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## Senate discusses new Big 12 rule

**PROACTIVE POLICY:** Myers hopes senators spread word about rule prohibiting fans on field.

By Jennifer Prieto/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech Student Government Association Student Senate met Thursday night to discuss various issues concerning Tech students.

The meeting started with general welcomes from the SGA internal vice president and Student Senate president, Jacque Steinmetz.

Gerald Myers, athletic director, spoke to the senators about the Big 12 Conference's new guidelines and policies that all Big 12 universities have to follow.

The new policy does not allow students to be on the field who are not part of the staff or the media.

"The Big 12 has created a zero-tolerance policy dealing with crowd control," Myers said. "The Big 12 will put some teeth into this rule."

Myers said he wants the senators to spread the word about the new policy and make sure their constituents follow this rule.

"I think we got the message to the community," Myers said. "Now we have to tell

students to go to the game, but stay in the stands."

He said the Big 12 has used Tech as an example of what not to do after the Tech vs. Texas A&M game in two weeks at Jones SBC Stadium.

"I want to make sure we get the message across," Myers said. "I'm not saying I don't want students to support the team; I'm just saying I want them to behave."

We want to make sure students know this is not a Tech policy; this is a Big 12 decision, Myers said.

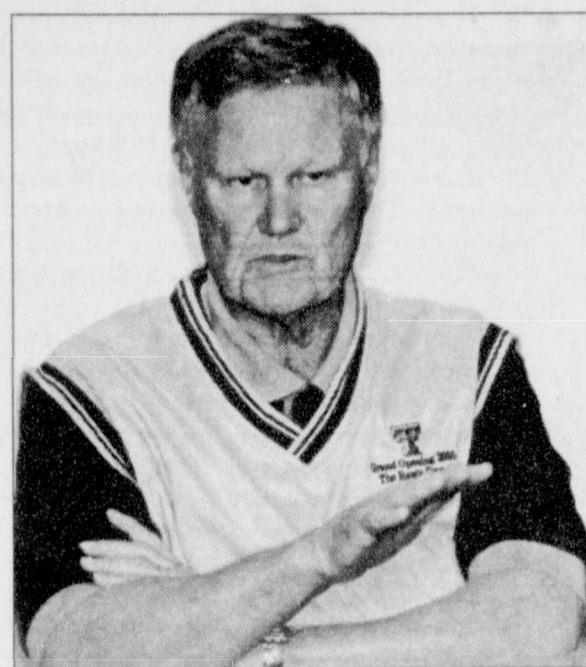
He said it is Tech students' responsibility to uphold this rule, and there will be consequences to students who do not follow it.

"We still have the policy that says there cannot be anything thrown down to the field," Myers said. "I'm not talking only about tortillas. It is any object that hit the field."

Tech is ranked in the top three in the state, he said, adding the university does not want a bad reputation because of a football game.

"We need to overcome the kind of behavior we are used to at the A&M games," Myers said. "We have to represent our university, and it all starts with how the fans behave at the games."

Jeremy Brown, SGA president, said winning a game does not mean students have to



TYSON JEFFREYS/Staff Photographer  
TEXAS TECH ATHLETIC director Gerald Myers speaks to the Student Senate Thursday night about student etiquette at sporting events.

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# Let the games BEGIN



## Panhandle-South Plains annual fair begins today

By Sabra Jennings/Staff Reporter  
and photos by Craig Swanson/Staff Photographer

Food, thrill rides and entertainment. The Panhandle-South Plains fair has it all.

The fair opens today at 1 p.m. at the fairgrounds at 4th Street and Avenue A.

Many different attractions will be available to fair-goers, such as exhibits, free rides and entertainment, a carnival and concerts. The fair also will offer a flower festival, women's exhibits, a twirling festival, sheep dog trials and livestock shows.

Several concerts will be held in the Coliseum, the first of which is Charlie Daniels tonight at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at any Select-A-Seat location or at the coliseum box office from noon to 5 p.m., said Cindy Isham, South Plains Fair employee.

"Our free concerts are the Katinas, a Christian group, performing on Monday at 7 and 9 p.m. They are sponsored by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal," she said. "KLLL is sponsoring Mark Wills on Thursday at 7 and 9 p.m."

Touring the fairgrounds will be Rock-It the Robot and



TOP: JOSE OSBORNE, a fair games manager, left, and Elias Perez, a fair ground games operator, work together setting up animal prizes at the "Color Wheel." ABOVE: Victor Lara, a games operator at the fair, finishes preparations for today's opening of the Panhandle-South Plains Fair.

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## Identity fraud rate increasing

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

(Editor's note: The victims' names in this story have been changed.)

Half a million people unknowingly become victims of identity fraud each year. It is the fastest-growing crime in America, according to the National Crime Prevention Council.

Jenny, a Texas Tech student, witnessed the extreme end of identity theft when her father's name and Social Security number were stolen.

"My dad had gone to school with the guy in sixth grade, and then the guy had moved away," she said. "He still remembered my dad since sixth grade."

The perpetrator posed as her father for five years in a different state. He used a driver's license with the correct information but a different picture to apply for credit cards and to open accounts. Two driving while intoxicated charges were placed on her father's record by the imposter, Jenny said.

Her father did not know anything of the situation until a woman who worked for a bail bonds company notified the family.

"She knew something was not right," Jenny said. "It just didn't add up."

The imposter is serving prison time for identity theft and other charges.

"It sounds like a story I made up," she said. "It sounds like a TV show."

Incidents of identity fraud do not normally occur in Lubbock to the extreme that her father encountered, said Sgt. Marian McGuire of the Investigation Division of the Lubbock Police Department.

"We do have identity theft," said McGuire. "It is normally someone using a Social Security number to open a credit card or obtain credit. There also are reports of someone else's names on traffic tickets."

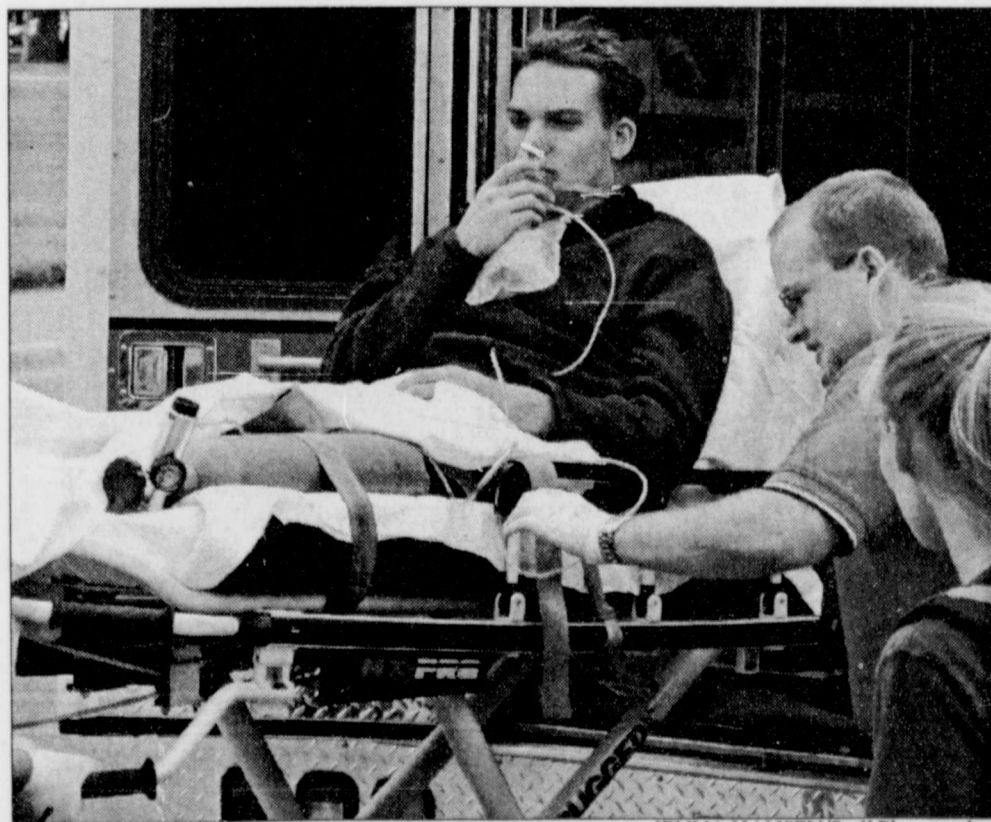
The majority of major identity theft cases involve the victim being located in Lubbock while the imposter is performing the fraud in a different location. When that happens, LPD takes a report but does not perform the investigation, McGuire said.

If there are concerns about a person's credit, then a credit check can be performed by the Credit Bureau. Creditors need to be contacted as soon as possible if an identification card is being used illegally, McGuire said.

Adam, also a Tech student, found out his e-mail address and debit card number were stolen when he

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## TAKING A BREATH



JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer

A TEXAS TECH student gets lifted in an ambulance outside the Mass Communications building Thursday afternoon. The student had a respiratory and was treated at the UMC, police said.

## Student First Committee meets, welcomes new members

By Adam Boedeker/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech's Student First Committee had their Kickoff Meeting Thursday evening to welcome the new members and introduce them to Tech Chancellor Dr. David Smith as well as Tech President Jon Whitmore.

The Student First Committee was established at Tech three years ago. Assistant to the Chancellor Rich Baker was on the first committee three years ago as a law student when Smith brought the program over from the Health Sciences Center.

"When Dr. Smith was president of the Health Sciences Center they had Patients First," Baker said. "When he became chancellor he felt his clients had changed from not only patients, but also students. He felt there needed to be a push to understand the needs of the students."

Baker said Student First works like a consultant firm for the students. He said they find out what the students want and need and report that to the Student Government Associations of both Tech and the HSC.

"Our main focus is to research the delivery of services to students," he said. "We do that by administering a statistically significant survey of about 2,000 kids."

The survey is a good representation of the student bodies of both Tech and the HSC, Baker said.

"The group we survey is very representative of our campuses in

race, gender and college," he said. "We have focus groups and then generate reports that we present to the SGAs."

Baker said the deans of each college on campus nominate three students from their respective colleges. Then, the committee members from the previous year choose one from each college.

"A representative from each college from both universities will be on board," Baker said. "We've asked for some student representatives from the library as well, which would give us about 20 students."

Baker said in today's turbulent times a lot of decisions are being made in costs of higher education and the Student First Committee will help to see those rising costs are used efficiently.

"We will provide data and proof of what the students really want," he said. "Take Traffic and Parking, for example. Fees may go up for that area and how does Traffic and Parking know what the students want available to them? Do they want parking garages, more bike lanes, or something else?"

Smith said the Student First Committee was created completely with the students' needs in mind.

"It was started by two student government associations and it started with issues with Traffic and Parking and with diversity and other things."

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The Rundown



Heavy rains pound onto parts of Texas

(AP) — Heavy rains on Thursday caused creeks and streams to spill over in Texas' Hill Country and flooding on highways in Dallas County, bringing rush hour traffic to a standstill.

Traffic was backed up for several miles on Interstate 20 near Interstate 45 south of downtown Dallas as 6 inches of standing water covered parts of I-20, according to the Dallas County Sheriff's office. Pools of water also slowed traffic on I-635 near I-75 in Dallas and on I-35 north of Waco.

No major accidents were reported. High water also was reported in Mansfield, southeast of Fort Worth, where strong thunderstorms pounded the areas Thursday afternoon.

The National Weather Service issued flash flood warnings for southeast portions of South Central Texas and North Texas because of the rains. The South Central region was expected to be under a flood watch through the night.

Rainfall amounts of up to 2 1/2 inches were reported in some Dallas-Fort Worth areas, weather officials said. The rains fell over a short period of time, prompting standing water on most roadways.

Isabel knocks out power to 1.8 million

KILL DEVIL HILLS, N.C. (AP) — Hurricane Isabel plowed into North Carolina's Outer Banks with 100 mph winds and pushed its way up the Eastern Seaboard Thursday, swamping roads and knocking out power to more than 1.8 million people but packing nowhere near the terrifying punch it had days earlier.

The storm that had once threatened 160 mph winds and a 12-foot storm surge rolled in around midday just south of isolated Ocracoke Island with a 5-foot surge and gusts that rattled plywood boards spray-painted "Bring it on Izzy."

"A lot of trees are down — there's one down across the garage," Rudy Austin said as he looked out on his yard in Ocracoke surrounded by a knee-deep soup of sea water and debris. "There's a lot of stuff floating around: boards and buoys and boxes and young'uns' plastic toys."

Despite downed trees, snarled air traffic and widespread power outages — about 1.77 million in North Carolina and southeastern Virginia alone — there were no immediate reports of any deaths or widespread flooding.

Three U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq ambush

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — Attackers ambushed a U.S. military patrol late Thursday, killing three American soldiers and wounding two on the outskirts of Saddam Hussein's hometown. The assault near Tikrit came hours after insurgents ambushed two U.S. military convoys with remote-controlled bombs, opening a three-hour gunbattle in a volatile city 50 miles west of Baghdad.

The U.S. military said two soldiers were wounded in the Khaldiyah ambush, the latest in a string of attacks that has raised questions about the Bush administration's handling of post-war Iraq.

The three soldiers from the Army's 4th Infantry Division were killed when attackers opened fire with small arms in the village of Al-Ouja, just five miles south of the center of Tikrit, shortly before midnight Thursday, Lt. Col. William McDonald said.

The two wounded soldiers were evacuated to a medical treatment facility and the names of those killed were withheld pending notification of next of kin, he said.

The soldiers were part of a patrol investigating a suspected site used to launch rocket propelled grenades, or RPG's, at American military convoys. The weapons have been used to launch repeated attacks against the U.S. military in and around Tikrit.

"They were responding to a suspected RPG site when the incident occurred," McDonald said.

He provided no further details and did not say if any Iraqis had been killed in the firefight.

Earlier Thursday, insurgents ambushed two U.S. military convoys with remote-controlled bombs and opened fire on one of them, unleashing a three-hour gunbattle in the city of Khaldiyah, about 50 miles west of Baghdad. The U.S. military said two soldiers were wounded.



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

ERIN CRAWFORD, A sophomore accounting major from Leander, tries to roll her window with a coat hanger. She locked the keys to her 2003 Saturn in her car at the parking lot west of the Texas Tech softball field on Thursday afternoon.

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# Meningitis a health risk for students in residence halls

By Beth Aaron/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech's Student Health Services is offering a vaccination for bacterial meningitis. The vaccination is not required but is highly recommended, especially for students living on campus, said Lynne Franke, a registered nurse and nurse manager at Student Health Services.

"Because people living in the residence halls are constantly interacting with so many people, the chances of being exposed to the virus are higher," she said.

The American Academy of Family Practitioners and the Center for Disease Control have done official studies, Franke said, showing there are higher instances of the disease in residence halls.

The vaccine is \$65 and gives immunity for three to five years, but is not 100 percent effective, Franke said. The vaccine will be offered at Thompson Hall all year.

Franke said the disease is transmitted through droplets of bodily fluids, and prolonged contact with an infected person is a way to contract it. Anyone who has known exposure to the virus should call Thompson Hall as soon as possible.

Students choosing not to get vaccinated for meningitis should take precautions against exposure by be-

ing careful not to share glasses, straws or cigarettes.

"This is not something you play around with," she said.

The symptoms of bacterial meningitis include fever, nausea, neck stiffness, severe headache, confusion and tiredness. They are similar to symptoms of West Nile Virus because like West Nile, bacterial meningitis also affects the nervous system, Franke said.

"It causes an infection in the lining of the brain, causing all kinds of neurological problems," she said.

Symptoms will start to develop quickly, usually over a period of about 10 days.

Franke said anyone with a combination of symptoms should seek medical attention immediately.

Typically, one to two cases of meningitis are reported at Tech each year, Franke said.

Tiji Ward, public health coordinator for the Lubbock Health Department, said no cases of bacterial meningitis have been reported this year at Tech.

"Having the vaccine is protective against the four strains of the virus found here in the U.S.," she said. "There are other strains that students who get this vaccine will not be protected from."

Dr. Kelly Bennett, chief of staff at

Thompson Hall, said she does not believe every student needs to be vaccinated for bacterial meningitis. She said Student Health Services is asking the student body to be aware of the virus and consider vaccination.

"This is not for everyone, because for healthy students, the money for the vaccine could probably be better spent on things like birth control so that they don't get pregnant, or on defensive driving so that they don't get into a car wreck," she said.

Anyone with a chronic illness such as asthma or diabetes is highly encouraged to get the vaccination. Also, she said anyone who has had his or her spleen removed also should get it. Other vaccinations offered include a series of three shots for hepatitis B. Each shot costs \$35, but Franke said students who haven't been vaccinated for hepatitis B should take advantage of the service before they get out of college.

"It's cheaper if you get it done before you get out of school," she said. "It's \$125 a shot when you're not at school."

Like bacterial meningitis, hepatitis B is transmitted through bodily fluids.

For more information about bacterial meningitis and hepatitis B vaccinations, call Student Health Services at (806) 743-2860.

# Woman assaulted on Tech campus

By Sally Gunter/Staff Reporter

Police are looking for witnesses of an assault that occurred Wednesday evening on the Texas Tech campus. A female Tech student was physically assaulted Wednesday evening by a white male, according to the police report.

The 18-year-old attended a clothing construction class in the Human Sciences building. She left the building about 4:30 p.m. when the class was dismissed, according to the report.

She walked toward her car,

which was parked in the C-1 parking lot near Jones SBC Stadium. As she walked across the Z-1 parking lot, which is west of University Avenue and directly north of the Gordon/Bledsoe residence hall, she reported hearing footsteps behind her and assumed it was a fellow student.

Upon crossing the grass from the lot on the north end near the middle of the parking lot, she was attacked from behind. The assailant lifted her skirt and placed his hands upon her buttocks and rubbed her mid-thighs on both legs, according to the report.

She then left the area. When she

arrived at her car in the C-1 south parking lot, she called the police.

She was offended by the actions of the male and feared for her safety, according to the report.

The suspect is described as an unknown white male in his 20s or 30s. He is heavy set, 200 to 250 pounds in size. He was last seen wearing a black T-shirt and dark-colored pants. The suspect possibly has a mustache.

An investigation is under way, said Maj. Gordon Hoffman of the Tech Police Department.

The victim could not be reached.

# Bank executives charged with conspiracy

HOUSTON (AP) — Three former Merrill Lynch executives pleaded innocent to conspiracy, the first Wall Street bankers to be criminally charged in the aftermath of Enron Corp.'s scandalous implosion.

Daniel Bayly, Robert Furst and James A. Brown went to federal court in Houston in handcuffs to face charges Wednesday of allegedly helping Enron inflate earnings with a loan from the brokerage firm disguised as a sale of Nigerian barges.

Merrill Lynch is not involved in the criminal case, having struck an

agreement to avoid any corporate culpability by implementing reforms to prevent dubious deals with clients. An outside auditor and a monitor appointed by the Enron Task Force will ensure compliance for the next 18 months.

Federal prosecutor Andrew Weissmann said the agreement turned the financial institution "into a watchdog of its clients, not just the lapdog, or even worse, a conspirator."

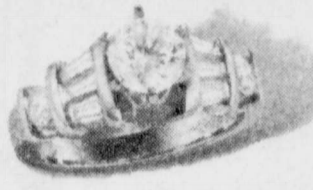


Weissmann said prosecutors expect Merrill Lynch to comply, but the brokerage firm could face charges for

any violations of the agreement.

The three men were charged with conspiracy to commit fraud and falsifying books and records. Brown also was charged with obstruction and lying to a grand jury investigating the scandal. All three were freed on \$100,000 bond each and ordered to surrender his passport. A tentative Nov. 10 trial date was set.

Prosecutors allege in December 1999, Enron, with Merrill's knowledge, booked a short-term \$7 million investment as a \$12 million profit from the sale of Nigerian barges.

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## Spread 9/11 funds to American soldiers

As the Sept. 11 anniversary passed filled with beautiful remembrances and memorials, I felt the heartache and despair as I remembered this particular dreadful morning.

Dateline specials and streets lined with flags are only the beginning of the many proceedings in an effort to remember this tragic day's losses.

As time persists, the government has put forth every possible "helping hand" to these families traumatized by the attacks.

I hate to draw attention to a disheartening subject surrounded by such a strong emotional discernment.

But, the way our country spends its money always seems to be an eminent interest of all taxpayers.

Every American desires our money to be spent in the best possible way, while at the same time always attempting to be fair and equal.

In March 2003, Rush Limbaugh gave an incredible speech stating, "I think the vast differences in compensation between victims of the Sept. 11 casualty and those who die serving the country in uniform are profound."

Limbaugh began his argument by clarifying a few figures, of which most of us are unaware.

To begin, take a look at those who have lost a family member in the attacks. They can look forward to receiving compensation averaging \$1.18 million.

Although a human's life can never be replaced by money or valued in dollars, everyone can agree that amount is a large sum of money.

Now on the other hand, an American soldier whom is killed in action is not given nearly this sort of sympathetic offering.

The surviving members of the soldier's family will receive their first check for \$6,000 as a direct death benefit, half of which is surprisingly taxable.

After this first check, the family would receive \$1,750 for burial costs, and then the surviving spouse would receive monthly checks for \$833, ceasing at marriage.

Although my remorse for these Sept. 11 families remains strong and sincere, there is one aspect about this amount of money that makes me cringe.

Limbaugh explains some of the families are complaining that this is not enough money, and now victims from the Oklahoma City bombing and different embassy bombings have started to jump on the same bandwagon hoping to receive even more money.

He makes the point that these people were in the wrong place at the wrong time, which is painfully true.

These deaths are not at the hands of our government, they are actions of unorthodox terrorists, which we have no control.

On the other hand, our armed forces live a life staring death straight in the eye,

**Kori Hahn**



*Our soldiers are honorably placing themselves in the daily face of death, yet with very little assistance for their spouses and families if they are killed in action.*

whether they are killed or not, on a daily basis for the entire extent of their service.

This contract can last from a few years or they may voluntary serve for several decades.

Our soldiers are honorably placing themselves in the daily face of death, yet with very little assistance for their spouses and families if they are killed in action.

But most importantly, who sets the death compensation for our troops?

Well, it would be no one other than our own Congress.

Now we shall allow our angry eyes to roll on to yet another injustice that Limbaugh brings up in his discourse, "our own U.S. Congress just

voted themselves a raise, and many of you don't know that they only have to be in Congress one time to receive a pension that is more than \$15,000 per month."

Does that make most members of Congress millionaires?

Yes it does. Actually, most members of Congress are millionaires, but what else should be expected from them when they are left to determine the amount entered on their own paychecks!

America has turned from red, white and blue patriotism to a green dollar-sign utopia.

Pay the victims what they need, not a lifetime of retirement.

These innocent lives were lost in a true tragedy, but our military should be considered equally as honorable as the Sept. 11 victims and receive more compensation upon death by authorization of Congress.

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FRANK VACULIN/Graphics Editor



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## Shacking up before marriage bad idea

Christian evangelist Chuck Colson once preached, "Cohabitation — it's training for divorce."

While I'm sure I would disagree with him on any other issue, Colson actually has a point on this one.

My boyfriend of two years, who doesn't want to say, "I do" for at least another decade, thinks living together is a great idea.

"You have to find out if you can live with someone before you marry them," he said.

But, as usual, he's wrong. Those who live together before marriage are twice as likely to divorce than those who don't, according to a study done by sociologists Morgan and Russell.

Despite this reality, couples are still bralessly deciding to be roomies without rings.

In 2000, 11 million Americans were unmarried and living together.

The Census Bureau reported this was a 72 percent increase from 1990.

So, does this mean that 10 years from now the idea of marriage will be obsolete?

Casual attitudes toward commitment are a growing trend, especially in college students.

The book "Unmarried to Each Other" reports the shocking statistic that two out of five college-aged people are shacking up before tying the knot.

Just because it seems that "everybody's doing it," doesn't mean it's the best idea for you.

**Kira Hild**



*Casual attitudes toward commitment are a growing trend, especially in college students. The book "Unmarried to Each Other" reports the shocking statistic that two out of five college-aged people are shacking up before tying the knot.*

This is a tough decision that a lot of students make with out thinking it through.

There are advantages and disadvantages of turning into a twosome, so if and when you decide to, make sure you go over all

the angles.

One reason why couples consider moving in together is because they think like my boyfriend.

Mistakenly they hope putting themselves in that situation will be a preview to that marriage, helping them prepare for better or worse.

It may sound like a good idea because if you realize you can't live with your significant other, then you shouldn't get married.

However, there are more unnecessary break-ups because the commitment factor doesn't seem as strong, making it easier to call it quits.

But, even if you are able to stick it out, the chances of divorce increase later because you did in fact move in together before taking the plunge.

Moving in with your other half may be a sensible idea economically.

Having a roommate and getting to share the bills is a great way to save money.

But, as quickly as lovers could walk out on each other, it's also a great way to get stuck paying bills for two and going broke all alone.

Besides, if you are already living with the person you are going to marry, what does marriage really even mean to you?

The only real difference in your relationship is a piece of paper saying that you are, in fact, married.

Either, or both spouses might still have a mindset of being only in a dating relationship and not a marriage.

This may account for problems such as continuing to go out and party, neglecting your new responsibilities as a husband or wife. You may even be more prone to cheat because you don't really feel like you're married.

Another big disadvantage of living with someone before you are married is that if you ever break up, they are still there.

You can't get rid of them right away like you could if you weren't living together.

They will still be sharing a home with you for at least a few more days or so.

I wouldn't live with my significant other before being married.

I would want such a big commitment to bring a lot of good changes into my life, like being able to move in together.

This is a big choice that one shouldn't make too quickly. Make sure that you go over every angle of the situation. It's a huge life decision, so make the best choice for you.

If you decide to make the move to his and her hand towels then don't worry, I don't think you're living in sin.

But be careful, you might end up living in home sweet hell.

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### Letter to the editor

#### Architecture department misguided students

After reading the article about inflating fees, I noticed that the Associate Dean of Architecture David Driskill stated that computers would benefit, but are not required in freshman and sophomore level classes.

We (architecture) students are curious as to, if his above statement is valid, why we all received notification that we had to purchase a computer before entering our fall design studios.

We are also confused as to why the second link on the architecture Web site is the computer requirement for the fall (It's the one in bold).

No where on the link does it state that computers were optional or helpful but not mandatory.

It is also interesting to note the paragraph on the information regarding the computer requirement has been conveniently added to the Web site no earlier than last Wednesday.

That is two full weeks into the semester, when most of us have already purchased our \$1,800 misunderstanding.

As a second year Architecture student we enjoy what we do, and we work very hard to be successful. But when a miscommunication of this magnitude is made, it makes us question if this is where we need to be.

— Bryan Liska, sophomore architecture major from Houston

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# AMAs big on vet singers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Veteran performers, including Fleetwood Mac, Celine Dion and Cher, mixed with youngsters Beyonce and Avril Lavigne on the list of nominees for the 31st annual American Music Awards.

No clear favorites emerged Tuesday, with two nominations each going to R. Kelly, Luther Vandross, Ashanti and Beyonce in the soul-R&B category, Shania Twain in the country category and Sean Paul and Missy Elliott in the rap-hop category.

The 20 awards will be presented Nov. 16, aired on ABC. Talk show host Jimmy Kimmel is the emcee.

Winners are selected by a survey of about 20,000 listeners.

# Chili fest to raise money for MDA



FILE PHOTO/ The University Daily  
ANGIE PERDUE, A senior accounting major from Grand Prairie, and Jenna Barker, a senior marketing major from Austin, grill marinated chicken at their grill during last year's Chili Cook-off. Their sorority, Chi-O, was the overall winner in the sorority category.

By Erica Gonzales/Staff Reporter

A Texas Tech tradition is returning to Tech for its 28th consecutive year.

Saturday's Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity Chili Cook-Off will be held at Buffalo Springs Lake. Gates will open at 4 a.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the gate. The SAE fraternity will be selling tickets; T-shirts and parking passes between the Student Union and the Library until they sell out. Tickets also are available at Ralph's Records. No glass or couches are allowed at the event.

Unlike last year, only 9,000 tickets will be available. More than 9,000 people attended last year, more than what was expected. Kelly Layne, Chili Cook-off chairman and a junior business major from Houston, said SAE had 8,000 tickets and sold more at the gates last year. This year, he said the fraternity was advised by law enforcement to have a capacity of 9,000 because a crowd more than that would be uncontrollable.

"We will turn people away," Layne said.

He advises students to get their tickets early.

The purpose of the event is to raise money for SAE's philanthropy, the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Last year, Layne said the fraternity raised about \$13,000 for the MDA.

"It is the largest donation by a student organization at Tech," Layne said. "We hope to give more this year."

The event will be comprised of six

bands and a chili-tasting contest.

Bleu Edmondson will play at about 7 a.m.; Mark David Manders will play at 8:30 a.m.; Roger Creager will play at 10 a.m.; Jack Ingram will play at 11:30 a.m.; Cory Morrow will play at 1:15 p.m. and Charlie Robison will play at 3:15 p.m. The chili cook-off will begin in the early afternoon. There will be two divisions. Sororities and fraternities will compete for an award of \$500, which will go to the winner's philanthropy. The other division is for anyone else not in a fraternity or sorority. The prize is a \$500 cash award.

The fraternity members also are taking steps to make the event run more smoothly this year than in the past.

"We want to create an environment that is fun and safe," Layne said.

More security has been added in order to make the event run orderly.

"It's for everyone to have a good time, but the sheriffs will be there if you're out of line," Layne said.

More safety precautions will be taken and more restrooms will be added for convenience, he said.

Budweiser will be present to hand out pamphlets on alcohol awareness. Life Tech will be there and the America Red Cross will hand out complimentary water.

Last year, a dust storm covered everyone at Chili. In case the dust storms pass through the event again, Layne said trucks with water hoses will be available to spray down the field.

However, some students like Whitney Perine, a senior corporate communications major from Austin, said she did not even notice the dust until she took off her sunglasses and noticed it covered her face. But weather conditions will not prevent Perine from attending the event.

"I look forward to it every year," she said. "I love going to Chili."

The best part about the event for Perine is listening to several bands while enjoying the company of her friends, she said.

"I love it; it's so much fun," she said. "It's something different to do on the weekend; it's not the same old thing."

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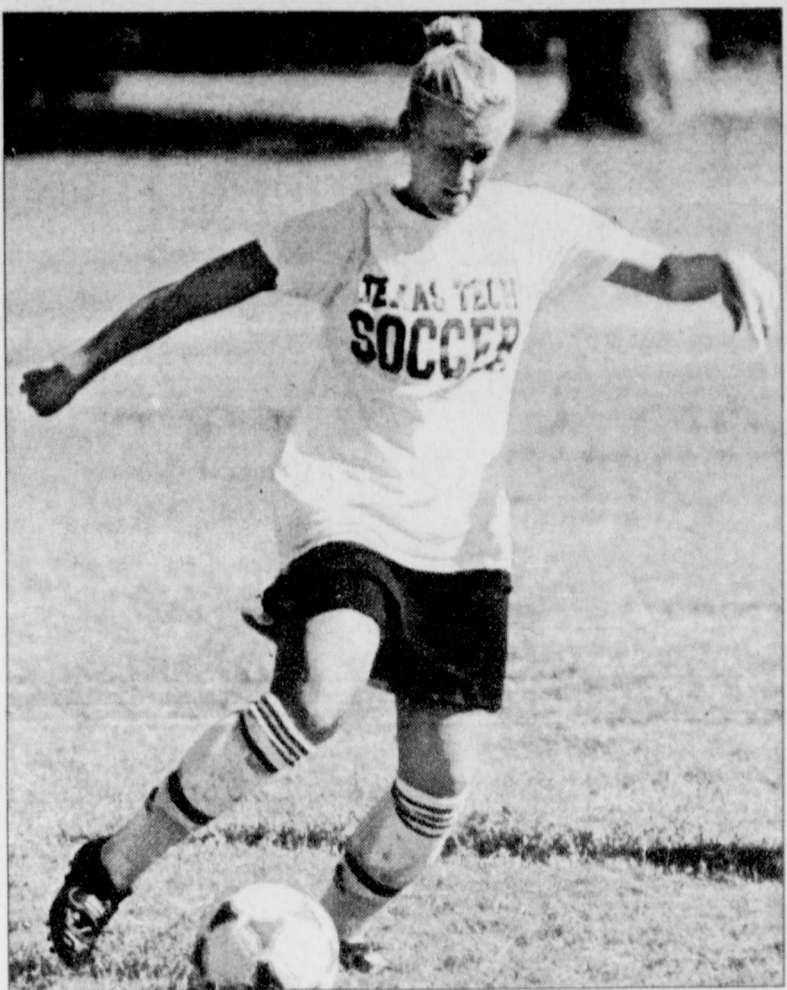
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CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer  
TEXAS TECH SOCCER player Catie Arsenault dribbles the ball downfield during practice Tuesday. Tech is 0-4 in play this season.

# Soccer seeks to make the best of opportunities

By Joey Kirk/Staff Reporter

Revenge is in the minds of the Texas Tech soccer team as it travels to Stephen F. Austin today and Texas State in San Marcos on Sunday for their last two matches before beginning Big 12 Conference play next week.

After losing to Texas State, formerly Southwest Texas State, last season, head coach Felix Oskam said they, as well as Stephen F. Austin, should anticipate a good match up with the Red Raiders.

"Texas State took one from us last year," he said. "We are looking to get a little revenge and turn it around this year."

With a record of 0-4, Oskam said wins during the two games would boost the team's confidence to an all-time high. The reason is simple. Tech has not felt the feeling of victory since last August. It has lost 21 consecutive games, a school record.

"We need to get our first win before going into conference games," he

said. "If we win, it would be a big morale booster."

To get an edge on their competition, sophomore defender Stephanie Colbert said practicing during the week has helped them prepare for the games.

"We are always preparing by practicing, even if we only do it two or three times a week," she said. "We are ready for the game when we go out there and our intensity has to show that out on the field."

After four games and no goals, Colbert said the team has to score in order to secure a win.

"We have to go out there and get the job done," she said. "We have to put one in the back of the net and remain positive."

Junior defender Jordan Wicker said

these are the team's last chances before entering into more difficult games.

"It is make or break it now," she said. "We continue to get stronger every game and practice keeps getting better so it is do or die time." Even though the Tech players said they are not overlooking this weekend's opponents, senior midfielder Kerri Campbell said the two teams are not the best teams the Red Raiders will face this season.

"They are average teams, I would say, but I am not saying they are bad,"

*They are average teams, I would say, but I am not saying they are bad. We need these two wins.*

— KERRI CAMPBELL  
Soccer Senior Midfielder

she said. "We need these two wins because it is important before going into Big 12."

Wicker also said gaining two wins before playing its first Big 12 opponent, undefeated Oklahoma State, would help the confidence level of the team.

"If we go out and win these two games, it would break our losing streak and I know that it would help our confidence to rise," she said. "It is also a pride factor. For the team's sake, if we don't win, it's going to be a long season."

By getting more opportunities to score and trying to attack better, Oskam said the team has to capitalize on its chances.

"We have to keep up with our opportunities and score," he said. "We need to get past that one obstacle and we will keep improving."

Tech will begin playing at 7 p.m. today in Nacogdoches against Stephen F. Austin and in San Marcos against Texas State at 1 p.m. Sunday. The Red Raiders will return home to R.P. Fuller Stadium at 1 p.m. Sept. 28 to play Kansas for their second Big 12 game of the season.

# Volleyball returns home to face Wildcats

After 10 consecutive matches away from the comforts of the United Spirit Arena, the Texas Tech volleyball team will receive the opportunity to play at home.

The Red Raiders (8-2 overall, 0-1, Big 12 Conference) are squaring off against the No. 10 ranked Kansas State Wildcats 7 p.m. Saturday in the USA.

The Raiders are coming off a disappointing conference opener, losing to Colorado in four games, 30-22, 28-30, 30-20, 30-22. The Buffaloes held

Tech to a .113 hitting percentage for the entire match. Junior outside hitter Kelly Johnson led the team in kills with 17, and she notched her 76th career service ace, giving her the all-time school record.

Things may not get any easier for the Raiders with the No. 10 ranked team in the country coming to town. Junior setter Laura

Grote said this year's Kansas State team is no different than in previous seasons.

"K-State always has a strong program," she said. "They always give us a good match, whether here at home or on the road. It usually goes five games. They have good hitters, a strong defense

and good blockers. That's what to expect against K-State. We've been playing them for three years now, so it's really nothing new."

Redshirt freshman middle blocker Nina Miller said the atmosphere of playing in the USA for the first time this season is going to be fun.

"I expect it to be real big," she said. "It's our first home game in our first year with a new coach. I expect there to be a lot of people out there."

Despite the talent the Wildcats bring on the court, Grote said it is more important for the Raiders to focus on themselves, not the tough opponents like Kansas State, Tech faces in the Big 12.

"We have to take it one match at a time," she said. "There's nothing special we need to beat these teams. We just have to focus on our side of the ball. If we play like know how and do our best, we'll be fine."

The Raiders started the season 8-0 before dropping a match to New Mexico State and then the conference opener to Colorado. Tech's morale is still high though, Grote said.

"Losing is a part of any other sport," she said. "We're not going to sit here and dwell on those losses. I don't think anyone on our team or our coaching staff has lost any confidence."

Miller echoed her teammates sentiments. She said losing is all the more reason to return to the win column.

"We are so excited to play again," she said. "We're due for a win now. Two losses in a row is enough. We're fully expecting to go out there and beat somebody."



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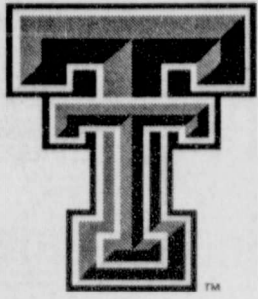
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Do you want to get bit by a rattlesnake or by a copperhead? ... You just hope they're not both healthy at the same time.

— LYLE SETENCICH  
Tech Defensive Coordinator

### NUMBERS GAME

Tech's record playing in games the week after having a bye. Tech coach Mike Leach is 2-1 in games at Tech after having an off week.

### GAME NOTEBOOK

- N.C. State running back T.A. McLendon, who scored five touchdowns against Tech last season, is expected to play despite a nagging knee injury.
- The game will be televised regionally on ESPN2.
- Wolfpack quarterback Philip Rivers or running back T.A. McLendon.

# Tech focusing on Wolfpack, not Isabel

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

A natural disaster may not even stop the Red Raider offense.

Despite Hurricane Isabel hitting the North Carolina coast Thursday morning, Saturday's game between Texas Tech and North Carolina State is set for kickoff at 11 a.m.

Tech wide receiver Carlos Francis said he is not worried about the weather because it is something out of the team's control, and playing in the elements is part of the game.

"A little rain, little wind never hurt anybody," he said. "... We're from Texas. If you don't like the weather here, just wait a couple minutes and it will change for you."

The Wolfpack enters the game coming off a triple overtime loss to Ohio State. The Raiders also remember how much it hurts to lose in overtime. They were the victim of an OT loss against N.C. State last season in Lubbock. They want revenge.

"I really can't tell you how they feel," Francis said. "They beat us in overtime last year here. And that didn't feel too good. So, we're pretty pissed about that, and that's about it."

Overcoming the odds and beating the Wolfpack on the road will mean shutting down at least one part of N.C. State's high-powered offense — quarterback Philip Rivers or running back T.A. McLendon.

Defensive coordinator Lyle Setencich said both are equally dangerous, and it doesn't matter if

McLendon is completely healthy or not for the game.

"Do you want to get bit by a rattlesnake or a copperhead?" he said. "It doesn't make any difference. (McLendon) is very good. You're fearful of him carrying the ball healthy, and you're fearful of Philip Rivers throwing the ball healthy. You just hope they're not both healthy at the same time."

McLendon has a patella tendon injury and was in and out of last week's game at Ohio State. Trainers iced his knees between drives, but Setencich does not believe he is injured and will prepare for him like he is 100 percent.

"I watched him closely at Ohio State game," he said. "His leg may be bothering him some, but not much. When I watched him carry the ball, though, he looked like a big time guy to me."

No. 1 on the Raiders' agenda, however, is Rivers.

"I've seen a lot of quarterbacks over the years, and I think he's as good a quarterback as I've seen," Setencich said.

Linebacker John Saldi said Rivers' size makes him a difficult quarterback to tackle and play a part in his ability.

"He's 6'5", 250 (pounds)," he said. "He's just a huge kid, the biggest quarterback I've ever seen. And he's got great eyes. He knows how to check and read defenses. He's mobile and can move around in the pocket, and we're gonna try to get him out of the pocket and maybe he won't feel as comfortable."

Tech, meanwhile, will have to find



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

TEXAS TECH RUNNING back T.A. McLendon spins away from SMU defenders during Tech's victory against the Mustangs on Sept. 6. Tech faces North Carolina State at 11 a.m. Saturday in Raleigh, N.C.

way to be comfortable on the road. This is the Raiders' first road game of the season, and N.C. State is a team with a large fan base watching its Heisman Trophy candidate quarterback. Tech players said they are not worried about that. In fact, Saldi said he is looking forward to the challenge of playing in someone else's house.

"It's a different challenge for us," he said. "I think we're ready to play a

different level. I think it definitely shows the true character of a team."

Saldi said he believes a win would give Tech some recognition and put the Raiders on the map of college football, but Francis said he believes a win would be a step in the right direction, but would not turn any heads toward Lubbock just yet.

"I like to play under the odds," he said. "I like to be in a position where you've got to rise above all that and play at a

different level. I think it definitely shows the true character of a team."

"I think it will take four national championships in a row for us to get respect," he said.

### GAMEDAY INFORMATION

T	2003 STATS	S
50	Offensive P.P.G.	40
19	Defensive P.P.G. allowed	34
81	Rushing Y.P.G.	63
366	Passing Y.P.G.	384
447	Total Y.P.G.	447
160	Rushing Y.P.G. allowed	96
272	Passing Y.P.G. allowed	213
432	Total Y.P.G. allowed	309
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### AROUND THE BIG 12

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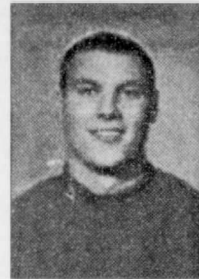
### PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

TEXAS TECH: NEHEMIAH GLOVER



STATS: 11 receptions for 156 yards and two touchdowns. Has returned three kickoffs for 54 yards.  
NOTES: Named Honorable Mention All-Big 12 last season by the coaches.

N.C. STATE: PHILIP RIVERS



STATS: 100 completions for 1,068 yards and ten touchdowns passing with four interceptions.  
NOTES: Set the N.C. State career record for touchdown passes with 61.

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- Matt Muench  
N.C. State, 35-28
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