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Police continue investigation into brawl

By Keli Johnson and
Kristen Gilbreth/Staff Reporters

Police continue to investigate an altercation allegedly involving members of the Texas Tech football team that occurred at a local residence about 2 a.m. Sunday.

Sgt. Tony Gribben of the Crimes Against Persons Division in the Lubbock Police Department said no charges had been filed against either party as of press time Wednesday.

An investigator has been assigned to gather information and statements from victims and suspects. Police have nine suspects

listed, Gribben said, but not all are identified by name. Suspects may be added or removed from the list as time passes, he said.

"I don't know what is going to be filed - if anything is going to be filed," he said. "All indications I have say these people wish to pursue this case."

Police will gather all the information and send it to the district attorney's office once the investigation is complete, Gribben said. The district attorney's office will decide whether or not there is enough evidence to pursue the case and what charges will be filed.

"There is always a possibility if weapons

were used that it might turn out to be a felony case," he said.

Gribben compared the investigation to dice saying there are many different sides to the same situation.

"We have to check out the factuality of what everyone is saying across the board," he said. "This is not a fast process. It is way too early to tell."

Two separate police reports were filed about the incident, which occurred at about 2 a.m. Sunday at a residence located in the 3500 block of 28th Street.

According to the reports, a fight broke out after uninvited guests showed up at a

private party at the residence. The reports differ, however, on incidents that followed.

The first report was filed by Tech students Drew Pennington and Michael Voelker at 2:43 a.m. Sunday for burglary and assault. Also listed in the report is Alan Brooks, a senior hotel restaurant major from Arlington.

As reported in *The University Daily* on Tuesday, Brooks said he was outside the residence when the initial clash broke out. He said the residents asked the men to leave when a Tech football player, who Brooks identified as offensive lineman Cody Campbell, shoved partygoer Rein Dickerson

into a glass storm door. A fight ensued, and Campbell, along a group including other Tech football players, left the residence. Two people from the group apologized for Campbell's behavior, saying Campbell was "just drunk," Brooks said.

Pennington, who also identified Campbell, and Voelker are residents of the house where the party took place. According to their police report, about 30 people returned after the initial skirmish, seeking those involved in the earlier fight. Brooks said the individuals left behind what ap-

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PEDALING POSTERS



DAVID JOHNSON/Staff Photographer

CARSON ANDERSON, A junior marketing major from Kerrville, holds up a sign to advertise for the Caprock Adventure Race, as Andrew Strand, a senior mass communications major from Duncanville, steers the bike they are riding throughout campus Wednesday afternoon. The Rec Sports Pursuit Center is hosting the event.

Tech officials dispute merit of EEOC claims

By Michael Castellon/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech faculty and officials responded Wednesday to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's findings that found Tech in violation of discriminatory practices.

Tech General Counsel Pat Campbell said the EEOC's findings are inaccurate.

"I think they (the findings) are totally erroneous," Campbell said. "The claims were frivolous."

The EEOC found Tech in violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in three separate investigations after receiving complaints from faculty members in the department of mechanical engineering, according to EEOC reports.

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, reli-

gion, sex and national origin.

Robert Jackson, grievance and organizational specialist for the Texas Faculty Association said he believes the findings are accurate.

"I have worked with TFA members who have filed EEOC charges, and I can tell you from experience that the process is set up to root out the frivolous cases and to do so quite rapidly," Jackson said. "I am convinced that the discrimination cases have considerable merit."

Jackson said most origin-based discrimination grievances filed with the EEOC are not found in favor of the complainant.

"Approximately one out of 10 complaints are found in favor of the complainant," Jackson said. "I was quite surprised when the EEOC ruled for all three (faculty

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Expert witness testifies in Birdsall capital murder trial

By Keli Johnson/Staff Reporter

State prosecutors continue to call witnesses to the stand as they near the end of prosecution testimonials for the capital murder trial for Vaughn Ross.

Ross is accused of the double homicide of former Texas Tech Associate Dean of Libraries Douglas Birdsall and Viola Ross-McVade.

The trial began with opening statements on Monday in Judge Cecil Puryear's 137th District Court. Powell argued physical DNA evidence links Ross to the scene. Police found a piece of a latex glove on a victim, which allegedly contains both Birdsall's and Ross' blood on either side of it.

Wednesday, prosecutors called forensic chemist Thomas White to the stand as an expert witness on analysis of evidence including tire tracks, footprints, fibers and glass.

White testified to receiving photographs, includ-

ing pictures of tire tracks from the gully where the victims were found. Among those photographs also were pictures of tires of vehicles owned by Birdsall and Ross.

Although White said he could identify tire tracks similar to those of Birdsall's vehicle at the scene, he said he was not able to positively match tire tracks from Ross' vehicle to tracks found in the gully.

White also testified about shoe prints found at the scene. He said he cannot determine the size of the shoe, but he could estimate the length of it. He told the defense he would be able make a more accurate determination if the picture were enlarged on a 1-to-1 scale.

From the orientation of the shoe prints in photographs, White said it appeared the footprints were headed away from the concrete area toward the darkened trail of tire tracks.

White verified he is employed by the Texas De-

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Supreme Court candidate visits Tech

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Judge Bill Moody, the Democratic nominee for the Texas Supreme Court, and Texas Tech law school graduate, spoke to law school faculty and students Wednesday afternoon.

Moody is running for place three in the Court against Republican incumbent Wallace Jefferson. Four positions are up for election in November, along with the chief justice position.

Moody said there are several reasons he is running for the Supreme Court.

One issue important to him is gaining equal representation from throughout the state.

It has been more than 20 years since anyone has been elected to the Court who has lived west of I-35, he said, while 20 percent of Texans live in this area.

"It seems to me that we deserve at least one seat at the table of state government," Moody said. "We need our voice to be heard and in this particular election it looks like I'm the only chance that West Texas has."

He discussed water rights and how Texas handles underground water.

"This is not a Republican or a Democrat issue," he said. "It's life or death for West Texas."

Moody also discussed his experience making him qualified to be on the Court. He compares himself to Jefferson, and said his opponent has no trial experience, either as a judge or a lawyer.

Moody said he has tried several hundred jury trials, either as a prosecutor for the district attorney's office or as a judge in El Paso.

"To sit at the high court and judge this trial work that's coming into you from all parts of the state of Texas, I think it's very important to have some experience in doing trial work," he said.

Moody said he would also like to take part in judicial campaign finance reform for Texas. Republican and Democratic nominees get large contributions from different interest groups and businesses with vested interests. There has been criticism because of the appearance of impropriety, he said.

Moody suggested a plan to solve this, in which the State Bar of Texas would increase lawyer's fees by \$15 a year, which would substantially boost the bar's funds.

The Democratic and Republican nominees for the Texas Supreme Court would each get \$500,000 for their campaign, provided they did not accept any other campaign contributions.

Austin Jackson, a second-year law student from Lindale, is president of the Tech Law Democrats.

He said Moody is honest, fair and equitable in his judging and reflects the values of Texas.

"He's a man of good character and that's something that's been missing, not only from the Supreme Court, but also from the state itself," he said.

Vanessa Ramsey, a second-year student from Nacogdoches, agreed it is crucial to get a West Texan into the Supreme Court.

"I think he would be good representation for West Texas," she said. "Having no West Texas representation has been harmful to the state of Texas and particularly to West Texans."



DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR the Texas Supreme Court, Judge Bill Moody, speaks with Jorge Ramirez, a professor of law. Moody, a Tech law school graduate had a meet and greet session in the Atrium of the Law School Wednesday afternoon.

GREG KRELLER/Staff Photographer

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The Rundown



Attorney General nominees promise open records

AUSTIN (AP) — In the arena of open government, the Texas attorney general's office often acts as the referee over what is public record and what is not.

With Republican Greg Abbott and Democrat Kirk Watson both pledging to be vigorous protectors of open records laws, their main argument is over who is more qualified to fill that role.

"The attorney general is the guy in the striped shirt with the whistle in his mouth," said Donnis Baggett, chairman of the legislative advisory committee of the Texas Daily Newspaper Association and the Texas Press Association.

"He or she decides whether a record or meeting is open to the public. It's a very important position in the transparency of government of the lack thereof," said Baggett, the publisher and editor of the *Bryan-College Station Eagle*.

Abbott, a former Texas Supreme Court justice, and Watson, the former Austin mayor, are scheduled to appear Saturday before the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas meeting in Austin.

Both say open records laws are adequate and they see no need to close records in the name of national security under the threat of terrorism.

"We need to be very careful we do not in the name of protecting our freedoms instead limit those freedoms," Watson said.

"I'm against the idea of closing government simply because of the new world of terrorism," Abbott said. "We can effectively operate with an open government."

The attorney general's office is where local governments turn for rulings on whether they must release documents or open meetings. Abbott and Watson both said they would work to speed up disclosure by local governments that try to delay releasing records.

Clinton, Lewinsky seek \$7.8 million in legal fees

WASHINGTON (AP) — Monica Lewinsky, Vernon Jordan and others ensnared in various White House independent counsel investigations have joined former President Clinton and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton in seeking taxpayer reimbursement for their legal bills.

The bills could total up to \$7.8 million, according to a report in Wednesday's edition of the *New York Post*. The figures were revealed in court papers unsealed by a special federal appeals court in Washington.

Twenty-seven people involved in various Clinton-related investigations — some of them minor players — have sought reimbursement of their legal expenses, the *Post* reported. The independent counsel law allows for such reimbursement as long as the probe did not result in the applicant's indictment.

The newly unsealed filings reveal that ex-intern Lewinsky wants \$1.2 million and Clinton pal Jordan has applied for \$303,000, according to the newspaper. Both were caught up in independent counsel Kenneth Starr's perjury investigation against President Clinton.

Through their lawyer David Kendall, the Clintons said last month they were seeking taxpayer reimbursement for legal bills stemming from the Whitewater investigation. Kendall would not say how much they sought but a required disclosure form filed by Sen. Clinton, D-N.Y., listed outstanding legal bills for the couple of between \$1.75 million and \$6.5 million. The forms only require disclosure in broad ranges and it was also unknown which of the remaining bills date back to Whitewater, the Clintons' failed Arkansas land deal.

Under his plea deal with independent counsel Robert Ray, the former president agreed not to seek reimbursement for bills related to the Lewinsky probe.

Burundi government to investigate 183 killings

BUJUMBURA, Burundi (AP) — Burundi's government will investigate a report that 183 civilians were killed last week by uniformed men in an area of heavy fighting between government troops and rebels, a spokesman said Wednesday.

Information Minister Albert Mbonerane said the governor of north central Gitega province and the area's military commander have been ordered to investigate the killings and report back to government officials Thursday.

"We should wait for them to give their findings and the government will judge whether an investigative commission is needed or not," Mbonerane said.

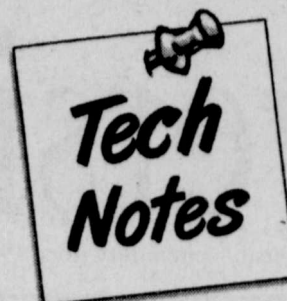
The human rights commission of Burundi's parliament called Tuesday for an official investigation into the Sept. 9 killings. Commission head Leonidas Ntibayazi said people in Gitega province sought shelter in houses on the Kanyonga and Kagoma hills when shooting erupted between the army and rebels.

Without identifying those responsible, Ntibayazi said the uniformed men ordered the civilians out of the houses, "then told them to lie down and shot them in cold blood." The victims included many women and children, he said.

Local witnesses, who refused to identify themselves, said government soldiers shot the civilians.

Col. Augustin Nzabampema, the army spokesman, confirmed there was heavy fighting with one of Burundi's two Hutu rebel groups, the Forces for the Defense of Democracy, and did not deny that 183 people were killed. But he said rebels should be held responsible.

"If it is true innocent people were killed during the fighting, the responsibility falls on (the rebels), who misused the population by telling them that the area was securely in the hands of the rebels," Nzabampema said.



The Texas Tech scuba club will be holding its first meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in 16 Biology for anyone who wants to experience scuba diving. No experience is required and there are many trips that will be planned. For more information e-mail at EAW114@aol.com.

Although it will not be open for nearly a year, Texas Tech officials are offering tours of the new Jerry S. Rawls Red Raider Championship Golf Course. The course, designed by Tom Doak, is expected to open in the summer of 2003. Walking tours of the course generally will be available four hours prior to each home football game, with carts available for those unable to walk. However, before this Saturday's 11:30 a.m. game, tours will start at 8 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be available for

those taking part in the tours. Participants will be picked up by bus at the corner of Drive of Champions and Canton Ave., just outside the Frazier Alumni Pavilion, approximately every 30 to 45 minutes. Faculty from Tech's turf grass program, Tech's golf teams, as well as golf course staff will be guiding the tours. The course will be the home for the golf teams and many tournaments, but North wants to make sure the public has a chance to get familiar with it, and get the public excited about the course.

For more information on the tours, contact North at (806) 786-7077, (806) 742-4653 or by e-mail at jack.north@ttu.edu.

Due to changing federal requirements, the Office of International Affairs will have holds on registrations of nonimmigrant students at Texas Tech and the Texas Tech University Health Science Center. These students will need to meet with an International Student Counselor at the International Cultural Center prior to any registration activity.

Join the Career Center and Ferguson Enterprises for an Etiquette Dinner and Style Show from 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Student Union Ballroom. Learn business and dining etiquette, and see appropriate business attire modeled

by Texas Tech student athletes. Tickets are available for \$10 in the Career Center, 335 West Hall. For questions and comments call Katie Marshall at katie.marshall@ttu.edu.

The Wesley Foundation will be holding its weekly meeting at 8:07 p.m. today at 2420 15th St. If you need more information call Kim Davis, the assistant director of support development and church relations at 762-8749.

The Department of English is initiating a monthly book recommendation. The selection will be made by a committee of the faculty and announced on the 16th of the following month to allow readers time to locate a copy of the book. At the end of each month the department will host a public discussion of the recommended book, offering readers the opportunity to exchange observations and insights. The October book that has been recommended is "Red Clay, Blue Cadillac: Stories of 12 Southern Women," written by Michael Malone. The discussion of the book will be at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 25 in 106 English. Professor Wendell Aycock will serve as moderator.

The Texas Tech FotoRaiders, a photography club on campus, will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. today in the 224 of the old English building. All majors are welcome.

Judge rules against author who claimed she wrote 'Harry Potter'

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal judge has rejected a writer's claims that she was plagiarized by "Harry Potter" author J.K. Rowling and in turn fined her \$50,000, saying she "perpetuated a fraud."

U.S. District Judge Allen G. Schwartz found only minimal similarities between the multi-million-selling fantasy series and books by Pennsylvania-based children's author Nancy Stouffer.

"The court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that Stouffer has perpetuated a fraud ... through her submission of fraudulent documents as well as through her untruthful testimony," the judge wrote in an opinion dated Tuesday.

The ruling was a summary judgment on claims and counterclaims dating back to 1999 between Stouffer and Rowling and her representatives, including Rowling's U.S. publisher, Scholastic, and Time Warner Entertainment Co., which owns film and merchandising rights.

"We never had any doubt that Harry Potter and his world came

from the rich and extraordinary imagination of J.K. Rowling," Scholastic president Barbara Marcus said in a statement Wednesday.

Stouffer's attorney, Thomas McNamara, said he was considering new filings.

"We were surprised and disappointed with the decision," he said. "We were particularly troubled by the court's determination that she submitted falsified evidence. She adamantly denies that."

Stouffer has said she wrote several books in the 1980s, including "The Legend of Rah and the Muggles," and a series of "Larry Potter" stories. On her web site (<http://www.realmuggles.com>), she said each title had a first printing of 100,000, and all sold out within a week.

Rowling's first Potter book, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," came out in 1997.

"Rah and the Muggles" and some "Larry Potter" books were released last year by Thurman House, a Baltimore-based company that has since gone out of business. Sales were poor and the major bookstore chains, Barnes & Noble and Borders, declined to stock them, citing

inferior quality.

Stouffer's primary complaint against Rowling concerned references to "Muggles" in the Harry Potter books. Stouffer claims her Muggles, who populate "The Legend of Rah and the Muggles," came first.

In Rowling's books, "Muggles" is the word wizards use for non-magical humans. In Stouffer's world, Muggles are bald, mutated nuclear holocaust survivors whose dark and polluted land becomes a happy place after they end up caring for orphaned twin boys.

"Stouffer has not produced any evidence indicating that there has been actual confusion between the two uses," wrote Schwartz, who also disputed allegations by Stouffer that she had received e-mails from readers noting similarities between her work and Rowling's.

"There is nothing in the record, beyond Stouffer's conclusory allegations, which indicates Stouffer ever received such letters," Schwartz wrote.

Schwartz also questioned whether she created the "Larry Potter" character before Rowling's series debuted.

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Rowdy Raider Rally offers free food, prizes



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THE GOIN' BAND from Raiderland plays at Rowdy Raider Rally on Friday in front of the Student Union.

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

Every Friday before home football games, Texas Tech's Student Government Association sponsors the Rowdy Raider Rally at the Student Union building. This week's rally will begin at 11:30 a.m. and last to about 12:30 p.m.

"It's really a pep rally to show the school's spirit and enthusiasm," SGA Spirit Coordinator Elvis Moya said. Moya has adopted the Rowdy Raider Rally from past years.

"We're taking a new direction to get more organizations to participate," he said. The rally is free to all Tech students.

Moya said Rowdy Raider Rally has many highlights for students who participate, such as free food, including hot dogs, lemonade and popcorn, supplied by University Catering.

The SGA will hand out free Red Raider clickers to the first 400 people to arrive at the event. The Tech cheerleaders, poms, kickline, High Riders, Saddle Tramps and Raider Red will attend, leading spirit and cheers, Moya said. The Goin' Band from Raiderland will play school marching songs at noon, officially kicking off the rally.

The SGA also will give away free passes and gift certificates to restaurants and clubs in Lubbock, such as Static Nightclub and Crickets Grill and Bar, which are part of Rowdy Raider Rally's sponsorship, Moya said.

The official hosts of the rally are Kidd Carson of Z102FM radio station and Emily Jones of News Channel 11.

Guest speakers also will be present at the rallies, including members of the football team and Masked Rider Jessica Melvin.

Student organizations showing the most spirit at the event will be awarded prizes including 100 free passes to sit behind the Saddle Tramps and Alpha Phi Omega at the 50-yard line at this season's games, Moya said.

What the SGA is looking for in terms of spirit, Moya said, is groups who are well represented, who are wearing the same T-shirts and who are displaying spirit accessories such as signs and painted faces.

The SGA is looking for organizations that do the most yelling and cheering. The only groups excluded from this competition are officially recognized spirit organizations like the cheerleaders and Saddle Tramps, etc.

"This competition is to show the spirit other groups have too and get them together to do it along with hopefully, a bunch of other organizations too," Moya said. "I encourage everyone to have their organizations participate, and this is an excellent way for your group to be recognized by the university."

Moya said the SGA is looking to get a lot more representation from student organizations and the school in general.

"I thought it started out really well—the band got everybody pumped up... we're working on organizations to come out and show spirit, the most spirit, the rowdiest, whatever," said Wesley Stephens, journal clerk and senator-at-large.

Jeremy Brown, internal vice president of the SGA said he hopes many students come to the rally.

"It's a wonderful thing, come to the University Center, cheer, yell and scream for the Red Raiders — be a part of it," Brown said.

Anyone interested in being a part of his spirit committee is welcome from the campus in general, Moya said.

Students with questions about the committee or Rowdy Raider Rally should call the SGA office at (806) 742-3631.

South Plains Fair begins tonight

By Heidi Diers/Staff Reporter

Rides, cotton candy and a 9-inch singing and dancing robot all can be found at the South Plains Fair beginning at 11 a.m. Friday.

A carnival preview takes place from 6 p.m. to midnight today. The fair is located at 4th Street and Avenue A.

The carnival preview is for people to get a glimpse of what the fair and carnival offers, said Peggie Usrey, South Plains Fair bookkeeper. There will be no parking charges or admittance fee. All rides will cost a dollar.

There will be a wide variety of attractions at the fair during the rest of the week and many of them are free, Usrey said. A Science Spectrum maze will be set up, along with a rock-climbing wall sponsored by the U.S. Army. A children's petting zoo and camel rides will also be available.

Texas Tech students involved in Collegiate 4-H are likely to assist with the petting zoo and otherwise helping out, Coalson Lacey, treasurer for Collegiate 4-H, said.

"We're a community service based organization," Lacey said. "We try to help area youth and help the community. This way we can do both at the same time."

Strolling the fair grounds will be Rock-It the robot and Bruiser the rag dog. Rag dogs are known for their intelligence and gentleness, Usrey said. A rag dog is a large dog with a

"sloppy looking" costume made out of rags.

"Rock-It is a robot that sings and dances," she said. "He'll go about the fairgrounds, greeting people and just making them feel welcome."

Other entertainment includes Hedrick's Racing Pigs, Steeple's Wild West Bears, hypnotist Bob Faith and a high dive demonstration from the Flying Fools, Usrey said. The Flying Fools high diving show consists of about 15-20 minutes of Olympic and acrobatic-style diving, comedy diving as well as a finale including an 80-foot dive.

"I'm pretty anxious to see that," Usrey said. "I'm looking forward to it."

The fair also includes livestock competitions among local Future Farmers of America groups, she said. Competitions range from beef and cattle showing to barrel racing.

Steve Frazee, an associate professor in Agricultural Education and Communication will be supervising a junior market swine show for students ranging from 9 to 18 years of age. About 25 Tech students will be on hand to help.

"We're mainly doing this as a public service," Frazee said. "We'll conduct and assist with the show and keep up with the placings."

The carnival opens at 1 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. It closes at midnight Sunday through Thursday and at 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. The fair shows open at 10 a.m.

"I think it's a good way to really see the roots of America," Usrey said. "You get to see members of the agricultural community as well as urban kids mix. They all just want to have a good time at the carnival."

Admission for the fair is \$5 for adults age 12 and over, \$2 for children age 6 to 11, and children under the age of 6 are admitted free. Parking is \$3. College ID Day will be Friday, Sept. 27, where all college students are admitted free with a college ID.

School night will be Monday through Wednesday, where all children with a special pass can be admitted free.



OSHA rules against shoe-bomber dispatcher

DALLAS (AP) — The U.S. Department of Labor has found that American Airlines did not retaliate against a dispatcher who raised security concerns after last year's "shoe bomber" incident.

In a letter dated Aug. 23, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration said it found "no merit" to allegations of whistleblower discrimination lodged by Julie Robichaux, the Fort Worth-based dispatcher who handled American Airlines Flight 63 on Dec. 22.

A passenger on the Paris-to-Miami flight, Richard Reid, is

accused of trying to blow up the airplane by igniting a plastic explosive in his shoes. The plane was diverted to Boston.

"We're pleased with the department's findings," American spokesman Steve Tankel told *The Dallas Morning News* on Tuesday for its Wednesday's editions, referring to Robichaux's case.

Robichaux said she will appeal. She complained internally and in a training videotape that airline supervisors interfered with her during the incident and seemed more worried about the potential for systemwide delays than the status

of Flight 63.

American officials said Robichaux did not realize they were working behind the scenes to bring the plane in for a safe landing.

After she was ordered to attend a formal counseling session for allegedly failing to follow company procedures, Robichaux filed a federal whistle-blower complaint against American.

She alleged she had been subjected to "intimidation, threats and disciplinary action."

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O'Reilly right in gay rights defense

Fox News mouthpiece Bill O'Reilly is used to taking shots from the left.

The pugnacious talk show host rides the line between conservatism and populism, incorporating the best (and worst) traits of Pat Buchanan and Rush Limbaugh. O'Reilly markets himself as a genuine independent thinker, a blue-collar hero, infiltrating the hallowed halls of the mainstream media. In the interests of full disclosure, let me confess, I sent two letters to "The O'Reilly Factor" and was gratified to have them read on the air. This was back in 1997, when Bill still had time to write personal e-mail.

He sent me a response that reads like a press release. He said: "We approach the news head on — no agenda, but also no stroking. I've got plenty of opinion, but it is just that — my opinion from my experiences as a broadcast journalist. When we book guests, they know that they have to speak straight — no talking heads or press release readers here. I'm glad to see that the public appreciates that."

Whatever you think about his style, I think Bill has remained true to his word. He's loud, but he's real. In a world full of phonies, real goes a long way with me.

To liberals, he's just another Limbaugh clone, riding the wave of right-wing indignation that changed the culture in 1994. It's easier to write him off when you think of him that way — put him in a box with Limbaugh and Sean Hannity and Mike Reagan.

But now O'Reilly has crossed the line. He's alienated his core audience of Christian conservatives and found himself on the right side of a leftist issue. Two weeks ago, O'Reilly had a confrontation with Stephen Bennett, a minister from Connecticut. The topic was gay rights, specifically, adoption of children by gay couples.

O'Reilly called Bennett a "religious fanatic" and two conservative groups called in to protest during the show.

According to Associated Press columnist David Bauder, the response O'Reilly received was over the top.



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"I got 100 e-mails telling me to go to hell," O'Reilly said. "That's a little personal," the column reported.

Bauder suggests this may be a political move on O'Reilly's part, a clever bit of marketing that will "move him to the center."

I disagree. O'Reilly called this guy a religious fanatic because that's what he really thinks. He didn't stop to consider his "triangulation strategy." He said what he felt and took the heat for it.

O'Reilly prides himself on the ability to speak from his gut, and I think he resents the success that threatens to compromise him.

"We've always said, 'Don't let your ideology hold you captive,'" O'Reilly said during the show. "Now

if they feel betrayed because I make a point that it's better to have a child with a stable home, even if it's run by homosexuals, than to be in the unbelievably chaotic atmosphere of foster care, if they feel that's a betrayal, then that's on them. We gave them more than enough time to come on the program and explain their point of view."

O'Reilly is absolutely right. It's times the proponents of family values stood up and took a fresh look at what a family is, and at what really is in the best interests of children.

It's time for Christians to wake up and smell the demographics. The nuclear family is dead. We killed it in the '60s and it took 40 years to die.

Divorce rates coincide with the rise of women in the workplace. Christians want to return us to a simpler time, but these storybook marriages were held together by a kind of coercion. Women couldn't support themselves in the marketplace, so they stayed in bad marriages for decades, sacrificing their happiness for the sake of their children.

If these family structures were still valid, women would still be in them.

The reality is different. These days, a bad marriage doesn't have to be a life sentence. Women don't have to suffer through their 30s living with mistakes they made in their teens.

There's clear evidence a nuclear family is better for children, but you can't solve that problem by limiting the definition of family. There are children stuck in foster homes all over the country, living in conditions that make the old-style orphanages look good.

There's no consistent source of love in a foster home, no reliable sense of belonging in a house full of transients.

In a perfect world, children would remain with their biological families from cradle to grave, but this ideal belongs to a world we have outgrown, a world based on peer pressure and economic repression. We cannot turn back the clock. Women have money now, and they're voting with their feet.

It's time to give up this outdated definition of marriage. Remove the blinders of ignorance and superstition and give gay couples the respect they deserve.

College life starting to reflect junior high

I don't know when it happened, but college has now turned into junior high school to me. There are so many aspects of my college lifestyle that remind me of my junior high experience. Maybe it is because the maturity level around me has gone down or everyone acts like this throughout his or her whole life.

When you are a freshman it makes sense to be immature because you realize you're free and can do many things you didn't have to do before. But as the years go on, the excitement of it all seems to diminish. All the parties you used to love going to start to become predictable and almost boring.

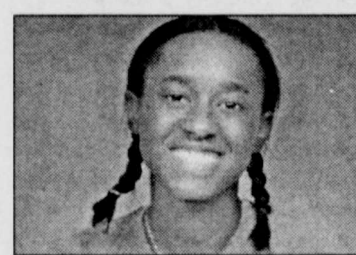
They all seem to involve the same thing over and over — drunken people walking around bumping into things and that random girl holding up the line for the bathroom so she can throw up.

It seems now every party is at the same house you hate going to because it has that weird smell of old beer and stale cigarettes. Nobody else seems to notice the same things are happening every weekend because they are always drunk. This is the time when being the sober one becomes tedious.

Parties also at times remind me of junior high dances. It's not really the separate boy and girl groups now, it is just you and your friends in one group talking to each other. Sure one or two of you may branch off and go talk to another group but you always come back to the original.

You do have more to talk about because there are people there to make fun of. The splitting into groups is bound to happen if it is a big enough party because not all the 100-sum-odd people can stand in a circle and talk.

There also is the aspect of the dance where you see that cute guy and you want to talk to him but you



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just don't have the nerve to. I think girls and guys will forever act this way toward each other. The only difference now is you have alcohol to help build your courage up, but sometimes if they are really cute even the alcohol isn't enough. So you sit in your circle and talk about all the dirty things you could do to them.

All this intimate talking leads to another occurrence frequent in junior high — secrets. Remember the secrets you told by the lockers or the ones so secret they could be written in a letter. These secrets are about the same except now they are not

really secrets. If you tell a secret today, realize it probably isn't one because some one probably heard you telling it and started a rumor about you.

That's where rumors start — usually with some nosy person listening in on a conversation. Or they could start the old-fashioned way with some mean spirited person who just doesn't like you. If your secret does get told it was probably an accident because people get a little tipsy and things just come out.

Right now I have so many "secrets" in my head no one is supposed to know. It seems as if I am the local confidant for all my friends. People love to gossip and it seems as if I am always around to hear it. It doesn't bother me of course because I am nosy by nature — hello, I am a journalist.

Dating hasn't seemed to change much either since junior high. Holding hands still means something. It may not mean as much as it did in

junior high because back then it meant that you were officially dating.

Now it's just to show people around you there's a claim there. When you see someone looking at your man your first reaction is to grab his hand and stake your claim; guys also do this.

I actually saw a guy holding on to his girlfriend's belt loop. It looked as if he was holding on to her so she wouldn't bolt. I thought those days of putting your hand in each other's back pockets was over. It's cute and all, but at the same time it makes me want to laugh.

I used to wish I could go back and do it all over, but I realize that I am doing it all over right now. It seems as if I am more mature, but there are times that I realize I am not.

So next time you are at a party, just for fun look around and relate some things to when you were young. It's really a good conversation point and you never know, you may learn another good secret.

Letters to the Editor

Comments taken out of context

The University Daily article on Sept. 17 reported EEOC findings of discrimination directed against Drs. (Ming-Chien) Chyu, (Jahan) Rasty, and (Jamie) Cardenas (resigned) of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. The three faculty members had filed complaints that "adverse terms and conditions of employment," "low, negative evaluations," and "denial of merit increase" were acts of discrimination against minority faculty members.

The article failed to note that these could also be appropriate administrative sanctions to remedy deficiencies in senior faculty leadership, professional conduct, and teaching competence. The final resolution of the two opposing viewpoints will likely be determined in court; therefore, I do not wish to comment on the history of events leading to the current EEOC complaints.

However, quotations contained in the Sept. 17 article attributed to me have directly influenced my reputation within the university and most importantly, the perception of me by my students. Therefore, I feel compelled to set the record straight, at least on my own behalf, as I did in March 2001, with the attached memo to university president David Schmidly, which I will quote directly:

"In one of our (Mechanical Engineering faculty search) committee meetings, we were discuss-

ing the extent and value of the ethnic diversity in our department. The committee itself was made up of individuals born in the U.S., Iran, Sri Lanka and Ecuador. I made the observation that the United States is viewed as a melting pot for the world's cultures which implied that the ethnic differences were somehow blended together to create a homogeneous population. In contrast, our department was more like a 'lumpy melting pot' in that we all lived and worked together, yet we had maintained our cultural identities. The comment was understood as a positive and supportive statement with respect to the ethnic diversity of our department by everyone except Dr. Cardenas.

"In the final process of screening faculty applicants, each search committee member reviewed the applicant resumes and selected a subset for further review. We then verbally listed and compared our selections and went forward with the ones that had the most support among the committee members. It was a very international list and we were struggling and laughing at each other's attempts to pronounce some of the names that we had selected. The pronunciations were often mangled so badly that we could not recognize them as we followed on the lists that we had in front of us. After listening to the other committee members attempts to read the names, when my turn came, I said 'Well, I am not going to pick anyone whose name I can't pronounce.' This was not intended to indicate any bias against

candidates with unfamiliar names but rather a joking attempt at trying to hide my own inability to pronounce them. No one other than Dr. Cardenas interpreted the comment in any other way."

I would like to emphasize that this is not simply my word against that of Dr. Cardenas. As attested to by the signatures on the attached memo of all of the other committee members excluding Dr. Cardenas, the account given above is factual and accurate. Quoting further from my memorandum to Dr. Schmidly:

"I believe that the preceding account makes it clear that the distortions of my statements and actions in the search committee are of sufficient severity that it would be overly generous to interpret them as anything other than a deliberate fabrication and attempt at deception. I do not consider the distortions an intentional attack on me personally, but rather as a convenient, though dishonest argument for use in their grievance procedures."

That fact, however, does not lessen my resentment that my character and reputation within the Texas Tech community was unjustifiably slandered.

I request that you share this letter with your readers, which will hopefully reverse some of the damage done by your Sept. 17 article.

- Walt Oler is an associate professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering

Editor's Note: The UD apologizes for and regrets not contacting Walt Oler before publishing the Sept. 17 article entitled, "EEOC: Tech discriminated against faculty," which featured quotes from statements made by Dr. Oler.

E-mail your letters to the editor to opinions@universitydaily.net.

Article does not reflect true image of professor

I am a graduate mechanical engineering student from India and have been working with Dr. (Tom) Burton since fall 2001. The article that was published in *The UD* Tuesday regarding the above subject makes me feel deeply saddened and hurt because he's one guy in the department who really cares for international students and is always concerned about them. I still remember when I came here last fall semester and there were five other students also from India who had come to Texas Tech without any instate tuition funding. They met Dr. Burton, and he helped them by getting them instate tuition. His intentions are always focused on giving

departmental funding to the maximum number of students (U.S. citizen or international students) so we can take care of our financial needs.

The allegations that are being thrown at him cannot be true because he is a man of character worth being a role model for many. While I write this letter to you, I can feel a deep sense of disappointment in the mechanical engineering department amongst all students, for whom Dr. Burton has been a role model for years.

- Nishant Kumar is a graduate student studying mechanical engineering from India.

Burton, Oler testament to good teaching at Texas Tech

After reading *The UD* article entitled, "EEOC: Tech discriminated against faculty" on Sept. 17, I could do nothing more than shake my head in disbelief. I graduated with a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering in 2001. Dr. Tom Burton is probably the most caring and personable educators at Texas Tech. He is always open to questions and listens to the students' opinions to help create a great atmosphere for learning. Dr. Walt Oler also is a great teacher who wants his students to learn and always has an enthusiasm for the class material. He worked well with outside companies and was always thankful for all research money granted to him. The three faculty members who are making these accusations, Dr. (Jahan) Rasty, (Jamie) Cardenas-Garcia and (Ming-Chien) Chyu, are the three professors that students dreaded to have. I worked on projects with Dr. Rasty, and

he was difficult to work with. He gave absolutely no guidance. I am not as familiar with Cardenas-Garcia and Chyu. However, from hearing horror stories from classmates, I can say they are in the same boat as Dr. Rasty. There were grumblings about one and a half years ago about a situation such as this.

It seems very suspicious to me that it is only now coming out to public's view. I would also like to hear from the other professors in the department who are in the minority, as there are very many in engineering.

Let us hope that the great careers of some caring, respectful professors and deans don't get tarnished by fellow professors with other agendas. It would be a terrible loss for Tech.

- Lesley W. Loper is a mechanical engineering 2001 graduate.

New maps encompass more flood zones

By Lyndsay Caldwell/
Staff Reporter

Texas Tech students throughout the city could be in danger of losing everything they own without realizing it.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency released new flood maps that went into effect Tuesday. The new map includes about twice as many properties in the city of Lubbock as the previous map.

Skipper Wood, a civil engineer for Lubbock, said many Tech students are in flood areas and do not carry insurance because they do not

know they are in danger.

"Many students are living in houses where their landlords pay flood insurance; however, it only covers the structure, not the contents," he said.

Students may obtain insurance themselves to cover their belongings if living in one of these areas, Wood said.

"Tech students should ask if the property is in a flood zone and at least think about insuring their property if they are," he said. "Those living on the first floor of apartments in the zone should especially think about it."

Lubbock has maps available for

the communities of Abernathy, Buffalo Springs Lake, Idalou, Lubbock, Lubbock County, New Deal, Ransom Canyon, Shallowater, Slaton and Wolfthorpe.

Woods said the former map included about 2,500 properties and the new one will include twice as many.

"There are a lot of areas that have expanded, some of them just a block or two, but others have expanded three or four. The new map will affect a lot of new people," he said.

All lenders, or someone giving a loan, are required to force property owners to obtain flood insurance if it is a federally backed loan.

"If a property is included in the zone, the lender will send a letter to the property owner telling them they are required to obtain insurance," Wood said. "Usually they will give them 30 or 60 days and in some cases 90 days to get insurance."

Wood said it is possible that, although the map may show a property in the flood zone, the actual structure location determines whether or not insurance is required.

"It is not for a property to be removed from the flood area if the structure has been elevated, for instance," he said. "It is worth the time to explore getting it removed. If

people have questions, I would like for them to call me before hiring a surveyor, because I have been working here for a while and we have a pretty good idea of what will work and what won't."

In order for property to be removed, the area must be surveyed and then sent to FEMA, who will make a decision and send a letter back to the property owner, Wood said. Prices of flood insurance are based on location and size of the building.

Tech students Craig Ray, a senior architecture major from Rockport, and James Williams, a junior electrical

engineering major from Earth, both said they had no idea if their first floor apartments were included in the flood areas but want to find out.

"It scares me because I have a lot of expensive stuff like an entertainment center that I just bought, a PlayStation, and all my electrical outlets are on the floor so if it floods, all of my stuff is blown," Williams said.

Ray also said he was concerned with not knowing if he was in a flood area.

"I'd be pissed off if my apartment flooded and nothing was covered, especially if I'm in the zone and don't know it," he said.

Brawl

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peared to be a billy club at the residence, and he said he saw the individuals using baseball bats.

Three people were treated and released from Covenant Medical center for minor injuries. Additionally, the house also was damaged during the altercation. Damages to the residence totaled about \$660, according to the police report.

The report was filed as a burglary because the individuals allegedly entered the house without permission, Gribben said. Burglary, a first-degree felony, was cited on the report because police are trained to

record the highest charge applicable, he said. Aggravated assault is a third-degree felony, a lesser charge. No arrests were made because the suspects had left the scene when police arrived, Gribben said.

Pennington said he will be talking to the police and might be filing charges in the next few days.

Cody Cagle Campbell of Canyon filed a report on Monday with the Lubbock Police Department alleging that five men assaulted him at about 2 a.m. Sunday at a party. The report stated he arrived at the wrong address for a party, and the residents became angry. According to the report, Campbell said the residents were "bowing up to him" as a gesture to fight.

The report stated Campbell began to leave the house when five men began to hit him. Campbell and an unidentified witness then left the party, according to the report. The police report stated Campbell had slight bruising on his left cheek and two of his teeth had been slightly chipped.

Athletics Director Gerald Myers said he was notified of the incident. He would not divulge any information about who informed him of the altercation.

"We're looking into it, and gathering all the facts," he said. "We won't be commenting until we know all the facts, and then appropriate action will be taken if necessary."

Tech football coach Mike Leach said he did not have a reaction to

the incident because he does not know all of the facts.

"It was disappointing that *The UD* would run a story when they don't know the facts to it. So that's a little disturbing to me," Leach said. "And then, as far as punishment and what we'd do would be based on how the facts of the situation came out."

Tech President David Schmidly said he has not yet seen the police reports.

"We have to wait until we receive the police investigation," he said. "I mean, it happened off campus, so that limits our involvement quite a bit. So, I don't want to make any comment about whether we will or will not do anything."

The administration is not pre-

judging the situation until the facts are gathered because each student deserves due process, Schmidly said.

"There are a lot of things here that have to be done according to the law and the processes before we step with any interpretation or intervention," he said. "We are aware of it, we are watching it, and we are waiting until these investigations are complete, and then we will follow university policy and procedure to

the letter."

If football players were involved in the incident, they would not be given special treatment by the administration.

"A student is a student," he said. "It may take several weeks to hear different interpretations, and then we will get to an endpoint. People can appeal, and we have panels. We don't know what that endpoint is going to be."

EEOC

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members). This is really unprecedented, I think."

Jackson said since the findings, Tech has refused accreditation efforts, which is an action that automatically sends the grievances to the U.S. Department of Justice.

The Department of Justice is currently investigating the grievances filed by the three faculty members.

Former Professor of Mechanical Engineering Jaime Cardenas-Garcia was one of the three faculty members who filed a complaint with the EEOC.

A EEOC letter of determination dated June 6, 2002, found "There is evidence to show (Cardenas) was discriminated against because of his national origin, Hispanic, in violation of the statute."

In his complaint, Cardenas alleged he was "subjected to discrimi-

natory comments and actions, resulting in negative evaluations given in a lower salary and raises, based on his national origin."

In his complaint, Cardenas said he was retaliated against in the form of low evaluations for complaining of discrimination within the department.

Cardenas has resigned from Tech.

He is currently employed by the University of Maryland.

In a memo to Thomas Burton, department chairman of mechanical engineering, from Cardenas dated Feb. 5, 1999, Cardenas alleges associate professor of mechanical engineering Walt Oler used racial slurs when describing the department.

According to Cardenas' letter to Burton, "Dr. Walt Oler has continually harassed me since the first committee meeting with unsubstantiated remarks."

Oler refused to comment, but provided *The University Daily* with a copy of a letter he sent to Tech President David Schmidly dated

March 25, 2001.

In Oler's letter to Schmidly, Oler denies creating a racially abusive environment for Cardenas.

According to Oler's letter, "My comments and participation of the 1998-1999 mechanical engineering faculty search committee have been distorted and misrepresented in the grievance documents of Drs. Cardenas, Rasty and Chyu."

Special Assistant to the President and Associate General Counsel Ronald Phillips said he was unable to comment.

He also said Schmidly was unable to comment on the matter pending investigation.

"The EEOC made a finding, and we don't agree with it," Phillips said. Cardenas refused to comment but provided his letter of resignation to *The UD*.

According to Cardenas' Aug. 29, 2002, letter of resignation, "Dr. Thomas Burton, chair of mechanical engineering, is responsible and culpable for creating this racially hostile environment in

mechanical engineering, leading to these rulings by the U.S. EEOC."

Burton said he does not agree with the findings of the EEOC.

"My position is I disagree with the EEOC," Burton said. "I disagree with the positions represented by (Ming-Chien Chyu), (Jahan) and Cardenas-Garcia."

Chyu, professor of mechanical engineering and Rasty, associate professor of mechanical engineering each filed complaints with the EEOC, with similar results.

"They (Tech) may say this case is baseless - that everybody is wrong," Chyu said. "They're all saying even the EEOC is wrong. They cannot face the facts."

Rasty said he agrees.

"We were alleging we were being treated unfairly compared to Anglo faculty that were situated in similar position," Rasty said.

EEOC Public Affairs Specialist James Ryan said the commission could not comment pending investigation with the Justice Department.

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5 Pie nut
10 Money factory
14 Do-others separator
15 Traditional saying
16 Garfield's pal
17 Woody Allen film
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25 Glossy fabric
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Trial

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partment of Transportation in Austin, and received a subpoena by both the defense and prosecution. White told the court he has previously testified as an expert witness in several criminal cases in Texas.

The prosecution is seeking the death penalty against Ross, First Assistant District Attorney Matt Powell said.

Birdsall and Ross McVade were found dead January 2001 inside Bird'sall's black Saab in a drainage gully in the Canyon Lakes area. Each suffered gunshot wounds to the head, and detectives said they believe the crime occurred in an alley near Avenue U and 10th Street, and the bodies were moved to the gully.

Powell said the killer fired 11 shots and both victims suffered multiple gunshot wounds.

The grand jury indicted Ross in February 2001 after the state presented physical evidence allegedly linking the suspect to the crime scene.

Defense attorney Floyd Holder said he believes police investigators mishandled the evidence, and the DNA from the scene may have been contaminated.

Holder said he did not request a change of venue, which would have moved the trial to another city to ensure an impartial jury.

"We did not request the change of venue because we said we liked it here," he said.

Defense co-counsel Patrick Metz said there are about 180 witnesses that may be called to testify in the courtroom. He said some have already been called, and others may not be required to appear at all. He said he hopes the state will finish calling witnesses Wednesday. If the prosecution rests, the defense will begin to call witnesses on Thursday.

Mary Lou Elms, 137th District Court coordinator, said the trial is expected to come to a close between

Tuesday and Friday of next week.

She said the prosecution might finish calling witnesses on Thursday. Friday the defense will question their witnesses.

State prosecutors reserve the right to call rebuttal witnesses after all defense witnesses testify, Elms said.

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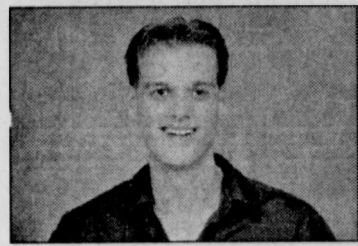
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FILM REVIEW



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So you think your family is weird? Meet Toula Portokalos (Nia Vardalos). On the surface, her Greek family sounds normal.

She has a father, mother, older sister and younger brother. But Toula assures us her family is anything but normal.

Her father Gus (Michael Constantine) is fanatic about his heritage and believes that spraying

Windex easily cures any physical ailment — a scratch, bruise, etc.

Her mother Maria (Lainie Kazan) does what every Greek woman is expected to do: she cooks. Oh, yes, and then there's Toula's grandmother brought over from Greece against her will by Toula's family.

She owns a Greek restaurant where she is a hostess and waitress. Toula is 30-something and has a frumpy look.

She's self-conscious and is burdened with the expectations of her father: marry a Greek boy, make Greek babies and feed everyone until the day she dies.

But when Toula gets a makeover, meets a nice guy named Ian (John Corbett from "Sex and the City") and starts to date him, a problem arises. He's not Greek.

The two continue to see each other until word gets back to Toula's mother from a friend's friend's

mother's mother that she is dating a non-Greek boy.

Obviously, her father is outraged. But by this time, Toula and Ian have fallen in love. If this weren't a w k w a r d enough, Ian proposes marriage.

So now Toula and Ian must find a way for Ian to be accepted by her big, fat, Greek family which extends to cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and so on.

The film was written by Vardalos and is based on a one-woman play she wrote about the defiance of

her Greek family by marrying a non-Greek man. Rita Wilson, also from a Greek heritage, convinced her

husband, Tom Hanks, that they needed to produce a film version.

Wilson and Hanks met while working on a movie in the late '80s together.

What is so wonderful about this sweet film is that it obviously loves its characters.

The characters are warm, funny and flawed but are written with great

affection. The characters are easy to iden-

tify with that in a short period of time we feel as if we know them inside out.

They say things we would expect them to say. Maria tells Toula, "The man may be the head of the household, but the wife is the neck, and she can turn the head any way she wants."

It's not just a film about a romance, although it is a very cute romantic comedy, but it's also a look at Greek culture.

The film obviously values and respects the culture and its people, but also is willing to poke fun at it as well.

This is a family who roasts lamb on a rack in the front yard and believes that eating cures any melancholy spirit.

What is pertinent to this story is Ian's character.

This is a guy who is being brought in from a completely different culture with different val-

ues.

He's even a vegetarian, which when brought to light at a Greek family gathering commands a stunning silence. "Ah. It's OK," says Toula's aunt, "I'll make lamb."

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EPPLER'S RATING: ★★★★★

★★★★★ - Flawless
★★★★ - Excellent
★★★ - Good
★★ - Mediocre
★ - Awful

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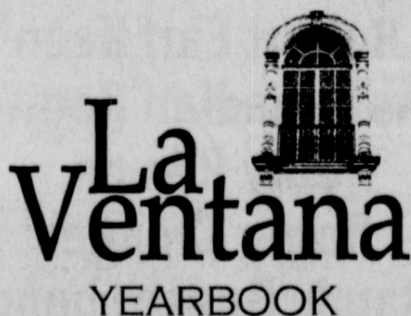
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Annual Miss Greek pageant held today

By Erica Gonzales/Staff Reporter

Anticipating a successful turnout, the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity is hosting the Miss Greek Texas Tech 2002 pageant, a fund raiser benefiting the March of Dimes, a non-profit organization. The event begins at 7 p.m. today in the Allen Theatre, located in the Student Union.

Sid Covington, a sophomore advertising major from Austin and Miss Greek Tech coordinator, said this has been an ongoing tradition since the 80s for the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, and the goal is to raise money for the March of Dimes, their philanthropy.

Last year the event was at the Cactus Theater and it did not sell out, he said.

He believes it did not sell out because of the ticket prices were about \$4. This year, the tickets for the pageant are \$1 in advance and \$1.50 at the door.

He said this is good recognition for fraternities and sororities and it will let people know that they work within the community.

Courtney Dennie, a senior political science major from Aledo, is a representative for her sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Sororities were given advance notice of the weeklong event and each sorority nominates a representative, she said.

The pageant is based on a point system, she said.

The goal of each sorority is to get the most points by participating

in activities such as designing March of Dimes shirts, signs to hang in the Student Union promoting the event and raising money at tables set in the Student Union.

"Any person can give money to any Greek organization," Dennie said.

Donation cups will be set up in the Student Union until about 2 p.m. today and the final event, the pageant, will be tonight.

"I think it's going to be a fun evening, my parents are coming," Dennie said.

The pageant has a representative from each sorority participating in events such as spirit, evening gown and talent contest, a sorority speech, a song and a March of Dimes speech.

The winner gets a crown and a limo ride for two hours, she said.

Second and third place winners get a plaque.

"This is not for the prettiest or skinniest girl, it is for who has the most support and participation," Dennie said.

This is a way for sororities to give back to Lubbock, she said.

"I encourage people to come even if they are not Greek," she said.

Sandy Anderson, development director for the March of Dimes, said this is a positive event for all students because it brings awareness to the March of Dimes.

"It makes people aware that they are helping people less fortunate than them," she said.

The fund raiser is helping research that may one day help their own family or maybe already has, she said.

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Tech student breaks down racial barriers

By Whitney Wyatt/
Staff Reporter



Breaking racial barriers is on the agenda for Texas Tech student Chad Pryer.

He is the first Caucasian Tech student to pledge and become a member of Phi Beta Sigma, the traditionally African American organization in Texas.

If being an active member is not enough for Pryer, a junior communication studies major from Denver, he is now the president.

"It is a barrier-breaker," he said. "Tech is mainly a white university."

Pryer said everyone talks about creating more diversity on the Tech campus, but he is actually doing something about it.

"I'm just proof it can be done," he said. "You have to give the effort."

Phi Beta Sigma, which was founded for the purpose of providing brotherhood, scholarship and service to its members and Tech in 1992, was founded at Tech in 1992.

The first chapter was founded at Howard University in 1914.

The Sigma's at Tech have 10

members. To be a member, one must have a 2.7 GPA and have at least 20 hours of credits. Meetings are held every other week.

Pryer said the hardest part about being a nontraditional member is others taking him seriously.

"But when you work hard and show them," he said, "They do have respect for you."

Respected and welcomed by his members at Tech, Pryer said he is respected and welcomed throughout the lone star state as well.

"All over people are going to know who you are by the letters you wear," he said.

And wearing his letters well is important to him, he said.

"I'm just trying to hold my end and make sure everything goes steady," he said.

Antonio Franklin, a member and Pryer's good ethics, said

organization.

"What he says goes," said Franklin, a graduate student from California. "We get things accomplished with him in charge."

Stepping into the presidency was something Pryer felt comfortable doing, he said.

"He didn't see it as a black or white organization," he said. "They welcomed him as they welcomed me."

Franklin said Pryer has a Sigma brand on his arm.

"That shows dedication to the organization," he said.

Mike Gunn, coordinator of the Center of Campus Life, said Pryer is unique to Tech even though African American organizations have Caucasian members more frequently in other universities in other states.

"It's a strange phenomenon in Texas," he said. "At Tech, (Pryer) will be the first."

When it comes to diversity,

Gunn said Tech is moving in the right direction.

The National Pan-Hellenic consists of nine African American and five of 130 members on campus, he said.

The motto of the National Pan-Hellenic is: "Where there is unity there is strength."

The goal now is to create more Greek unity, besides Greek Week, which is held in the spring, he said.

In turn, Gunn said organizations will share their cultures with each other and good things will come out of it.

Gunn said Pryer is setting an example, one that Gunn hopes will be followed.

Pryer said he is showing Tech students it can be done.

"It is something you have to want," he said.

Under Pryer's leadership, Franklin said members of the organization are more than just brothers, they are close friends.

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COORDINATOR OF THE
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CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer
CHAD PRYER, A junior communication studies major from Denver, talks about fund-raising ideas for the Phi Beta Sigma organization.

This is a series of on-going profiles of randomly selected students. To nominate a student, professor or organization for The UD's Profile Pick of the Week, e-mail ud@ttu.edu.

Catholic Association offers weekly Mass for Tech students

By Natalie Worthen/Staff Reporter

The Catholic Student Association

is holding weekly Mass on Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to noon in the Double T room at the

Student Union.

Marcel Lejeune, director of Catholic Campus Life for Students, said he brought up the idea for Mass on campus to Father Jim O'Connor, a priest at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

"I tossed around the idea since other universities have Mass on campus," he said.

Lejeune said this would provide students the opportunity to go to Mass on a regular basis in between classes.

O'Connor said he feels very excited to serve students on campus.

"It is a great idea to have Mass on campus," he said. "It is very invigorating and a challenge. I hope to give students and faculty a chance to be enriched spiritually between classes."

He said he does not believe the

business of daily life will get in the way.

"I doubt people's schedules will conflict as much with mass for 30 minutes on Wednesdays," he said.

Jonathan Hill, Catholic Student Association advisor, said the CSA is renting the Double T room three weeks a time and hopes to continue the weekly sessions for at least a year.

Hill said having Mass on campus would improve college life for Catholic students.

"We will use Mass on campus to grow spiritually and provide people social and religious activities to help them get through their college years,"

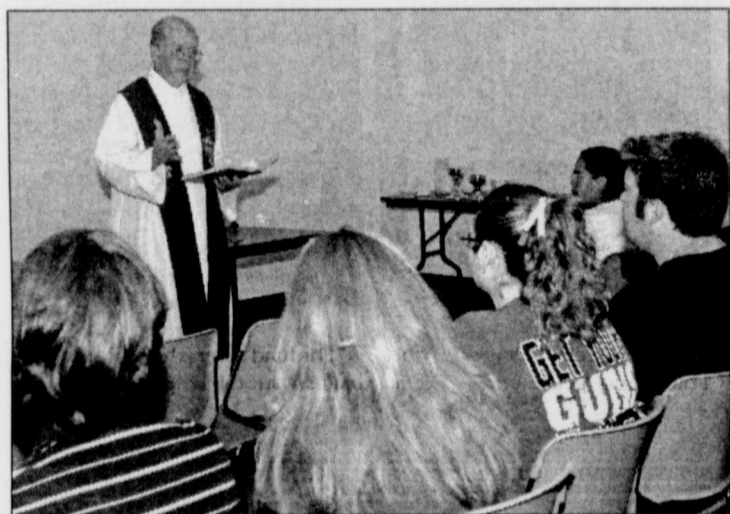
he said. "There will be readings, short hymnals by Father O'Connor, followed by communion."

Nicole Pearson, senior history major from Flower Mound and president of CSA, said she enjoys being active in her religion, and hopes to make CSA more active on campus.

"Mass is very important for Catholics," she said. "Having it included on campus is special. We hope to get more new students involved, as well as freshmen and transfer students."

Pearson said she hopes many students will appreciate the opportunity of Mass on campus.

"It's better than watching TV or reading some book that you don't want to read in between classes," she said.



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer
FATHER JIM O'CONNOR conducts mass in the Student Union building Wednesday morning. Mass will be held every Wednesday.

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'Wedding' amuses, offers 'Big' laughs

FILM REVIEW



James Eppler
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So you think your family is weird? Meet Toula Portokalos (Nia Vardalos). On the surface, her Greek family sounds normal.

She has a father, mother, older sister and younger brother. But Toula assures us her family is anything but normal.

Her father Gus (Michael Constantine) is fanatic about his heritage and believes that spraying

Windex easily cures any physical ailment — a scratch, bruise, etc.

Her mother Maria (Lainie Kazan) does what every Greek woman is expected to do: she cooks. Oh, yes, and then there's Toula's grandmother brought over from Greece against her will by Toula's family.

She owns a Greek restaurant where she is a hostess and waitress. Toula is 30-something and has a frumpy look.

She's self-conscious and is burdened with the expectations of her father: marry a Greek boy, make Greek babies and feed everyone until the day she dies.

But when Toula gets a makeover, meets a nice guy named Ian (John Corbett from "Sex and the City") and starts to date him, a problem arises. He's not Greek.

The two continue to see each other until word gets back to Toula's mother from a friend's friend's

mother's mother that she is dating a non-Greek boy.

Obviously, her father is outraged. But by this time, Toula and Ian have fallen in love. If this weren't a w k w a r d enough, Ian proposes marriage.

So now Toula and Ian must find a way for Ian to be accepted by her big, fat, Greek family which extends to cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and so on.

The film was written by Vardalos and is based on a one-woman play she wrote about the defiance of

her Greek family by marrying a non-Greek man. Rita Wilson, also from a Greek heritage, convinced her

husband, Tom Hanks, that they needed to produce a film version.

Wilson and Hanks met while working on a movie in the late '80s together.

What is so wonderful about this sweet film is that it obviously loves its characters.

The characters are warm, funny and flawed but are written with great

affection. The characters are easy to iden-

tify with that in a short period of time we feel as if we know them inside out.

They say things we would expect them to say. Maria tells Toula, "The man may be the head of the household, but the wife is the neck, and she can turn the head any way she wants."

It's not just a film about a romance, although it is a very cute romantic comedy, but it's also a look at Greek culture.

The film obviously values and respects the culture and its people, but also is willing to poke fun at it as well.

This is a family who roasts lamb on a rack in the front yard and believes that eating cures any melancholy spirit.

What is pertinent to this story is Ian's character.

This is a guy who is being brought in from a completely different culture with different val-

ues. He's even a vegetarian, which when brought to light at a Greek family gathering commands a stunning silence. "Ah. It's OK," says Toula's aunt, "I'll make lamb."

Vardalos has written a touching, warm and hilarious film about love, acceptance, culture and the recognition that people are different. Some people are apples and some are oranges, but in the end, we're all fruit.

EPPLER'S RATING: ★★★★★

- ★★★★★ - Flawless
- ★★★★ - Excellent
- ★★★ - Good
- ★★ - Mediocre
- ★ - Awful

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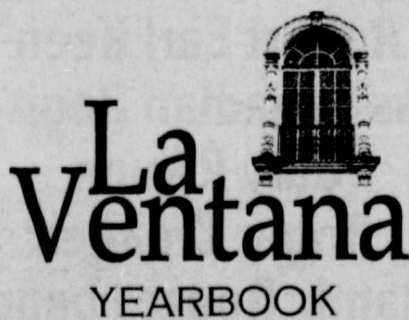
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Annual Miss Greek pageant held today

By Erica Gonzales/Staff Reporter

Anticipating a successful turnout, the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity is hosting the Miss Greek Texas Tech 2002 pageant, a fund raiser benefiting the March of Dimes, a non-profit organization. The event begins at 7 p.m. today in the Allen Theatre, located in the Student Union.

Sid Covington, a sophomore advertising major from Austin and Miss Greek Tech coordinator, said this has been an ongoing tradition since the 80s for the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, and the goal is to raise money for the March of Dimes, their philanthropy.

Last year the event was at the Cactus Theater and it did not sell out, he said.

He believes it did not sell out because of the ticket prices were about \$4. This year, the tickets for the pageant are \$1 in advance and \$1.50 at the door.

He said this is good recognition for fraternities and sororities and it will let people know that they work within the community.

Courtney Dennie, a senior political science major from Aledo, is a representative for her sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Sororities were given advance notice of the weeklong event and each sorority nominates a representative, she said.

The pageant is based on a point system, she said.

The goal of each sorority is to get the most points by participating

in activities such as designing March of Dimes shirts, signs to hang in the Student Union promoting the event and raising money at tables set in the Student Union.

"Any person can give money to any Greek organization," Dennie said. Donation cups will be set up in the Student Union until about 2 p.m. today and the final event, the pageant, will be tonight.

"I think it's going to be a fun evening, my parents are coming," Dennie said.

The pageant has a representative from each sorority participating in events such as spirit, evening gown and talent contest, a sorority speech, a song and a March of Dimes speech.

The winner gets a crown and a limo ride for two hours, she said.

Second and third place winners get a plaque.

"This is not for the prettiest or skinniest girl, it is for who has the most support and participation," Dennie said.

This is a way for sororities to give back to Lubbock, she said.

"I encourage people to come even if they are not Greek," she said.

Sandy Anderson, development director for the March of Dimes, said this is a positive event for all students because it brings awareness to the March of Dimes.

"It makes people aware that they are helping people less fortunate than them," she said.

The fund raiser is helping research that may one day help their own family or maybe already has, she said.

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Tech student breaks down racial barriers

By Whitney Wyatt/
Staff Reporter



Breaking down racial barriers is on the agenda for Texas Tech student Chad Pryer.

He is the first Caucasian Tech student to pledge and become a member of Phi Beta Sigma, the traditionally African American organization. He is the fifth Caucasian member in Texas.

If being an active member is not enough for Pryer, a junior communication studies major from Denver, he is now the president.

"It is a barrier-breaker," he said. "Tech is mainly a white university."

Pryer said everyone talks about creating more diversity on the Tech campus, but he is actually doing something about it.

"I'm just proof it can be done," he said. "You have to give the effort."

Phi Beta Sigma, which was founded for the purpose of providing brotherhood, scholarship and service to its members and its community, was founded at Tech in 1992.

The first chapter was founded at Howard University in 1914.

The Sigma's at Tech have 10

members. To be a member, one must have a 2.7 GPA and have at least 20 hours of credits. Meetings are held every other week.

Pryer said the hardest part about being a nontraditional member is others taking him seriously.

"But when you work hard and show them," he said, "They do have respect for you."

Respected and welcomed by his members at Tech, Pryer said he is respected and welcomed throughout the lone star state as well.

"All over people are going to know who you are by the letters you wear," he said.

And wearing his letters well is important to him, he said.

"I'm just trying to hold my end and make sure everything goes steady," he said.

Antonio Franklin, a member and Pryer's pledge brother, said Pryer brings good ethics to the or-

ganization.

"What he says goes," said Franklin, a graduate student from California. "We get things accomplished with him in charge."

Stepping into the presidency was something Pryer felt comfortable doing, he said.

"He didn't see it as a black or white organization," he said. "They welcomed him as they welcomed me."

Franklin said Pryer has a Sigma branded on his arm.

"That shows dedication to the organization," he said.

Mike Gunn, coordinator of diversity and involvement for the Center of Campus Life, said Pryer is unique to Tech even though African American organizations have Caucasian members more frequently in other universities in other states.

"It's a strange phenomenon in Texas," he said. "At Tech, (Pryer) will be the first."

When it comes to diversity,

Gunn said Tech is moving in the right direction.

The National Pan-Hellenic consists of nine African American male and female organizations, with a total of 130 members on campus, he said.

The motto of the National Pan-Hellenic is: "Where there is unity there is strength."

The goal now is to create more Greek unity, besides Greek Week, which is held in the spring, he said.

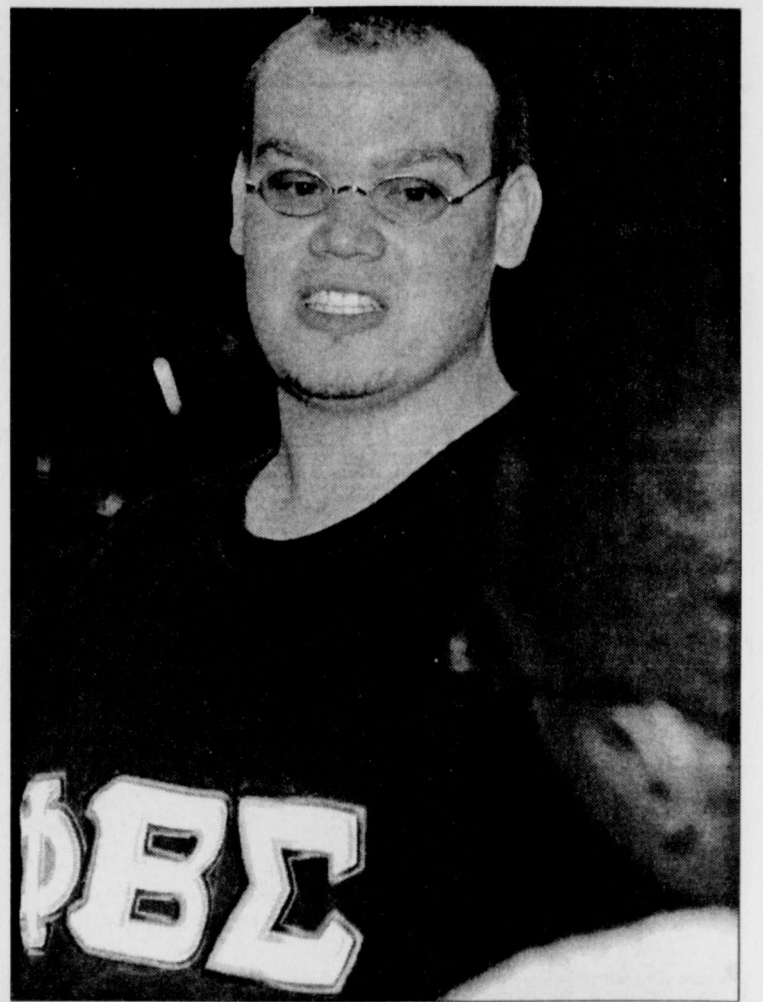
In turn, Gunn said organizations will share their cultures with each other and good things will come out of it.

Gunn said Pryer is setting an example, one that Gunn hopes will be followed.

Pryer said he is showing Tech students it can be done.

"It is something you have to want," he said.

Under Pryer's leadership, Franklin said members of the organization are more than just brothers, they are close friends.



CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer
CHAD PRYER, A junior communication studies major from Denver, talks about fund-raising ideas for the Phi Beta Sigma organization.

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Catholic Association offers weekly Mass for Tech students

By Natalie Worthen/Staff Reporter

The Catholic Student Association

is holding weekly Mass on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to noon in the Double T room at the

Student Union.

Marcel Lejeune, director of Catholic Campus Life for Students, said he brought up the idea for Mass on campus to Father Jim O'Connor, a priest at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

"I tossed around the idea since other universities have Mass on campus," he said.

Lejeune said this would provide students the opportunity to go to Mass on a regular basis in between classes.

O'Connor said he feels very excited to serve students on campus. "It is a great idea to have Mass on campus," he said. "It is very invigorating and a challenge. I hope to give students and faculty a chance to be enriched spiritually between classes."

He said he does not believe the

business of daily life will get in the way.

"I doubt people's schedules will conflict as much with mass for 30 minutes on Wednesdays," he said.

Jonathan Hill, Catholic Student Association advisor, said the CSA is renting the Double T room three weeks at a time and hopes to continue the weekly sessions for at least a year.

Hill said having Mass on campus would improve college life for catholic students.

"We will use Mass on campus to grow spiritually and provide people social and religious activities to help them get through their college years,"

he said. "There will be readings, short humblings by Father O'Connor, followed by communion."

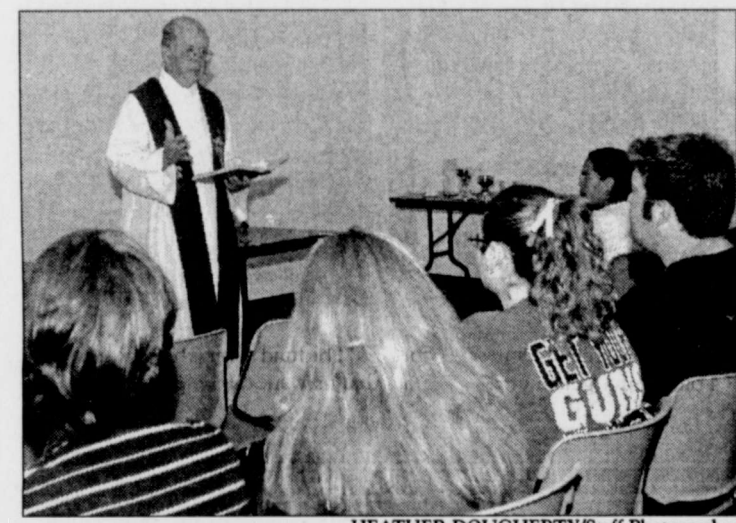
Nicole Pearson, senior history major from Flower Mound and president of CSA, said she enjoys being active in her religion, and hopes to make CSA more active on campus.

"Mass is very important for Catholics," she said. "Having it in-

cluded on campus is special. We hope to get more new students involved, as well as freshmen and transfer students."

Pearson said she hopes many students will appreciate the opportunity of Mass on campus.

"It's better than watching TV or reading some book that you don't want to read in between classes," she said.



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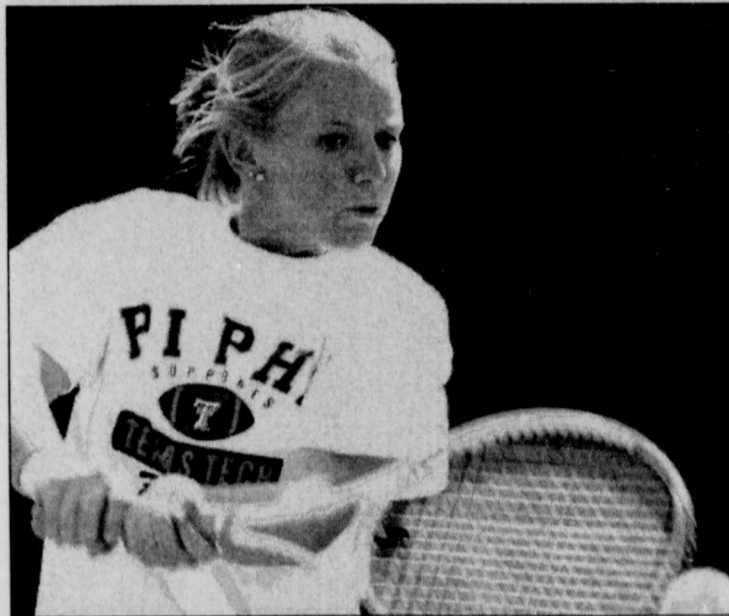
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Tech tennis squads on the road this weekend



TEXAS TECH'S KENDALL Brooks hits a backhand during practice. CRAIG SWANSON/Staff Photographer

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

After the loss of two graduated seniors from the Texas Tech tennis team, many may believe confidence is in short supply. All-Big 12 tennis stars, Royce Ramey and Richard Crabtree are gone and although their loss will be felt, this year's squad is running high on confidence.

Tech coach Tim Siegel said Ramey and Crabtree were two of the biggest contributors to the Tech program in the last couple of years, but Siegel also was excited about the newcomers to this year's group, freshmen Diedrik DeGroot and Radek Nijaki.

"Those two players can certainly play at the top of the lineup," Siegel said.

Nijaki has an elbow injury that

will likely hold him out of this week's New Mexico State Invitational, but Siegel hopes to have him back by the last tournament of the fall.

As for the New Mexico State Invitational this weekend, the other members of the team are excited about getting an opportunity to show what they can do. Aside from Tech, New Mexico, New Mexico State and Northern Arizona will be competing in the tournament.

Senior Alfonso Perez, who had a 14-5 record in single's tournaments last year, is anticipating the tournament.

"It gives us a chance to prove how we're going to be this year," Perez said. "It's a test to see how we're playing after the summer."

Siegel said he sees the tournament as a chance to evaluate his lineup and possible double's competition, which he can't evaluate as much in practice.

"You can practice over and over, but it's playing against other players in competition that gives me an idea," Siegel said.

The Tech women's tennis team also will be in competition this weekend in Fort Worth at the TCU Invitational.

That tournament will include TCU and Louisville as well as Tech.

Tech coach Virginia Brown said she sees an opportunity for her team and her three new freshmen to gain experience and said the tournament in past years have been strong.

"This gives us a chance to get a few matches under our belt," Brown said.

Senior captain Kendall Brooks said she also believes the tournament will be good for the freshmen on the team.

"It's good for them to see what D-1 tennis is like," Brooks said.

Brooks said the tournament will

be useful to see how much the team has improved since the summer.

Brown was optimistic when asked about this season and said the team is already a point better than last year and should be a point and a half better by January.

In January the team may receive one to two more freshmen depending on how the women perform on the worldwide SAT test held on Oct. 5.

Brooks said she must step up her leadership this season to be captain.

"I have to step up as a leader this year not only by example and vocally, but also in my game," Brooks said. "I've been looking to do that."

As for the first tournament, Brooks said it is a big step for the team and it is important for the team to get a good start.

"It only raises the confidence bar and sets the tone for the rest of the season," Brooks said.

Tech cross country crosses border for NMSU meet

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech cross country team, after competing at the University of New Mexico last week, will race at New Mexico State University this Saturday, a meet that both the men's and women's teams won last year. In the competition at UNM, the Red Raiders did well, with the men's team placing sixth overall and the women's squad finishing third.

Cross country coach Burke Binning said he was pleased with the women's overall performance.

"The girls had a pretty good meet," he said. "We had six place in the top 30."

He said he was happy to see individual girls perform well, specifically, junior Bridget Tidwell and sophomore Brionne Yosten.

"Bridget Tidwell placed third over-

all," Binning said. "She ran a smart race."

Yosten had difficulty finishing the race in the opening meet of the season prior to last week's competition at UNM, Binning said. He said he wanted to see everyone make it through the entire race.

"I had mentioned to the girls that if you start a race, you're going to finish," he said.

Yosten was able to finish the race at UNM.

"She had a breakout race," Binning said. "She really got after it, and I was impressed."

Yosten said the race was a good experience for her.

"It was a huge confidence builder for me," she said. "I've been struggling over the past year, and I needed a race like that."

Tidwell said she was glad to have done well, but she still sees room for

improvement in her racing.

"I'm not satisfied with that race," she said. "But I'm never satisfied with any race."

Placing third was a disappointment for Tidwell, she said because she lost a chance at second place late in the race.

"I would have been satisfied with second place," she said. "I got overtaken in the last 150 meters."

On the men's side, Binning said he was happy with Joseph McCellon's performance, as he is still recovering from injury over the summer. He still placed fifteenth overall.

McCellon said he was glad to have performed well individually, but he likes the way the team is coming together.

"It's coming along good," McCellon said. "Everything is coming together the way it should. By conference and regional (competition), we should be where we need to be."

Binning said he is optimistic about the upcoming competition at New Mexico but wants the team to change its strategies.

"It's a smaller meet," Binning said. "I'm looking for smarter racing tactics."

He also said he wants the team to be more cohesive this Saturday.

"I want both teams to work together," he said. "They need to feed off of each other."

Tidwell echoed her coach's thoughts on team racing. She said the individual racers finished with too great a disparity between times.

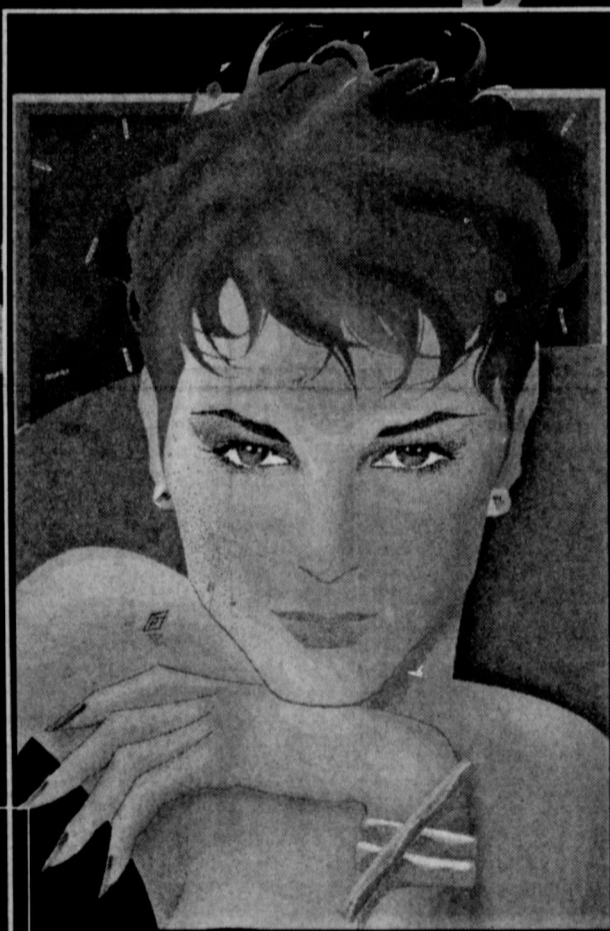
"As a team, we need to be more of a pack," she said. "We need to close the gap between times."

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