Stumbo, who attended the game, called the event "ridiculous."

She said the Colorado announcer began the game by saying, "Let's see what these tortilla-heads can do."

Stumbo sited the recent negotiations for a Big 12 Conference Sportsmanship Honor Code by requesting more tasteful actions during games, such as refraining from throwing objects upon fields by fellow Tech students.

"Don't look like Colorado," she said. "Have some class and learn from this. There's a point where you're having fun and a point where you're embarrassing yourself."

Mike Donnelly, a member of the Colorado's Student Union, equivalent to Tech's SGA, said Tech's band members are rightfully upset.

"It's unfortunate that one rogue individual can do damage to a university's name when the majority of our students would never participate in such behavior."

Bearden had similar statements to Donnelly's.

"It just takes a few idiots out of an audience to make something negative like this happen," he said. "What's important here is what could have happened. People could have been seriously injured."

Bearden said he and his band should expect safety when performing. He said Tech students should not act in a similar manner.

"We don't need that reputation. Tech should be too proud for that," Bearden said.

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it floods and has to accommodate for the 300 to 350 spaces lost by diverting cars to other areas of campus, Hinojosa said.

Employees of Traffic and Parking go out to the Commuter lots at about 3 a.m. to 4 a.m. in raincoats to start planning the accommodations for students, Hinojosa said.

One of the accommodations made for a bad weather situation is to divert students to the Tech Museum parking lot. Traffic and Parking hire a city bus to take students to and from campus to the Museum, Hinojosa said.

The Z-4 parking lot, which is located south of the United Spirit Arena, contains about 120 parking spaces that are not reserved for dorm residents, which commuters are directed to during inclement weather, Hinojosa said. Another situation for students to look for is places that are normally not a park-

ing space. Parking enforcement is more lenient on rainy days and allow for students to park at the end of rows as long as there is room for cars to maneuver in the parking lot.

"The Traffic and Parking people gave me a spot right next to a bus stop, which was nice," said Jeph Kryzak, a senior telecommunications major from Coppell. "For the most part I don't have problems finding a place to park. I get here late enough to where people have already left, and I can usually find a spot. When it rains, it just pushes me back more."

Jay Saldana, a sophomore civil engineering major from San Antonio, said he believes there are safety problems and problems getting to and from class because of heavy amounts of rain.

"After I get out of the water, I noticed that my brakes weren't working that well," Saldana said.

Hinojosa said the fall semester is the most critical for parking, and when it rains to make sure to obey the 10 mph speed limits and to be careful of the intersections.

Hinojosa said the parking lot located

north of Jones SBC Stadium across Fourth Street is owned by the Department of Transportation and is not designated overflow parking for Tech students. The DOT does not mind if students park there, but the parking lot is not patrolled by police and students should park there at their own risk.

Ellis said some safety precautions include slowing down when driving, watching for water on roadways and to never go into deep water when the water depth is unknown.

As of noon Monday, 5.18 inches of rain fell for the month of October, with still more to come, Ellis said. The record for rainfall in Lubbock was in 1983 with 10.8 inches because of a Pacific hurricane from Mexico.

For the rest of the week, Ellis said there are slight chances of rain Wednesday through Thursday. A strong cold front will come through Wednesday dropping temperatures to about 50 degrees Fahrenheit and another cold front is coming on Friday that will bring some more rain and temperatures into the 40s and dropping near or below freezing on Saturday.


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PERSPECTIVES

Little has changed in SGA attitude

A few days ago I was walking out of the Student Union, and I saw our Student Government Association leaders have their pictures pasted on the sides of buses.

Is this being done to improve the image of the SGA? Working on parking or housing issues would accomplish this goal. Even the administration has admitted that Texas Tech has problems in these areas. The SGA hasn't gotten around to these issues, but they did get around to another fee increase.

In fact, earlier this month an SGA committee voted to recommend another fee increase for you and me. For those of you who are new to Tech, this is business as usual for the SGA.

This is how it usually goes. First some department goes to the SGA and asks for an increase in fees and the SGA rolls over and gives the department whatever it wants. But if any students take issue with the increase, the SGA claims that fee-increase opponents are "uneducated."

I've been at Tech for a few years, and during that period the SGA has

pretty much been a rubber stamp for every proposed fee increase.

Sadly, little has changed this year. This fee increase for Student Health Services was the maximum allowed and takes effect next fall. The excuse given for the increase was that the larger student enrollment means more students need health services.

But doesn't the larger enrollment also mean that more students are paying fees to Student Health Services? If the present money is being properly managed, then no fee increase should be necessary. Why didn't the SGA bring up this obvious point?

The SGA members don't see themselves as advocates for Tech students. The fact that most SGA members have little or no education regarding budgets and financial analysis also means departments that seek fee increases face little scrutiny. The SGA members simply don't know what questions to ask.

I'm not letting Student Health Services off the hook on this one either. We have record enrollment at Tech this year, and this means that Student Health Services has a record amount of money coming in from fees. No major health initiatives were



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launched this year, so this is just a money grab.

Well, I'm a Tech student who pays fees to Student Health Services, and I have some input for this department. Since preventive medicine keeps

people from getting sick and saves money for everyone, why aren't students given flu shots at no extra charge?

Colds are a big problem for students living in crowded residence halls and charging extra money for flu shots discourages students from getting the shots. Surely students who pay \$60 per semester in fees to Student Health Services are at least entitled to a flu shot for their money.

Why not offer discount multivitamins to students? Everyone knows that proper vitamin intake promotes good health.

And a problem that appears from time to time in the residence halls is the improper disposal of needles. Needles can be used for a variety of health reasons (like diabetes), but presently, there are no needle disposal stations in the residence halls or throughout campus. If needles are merely thrown in the trash; students and Tech employees are placed at risk of coming into contact with the used needles. Needle disposal stations are needed throughout campus.

Student Health Services also claims that students don't know about many of the programs available to

them. That's not the fault of the students. What is so hard about sending a representative to the residence halls at the beginning of each semester to explain the services available? Leaving a pile of brochures on a table in Thompson Hall is not the right way to communicate with students.

So where do we go from here? There may be legitimate reasons to raise fees, but the screening process needs some work.

What may help is to require a course in budget analysis for incoming SGA members and also require any department seeking a fee increase to have their books checked by an outside auditor. This way the SGA members can be sure the numbers being presented are legitimate.

Plus, the costs of employee theft or bank negligence should never be passed on to students. Asking for an increase in fees should be the last option considered by any properly managed department.

Clearly Techsians are paying a price for the SGA's lack of diligence. Our fees go up, and student input is lacking. Ego-driven murals on the sides of buses will not solve any on-campus problems.

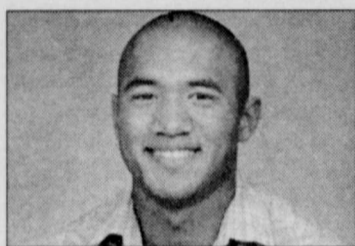
Comic genius lacking; Halloween time to dress up

OK, so I'm struggling for anything reasonably interesting to write this week. I know you all have a high expectation for my article to entertain and wow your pants off, but even I run out of ideas once in a while.

Now I know this may come as a surprise to you, but I'm not the ultra-hip, super-savvy comic genius you all think I am. So if you're up for it, get ready for ... I'm not sure what this will be.

I think the most underrated actor out there right now is Michael J. Fox. Now usually I hate it when actors use more than a first and last name. It just seems kind of egotistical to me. But of course, if I were a rich actor, I'd probably be pretty egotistical, too. David J. Ring. Kind of has a nice ring to it. Oh, that was a good one.

Most people have heard about the new movie "The Ring," which I must say was unbelievably freaky, but it has made me feel quite important. People come up to me and ask, "Hey man, have you seen 'The Ring?'" I'm like, "Oh baby, you're lookin' at it." Damn, I must be butta



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But I ask you this, isn't it better to feel out of place when dressed like a pirate than to feel out of place dressed like yourself? Exactly.

cause I'm on a roll. A little while ago someone came up with the six-degree of separation theory. This basically says that you can link any one person with any other one through six relationships between them. Well, it's come to my attention

that here in the beautiful city of Lubbock, we've been able to restrict possible hangouts and social activities to generate our own two-degrees of separation. Just try it out. Next time you don't know someone, start talking to them, and I promise within 10 minutes you'll realize you know their ex-boyfriend's roommate, work out with their sister's boss and the latest guy who's trying to get a little action from her sits behind you in class. Ah, what a town.

Sometimes when I'm driving I like to stick my hands out both windows and see if anyone looks at me funny. I'd probably be kind of confused if I was driving down the street and the guy in front of me had both hands out of his window. Maybe that's just me.

Can you feel it in the air? That certain, suspense and drama building toward one final goal: Halloween. How cool is this holiday I must ask you? I mean, have you ever thought about it? Here is one day of the year where you can basically wear anything you want, and people give you candy for it. God bless it.

My first Halloween memory was when I dressed up as a robot. My mom covered two boxes in tin foil, and I

spent the entire day trying to get through doorways. But it was awesome.

For some reason, during that crucial "adolescent" thing we don't find dressing up as fun or cool. But I challenge everyone, this year, don't worry about being cool, dress up for Halloween. Everybody knows that costume wearing goes one of two ways; either most people dress up and those who don't feel like squares, or one or two people dress up and end up looking like losers. But I ask you this, isn't it better to feel out of place when dressed like a pirate than to feel out of place dressed like yourself? Exactly.

My friend asked me a question that left me pretty intrigued. "If you were a hot dog, would you eat yourself?" At first I thought "no" because if I ate myself it would probably go against some sort of higher natural moral law but most of all it would hurt.

But then I was thinking, "Who am I to keep me from enjoying my delicious self?" Yes, I'd cease to exist, but do I really exist in the first place? Maybe I really am a hot dog having a really long dream. Maybe I'm really a bag of nacho cheese Doritos, dreaming of being a hot dog, which is dream-

ing of being a college student. Sorry.

A real question is would you want to be cloned? Forget about all the morality and technology things, would you want to have another you around? Think about it, you would always have someone there to play chess against, and you'd always win. If your clone ever did anything really cool, you would get the glory for it. Every potential you have would be doubled.

But then I was thinking, I like being myself, mostly because other people aren't myself. Sometimes I wonder how it is people stand to be around me, but obviously it's my dashing good looks and boyish charm that keeps them around. Anyway, I don't think I would like myself very much. Too much attention craving and incoherent babbling can cause brain seizures.

So sad to say, sometimes there is such thing as too much Dave. Perish the thought.

Be careful trick-or-treating. Dress up for school. If this takes a little drinking before you start class, just remember it's all for the sake of holiday cheer.

So there you have it. Have a wonderful week. Keep your nose clean, and get that rash checked out.

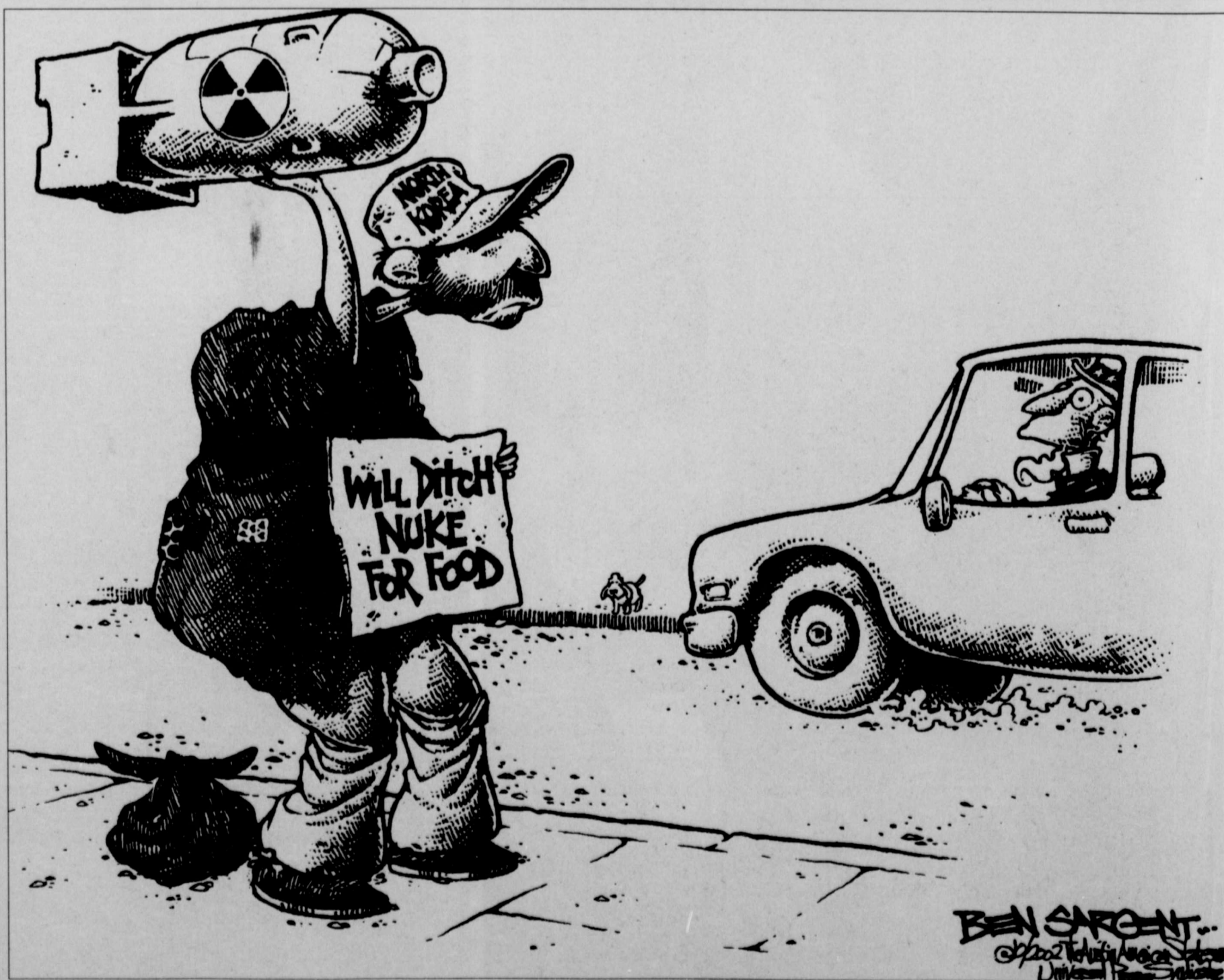
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FOX 34 IDOL finalist Raymon Foster, a psychology major from Lubbock, was chosen Sunday evening in the South Plains Mall.

Tech student is FOX 34 Idol

By Erica Gonzales/Staff Reporter

Some Lubbock residents have spent the last three weeks preparing an audition that could make them the next "American Idol." Texas Tech student Raymon Foster was chosen as the FOX 34 Idol, giving him a spot in line in Austin to audition for the TV show "American Idol."

Foster, a sophomore psychology major from Lubbock, was announced as the FOX 34 Idol on Sunday at South Plains Mall.

The FOX 34 Idol competition of 10 contestants was narrowed down to one final contestant, Foster.

Family, friends, and mall visitors scrambled to get a seat or even a view

of the final competition in the crowded food isle area of the mall.

Contestants had to perform a 20-second acapella song and a one-minute song with music.

Foster said the judges told him it was his 20-second that he created that "wowed" them.

The announcement that he won took him by surprise.

"I'm pretty much overwhelmed," he said. "I feel really blessed."

Foster said he has seen the TV show "American Idol," but cannot believe he is getting the opportunity for a music career.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance," he said. "It still doesn't feel real."

Foster said there were many talented singers and to be chosen as the winner felt amazing.

Foster said he almost did not enter the contest, but changed his mind because of his family's motivation and persuasion.

"I did it for my family," he said.

His wife, Krystal Foster, a junior human development and family studies major from Lubbock, said family and friends told him to audition because of his musical background.

She said he also has been an opening act for several concerts in Lubbock including Ideal and Genuine.

Foster said he moved to California for six months to record a few CDs, but never signed a record contract.

His mother, Marilyn Foster from Lubbock, said she found out he was serious about music his first year of college.

"I realized he was serious when he didn't do well in psychology class because he was writing down songs instead of taking notes," she said.

Jana Hill, promotions director for FOX 34, said although "American Idol" auditions are open to anyone, Foster will be guaranteed an audition without waiting in line.

She said he would have to pass two auditions before he can try out before the "American Idol" judges.

"American Idol" auditions begin at 8 a.m. on Nov. 6 at the Doubletree Hotel in Austin.

Make-A-Wish grants childrens' dreams

By Lynette Jubay/Staff Reporter

The sound of music, the smell of fajita meat, the sight of smiling faces and the warmth of family and friends filled the Frazier Alumni Pavilion Sunday evening as the Make-A-Wish foundation celebrated its sixth annual Fajita Festival.

The Make-A-Wish foundation is an organization that grants wishes to children with life-threatening diseases.

Nancy Nail, the administrative assistant for Make-A-Wish, has been working for the organization for about a year and a half. She said prepara-

tions for the Fajita Festival began the first of this year.

Nail said all funds raised by the foundation's Lubbock division stay in this area, reaching Brownfield, Lamesa, Slaton and Plainview. She reiterated her passion for her job.

"I love it," Nail said. "These kids are fantastic."

Nail said her experiences have been heart touching and can really affect a person.

Nail said within a six-week period, the foundation usually interviews 13 wish kids. The time period in which a wish is granted depends on the illness of the child, she said.

Christina Mioli, a senior human development major from Carrollton, is the Texas Tech intern for Make-A-Wish this year. She assisted in general planning for the Fajita Festival, including making invitations and selling Harley tickets.

Mioli said she hopes to someday work with children, and being an intern for Make-A-Wish is a great starting place and opportunity.

"I wanted to help grant wishes to children because it's a rewarding job," Mioli said. "(Make-A-Wish) is a great organization."

Jana Lisle, a junior biology major from Stamford, was a volunteer at the

festival. She is a member of Miller Girls, and her organization was one of many that participated in the event.

"I just think it's a great service they are doing for these kids," Lisle said. "It's great to help out."

Karen Chudej, the field officer director for Make-A-Wish, was pleased with how the event turned out.

"We want to thank all the volunteers, sponsors, and friends of Make-A-Wish for helping make this happen," Chudej said.

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Play village goes from pasture to treasure

By Erica Gonzales/Staff Reporter

Volunteers worked through the cold, rainy conditions on Sunday to complete the building of the Legacy Play Village by 5 p.m.

The sun came up just in time for the celebration of the playground on Sunday afternoon, the last day for volunteers to help with the playground. The playground will not be open to the public because of unfinished work.

Children were able to play on the playground for a short while, however, during the celebration with supervision by the coordinators and adults.

Julia Camp, coordinator for the play village, said Sunday was a race for the finish.

"Many people were out there giving it their all," she said.

For many people, she said building the playground was a bonding experience to work through the difficult weather conditions together.

Unfortunately, Camp believes bad weather conditions kept volunteers from working this weekend.

She said there has been a tremendous amount of help, especially from Texas Tech students, despite the poor weather.

So many people have helped build the playground and it looks great.

— NATHAN HINKLE
junior finance major from Burleson

"The students at Tech have been great," she said. "I can't imagine building without Texas Tech University."

There are minor details not completed, but she said the playground is practically finished.

"There's nothing negative to say because we finished, and it's been amazing," she said.

Some people were volunteering every day of the 14-day building time frame and were able to see what their hard work accomplished on Sunday.

Mack Grant, a Lubbock resident, said he used his vacation time from work to volunteer.

"This (construction) is what I do for a living, and I knew this is something I could do for my kids."

He said he could not believe how many volunteers he saw in the 14-day

work period.

"I have seen as many as 750 volunteers a day," he said.

Lanny Brinson, a volunteer from Lubbock, began volunteering since day one of the project.

He said he was pleased with the finishing project.

"It really amazes me," he said. "Every day you look up it's changed."

But he said there is still so much more to be done such as laying more concrete for the sidewalk, landscaping, and completing the gazebos.

Members from the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity volunteered at the play village on Sunday and were present for the celebration.

Nathan Hinkle, a junior finance major from Burleson, said Fiji was excited to help out on the last volunteer day.

He said it also was a bonding experience for his members.

Hinkle said the best part of the day was seeing the volunteers and children at the celebration.

"It was amazing," he said. "So many people have helped build the playground, and it looks great."

Camp said there possibly will be one more building day next Sunday. It will be announced through the media in the middle of this week.

She said the play village will not be open to the public until next month, and is currently not safe for children.



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer
SAMANTHA EVANS, A sophomore English major from Hobbs, N.M., drills holes into playground equipment for the Legacy Play Village on Saturday morning.

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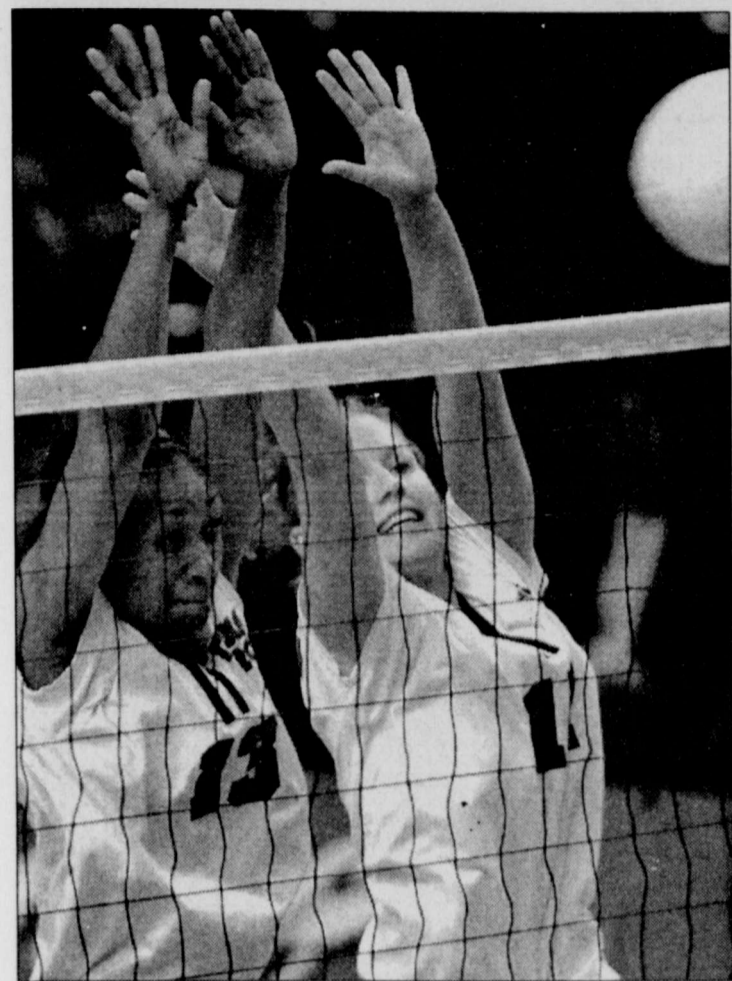
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Tech volleyball seeks strong second half

Irish still trail Miami in BCS



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TEXAS TECH VOLLEYBALL players Stacey Poole, Orlan, and Kelly Johnson, right, attempt to block a kill attempt by an Oklahoma player during Tech's win last week at the United Spirit Arena.

By David Wichmann/Staff Reporter
The Texas Tech volleyball team had the weekend off to escape the troubles of the first half of conference play and begin the week with a clean slate. With the Red Raiders backed into a corner, players said it is time to overcome let downs and make a push for the post-season.

Senior and co-captain Ann Romjue said the break was much needed, and it helped the team regain focus. "Having some time off like that always helps rejuvenate you," Romjue said. "I think we're all ready to have a great second half."

Tech coach Jeff Nelson said he is happy with his team's statistics from the first half of conference play, but it has areas that need improvement.

"We did a great job of holding our opponents to low numbers," Nelson said. "We need to continue to do a good job and work to win more big plays and win the long points. I feel that has cost us a couple of matches. We need to be tougher at the key points of the match."

Tech (8-11, 3-7 Big 12 play) ranks near the top of every category of opponents' performance. Tech has held the opposition to the fewest service aces in the conference, ranks second in digs and assists, third in kills and fourth in blocks by opponents. Nelson told his team by looking at the numbers alone, Tech is one of the contenders in the Big 12 Conference.

The game is not played on paper, however, and the Raiders are aware it is crunch time if they want to make the NCAA Tournament.

"We don't think it is; we know it is," Tech hitter Angela Mooney said.

Romjue said it is time for Tech to win because there are only a handful of matches remaining.

"There's only 10 matches left," Romjue said. "We've got to go back on the goals we set, and that's to make the NAAs, and we gotta win."

All season, the team has had a "Go for it" attitude, and now the team has no choice.

"Right now, we have to win," Romjue said. "And we have to do whatever it takes to do it."

Last season an NCAA-record eight

BIG XII STANDINGS

	Big 12	Overall
Nebraska	11-0	19-1
Kansas State	9-2	13-6
Missouri	8-3	18-4
Texas	8-3	17-4
Kansas	6-5	15-5
Texas A&M	5-6	13-7
Colorado	5-6	11-10
Texas Tech	3-7	8-11
Baylor	2-9	8-13
Oklahoma	2-9	4-15
Iowa State	1-10	10-13

teams from the Big 12 made the postseason. Nelson said he believes six will this year. In order for his team to make it, the Raiders have to close the 2002 campaign strong.

"To even be eligible, we have to win seven of the next 10," Nelson said. "As good as the conference is, if you're 10-10 you should be in."

Nelson said he thinks his team is in a situation to move up the standings and place fifth or sixth in the conference if it plays well the rest of the way.

Mooney said the team will have to focus on one match at a time more so than ever.

"Our goal is to get to the NCAA, and to get there, we have to take it one game at a time," Mooney said. "We can't think ahead, and we have to go every game, every night."

She said she never looks forward into the schedule, and it helps her better prepare because Mooney is not focused on next week's match but tomorrow's.

"I always think one game at a time," Mooney said. "People ask me, 'who do you play next?' and I don't know, but that helps me a lot to prepare for them."

Mooney said it is time to step up, and the team can make up for lost ground in the first half.

"We have a great chance to make up for what we didn't do in the first half," Mooney said. "We can prove the games we could have won, we should have won."

Notre Dame moved a lot closer to national title territory. The Fighting Irish narrowed the gap behind second-place Miami in the Bowl Championship Series standings released Monday, with Oklahoma holding on to the top spot.

The difference between Notre and third is so tiny that if Notre Dame beats Boston College next weekend, it might be enough to move the Fighting Irish ahead of Miami. The Hurricanes, No. 1 in both the AP media and the coaches' polls, visit week's Rutgers.

But it's the final BCS standings Dec. 8 that will determine which teams play in the national title game at the Fiesta Bowl.

For now, though, the possibilities are intriguing — the top six teams in the BCS standings are unbeaten, and five can finish the season with perfect records.

"If five teams finish undefeated, the BCS poll still determines who plays in the national championship game," BCS coordinator Michael Tranchese said. "And, yes, there will be controversy. But this is the system."

The BCS formula uses the AP media and coaches' polls, computer polls, strength of schedule, won-loss record and a bonus-point system.

Tech tennis duo falls in ITA final

The Texas Tech tennis doubles team of Radek Nijaki and Diederik de Groot recently competed in the Omni Hotels IITA Regional in Fort Worth.

The doubles partners turned out an impressive performance and flourished in the tournament before losing in the finals to William and Richard Barker of Rice.

The tournament final was their first as Red Raiders.

The team won in the semifinals 9-8 over Gwynai Chinboka and Eric Cohn of SMU Sunday to reach the final round.

"Radek and Diederik have come together this week," Siegel said. "They have played aggressively and confidently and have beat some great teams."

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Red Raiders know winning out is only option

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech football is a program that many have said to be constantly teetering on the fence between greatness and mediocrity. This year's team seemed to carry a sense of something different.

Now after a loss that drops the squad to 5-4 overall and 2-2 in the Big 12 Conference, the Red Raiders have to discern how to differentiate themselves from the Tech teams of the past.

In the past five years, Tech has posted an overall record of 39-31 and have reached a bowl in three of those years. This year the players again talked of higher expectations for themselves, and with only four games remaining, there is not much room for error.

After a 37-13 loss to Colorado, the Tech players knew losing another game was not an option if they wanted to have a shot at the Big 12 Championship.

Shortly after the Buffalos defeated Tech on Saturday, defensive tackle Lamont Anderson spoke of the importance of the Colorado game and what is ahead for Tech.

"This is huge," Anderson said. "We have to win out to go where we want to go. That's possible, but it's going to put a lot of pressure on us."

The Raiders' remaining schedule, which includes games against BCS No. 10 Texas and No. 1 Oklahoma, heighten that pressure. Not to mention the next two games are against Baylor and Oklahoma State, the two worst teams in the Big 12 South.

After Colorado, Tech coach Mike Leach said he does not consider what happens down the road and only thinks about the task at hand.

"There's no such things as the big picture," Leach said. "All there is, is games, snaps and downs. We want to win all of them, and if we don't, we're in the wrong state of mind."

Nevertheless, in the grand

scheme of things Tech could either be looking at a 9-4 season and a possible Big 12 Championship berth or a 7-6 finish and another mediocre season.

Step one to winning out must be forgetting the past. Against Colorado, Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury threw four interceptions, a career high, and the offense and special teams sputtered most of the day.

When asked about Colorado, receiver Anton Paige described them as an emotional team that was going to do whatever they had to do to win.

The talk of emotion seemed to carry over to Monday as Leach spoke at the weekly press conference about emotion being one of the biggest factors in college football.

Presently, it can only be assumed that Tech is not emotionally on cloud nine after its loss to the Buffs.

Linebacker Mike Smith said the mood of the team was still somber the day after and said a loss tends to linger into the early part of the week.

"Any loss is a tough loss no matter who you play," Smith said. "It sticks with you for two or three days. We set such high hopes for ourselves.

We don't want to lose to anybody, but we've got to learn from it and play well."

Optimism, an emotion that is rarely in large supply after a loss, may be what the Raiders need more than anything now. Paige is one of the player's trying to spread optimism about what the team has left on its plate this season.

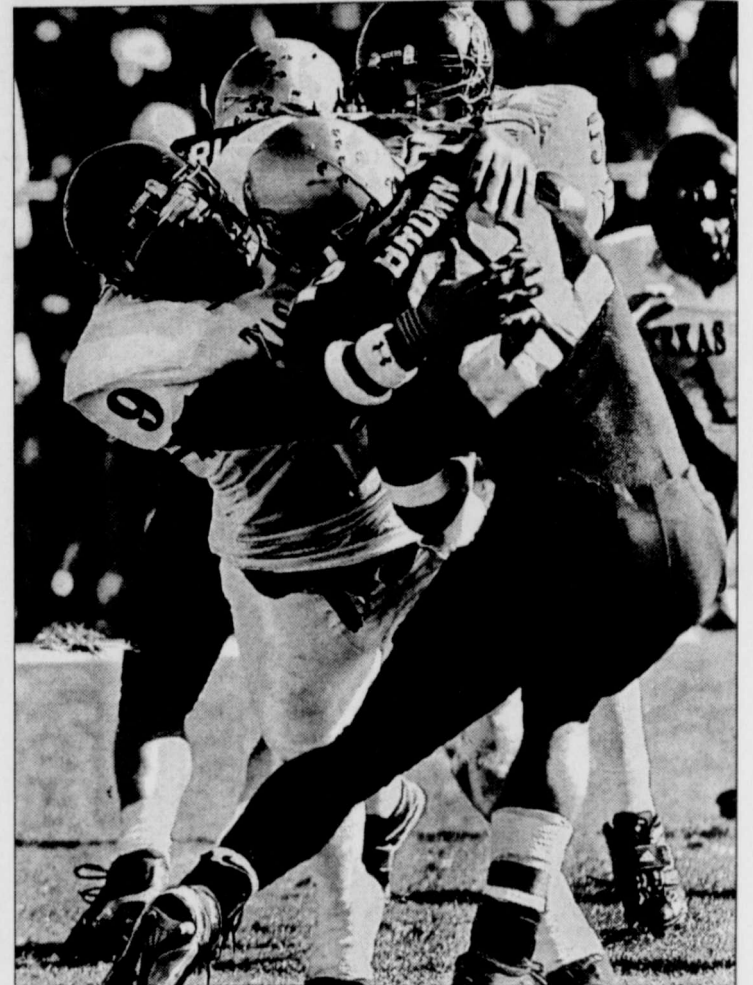
"We haven't lost our electricity one bit," Paige said. "It's not like now our seasons over, or it's down the drain. We can still go 9-4 and 6-2 in the Big 12. Losing happens, but we have the mentality that we can win out. These guys are fired up."

As far as the Big 12 race goes, Paige said although the Big 12 is extremely difficult, he knows there is still a chance for Tech to get what has eluded them since the Big 12 was started in 1996.

"We were 2-1 before Colorado, but A&M was 2-1 before the Nebraska game. This isn't some rudy-poo conference, where you know

"This isn't some rudy-poo conference, where you know one team is going to get the job done every week."

— ANTON PAIGE
Tech Wide Receiver



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TEXAS TECH DEFENSIVE end Aaron Hunt grabs Colorado running back Chris Brown in the backfield during Tech's loss to the Buffalos on Saturday in Boulder, Colo. The Raiders have four more games left in the regular season. They need two wins to become bowl eligible.

One team is going to get the job done every week. I think we're going to do so much better is our last four games."

One idea being stressed right now before the end of the season is family. Smith said the team is going to try and stick together and win the next four

games to go 9-4. Tech has not won nine games since 1995, the year before the inaugural Big 12 season.

"There's a lot left to be achieved," Smith said. "We could win nine games, which hasn't been done here in a while. We just need to stick together as a family."

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Team	Big 12	Overall
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Iowa State	3-2	6-3
Kansas State	2-2	6-2
Nebraska	2-2	6-3
Missouri	1-3	4-4
Kansas	0-5	2-7

SOUTH

Team	Big 12	Overall
Oklahoma	3-0	7-0
Texas	3-1	7-1
Texas A&M	2-2	5-3
Texas Tech	2-2	5-4
Oklahoma St	1-2	3-4
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