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Tech's Family Weekend events begin today

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

The Parent Relations Office is hosting their annual Family Weekend beginning today.

Family Weekend will be comprised of breakfasts, buffets, events at the Robert H. Ewalt Recreation Center, RaiderGate and events in Lubbock.

Parent Relations Director Trudy Putteet said Texas Tech has the largest turnout for Family Weekend in the Big 12 Conference.

"We sold 4,300 tickets for Saturday's game through our office alone - not through the athletics office," Putteet said.

A registration fee for Family Weekend al-

lows the Parent Relations office to provide T-shirts, giveaways and baskets of Tech goodies, in addition to hosting the events and meals.

For Friday's Family Fun Night & Feast, 1,260 people are expected to attend at the Student Union Ballroom and Courtyard. This event will entail a buffet, entertainment by Lanny Fiel and the Ranch Dance Fiddle Band, and a spirit rally. Parents and students are expected to have Saturday morning breakfast in the Student Union, estimated at a turnout of 1,130.

Putteet said what she is most excited about for this Family Weekend is something new within the realm of this year's western theme. A highlight of this theme is quilt patches par-

ents and families of Tech students have sewed for display and judging, Putteet said. The quilts display aspects of Tech life, the family's home and hometown, aspects of American life and some family interests such as sports or music. Putteet said she received more than 30 quilt pieces.

"Moms have sent in all kinds of squares of fabrics with amazing things on them," Putteet said.

The quilts will be on display at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Student Union Saturday.

Most people involved in parents weekend have a feeling of community and a willingness to be involved in their students' lives at Tech, Putteet said.

"This is the best time for people to come to Tech and meet their kids' friends and do things with their kids at Tech and in Lubbock," she said. "It has grown greatly in the past years."

Putteet added hotels are "booked solid from here to Snyder" for Family Weekend. The Parent Relations office said a recent survey of Tech services showed an overwhelmingly positive reaction to Family Weekend.

Stephanie Rhode, parent of two Tech students and member of Tech Parents Association, loved what the Association did and enjoyed events like Family Weekend so much she sought employment with the Parent Relations office.

"I loved what they were doing at things

like Family Weekend," Rhode said. "I believed in them so much I wanted to work for them."

Rhode added she has learned much from Family Weekends of past and established long-time relationships and contacts with other families and people she has met at Family Weekend. She also sees it as an opportunity to make existing relationships stronger. She said she has learned why people love Tech.

"I've been meeting parents from everywhere when I attend the Family Weekend events," Rhode said. "I live in Lubbock, and I didn't really realize why people wanted to come here. I've learned how special Tech is, when I

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Research aids area growth

By Michael Castellon/
Staff Reporter

Texas Tech researchers are working in conjunction with other entities across the state to aid depleting water resources on the Texas High Plains, while helping to boost the growth of agricultural production in the area.

Vivien Allen, a Thorton distinguished chairwoman in the department of plant and soil sciences, said the university has been collaborating with members of the agricultural community and state agencies to find methods of preserving water resources while optimizing profitability.

"There are a lot of people associated with this research," Allen said. "This is a very successful, collaborative effort."

Allen said the focus of the research is to find alternative crop irrigation and help preserve the water resources provided by the Ogallala Aquifer.

"One problem that we're trying to address is the depletion of water in the aquifer," she said.

Jim Conkwright, manager of High Plains Underground Water Station No. 1, said the agency offers support to the project in the form of grants and expertise.

"The aquifer is a mined resource," Conkwright said. "Its recharge falls short of replenishing the water used on an annual basis."

Area producers have been dependent on the Aquifers water supply to irrigate crops for nearly 60 years, a dependency that has taken its toll on the area's water supply, Conkwright said.

"The aquifer has been declining less in the past few years, though," Conkwright said. "Reasons for this include people implementing methods to conserve water, increase in the cost of fuel that it takes to run pumps on the wells and low crop prices."

Matt Baker, chairman of the Department of Agriculture Education and Communications, said the project plays a significant role in shaping the economical and social forecast of area agriculture.

"Good science doesn't make an impact if it's not adopted by the people in the field," he said. "The problems we're facing now are we have too much cotton being planted, depleting natural resources and the fact that this isn't economically viable. We realize it's going to be a long process and there isn't a quick fix to these problems."

Allen said entities involved in the research include the United States Dairy Association and Texas A&M University.

Allen said the success of the project, which recently finished its sixth year of operation, has resulted in a \$250,000 grant from the USDA.

"The bottom line here is we've re-

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JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer
CINDY RUGELEY, VICE chancellor for news and information, drops candy into Austin Hickle's bag, a child with the Texas Tech day care. All of the children in the day care went trick or treating in the Chancellor's Office Thursday afternoon.

Trick or TREAT

Employees in the Chancellor's Office give Halloween treats

By Erica Gonzales/Staff Reporter

Members of the Texas Tech Chancellor's Office anxiously waited in their office Thursday afternoon for the arrival of some Halloween visitors.

Children from the Children's Development Research Center dressed up as their favorite Halloween character and trick or treated in the Chancellor's Office. Following the trick or treating, the children went to the El Centro area in the Human Sciences building for caramel apples, arts and crafts and a game of musical chairs.

Members of the Chancellor's Office stood outside their offices with baskets of candy for the children, but

Chancellor David Smith was unable to attend.

Linda Wischkaemper, assistant to the chancellor, said the chancellor was attending an executive meeting that had been planned for a while.

"I'm sorry he couldn't be here this year because he really loves children," she said.

Last year, she said Smith squatted down and talked to each of the children.

"You could tell he loves children just by watching him," she said.

Cindy Rugeley, vice chancellor for news and information said she believes Smith was upset he could

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JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer
MELISSA DELOSSANTOS, A senior human development major from Seminole, passes glitter around to the kids from the Child Development Research Center so they can decorate pumpkins as part of the Halloween activities taking place in the El Centro of the Human Sciences building on Thursday afternoon.

Agroterrorism unlikely risk in Lubbock

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

West Texas is well known for its agriculture business. There are 65,700 farms and ranches, which are spread out throughout a 65,000-square mile area. Almost half of the region's population is rural, while farm income for the area is about \$5 billion annually.

Sorghum, corn, cotton and wheat are the major farm products and bring in a large fraction of the region's wealth, according to information compiled by Cary Green, an associate professor in Texas Tech's Plant and Soil Science Department.

Even though agriculture is a major issue in the region, the possibility of a terrorist attack on the industry is not on the forefront of most people's minds.

"It's not something that I think about," said Jamie Feagley, a freshman nursing major from Granbury, a sentiment echoed by many Tech students.

Green defined agricultural bioterrorism as "the deliberate usage of biological or chemical agents on crops, livestock or any component of the food supply system."

Kevin Pond, the chairman and professor in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences, said the risks are significant, and the consequences would be huge.

"Potentially, yes, it's quite large," he said of the damage of agroterrorism in the Lubbock area. "With 25 percent of the beef produced in the United States within 200 miles of Lubbock, it's quite important."

The agriculture industry is taking steps to pre-

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FDA releases lens warning

By Matthew Massie/Staff Reporter

The Food and Drug Administration issued a national warning Oct. 23 about the risks and possible dangers behind the wearing of non-corrective, cosmetic contact lenses that have been purchased or dispensed without the consent of a health care professional.

The doctor that notified the FDA of the problem and initiated the FDA to do a further investigation into the matter is Dr. Thomas Steinemann, chief of ophthalmology at Metrohealth Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

In October of 2001, Steinemann said he treated a patient from the inherent misuse of cosmetic soft contact lenses. His patient, high school sophomore Robin Rouse, had purchased a pair of green color contacts to wear with a matching set of clothes. Rouse then went to a party that night, came home, and when she awoke the next morning, found her eyes red and oozing pus from a bacterial infection. She spent four days in intensive care, and the scarring on her cornea was so severe Steinemann said he had to perform a cornea transplant.

Steinemann said he believes this problem exists because of a lack of education among those who use these soft contacts without the care of a physician.

"What people in the public must understand is that any medical device such as a contact lens, pacemaker or artificial organ, must be cared for responsibly. Especially in the case of soft lenses, as we had in

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The Rundown



State predicts 40 percent voter turnout **Federal Reserve shifts how it loans to banks** **Russia, France, China oppose U.S. resolution**

AUSTIN (AP) — Voter turnout for next week's elections will surpass 5 million, Secretary of State Gwyn Shea said Thursday, a rate of about 40 percent of registered voters and well ahead of 1998 when Texans last chose a governor.

Several factors, including the highly-competitive top races, strong early voting and voter registration efforts, figured into Shea's prediction.

Only 32.5 percent of registered voters — about 3.7 million — cast ballots in 1998 when then-Gov. George W. Bush easily won a second-term.

This year, Republican Gov. Rick Perry and Democrat Tony Sanchez, have waged a rough-and-tumble campaign for the Governor's Mansion and Democrat Ron Kirk and Republican Attorney General John Cornyn have engaged in their own spirited battle for U.S. Senate.

Those races and the race for lieutenant governor between Democrat John Sharp and Republican Land Commissioner David Dewhurst should lead to higher turnout this year, Shea said.

There are 12,563,459 Texans registered to vote in the Nov. 5 elections.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve on Thursday adopted a major change in how it lends money to banks. But Fed officials stressed that the move will not affect how they conduct their all-important interest rate policies aimed at supporting sustainable economic growth.

The Fed's seven-member board unanimously approved setting the interest rate charged to banks borrowing directly from the Fed above the central bank's target for the federal funds rate, the interest that commercial banks charge each other for overnight loans.

Currently, the federal funds rate, which is the Fed's major tool for influencing the economy, is at a 41-year low of 1.75 percent. The discount rate is one-half percentage point below that rate at 1.25 percent.

But starting on Jan. 9, the discount rate will be split into two rates, both higher than the federal funds rate.

The primary discount rate for sound banks seeking to borrow from the Fed will be set initially 1 percentage point higher than the funds rate target. There will also be a secondary discount rate, available to troubled banks having problems borrowing from commercial banks, that will be set initially 1.5 percentage points higher than the funds rate.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.S. demand for speedy U.N. action on Iraq has run into strong opposition from Russia, France and China, who want Washington to change a draft resolution and eliminate any license for the United States to attack Baghdad on its own.

The three powerful Security Council members want to ensure that Iraq is given a chance to cooperate with U.N. weapons inspectors before any military action is authorized — and they are now waiting to see what the United States and Britain are going to do to address their concerns.

"It's time for some careful thinking about what next," Britain's U.N. Ambassador Jeremy Greenstock said Thursday. "I think the United States and the United Kingdom need to absorb the results of the last three council meetings."

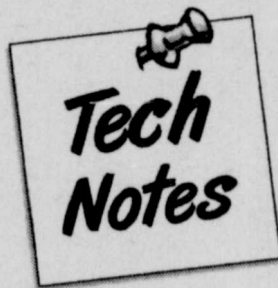
After Wednesday's third council session on the U.S. proposal, Russia's deputy U.N. ambassador Gennady Gatilov said Moscow still has "quite a number of problems" with the U.S. draft, centered on the automatic authorization to use force.

The U.S. and British consultations on possible changes to the U.S. draft, coupled with Friday's handover of the Security Council presidency from Cameroon to China and next Tuesday's U.S. election, have pushed back the timetable for a U.N. vote.

DEVILISH DONATION



LINDSAY BARCLAY/Staff Photographer
JAY LOPEZ WITH United Blood Services takes blood from Amber Husmann, a freshman petroleum engineering major from Amarillo, at the Bring Your Own Blood Halloween Blood Drive in the library on Thursday.



The 10th Annual Take a Kid to the Game Day will be Nov. 9 for Texas Tech's football game against Oklahoma State. Students and student organizations can still register to take part in the tradition of taking 1,000 underprivileged children to the game. For more information, contact Britta Tye at (806) 742-2192 or Leigh Mauer at (806) 742-3631. Registrations will be accepted until Friday.

The Lady Raider basketball team will hold an intrasquad scrimmage at 3 p.m. Sunday in the United Spirit Arena before its opening game Nov. 10 at the State Farm Classic against Louisiana Tech. There will be a practice beforehand starting at 2 p.m. Fans are encouraged to attend the practice and scrimmage, and admission is free. **Early voting** will be on campus from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Union. Today is the last day for early voting.

Room and Board payments are due in the housing office today. **Requests to change** residence halls or rooms must be turned in today to respective halls. **Smart-Fest registration** is currently under way. Applications are available in Room 103 Holden Hall. Smart-Fest is a competition sponsored by Eta Omicron Nu and serves as the campus qualifier for the regional College Bowl competition. For more information contact Nathan Poerner at poerner1235@hotmail.com or Becky Davidson at (806) 742-1828.

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

"Justice in the Sky" Get Out and Vote Tour will make a stop in the forum of the Texas Tech School of Law at 11 a.m. today. U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison will be one of the Republican candidates speaking.

Register your organization, office or department to be a part of the Tech CAN Share Food Drive. The drive is Nov. 4 through Nov. 8. The goal is to raise 27,000 pounds of food for the Center for Campus Life. For more information visit www.campuslife.ttu.edu. Food can be taken to the Student Union during the drive.

A Libertarian Party Candidate forum will take place at 7 p.m. Monday in the Lubbock Room of the Student Union. The Campus Libertarians are hosting the event. For more information contact Greg Fisher at campus.libertarians@ttu.edu.

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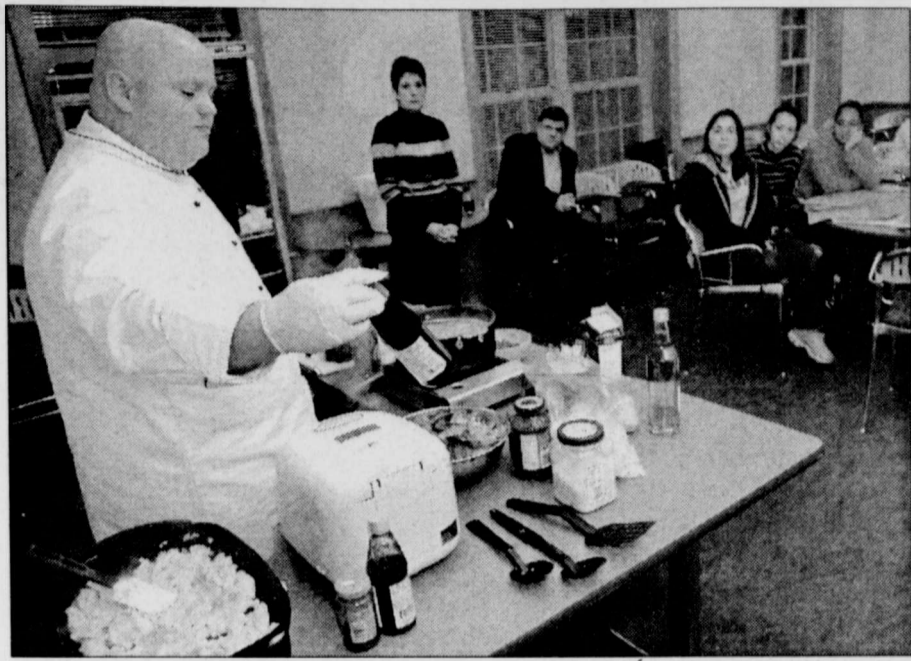
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EXECUTIVE CHEF FOR Hospitality Services Rocky Rockwell displays the various sauces used in healthy cooking Wednesday evening on the second floor of Carpenter/Wells.

Health habits topic in seminar

By Jacqueline Marshall/Staff Reporter

Dr. Donna Bacchi, associate professor at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, presented a healthy life seminar Wednesday at Carpenter/Wells, along with Rocky Rockwell, executive chef for Hospitality Services.

Bart Talley, associate administrator of Carpenter/Wells, organized the seminar.

Talley said he wanted to have a nutritional program, which demonstrates how to cook healthy food.

"This is a good life skill; I want to come up with helpful things for students to use after they leave Tech," Talley said.

Bacchi said all students should learn how to become healthy by eating healthy food, exercising and learning the effects of tobacco and alcohol consumption.

"Habits now can be beneficial or harmful

in the future: not using tobacco, drinking moderate amounts of alcohol, and food and exercise," Bacchi said.

Problems that can occur are high blood pressure, obesity and diabetes in the long run if bad habits form, Bacchi said.

"Students need to develop healthy living habits now so that later they don't develop chronic diseases," Bacchi said.

Talley said he wants to expand the idea of students having a healthy lifestyle campuswide.

He said eating disorders are also a problem in the college atmosphere; 18- to 25-year-olds are most susceptible, Talley said.

Talley said he wants to make this a series for all of Tech campus, instead of just focusing on Carpenter/Wells because of the importance of living a healthy lifestyle.

Rockwell, executive chef in the department of operations, said he is working with

the administration to get a healthier diet for students. Options are offered now in the cafeterias, but the majority of students do not eat the healthier choice.

Bacchi discussed the importance of eating healthy as she passed out fliers on diet tips, a food guide pyramid and labels from food items. She demonstrated how to read food labels to determine healthy food items from unhealthy ones.

Bacchi received all of her fliers and pamphlets from Student Health Services, which are available to all students.

"The public in general is misguided when looking at labels," said Bacchi.

Talley, Bacchi and Rockwell are working together in creating new ways to get the importance of living a healthy lifestyle across to the entire student body. Talley is now organizing a similar seminar campuswide.

GPSGA opens graduate center

By Jacqueline Marshall/Staff Reporter

The Graduate and Professional Student Government Association has opened a graduate resource center open for all graduate students to use.

The center is located in 233 Administration, said Deidre Parish president of GPSGA from Lubbock.

Parish said the resource center has computers, printers, a copy machine, fax machine, a conference area and office space available free to graduate students.

The GPSGA also offers funding for organizations and travel grants for individuals.

"We offer funding for students; we have given out over \$7,000 in travel grants," said Parish.

Parish said the center has information on scholarships, job resources and is working along with the Student Government Association. The GPSGA has a graduate congress,

which is trying to establish programs such as child care and married-student housing on campus.

One of the goals the congress is trying to work is getting graduate students more recognition and graduate student discounts.

Parish said they also try to help the international students, which make up a large percentage of the graduate population, find housing, banking. They also help them adjust to the culture.

"We want to be a support group for graduate students," Parish said.

Ronald Anderson, dean of the Texas Tech graduate school, said the graduate school's departments have concentrated on recruiting graduates by increasing teaching assistant positions and waiving and reducing school fees.

Anderson said many of these contributions have helped with increasing enrolment. There has been a 12.6

percent increase in enrolment this year.

"I'm pleased with the growth of quality and number of graduate students," Anderson said.

"Having a strong graduate program is important to the growth and stature of the university,"

Parish said there are more than 4,000 graduate students attending Texas Tech this year, and she encourages people to come to the GPSGA meetings, which are held once a month.

The GPSGA's next meeting is at 5 p.m. Nov. 20 in the 001 College of Education.

Parish said graduate students interested in being apart of GPSGA's Congress can call Parish at (806) 742-4338.

Michael Herrera, a teaching assistant and a graduate student from San Antonio said he would look in to being a part of the GPSGA.

"If there was an exercise sports science club for graduate students, I would be interested in being a candidate," Herrera said. "The graduate school definitely needs to be represented more, having more activities and social events, but I think that this is a good start to accomplishing those goals."



Task force discusses student regent position

The newly formed Student Regent Task Force convened Wednesday evening to discuss plans for placing a student on the Board of Regents and electing executives to the committee.

Positions appointed are as follows: Isaac Albarado as task force director; Shannon Campbell as executive director; Heath Cheek as deputy director of legislative affairs; and Tanner Sykes as deputy director for student and university relations.

The Task Force, Cheek said, decided upon the committee that would choose the representative from Tech's University system.

"We went over GPA requirements, number of hours necessary to apply for the appointment and composition of the committee to decide," Cheek said.

Cheek said each Tech campus, of which there are six, will select a representative for the committee. The chancellor will choose three faculty members; therefore, six students and three faculty members will choose the top three runners for the position.

"We may make it so that they choose three names, our first choice and two alternatives," Cheek said.

The Regent Task Force exists with the hope of placing a student from every

university system in Texas on the Board of Regents as a participating, voting member, Albarado said.

There are 10 individual systems in the state of Texas, such as North Texas, Tech, University of Texas, Texas A&M, University of Houston and others.

Albarado said the next step will be to approach local state representatives with the Task Force's initiative, write letters to the lieutenant governor, speaker of the house and governor about their intentions and speak with the Board of Regents in February when it meets in Austin.

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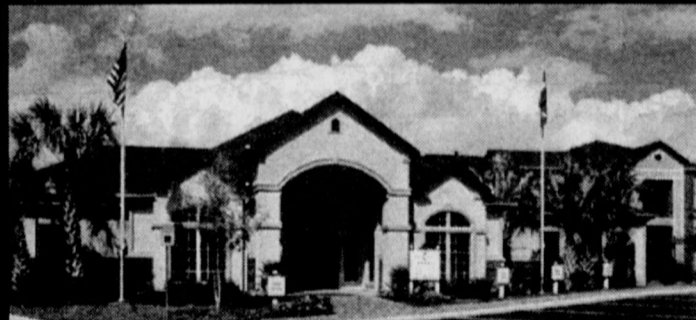
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Gay athletes should step up to bat

There has been quite a stir made in the Texas Tech community as of late on the topic of homosexuality. Whether it is right or wrong cannot possibly be argued. Is it natural or not? This is another question with both sides having legitimate arguments. One thing that is obvious about homosexuality is its acceptance in the sporting world.

Homosexuality exists. There is nothing that can be done about it, even if a certain part of the population disagrees with it. Gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender people are striving for acceptance every day. They complain about the roadblocks in their way to success and the old-fashioned conservatives who reject their way of life.

The fact of the matter is that homosexuals do not have noticeable role models. There are gay athletes in the world, but they do not come out. If a gay athlete were to make public his or her sexual orientation, I believe homosexuality would be more accepted because it would motivate the gay community to be proud of who they are. (As a disclaimer, I am hetero.)

Athletes in team sports have come out in the past, but after their careers. Gay athletes playing individual sports do not have to face the ridicule and questioning of dozens

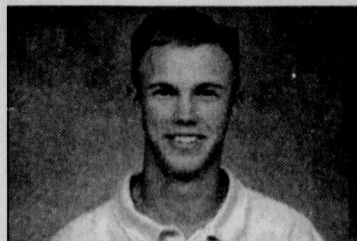
of teammates, which is why I believe a few tennis players, figure skaters, divers and swimmers came out during their careers.

Why don't athletes come out? Some doctors say it is because the amazing amount of stress involved with the media attention would hurt the players psyche more than anything. Some argue that by keeping it in, the athlete is hurting their performance by having something hidden in the back of their minds. On the other side of that argument is that by coming out, it would relieve the athlete and increase his or her performance.

Gay athletes have not come out of the closet because of the hostility in sports toward homosexuality. Male athletes are supposed to be masculine, and the thought of a gay athlete disturbs a number of professional athletes. Also by coming out, a gay athlete may receive harsh treatment, scrutiny, discrimination and hatred exponentially more than that received by Jackie Robinson when he broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball.

Legendary football coach Vince Lombardi once said: "When a football player loses his supreme confidence in his super-masculinity, he is in deep trouble."

Homophobia is present in sports. It is no surprise, but until a team sport athlete comes out during their career



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it will always be there, and never be accepted.

Esera Tualo recently came out on HBO's "Real Sports" and in ESPN The Magazine. Tualo had a nine-year career in the NFL and kept his lifestyle a secret. On the show, he credited his early retirement to fear. He was afraid of what would happen to him if he made his homosexuality public. To cover his orientation he would leave bars with women because he feared the implications of being found out.

The editor of Out magazine told media in May he had been in a long-term relationship with a Major League Baseball superstar from New York. The editor would not release his partner's name because of the possible implications it would have on his career.

Following this statement, rumors began to spread that the player was Mike Piazza. Piazza held a press conference to say he was not gay. That is how fearful athletes are of homosexuality.

The fear gay athletes have and the

fear their teammates have will never subside until someone steps up to the plate and faces it. Until that day, gay athletes will always live in fear.

NFL agent Leigh Steinberg told ESPN's "Outside the Lines," "Look, I think it would be much easier, in many senses, to be convicted of robbery and serve time, then come play in Major League Baseball or the NFL, than be gay."

The amount of hostility is unreal, and if the general population percentages are applied to sports there are 75 to 150 gay NFL players.

So what? There are gay athletes, but no one knows whom. If the public knew who these athletes were, the gay community would have someone to look up to. Role models for little boys and girls who love sports could serve double duty. Gay athletes could continue to be heroes to American children, and the gay community could praise them for their honesty and bravery to be who they are in a severely masculine and unresponsive world.

According to a survey conducted by Witeck-Combs Communications and Harris Interactive, the American public is ready and willing to accept an openly gay athlete. Sixty-five percent said they would not change their opinion of a "favorite" male athlete if he revealed his homosexuality. Of those surveyed 76 percent said they would refer to him with positive words like "honest," "courageous" and "he-

roic." Sixty-five percent also said they would have the same standing for a "favorite" female athlete.

A survey conducted by ESPN asked, "If your favorite player announced he was gay, would that make a difference?" When the numbers are examined by states, not one had a majority of its voters say "Yes."

Because of the protests, rallies, threats and hateful words thrown around Tech recently, I think it is time for the gay community to have a role model in its fight for acceptance. I call to action gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender athletes professional or collegiate to be proud of whom they are. Become a role model for your community. It is sad to see the discrimination and persecution of homosexuals when their potentially most influential figures stay closeted.

By not revealing who they are, gay athletes, and coaches for that matter, are disrespecting themselves and wearing a mask of ambiguity. People may debate that homosexuality is unnatural, but the most unnatural thing of all is not being yourself.

Research for this column was found at www.harrisinteractive.com, newsday.com and ESPN. For a brief history of gay athletes visit <http://espn.go.com/ot/world/timeline.html>.

To learn more about Esera Tualo read this week's issue of ESPN The Magazine.

Having reasons more important than answers

As the campus becomes entangled in a never-ending debate over evolution, it becomes more important to determine your own beliefs on the subject. As the talk of legal action consumes us, you will undoubtedly be asked the question "What do you think?" "What are your feelings on evolution?" It is important to have an answer to the question, but more important to have a reason behind the question. Why? On this subject, there are not many people on the fence. This topic, among many others rated in the red zone of controversy, are not topics to be indecisive about. Because of this, people are adamant about being right. Consequently, providing a reason of just because that's what I believe, will only feed the fire to the opposing argument.

It is also important to form an opinion of your own.

Not the opinion of your parents or your teachers or your friends. By truly believing in your opinion, you are more equipped to defend yourself against a foe.

When many people hear the word evolution, the defense mechanisms immediately come out. The fact that the simple utterance of the word evolution can immediately cease all intelligent debate is only a fraction of the controversy the actual topic can cause. However, contrary to what many believe, religion

has a connotation of similar strength. When people hear religion, they put up the spikes of defense.

In observing the world, there are a few kinds of people. On the right, you have the person who really doesn't care about anything; they just go with the flow. On the left, you have the person who is strong in their beliefs to the point of being an activist.

Under the umbrella of science and religion, the majority of people have made up their mind. There is no argument that could possibly change their mind on anything dealing with these topics.

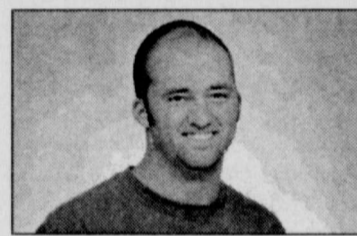
From the science standpoint, a scientist sees only that which can be expressed as science. From the religious standpoint, a theologian bases decisions on faith.

Faith is kind of a controversy in itself, especially to scientists. Science is based on observation, and faith, by definition, is unobservable. And so, the two sides collide.

To many scientists, the theory of evolution is not the theory of evolution; it is the law of evolution. Many scientists would concede that there is mountainous evidence to consider the theory of evolution a fact.

Theologians, on the other hand, want nothing to do with evolution; it is a tool of the devil himself. What about, however, a scientist who also is religious?

Can a scientist, who has been taught through years of classes from



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experts on the subject, claim that evolution did not occur? Absolutely.

As mentioned before, religion is not based on fact; it is based on faith. Webster's defines faith as "complete trust." To be religious, one must possess faith, but to be a scientist, faith never enters the picture. It goes against the paradigm of science to base anything on faith, so why should evolution be any different? By a scientist conceding to faith and denouncing evolution as a fallacy, is the scientist denying the very nature of his existence? If you ask a scientist, the answer is yes. If you ask a religious person, the answer is of course, no.

When many people begin to talk about evolution, there is really no argument for the other side. The talks of evolution are debated by scientists who have knowledge of science, but no faith to present an argument for the other side. Consequently, if the theory of evolution is debated and maintained by people who believe in evolution and present no argument for the other side, is the theory of evolution valid? The answer is tricky. Keep in mind that it

is still known as the theory of evolution. Just because it is in a book does not make it so.

Many would concede that there is, in fact, evidence for the presence of evolution, whether they are religious or not.

Evolution is defined as "theory that the various kinds of plants and animals are descended from other kinds that lived in earlier times and that the differences are due to inherited changes that occurred over many generations." Briefly put, there once was an amoeba named Neil, and twenty billion or so years later, Neil is now my dad.

To evolutionists, the amoeba, or unicellular organism of some kind, eventually evolved into a two-celled organism. Why? Because the organism needed to adapt to its environment to become more efficient. The two-celled organism eventually adapts to its environment to become more efficient, maybe it has four cells now.

And the process continues for billions of years. This would suggest that the organism would be adapting to changes in environment, or climate. This notion begs a serious question. If the climate of a certain geographic location is the same, why would there not be same development of organisms? Why, for example, does this group of cells eventually adapt into a tree, while this group of cells eventually adapts into a pig?

If you are starting with one cell, and over time, the cells that are the strongest survive, then that would mean that

the cells weakest would die off. So, consequently, if the cells are in the same environment, selecting for the same types of traits to better themselves, and make them stronger, how could there possibly be more than one organism per geographic area? The scientific answer is movement of land compounded by a changing climate over time. And, consequently, the scientific answer makes quite a bit of sense.

However, as a man of faith, I cannot concede to the theory of evolution. I am not basing my decision on the denouncing of scientific evidence, but on the exclamation of faith in a higher being.

As a human, I cannot possibly begin to "think" away this controversy. I cannot begin to divulge into the "mind" of God, and I do not think I should anyway. I admit that there is evidence to change the theory of evolution to fact, but I feel that there also are too many questions left with the answer of "over a billion or so years." So, being on the fence as far as science goes, faith pulls me across the line.

The world is full of debate on an everyday basis. Evolution is one of the increasingly controversial debates taking place right underneath our noses. It is my humble little wish that over the next couple of weeks, as the debate increases particularly on this campus, that you form an opinion of your own, whatever that may be. Opinions are opinions, and that is what makes the world go round.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fans who throw objects are cowards

As an alumnus of Texas Tech University and as band director of the Goin' Band From Raiderland, I am proud of the great support students have given our band and the football team this year. Student attendance and enthusiasm at games has been tremendous ... and thanks for staying to the end with us!

The Tech Band traveled to Boulder, Colo., this past weekend in support of the Red Raiders. Much like our "tortilla tradition," their student section throws marshmallows — at least that's the "party-line."

Those of us involved with bands, cheers, poms, etc. who are on the field know differently. The innocent throwing of seemingly harmless food items offers a platform of opportunity for some to "step outside the box." On Saturday, our band members were pelted mainly by marshmallows — no harm done. However, mixed in with the throwing of those harmless marshmallows were tennis balls, golf balls, batteries, lemons, water bottles, hot dogs, beer cans, etc. Students, who do this against students who are trying to proudly represent their university, show total disregard for possible permanent injury to eyes, teeth, expensive instruments, uniforms, etc. In my opinion, these people are cowards who

hide behind the innocent, harmless "traditions" in order to get their kicks by anonymously getting away with something they know is really wrong. You cross the line when you damage property or injure someone. Isn't that the basic way the sniper worked in the recent tragedies in our nations capital? Those individuals used the freedom we have in this country to murder innocent, unsuspecting fellow humans. In no way do I intend to equate our incident with those tragedies, but they do have the same roots of selfishness, irresponsibility and lack of remorse or concern about the feelings of others.

In the upcoming weeks, we will have visitors to our campus. You will determine how those individuals perceive the Tech student community. You never get a second chance to make a good first impression. If you must throw tortillas, I ask that you do not use the Baylor and Texas bands as targets — they are innocent just like we were in Boulder. Our band members have a rather low opinion of the students at Colorado, although it was only a few of their students making the bad decisions. They made their impression on us however as a collective group, not just a few. I'm sure many letters will be sent and many articles will be written concerning their actions.

When I think of sportsmanship, I think of Nebraska and their fans. When I think of bad places to take our band, the list is short, but now includes Colorado. Yes, it's difficult for

game management to control individual students, but should they have to?

Hopefully, we have some pride that will prevent serious injury to others. Students should want to show class and assume responsibility when being a "billboard for the university." Tech students have already been accused of costing our team a penalty. That's sad and could hurt the team's outcome, but only minor when compared to the possibility of someone losing an eye for life. Spectators in the stands or students performing in spirit groups have the right to expect safety at any sporting event. It's your choice. How does the Tech student body wish to be judged by participants and fans from other schools? Again, I'm proud of your support for our band and hope that you will be "good sports" when it comes to our guests and visitors in the future! Remember, it's only a game! Go Tech!

- Keith Bearden is the band director at Texas Tech.

Duff disrespects U.S. belief system

In Duff's dramatic and oversimplified article on the conflict between evolution and religion, he creates an argument stressing the importance of respect for science, fact and reason. And, while I agree, these are often overlooked important principles in governing day-to-day thought, respect is exactly what Dini seems to be lack-

ing.

From the picture Duff paints, Dini is denying a recommendation letter to a student on the grounds that he or she does not "believe" in the theory of evolution. While Dini certainly has no obligation to write letters of recommendation to certain students, using this "belief" in evolution as a requirement for such a letter is unfair, irresponsible and flat out wrong.

Dini has no right whatsoever to deem a student fit or unfit for a particular position or institution based on that student's beliefs.

Because that's what we are dealing with beliefs. Every student on this campus has certain beliefs, biases and prejudices we carry with us every day. The extent we use these predetermined caveats in the creation of our opinions and decisions however is entirely our own business. Not Dini, nor anyone else for that matter, can rightfully declare or infer that such beliefs affect school or job performance in any way, and therefore cannot be used against the particular student who harbors them. Basing selection on a student's standard of beliefs rather than experience and performance is just plain wrong.

We live in a society that allows people to think and act freely. The United States celebrates and defends diversity in faith and thinking. I myself am not a religious person, nor do I find any truth in creationism. That said, a student who does is no less qualified than I am to study biology and pursue a career in medicine. As

Americans should be allowed to hold such beliefs and ideals without being judged or discriminated against.

- Blake Baldwin is a junior political science major from Houston

Jason Lenz column shows lack of respect

This letter is in reference to the column "Are all observances warranted?" by Jason Lenz on Wednesday. I did not appreciate the remarks made concerning Oct. 22 or International Stuttering Awareness Day. I am a senior in the Communication Disorders Department at TTUHSC pursuing a degree in Speech-Language Pathology. As a speech-language pathologist, I will be treating people who stutter.

More than 30 people in my stuttering class worked very hard on projects to increase people's awareness about stuttering on Oct. 22. This day was to make people aware of this problem, not to celebrate that people have a problem speaking. If you are one of the people who are blessed by not having a physical ailment then you should not be making fun of other people who are not so fortunate. For instance did you know that Julia Roberts, James Earl Jones, Bruce Willis, Winston Churchill, Marilyn Monroe, George Washington and Moses all stuttered?

In the words of John Stossel, who is a reporter for ABC's, 20/20 and a stutter, "give me a break."

- Amanda Sisson is a speech language pathology major from Lubbock

Family

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hear what other people have to say about it."

Students also look forward to Family Weekend as a good time to see their families and spend time with them, when most students may not see their parents often. Rhode speculated the family coming the farthest is hailing from Puerto Rico; Putteet said she thinks the farthest is coming from Okinawa.

"That's something we probably won't know for sure until after the weekend," Putteet said.

Erin Quon, a senior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from El Paso, said her parents have always come to Family Weekend and are very involved in Tech Parents.

"By coming to Family Weekend, my parents get to get something out of my being here, too," Quon said. "It's always good to see them, too."

Contacts

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Robin's case, it is very easy for bacteria from a person's hands to live and breed in the tear film of a contact because of the high water content of the lenses."

Dr. Steven Matthews of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center said he agrees.

"Non-corrective soft contacts are just like any other normal soft lenses," Matthews said. "And anytime you have a patient that has not been taught to care for these types of medical devices correctly, for instance sleeping with the contacts still in the eye, not cleaning the contacts properly or trading the contacts with another person, then you heighten the risk of possible infection."

Ben Hampton, a freshman, seems to embody the ill education among the public that Steinemann and Matthews both believe is the problem.

"Yea, I think the lenses are cool, and I would buy them," Hampton said. "But I wouldn't expect to have to care for them or even know how to care for them like a normal lens; and I didn't know that I could risk losing my vision because of it."

Steinemann told *The University Daily* he made an initial report to the FDA because he was concerned his patient (Rouse) had been able to buy the lenses at a local video store.

After a year of these kinds of reports coming into the FDA from other doctors, an order was issued to "determine automatically all decorative contact lenses presented at American ports of entry," according to the FDA's Web site.

Non-corrective lens products coming into the country were then seized, and products being sold by unlicensed businesses were pulled from the shelves. There had been an attempt made to outlaw the sale of such lenses over the counter to the public, but in most cases manufacturers and sellers of the products cited they were not subject to strict regulation by law because cosmetic lenses do not actually correct vision,

according to the FDA and the Center for Devices and Radiological Health.

"I think that there are many people out there in the contact lens market who are selling these devices in an irresponsible way," Steinemann said. "And as long as we continue to allow unlicensed vendors to sell these types of products with no strings attached, I think people that use these devices without the proper education will continue to be at high risk of infection. The bottom line is that people must seek an eye care exam and the education of how to wear and care for a lens from an ophthalmologist or licensed eye care physician."

It is now one year later, and 15-year-old Robin Rouse is in good recovery from the transplant she received last year, Steinemann said.

"This is something that will follow Robin for the rest of her life because she still has some healing to do, and she will have to take rejection medication because of her transplanted cornea," Steinemann said. "But I think that this case should be a wake-up call for all of us, not only in the field of ophthalmology, but in the public as well."

Terrorism

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vent such an attack on the nation's food supply, he said. Farms and ranches have increased security and cut down on vehicle traffic on the property, as well as allowing less access to outside people.

The U.S. food supply is safer than most countries in the industrialized world. The inspection services and regulations are unsurpassed, Pond said.

"Our standards of production and quality are higher," he said.

However, accidents do happen in the agriculture business.

A large percentage of the work force on farms and ranches is from Mexico, which has not eradicated many animal diseases the United States has.

When these workers go home after work, they can pick up bacte-

ria or viruses and contaminate livestock.

Anthrax also appears sporadically, according to information from the House Research Organization. However, Pond said the United States has not had a naturally occurring anthrax case in about 60 years, although it does occur in other countries.

Michael Hickey, an independent agriculture consultant in Lubbock, said he has not been concerned about the issue. However, farmers and ranchers in the Northern Panhandle area, where there is a large amount of livestock, held a conference to discuss issues related to agriculture.

They talked about the possibility of a terrorist using a method similar to crop dusting to spray a disease, such as hoof-and-mouth disease, over a herd of animals, which could severely cripple the farm.

"That would wreak a lot of havoc," Hickey said. "There would be a couple million dead cattle out there."

Researchers

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duced water consumption by 21 percent," she said. "We've also reduced nitrogen levels by 41 percent. This is extremely important based on the fact that nitrogen is energetically expensive."

Baker said the project will work to improve agricultural production on the South Plains, an industry that has taken significant hits in past years due in part to a failing economic climate and shifting social structures of communities involved in agriculture.

"I think we're in a transitional period," he said. "I think we need to focus on taking producers that are 90 percent dependent on cotton and transitioning them to a more diversified and productive market."

Baker cited the community of Floydada's expansion to pumpkin production and Idalou's interest in apple orchards as examples of communities making initiatives to explore alternative crop production in light of a slowing cotton industry.

"But a lot of communities are getting frustrated and throwing their hands

up in the air not knowing what to do," he said.

Baker said the university is currently examining the social base of agricultural communities in an effort to understand the future of agriculturalists.

"We need to examine the human capital and the social capital and make something possible," he said. "We have some real stars in these communities that are willing to stand up and make it happen."

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not make it because the staff anticipates the arrival of the children on Halloween.

"They're just so fun, and they get so excited," she said.

She said it is always interesting to see the costumes the children wear, and there is always a large bunch visiting.

Rugeley said the students who work in the Chancellor's office have a good time passing out candy.

"It's just one of those things that everyone really enjoys doing," she said.

Children walked in dressed in costumes such as a ladybug, a pumpkin, an elephant and as characters Buzz Light-year and Woody from the Disney's "Toy Story" movies.

Jackie Driskill, assistant director for the Children's Research and Development Center, said more than 40 children partook in the event, from ages six weeks to five years old.

She said the children have been trick or treating at the Administration building for about seven years.

"What the children like the best is they get to dress up in something special," she said.

Afterwards, the children attended activities set up in the Human Sciences building.

The activities included face painting, musical chairs, arts and crafts and an obstacle course, while caramel apples also were given away.

Ashley Adkins, a senior psychology major from Houston and student assistant for the CDRC, said she enjoys participating in the Halloween event because the children make it worthwhile.

"I love it, they make me smile," she said. "I was in class all day and when I came here, I had to smile and laugh."



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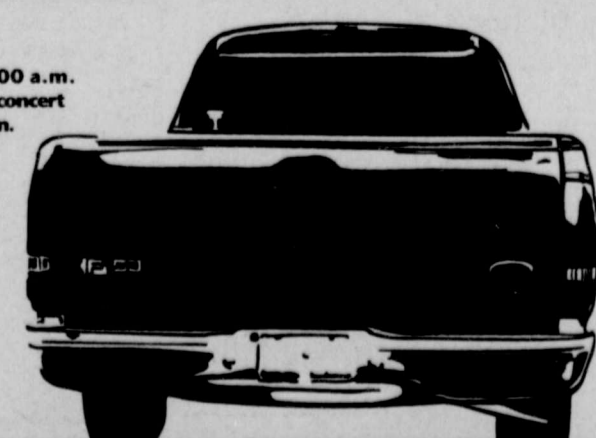
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Day of the Dead brings culture back to life

By Lynette Jubay/Staff Reporter

It is a celebration of life and a mock of death, a day of joy and a day of remembrance of those who have passed on. It is Dia de los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead, which celebrates life and death.

The celebration of Day of the Dead comprises of a four-site processional at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the International Cultural Center at Texas Tech. The celebration will move to the School of Art from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the Lubbock Regional Arts Center from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and the Buddy Holly Center from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Jane Bell, director of special projects for the International Cultural Center, was in charge of organizing the activities for the center. She said the Day of the Dead started as a Mexican tradition thousands of years ago in which it is be-

lieved those who have departed are able to come back for one day and enjoy the food and music they enjoyed while alive.

JBell said the four main art centers in Lubbock decided to join together to celebrate the Day of the Dead.

"We wanted to maintain the idea of a processional," Bell said. "So, we decided since we had four art centers and galleries, we could generate that sort of energy and electricity."

Bell said traditional celebrations include family and friends going to the cemetery and spending the day with their loved ones. She said those who go to the cemetery light candles, bring food and drinks and spend the whole day there.

Bell said in order to tie the centers together, each site will have different pieces of a skeleton that will come together to make the full skeleton.

Bell described the atmosphere as being "merry and jolly." Bell said each site will have different exhibits, artwork and music. Food also will be provided, thanks to Rosa's Cafe.

Bell said the cultural center will have an ofrenda, an offering or altar, honoring Diego Rivera, a famous Mexican muralist. She said the ofrenda is another Mexican ritual practiced during the Day of the Dead. The ofrenda consists of a table covered with artwork, food, drinks and candles.

Tina Fuentes, a professor at the School of Art, has been teaching at Tech for 16 years. Fuentes came up with the idea of celebrating the Day of the Dead in Lubbock seven years ago.

Fuentes said the celebration started with an art exhibit at the Lubbock Fine Arts Center. She said the people's interest in the exhibit furthered the celebra-

tion into what is now, the procession.

Fuentes said Day of the Dead is an opportunity for people to come together and celebrate.

"Even though we are looking at death, we are looking at an area of life that is inevitable," Fuentes said. "But, we look at it with more of a happy celebration type of approach."

Jesse Eiche, a sophomore sculptor major from Houston, created a print for the Day of the Dead, which is on display in the School of Art. She said the process of making a print is a long and tedious project and has worked on the print for about two weeks.

Eiche attended the procession activities for the first time last year and said she enjoyed it.

"It's seriously fun," Eiche said. "It's really cultural and an experience. It brings Lubbock into a new light."



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Red Raiders to play for pride in final match

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

In a season that could not end soon enough for the Red Raiders, the end is almost near. The Texas Tech soccer team will play its final game of the season at 7 p.m. today against Baylor at R.P. Fuller Stadium. Tech started the season 2-0 but has not won a game since, bringing the Raiders' record to 2-16 overall, 0-9 Big 12 Conference play and removing Tech from contention for the Big 12 Tournament.

Baylor (7-9-2 overall, 1-6-2 Big 12) also is out of contention for a berth in the Big 12 Tournament. Since neither team gains anything with a win, Tech players said honor is at stake. Sophomore forward Michaela Roberts said Tech has no reason not to play well in its final match.

"This game is for pride," she said. "If anything, we have something to gain. We can still come out and pull it together."

She said Tech is going to be ready to play tonight. Even though the Raiders have struggled, she said there is still a desire to play.

"This will show our character," she said. "We'll come out guns blazing. Our personality and our energy are still there."

Junior midfielder and team captain Kerri Campbell said she has personal reasons for wanting to get a win versus Baylor, since she has experience playing with some of members of the Bears' team. "It's definitely pride for me," she said. "About half their team played on my club team so, of course, I want to win."

Tonight also is senior night, and the team's only senior, defender and team captain Lindsey Wile, will be

recognized. Wile will be starting her 76th consecutive game for the Raiders, making her only the second player in Tech history to start every game of her career. Wile said she

Lindsey (Wile) has put in four awesome years and has been an awesome player. We couldn't give her a winning season, but we definitely want to win this last game for her.

— KERRI CAMPBELL
Tech Midfielder

wants to end this season and her time with the Raiders on a high note. "It's definitely been a difficult season," she said. "For my last game at Tech, I would like to have a win."

Campbell said the Raiders want to get a win in Wile's last game in a Raider's uniform.

"Lindsey (Wile) has put in four awesome years and has been an awesome player," Campbell said. "We

couldn't give her a winning season, but we definitely want to win this last game for her. She deserves it as much as anybody."

Tech coach Felix Oskam said he hopes his team will be motivated and want to win tonight, not only for Wile but also for themselves.

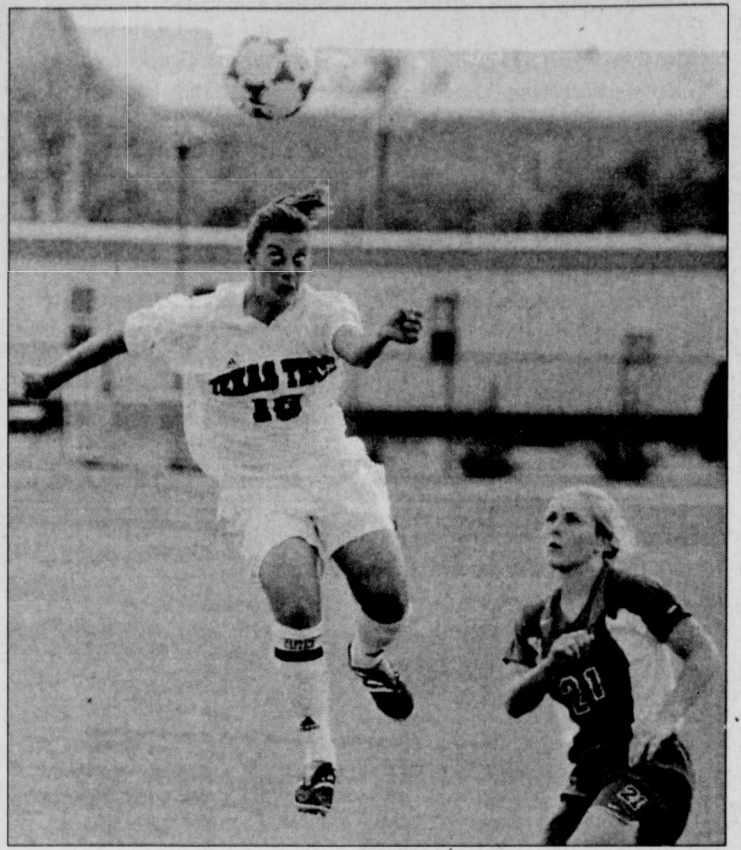
"There's no pressure to win, except for the pride," he said. "It will help give us confidence going into the future. That's why it's important for us to win."

Oskam said he expects another tough match against Baylor. He said he is not taking the Bears for granted.

"They're athletic," he said. "They have some speed in certain areas. That's going to be a big concern of ours, obviously, and they're well-coached."

Roberts said she hopes to see more fans at this game to watch Wile's last performance. She added that fans help to motivate the team to play better.

"We need people to come out and support us," she said. "We are going to put on a good show. If we have a good vibe coming from the crowd, it gets our adrenaline pumping. It makes the game that much more fun."



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer
TEXAS TECH SENIOR Lindsey Wile heads the ball during a match earlier this season. Wile will play in her final match as a Red Raider at 7 p.m. today at R.P. Fuller Stadium against Baylor.

Tech cross country squads to compete in Big 12 meet

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

After going nearly a month without a major competition, the Texas Tech cross country team is going to compete this Saturday in the Big 12 Conference Tournament at the University of Missouri.

Cross country coach Burke Binning said the Red Raiders are ready to get into the competition, especially something so critical as the conference tournament.

"Conference is the most important meet of the year," he said. "The racers are getting jittery and ready to roll. Hopefully, it'll work out like I want it to."

Binning said he anticipates both the men's and women's teams to do well this weekend. Junior Joseph McCellan, who is battling tendonitis, leads the men.

"Joe McCellan is coming back from injury," Binning said. "He's still one of our top guys. On the men's side, we have

a solid top five."

McCellan said he will likely be hampered by his injury, but he still wants to perform well.

"It's going to bother me, of course," he said. "I haven't got to run in three weeks. I've lost some of what I was gaining."

He also said many of the men will be racing to improve on last year's performance, where the Tech men placed last, inspired by unfortunate circumstances.

"A lot of the guys are coming back from injuries," McCellan said. "As long as we don't get food poisoning like last year and place 12th, we'll be fine. We're basically out there to prove it to ourselves as much as possible."

Binning said he also is anticipating a strong performance from the women's team, with a couple of racers showing particular promise.

"On the women's side, Bridget (Tidwell) has been the top girl all year,"

he said. "Tracie Akerheim has been doing well in practice. Just like the men, we have a solid top five."

Tidwell, a junior, said the team hopes to place somewhere in the top eight. She said the team is currently doing well.

"I think we can be between sixth and eighth if we have a good race," she said. "We're all running well right now and feeling good during workouts."

Tidwell also said she is anxious to have the chance to compete again, since it has been a month since the Raiders' last big meet.

"I'm getting pretty edgy," she said. "I'm ready to get out there and have a good race. It's been a while, and I'm ready to go out there and push it."

She said the entire team is feeling pent up and ready to race.

"We have a lot of energy that needs to be used," she said.

Sophomore Brionne Yosten said she would like to see the Raiders come out

and surprise some of the other competing schools.

"No one really expects much out of us," she said. "We can get out there and shock a lot of people."

Weather can be a big factor in long distance running, Binning said. He said though that the weather for the meet should be good.

"It's looking to be mid-40s and clear," he said. "That's great distance (running) weather."

Tidwell said she prefers to race in cooler weather rather than heat.

"I don't think weather will be a big factor," she said. "I run better in the cold weather."

McCellan said although he would not mind the cold, if anything, the colder conditions would inspire better racing.

"It's going to be cold, but when you're out there running, you don't notice," he said. "And when it's cold, it makes you want to finish quicker."

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coming off a shattering loss will be another strike against the Baylor defense.

"Honestly I feel sorry for any team that plays us after a loss," Francis said. "It's hard enough to play in Jones Stadium, but it's even harder coming off an away game loss. It's going to be tough for any team to try and come in here and take away our victory."

Last year Tech defeated Baylor 63-19 in Waco, which is one of many beatings Baylor has taken during its tenure in the Big 12. In fact, Baylor did not earn a win in the seven-year history of the conference until this season's victory against Kansas. Tech players repeated their intention this week to take Baylor seriously because of the nature of the Big 12, but some development before Oklahoma State, Texas and Oklahoma could occur. Paige said the team will not underestimate Baylor, but polishing up play is an objective of the game.

"It's not practice," Paige said. "It's a game, but you're going to make sure to polish up on some things and get a victory."

Paige, who sprained his knee against Colorado, could see action against Baylor and will likely be a game time decision. Paige's injury occurred after he blocked a Colorado field goal and fell back to the ground awkwardly.

"I felt the ball hit my palm, and then I was on the ground," Paige said. "Instead of trying to brace myself, I just fell down. I don't know if that helped."

Paige said he values his role on special teams just as much as his role on offense as he spoke of the importance of special teams to a game and expressed his excitement in getting the block.

"That's part of sacrificing your body," Paige said. "You have to put your best athletes on special teams. A lot can be won or lost on special teams. I got the block and that's something I can look back to for year, but I got hurt. I got a little boo boo."

With only four conference games remaining in this season and a 2-2 conference record, Francis knows the Raiders have their backs to the wall, but once again, that is the nature of the Big 12.

"It's tough to be in the Big 12 anyway," Francis said. "You have to come to play every week. I think that's why Texas Tech is in this conference. They know we're going to come to play."

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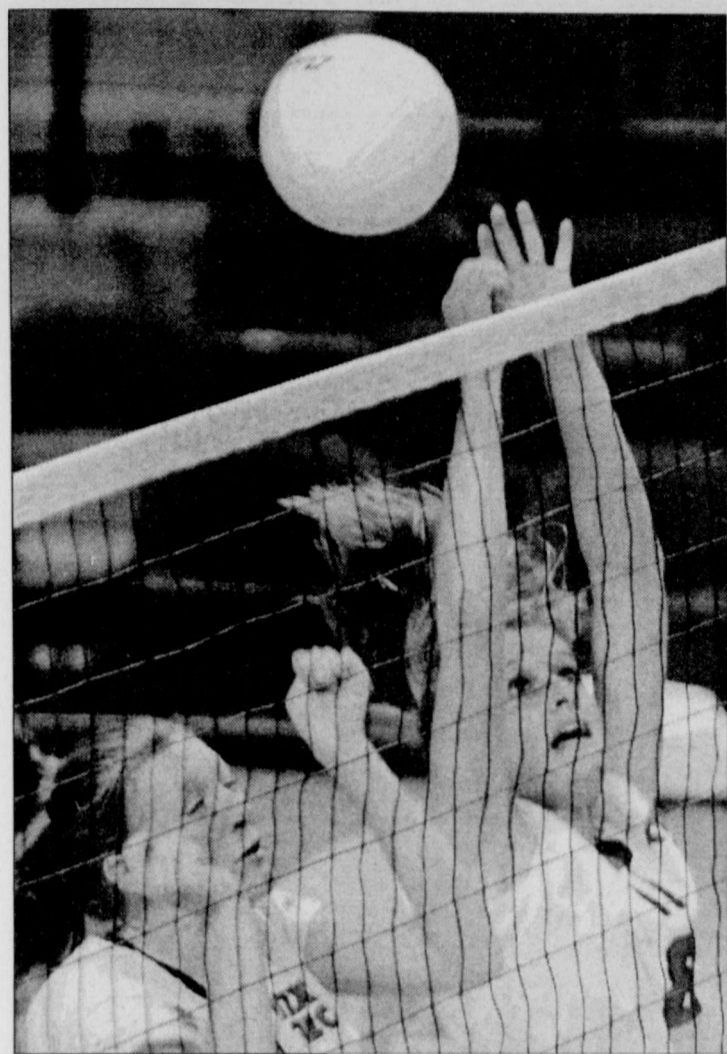
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Raiders look to shuck Cornhuskers



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TEXAS TECH'S JESSICA Watson, left, and Melissa McGehee, right, miss the block attempt during Tech's loss to Kansas State Wednesday night at the United Spirit Arena. Tech faces Nebraska Saturday in Lincoln, Neb.

By David Wiechmann/Staff Reporter

After going five games with the second-place team in the conference, the Texas Tech volleyball team travels to Nebraska to face the top team in the Big 12 Conference and No. 4 team in the nation.

The Red Raiders (8-12, 3-8 Big 12) may have lost to Kansas State on Wednesday, but they feel they played a good match and are ready to do the same against the Cornhuskers (20-1, 12-0) and maybe come home victors.

"We played a lot better (Wednesday)," Jessy Herrera said. "I think if we work hard like that every night, we'll win a lot more games."

Tech sits at eighth place in the conference. Tech head coach Jeff Nelson believes his team can move up the rankings and make a run for the NCAA Tournament.

"We're hungry for a win right now," Nelson said. "We need to be hungry, especially up there. I still believe we can get this team over .500."

Despite its losing record in conference play, the team is remaining positive and focusing on playing well the rest of the season.

"I think they feel like they played a good match (Wednesday)," Nelson said, "and they know they have got to play like that the rest of the way."

"You could play your best match against Nebraska, and they could play a good match and you still lose. However, if Nebraska doesn't play a good match, you've got a great chance to win."

— JEFF NELSON
Tech Volleyball Coach

It would be easy having a losing record to not want to play well, but these kids show great character in not winning. They're fighting to get a win, and they believe they can do it."

Ann Romjue said Tech's chances of winning in Nebraska may be better than in years past as the

Cornhuskers are not as strong as before.

"We're getting closer, and any night now we could break through," Romjue said. "Hopefully, that will be Saturday. Nebraska has a great team, but I don't think they're as dominant as they have been in the past."

Romjue is from Papillion, Nebr., and said she would love to beat the Cornhuskers in

her last go 'round.

"A win would be great," Romjue said. "It would give us an extreme amount of confidence, and it would be a great feeling."

The players and coaching staff all said Nebraska is a good environment for volleyball because the fans not only cheer for the home team, but for the game as well.

"Their fans are real supportive of both teams," Herrera said. "People

love to play there because there's a lot of people, and their fans just love volleyball."

Romjue said she will have her own cheering section at the match and does not want to disappoint them.

"I have so many family and friends coming to watch the match," Romjue said, "and I think it would be great to show them what we can do."

Nelson said his team is aware of Nebraska's prowess in the volleyball world, but his players are no longer discouraged by that.

"I don't think they're intimidated by that," Nelson said. "They're all aware of Nebraska's 59-game home winning streak. I think going up there and playing a great match is everyone's goal."

Nelson said a team could play its best match and still end up on the losing end, but because volleyball is a fickle sport. Your team could win if the chips fell in the right place.

"You could play your best match against Nebraska, and they could play a good match and you still lose," Nelson said. "However, if Nebraska doesn't play a good match, you've got a great chance to win."

Nelson emphasized his team is trying to reach the postseason, and a win would be nice, but his team cannot afford to dwell on the results of this match.

"A win would get the monkey off our back, and it would be a great win for the program," Nelson said, "but we still have a lot of work to do. We have to play good volleyball from Nov. 1 to Nov. 30. We can't take a day off. Beating them would be a big positive, but that's just the start."

Lady Raiders to hold scrimmage

The Texas Tech women's basketball team will hold an intrasquad scrimmage at 3 p.m. Sunday at the United Spirit Arena. It will be the only intrasquad scrimmage before the Lady Raiders open the season Nov. 10.

Tech will begin practice at 2 p.m. with the scrimmage beginning at 3 p.m. Fans can attend the scrimmage.

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In a story about gay athletes in the Nov. 1 issue of *The Chronicle for Higher Education* titled "The Loneliest Athlete," Hatfield asserts homosexuality clearly conflicts with his religious beliefs.

The article says that while Hatfield "would not necessarily kick a player off the team for being gay, he probably would think hard about it."

Hatfield said the article never directly quoted him saying that, and that he was trying to convey he wasn't sure how he would deal with such a situation because he's never been through it.

"I'm not going to do anything derogatory toward Rice University and its policies, period," Hatfield told the *Houston Chronicle* for its Thursday edition.

The *Chronicle for Higher Education*, a newspaper for college administrators and faculty members, stands behind its story.

After the article came out, Rice President Malcolm Gillis met with Hatfield. "I made very clear that Rice and I, personally, are committed to our non-discrimination policy and that all university employees would carry out that policy fully," Gillis said.

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Tech's new defensive test — Baylor's Newhouse

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

This season the Red Raiders have faced a virtual carousel of college football superstars during the first nine games of the second hardest college football schedule in the nation.

There was Maurice Claret, Eli Manning, Phillip Rivers, Seneca Wallace and Brad Smith. Many would not expect that trend to continue against 3-5 Baylor, but out from the green and gold conference doormat springs receiver Reggie Newhouse.

Newhouse, son of Houston Cougars and Dallas Cowboys legendary running back Robert Newhouse, is currently second in the Big 12 Conference in receiving yards and is the newest in the long line of offensive challenges to the Texas Tech defense. Last week Newhouse torched the Kansas State defense with 174 yards on nine catches.

Cornerback Joselio Hanson, who will likely bare much of the responsibility of covering Newhouse, was complimentary of the receiver's abilities.

"In the Big 12, he's up there with all the other good receivers like

(Roy) Williams and (Justin) Gage," Hanson said. "We have to make plays."

Although Newhouse is a great challenge to Tech's defense, defensive coordinator Greg McMackin said previous match ups in the past two weeks have prepared the Raider defense for the challenge.

"He's one the best four wide receivers in the Big 12," McMackin said. "We faced a guy in (Derek) McCoy, and we had Gage the week before that."

Hanson said Newhouse is a smaller, more nimble target than Gage, who was taller and could jump higher.

Newhouse is the main target of an offense that has changed its look this season, to something the Raiders will find familiar. The Bears have opted to spread out its offense this season and run and throw the ball in four and five wide receiver sets, much the way the Tech offense does.

Hanson said facing the Bears' offense this season will be completely different than last year, but facing the spread offense will be something routine.

"They do some five, so we'll have

to mix in some more coverage," Hanson said. "Last year they ran more, so we did more man, but we have a lot of receivers to worry about in practice. A lot of four wide and five-wide sets and three receivers on one side, so it's really nothing new."

On the other side of the ball, the Raider offense will likely be looking for retribution after a lackluster day against Colorado last week.

Quarterback Kliff Kingsbury was pressured heavily throughout the day with blitzes and coverage sacks leading to four interceptions and a fumble. Receiver Anton Paige said Tech must get back into the groove and perform as they did before Colorado.

"We need to continue what we've been doing and step up our play in key situations," Paige said. "We can move the ball on whatever great defense you want throw against us."

Great is not a word that most would use to describe Baylor's defense that is giving up 360 yards and 35 points per game. Receiver Carlos Francis said the fact that Tech is



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TEXAS TECH'S QUARTERBACK Kliff Kingsbury scrambles while two Colorado defenders chase him out of bounds during Tech's loss to Colorado last weekend in Boulder, Colo.

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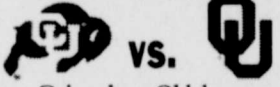
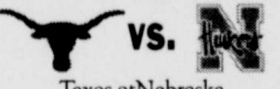
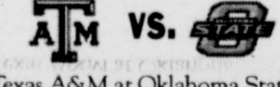
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32	Defense PPG allowed	35
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272	Avg. Weight D-line	266
106	Rushing YPG	108
364	Passing YPG	238
470	Total YPG	346
174	Rushing YPG allowed	154
226	Passing YPG allowed	206

KEY PLAYERS TO WATCH

TEXAS TECH	BAYLOR
T. HENDERSON RUNNINGBACK Stats: 518 rushing yards and 5 TDs, 64 catches for 331 yards and 3 TDs.  Henderson	R. NEWHOUSE WIDE RECEIVER Stats: 49 catches 774 yards and 1 touchdown. Last week Newhouse had 174 yards on nine catches.  Newhouse
MIKE SMITH LINEBACKER Stats: 80 tackles, 4 for a loss, 1 interception and 1 sack. Smith is third on the team in tackles.	ETHAN KELLEY DEFENSIVE TACKLE Stats: 51 tackles, 8 for a loss, 1 sack and 1 fumble recovery. He leads the Bears this season in tackles.

AROUND THE BIG 12

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