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Tech appeals HSC discrimination suit

By Keli Johnson/Staff Reporter

Texas Tech Health Sciences Center administrators will go before the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals on Dec. 2 for opening arguments to urge the court to dismiss charges of sex discrimination filed by former employees.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice legal brief, the plaintiffs, Lucinda Miller and Elaine King-Miller filed a gender-based discrimination charge against the HSC School of Pharmacy in November 2000 with the

EEOC.

The charges were reviewed and taken to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, where the EEOC's decision to grant the plaintiffs a Right to Sue was upheld, which was then appealed by the Tech system.

The highest appellate court is the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, which will rule on Tech's appeal. The ruling will decide whether the former faculty members can move forward with their right to sue. If the appeal is overturned, the former Tech employees may sue the university for damages.

If the court decides the appeal has merit, the plaintiffs will not be allowed to file a discrimination suit against the Tech HSC system, or the case will go back to trial for re-evaluation, said Mike Viesca, spokesman for the Texas state attorney general's office.

According to the legal brief, the plaintiffs claimed they were denied employment promotion and salary increase. The plaintiffs argued that lesser qualified male employees were awarded tenure and salary benefits.

Acting HSC President Elmo Cavin said he could not comment on the case because it

is pending litigation.

"It will just have to run its course through the courts," he said. "I cannot comment any further."

He said if an employee of the Health Sciences Center were to experience inequity or discrimination, the institution is committed to correcting those problems.

Viesca said the legal briefs and all legal documents were filed this summer and submitted to the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, and then a ruling date was set.

Although the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of

Appeals typically hears cases in New Orleans, La., Viesca said the hearing could be heard at a different location. He said the attorney general's office will not be informed of the location of the hearing until 30 days prior to the oral arguments, which is part of a standard procedure.

Attorney Amy Warr will be representing the Tech HSC System in opening arguments before a judge beginning the week of Dec. 2, Viesca said.

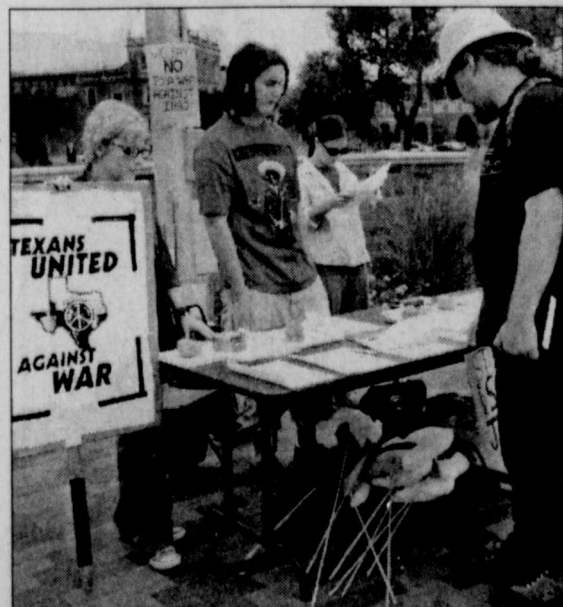
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PROTEST for PEACE



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TREVOR SMITH, A graduate student studying philosophy from Chicago, speaks in support of social justice Wednesday morning within the Pfluger Fountain in Memorial Circle. Pictured below, Denver Cornelius, right, a senior physics major from Borger, looks at information on the table at the student peace rally.



Student organizations rally against war on Iraq

By Kristen Gilbreth/
Staff Reporter

As President Bush and House leaders came to an agreement on a resolution for dealing with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on Wednesday, Texas Tech students and faculty gathered with signs and speeches at Memorial Circle to rally against continuing the war on terrorism.

Trevor Smith, a graduate philosophy student from Chicago, is a member of Students for Social Justice who

led the event.

"Today is our chance to be vocal and forward without being forceful and in your face," he said. "It is time we do something more than just talk. We want an action-based and more informed anti-war movement."

He said the goal was to inform the Tech community by passing out fliers and providing an open discussion about the facts surrounding the war.

When the rally began at 11 a.m.,

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False bomb threat halts Citibus routes

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

An unidentified caller telephoned a bomb threat to Citibus Tuesday afternoon, disrupting the bus services for a short time, said Tony Privett, the director of communication for the City of Lubbock.

The company worked with local law enforcement, including the Lubbock Police Department and the Texas Tech Police Department, to ensure that all the buses were checked out and cleared of anything dangerous, Privett said. Bus services stopped for less than an hour.

"We'll take every precaution to make sure our passengers are safe," he said.

Privett declined to comment further on the city's policies for dealing with these types of situations.

Lesli Seaman, the director of transportation for Citibus, said she is not aware of any previous threats of this nature to the company. Cur-

rently, Citibus is not discussing any changes, but when the general manager returns to the office he will coordinate the company's plans.

Seaman said the company will most likely do what the city directs them to in preventing another threat.

According to the state penal code, calling in a bomb threat is a Class A misdemeanor, unless it is meant to prevent occupation or use of a public place, such as a place of business or a city park, or a mode of transportation, such as an airplane or car.

It is a felony if the threat is meant to disrupt lines of communication, oil or gas lines or other public services.

The threat to Citibus is a third degree felony, which has a maximum of 10 years imprisonment in the state penal system and a minimum of two years.

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Third faculty member receives right to sue

By Michael Castellon/Staff Reporter

A third professor of Mechanical Engineering has received a right-to-sue letter from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Professor of Mechanical Engineering Ming-Chyu filed a discrimination complaint with the DOJ following a finding by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that he had been discriminated against by the university.

Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering Jahan Rasty and former Professor of Engineering Jaime Cardenas were issued right-to-sue letters from the DOJ last week.

Chyu said he considers the DOJ's decision a victory.

"I think of this as a victory," Chyu said. "Now we all have approval from the DOJ to proceed with our case. If they thought this case had no merit the DOJ would have dismissed this completely."

The three professors filed separate complaints with the EEOC alleging they had been discriminated against.

The EEOC examines workplace discrimination complaints and if a local or state government is found to have discriminated against an employee, the case is investigated by the DOJ.

Permission must be granted to the charging party by the DOJ before a lawsuit can be

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Senate to consider new legislation, committee

By Angela Timmons/Staff Reporter

Thursday's Senate meeting will include discussion about several pieces of important legislation, internal vice president Jeremy Brown said.

"Some of the legislation will concern honoring student senators and the nation; much of it is for the students," Brown said.

Brown added that there will be three speakers: Donald Dyal, dean of Texas Tech library, and Tom Schubert, director of the Student Union, both of whom will be presenting and reporting on the construction progress of their buildings, student Sen. Isaac Albarado also will speak on adding students to the Board of Regents.

Legislation includes establishing a Texas Tech traditions special committee; commend-

ing the chairpersons of the 2002 Big 12 Leadership Conference; possible impeachment of Sen. Karen McNally; creation of a distinguished senator program; publication of Student Services Fee allocation; and commending the Tech Armed

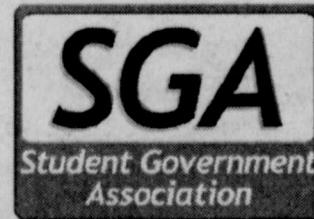
Forces on their "continued patriotism and dedication to the USA."

Jon Mark Bernal, senator at large and chief of staff for the Student Government Association, co-authored three pieces of legislation: the distinguished senator program, honoring the armed forces, and Student Services Fees publication.

Speaking about honoring the Armed Forces, Bernal said is something he knows "not 100 percent of the population agrees with."

"It's not advocating the possible war," Bernal

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filed against a state or local government or a government agency. Chyu said he is not satisfied with Tech's handling of the professors' claims of discrimination. "Even if there was only a slight chance of discrimination (the administration) should have investigated it," Chyu said. "Especially after the EEOC finds for three separate cases in the same department." Tech General Counsel Pat Campbell said he expected the DOJ to issue right-to-sue letters to the professors. "When the Department of Justice doesn't want to take a complaint they give a letter of right-to-sue," Campbell said. "There was little

doubt in my mind this would happen." Campbell said he disagrees with the EEOC's ruling of discrimination. "The position of the university is and has been the EEOC finding is without merit," Campbell said. "We don't know how they concluded the way they concluded. There was no discrimination. These were contrived allegations." According to their letters of determination, the foreign-born professors were subjected to discriminatory actions and comments and given negative evaluations that resulted in lower salary and raises, based on their national origin. "I have concerns with the general counsel's misrepresentation of the facts," Rasty said. "The DOJ had the option of completely dismissing our cases which they didn't. The DOJ only takes cases that have not

been tried before or when legal precedence needs to be established." According to the professors' letters of right to sue, "(the right to sue) should not be taken to mean that the Department of Justice has made a judgment as to whether or not your case has merit." Associate General Counsel Victor Mellinger said the professors who received the right-to-sue letters have 90 days to file a lawsuit against Tech. "A right-to-sue letter is just part of this particular process," Mellinger said. "It's not a victory and it's not a loss, it's just part of the process." Rasty said he has not made a decision about how to proceed. "We basically have until Christmas," Rasty said. Ron Phillips, special assistant to the president and associate general counsel, refused to comment on the matter pending litigation.

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Capt. Gordon Hoffman of the Tech Police Department said the university has operational policies in place to deal with situations, such as bomb threats, which deal directly with Tech. The police department tries to respond with the necessary procedures. The university itself does not get many threats like these, he said. There have not been any in the

past two years that he is aware of. "That's a pretty sensitive topic, because no one wants to have that to worry about," Hoffman said. He is not too concerned about the policy of copycat crimes. However, he said the publicity could inspire copycats if the public's attention is drawn to the issue. Sarah Netto, a junior from Frisco, said when she tried to take the bus home at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, all the buses that went by were out of service. She waited until 3:15 p.m. before call-

ing someone to take her home. "They just shut down and nobody knew why, so it was just kind of weird," she said. Netto said the buses started running again after about 45 minutes. Her roommate was on a bus when Citibus radioed their drivers with news about the bomb threat. She said the bus driver made an announcement that a bomb threat had been called in to the company, which was all the information passengers received.

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He said the length of the trial will depend on a number of factors and legal processes. At this time, the name of the judge and the court where arguments will be heard has not been determined, he said. HSC News and publications employee Suzanne Martinez said

the Texas state attorney general's office is handling the suit on behalf of the HSC system. Martinez also said she heard from the legal department that another female employee in the Tech School of Pharmacy may file discrimination charges with the EEOC. "All we have right now is rumors," she said. "As of today, we have not received any legal documentation on that matter. But as

for the two women who filed the discrimination charges, we can't comment because it's pending litigation." The American Association of University Women and the EEOC could not be reached for comment at press time. Warr could not be reached for comment. Neither Elaine King-Miller nor Lucinda Miller could be reached for comment.

The Rundown



City cloud-seeding effort discontinued

LUBBOCK, (AP) — Support has dried up for a cloud-seeding program designed to produce much-needed rain for West Texas crops. The board of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District voted 3-1 to discontinue the plan amid criticism that it wasn't beneficial to all landowners, and that the process may have actually broken up clouds and precluded them from forming rain clouds. In cloud seeding, a plane enters the cloud and injects silver iodide in an attempt to encourage moisture particles to drop.

U.S. troops in search of Taliban members

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the largest ground operation in Afghanistan in six months, up to 2,000 U.S. Army troops are searching the mountains of southeastern Afghanistan for Taliban and al-Qaida holdouts. The troops from the 82nd Airborne are part of a new strategy that puts more regular soldiers into the hunt for enemy fighters while lessening the strain on special forces units that could be needed for a war in Iraq. The Army soldiers are combing an area of Afghanistan's Paktia province that borders Pakistan and has long been a focus of U.S. efforts to rid the country of members of the Taliban and their allies.

Bomb kills American soldier in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A nail-packed bomb killed an American soldier and two Filipinos on Wednesday outside a restaurant near a base in the troubled southern Philippines, where the U.S. military helped in the fight against al-Qaida-linked rebels this year. The blast, from a bomb hidden on a motorcycle, wounded 25 people outside the restaurant, which is frequented by U.S. and Filipino soldiers, in the city of Zamboanga, officials said. Television footage showed a pool of blood and unconscious victims — some with their shirts bloodied — being loaded into ambulances.

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said. "It's not so much in support of the war as of troops and those who will be affected by what's going on." Concerning student services fee publication, Bernal said the SGA has undertaken the publication so students know that allocation of fees are not "secret," and that they can be looked at any time. Bernal commented that a major issue senators noted during last year's campaign process was the students' concern about where their fees were going and to where the money was being allocated. "We want to put it in a student-friendly place to be viewed, like the SGA Web site," Bernal said. "We want to publicize it for

students to know where their money is going." The internal issue that will be addressed via legislation at Thursday's SGA meeting is the motion to impeach Sen. Karen McNally. According to the resolution legislation, McNally has been absent from every Senate meeting so far this semester. By rule, senators must be subject for impeachment after two unexcused absences, said Christopher Carr, rules and administration committee member. Carr, as a co-author of the impeachment legislation, said this is standard procedure, and McNally may stand and defend herself at Thursday's meeting. Another internal piece of legislation concerns the commendation of Stefanie Cervantes and Jon Mark Bernal, chairpersons for the 2002 Big 12 Student Government Leadership

Conference, hosted this weekend at Tech. Legislation concerning the student body as a whole is the possible establishment of a Texas Tech traditions special committee. Carr, who also is co-authoring the legislation, said several other authors of the legislation were counselors at this summer's Red Raider Camp and were responsible for educating new students on Tech traditions. They noted many traditions are no longer recognized or performed, much to the disappointment of many of the campers who came to Tech in the fall expecting to see these traditions. Thursday's SGA meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the Library lobby. Students are encouraged to attend. For more information, call the SGA office at (806) 742-3631.

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Public service topic in Watson's campaign

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Attorney General candidate Kirk Watson spoke to law students and faculty Wednesday.

Kirk Watson, the Democratic nominee for Texas attorney general, spoke to law students and faculty Wednesday about the importance of lawyers and public service.

"I believe lawyers have a special obligation to public service," he said, saying one newspaper accused him of having a sentimental view of the law, a charge he agrees with.

The Tech Law Democrats sponsored the event. Katy Merrill, a third-year student from Austin, introduced Watson to the crowd.

"Our world, our country and our state are all facing great changes, and great changes require great leadership," she said.

Watson informed the students to remember whom they will be serving upon completing college and entering the work field.

"Those of you who have the good fortune of getting that legal degree and being licensed, keep in mind that you are being licensed by the people," Watson told the group.

He discussed 10 points related to the legal profession and public service. Some of the topics were getting rid of society's labels, taking necessary risks, keeping a short-term focus but a long-term vision, and knowing when to quit.

Watson graduated from Baylor Law School in 1981 and has worked for a law firm in Austin, which he helped found, according to his biography. He has represented a

number of different interests, including Texas Tech. In 1999, Tech hired him to represent the university with the NCAA.

"I've always been very proud of the fact that Tech has enough confidence in me as a lawyer to hire me," he said.

Watson also was elected to two terms as mayor of Austin, according to his biography.

One major point of his speech was the need to throw away societal labels.

"Labels abdicate us of the responsibility to ever hear one another," he said. "Lawyers have the ability to create processes to help people listen to one another."

Watson discussed the need for elected officials to take risks in creating public policy, saying people have become timid in recent years.

"There is value in failure. There is value in not achieving the goal you set out to achieve," he said, adding that it's vital to recognize why goals were not achieved and what can be improved the next time.

Watson also talked about the state of homeowner's insurance in Texas. He said the high level of insurance they have to pay is gouging homeowners. He plans to create an insurance watch group, which will be comprised of the attorney general's office, consumer groups, representatives of the insurance industry and other relevant groups to keep tabs on trends in the industry.

He also told the law students to always do something they enjoy, even if they are not making much money or at the pinnacle of their professions.

"Do what you love, because life is hard enough," he said.

As attorney general, Watson said he wants to make the Supreme Court more open. Currently petitions to the Court are granted or denied by the justices in a closed meeting. He would like to make that process open to the public.

He also plans to continue Attorney General John Cornyn's work with improving child support. He would like to implement the possibility of jail time for offenders to let them know how serious his office is.

Recognizing that deadbeat parents in jail cannot be working and earning money to pay child support, Watson said. They will look at a work release program, where the parents can stay in jail from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. and on weekends and go to work during the day.

He also wants to make the processes of applying for and paying child support easier. He said he has a long list of ways, including booting cars, to enforce payment.

Watson said the campaign was going well. The polls show him to be ahead and he has been successful in getting his message out across the state.

"Texans need to have an attorney general they know will be on their side," he said.

"I believe the attorney general ought to fight for Texans every day."

He calls the attorney general's position an advocate for Texas, not just in the courtrooms but also in everyday life. The AG needs to find and take care of loopholes and gaps in issues that affect everyone, he said, citing the insurance problem as an example.

Austin Jackson, a second-year law student from Lindale and president of the Tech Law Democrats, said minorities



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/Staff Photographer
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR Attorney General, Kirk Watson, speaks to students and the public at the law school Wednesday morning.

from have endorsed Watson across the state for the work he has done as mayor and in other positions.

"He's taking all the perspectives and trying to come up with a compromise that allows us all to move forward, instead of getting bogged down by one-sided rhetoric," he said.

Chefs prepare cuisine, auction for March of Dimes benefit

By Joshua Parrish/Staff Reporter

Star Chefs, a gourmet food-tasting and live auction will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. tonight at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, with a dozen of Lubbock's premiere chefs preparing meals for the food-tasting.

Texas Tech, the Health Sciences Center and FOX34 News@Nine are sponsoring Star Chefs 2002, and all proceeds raised during the event will benefit the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.

The mission of the March of Dimes is to improve the health and well being of babies and young children through the prevention of birth defects infant mortality.

L.E. Anderson, a certified executive chef and the lab manager at Skyviews of Tech, said the event

should be major benefactor to the March of Dimes.

"We have the tasting and the silent auction. And at the tasting we serve hors d'oeuvres, we try to make sure our tables look good, and we attempt to drive our auction price up," L.E. Anderson said, "Then the attendees bid on the different items and meal packages during the auction."

The Star Chefs gourmet auction is an annual event that brings together the who's who of chefs from our area.

"The chefs basically do what they want," said Sandy Anderson, the development director for the March of Dimes, "for example, chef L.E. Anderson is doing a dinner for 12 people to be held at the home of Ed and Lisa Wentz."

This year's lineup includes chefs from Skyviews, Sherick, Day Break

Coffee Roasters, Lubbock Inn, Lela's, At Your Service Catering, Caprock Winery, University Medical Center, Coronado High School and the Griffith Center at City Bank.

The chefs cooking for this year's benefit hope the event goes as well as in previous years, and that the current economy does not affect the funds raised by the Star Chefs event.

"We're really hoping that it does really well this year," L.E. Anderson said, "with the roller-coaster economy this year, we're hoping people will

come to the event and help the children as in the past."

Sandy Anderson said the Star Chefs benefit raised \$47,000 last year, and that their goal for this year's event is about \$48,000. Anderson

said the goal is somewhat conservative, but since the economy is the way it is, that they thought they would set it lower.

L.E. Anderson said that if each chef's meal package goes for about \$2,000, that kind of money would be really great for the March of Dimes, but the chefs and others involved with the benefit hope the people attending will be even more

generous than that.

"The whole event raises money for the March of Dimes," Sandy Anderson said, "and the research we do today will help everyone's children in the future."

Jeff Klotzman, news director at FOX34 News@Nine, a sponsor for the event, said the kind of benefit is not like many others.

"There are all kinds of fundraisers out there-walks, telethons-but of all the types of fundraisers, this is the most unique one out there."

The Star Chefs event will begin

with the gourmet food-tasting and silent auction, and the silent auction will run until 8:30 p.m. The live auction part of the benefit will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Items being auctioned off during the silent auction include basketballs signed by Tech coaches Bob Knight and Marsha Sharp, a jersey signed by Miami Dolphin and ex-Tech football player Zack Thomas, a framed Texas flag donated by state senator Robert Duncan, and gift baskets donated by various establishments from around the area.



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PERSPECTIVES

War will come at what cost?

I used to love war. I don't know what happened. I've never actually opposed a war before. It's a strange feeling, like being on the wrong side of a hometown football game.

Growing up as a virile young Republican, war was the ultimate sporting event. Should we bomb Libya? Sure! Bomb Panama? Sure! Bomb Saddam? Absolutely! Make big craters in Afghanistan? You bet! Kill 'em all and let God sort 'em out!

The Gulf War was like a really lopsided Super Bowl. I kept hoping the Iraqis would blow up something just so they could get some points on the board.

I should clarify this before somebody starts taking me seriously. Nobody really wanted to kill people in these wars. We just wanted to ride the missiles and blow up big buildings. (I think I saw that in a movie once.)

We didn't want to kill the Iraqis. Even the war hawks knew the Iraqis were innocent. These weren't fanatic defenders of the fatherland. These were terrified conscripts, forced into battle at gunpoint.

They weren't looking for a chance to kill Americans. They were looking for a chance to surrender, so they could finally get a hot meal and a good night's sleep.

We wanted to kill Saddam, but he was hidden in a bunker somewhere, protected by layers of women and children. We got no pleasure from killing Iraqis, and we certainly didn't want to kill women and children.

We do not live in a bloodthirsty nation. We don't hunker down in front of our TV sets, hoping to see blood and body parts. We want to see night vision close-ups of bombing runs. We want to see Apache helicopters swooping out of the sky with Wagner music in the background.

I'm trying to remember the Gulf War. I'm trying to remember why it was so much fun. I didn't want to see killing. I wanted to see diagrams of military equipment, action shots of planes taking off, and battlefield interviews with our boys on the front line. Those interviews made me feel good. The soldiers were always so nice, so wholesome and composed, no matter what was happening around them.

I loved the war because I loved the people fighting it. I saw interviews with those soldiers and I felt like I lived in a good country — a strong country, protected by brave, decent people.

These soldiers really are the best of our country, smart, earnest people from the lowest rungs of society, serving Uncle Sam so they can afford a better life. I still love our soldiers. I still have a profound affection for people who endure the discipline of military service. I admire



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them. I trust them. And I take it personally when they get killed.

Nobody wants to kill Iraqis. Nobody wants to murder women and children.

But you can't have it both ways. The exhilaration of war comes at a terrible cost. We celebrate the power of our country, and we detest the brutality of war. That's the contradiction we're fighting today.

But what can we do? We need a really good fake war. Can you have a war without killing anybody? A giant robotic soccer match, fought with state of the art killing machines.

I guess we could do what we did last time. We could kill a lot of people and ask the government to keep it quiet, for our own good.

I want a big, satisfying war, but I don't want to see a lot of dead Iraqis on my TV screen.

We want revenge against the people who attacked us. We want to lash out against the people who hate us. We're the most powerful nation on the planet, but we feel like helpless children. Our weapons can't protect us from Osama bin Laden.

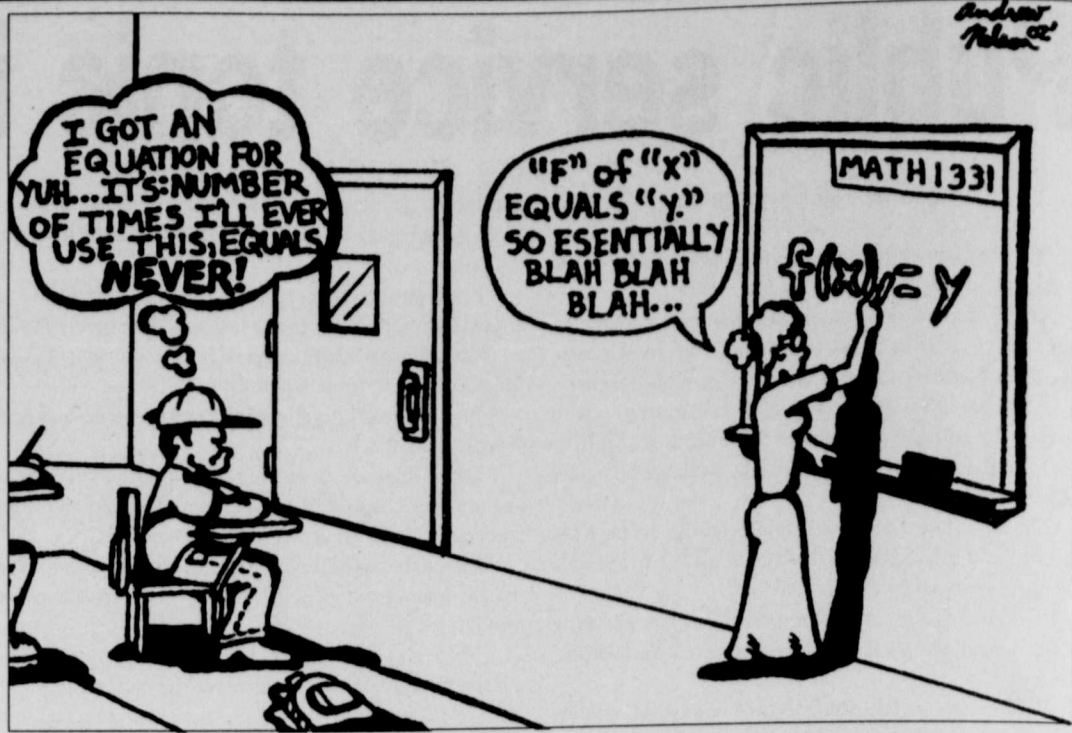
All the money in the world can't protect us from people who are willing to die. I've read 30 columns this week trying to figure out what we should do. The people on the left think we can deter Saddam Hussein; "He won't use his weapons because he knows we'll destroy him."

The people on the right say that's crazy. They say deterrence only works on sane countries, like the old Soviet Union. They say if Saddam develops nuclear weapons, he'll give them to terrorists and try to blow up New York. I'm no expert, but I think if terrorists wanted to buy a nuclear bomb, they wouldn't have to wait for Saddam Hussein. They could buy one from Korea or take a truck to Russia and buy one wholesale. That whole country is like a garage sale now.

So, I'm stuck in the middle again. I think Saddam is crazy. I think he will eventually attack Israel or Kuwait again if we leave him alone. But our allies won't attack him until he does something dramatic, and if we go in alone, I think a lot of our soldiers will die.

I don't want to see terrorists blow up New York. I don't want to watch our soldiers die. And I don't want to see dead Iraqis on my TV screen.

I want to go back to the way things were, when America was always right and terrorism was somebody else's problem.



Passing time when feeling down

Have you ever just felt down and not in a good mood? It just seems as if nothing is going right that day. You wish you could go home, lie down and let the world pass you by, but instead, you have classes all day. Then, you have to go to work for the rest of the evening. If you have had a day somewhat similar to this, don't worry; you are not the only one.

When I have a day like this, I decide to make it fun. I like to walk around and look at all the odd and stupid things people do. These actions may seem odd to me, but to them, it seems like the normal. I don't know; you can decide for yourself.

As I was walking to the class one day, I noticed a girl riding her bike and wearing headphones. If you happen to be this girl, a little word of warning, there are cars on campus that should not be there. One day, one of these cars may think you hear their horn when really you're jamming out to your latest burned CD. So make sure and save the headphones and music for when you are on a stationary bike at the gym. Or else you may end up in the newspaper, but in a much sadder way.

These next people I am still trying



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to understand what they were thinking. Who in their right mind would wear socks with sandals? This actually tops my fashion faux pas list with a panty line showing closely behind it. What made you think that you looked good after you looked in the mirror that day? I saw socks worn with the thong kind of sandals, and I wonder, are your feet just cold, because if they are, you should just put some regular shoes on. This observation also brings about my wonder on why people wear shorts in cold weather. Did you not step outside and feel the coldness of the day? Or maybe you don't feel the cold because if you don't, I would like to know how you do it. I know some people do it for the attention because you have to know that people are staring at you like you are crazy because they feel the cold. Maybe you like to show off your body while everyone else is bundled up, but there has to be a more comfortable way

to go about getting attention.

I see a lot of people like this throughout campus who seem to think something about them makes them better than everyone else. I realize this is the way of the world.

There is always something about yourself that sets you above others; this is true for everyone. If you don't think this, then you should. Carry an air of confidence around you and people will wonder what's so great about you.

I used to be a very shy girl and never talked to anyone. This is kind of sad to say, but when I started smoking I made more friends here at Tech. The smokers on campus are a nice group of people. We are usually always willing to give a cigarette or let someone use a lighter.

You can strike up a good conversation with someone outside a building while smoking a cigarette. I am not recommending that you smoke, because I regret ever starting, but it did help me branch out socially. Since I don't drink, I had to have something to do at parties. But remember we smokers are friendly people as long as you don't ask for our last cigarette and expect to get it.

So if your feeling down one day at school just look around and realize there are people worse off than you. It makes you feel better about yourself.

Letter to the Editor

How should we use Memorial Circle?

After the peace in Memorial Circle today protesting U.S. sanctions of Iraq and further military escalation against Iraq, much has been made of the appropriateness of the use of this space.

Many students have commented that a memorial, dedicated to those who died in service in the U.S. military, should not be used as a platform to express political views.

However, the American nationalist rhetoric generally reverts back to the fact that the men and women

who died in service also died to defend the Constitution and the rights it guarantees to U.S. citizens. I say there is no greater way to commemorate the sacrifice in human life than to exercise these rights, specifically the right to free speech.

In exercising our freedoms of expression and our responsibility in a democratic society to make our voice known to the government and its citizens, we commit ourselves to the greatest expression of honor of the men and women who gave their lives in service to the principles such as freedom of speech, or so say the nationalist rhetoricians, upon which our Constitution was founded.

Recently, the issue of making Memorial Circle a free speech area was hotly contested at the Student Organization Advisory Congress by its representatives. The question of how we memorialize and commemorate emerges as a more and more significant issue on our campus.

Do we, as the university has done, build a nice peaceful fountain dedicated to making the campus more aesthetically pleasing or do we turn our memorial into action and the utilization of the freedoms for which the men and women in question allegedly died?

- Christopher Adam Mitchell is a senior history and creative writing major

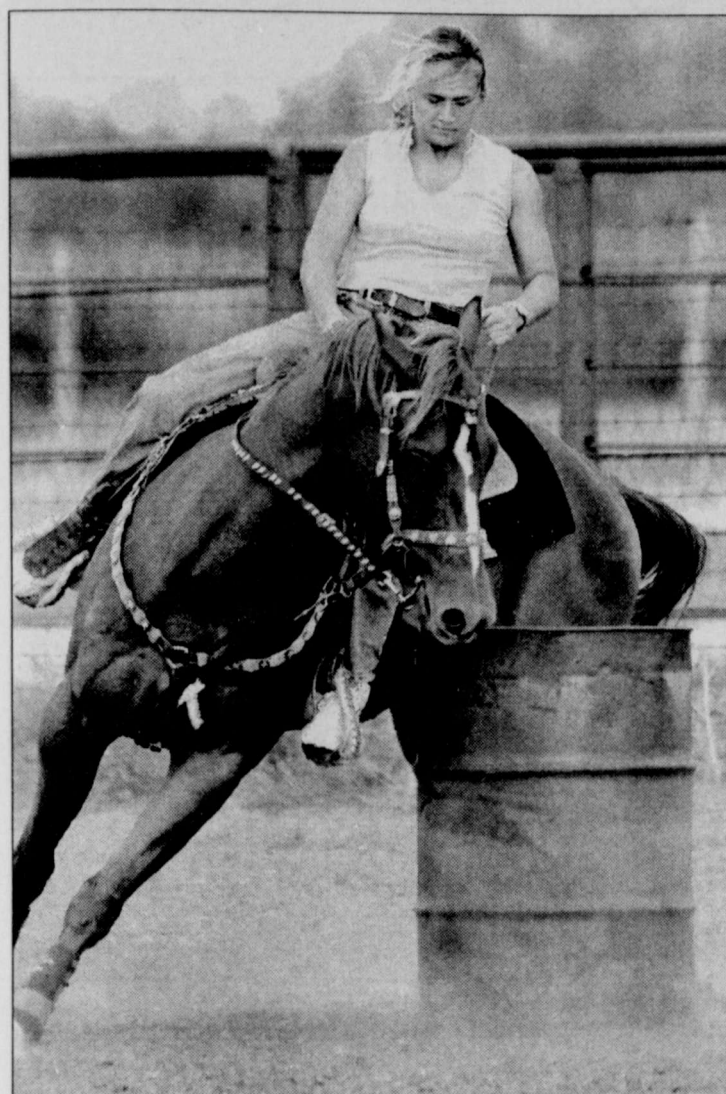


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Rodeo rides to expo today, competes Friday



STEPHANIE FRYAR, A senior general studies major from Big Spring, practices the barrel racing at Dub Park rodeo practice area Tuesday afternoon.

By Heidi Diers/Staff Reporter

The Tech Rodeo team is all set to perform again. After a second place finish for the women's team and the men's team taking seventh at the last rodeo competition in Portales, N.M., and both groups are preparing to bring the level of competition up a notch this weekend.

The upcoming rodeo kicks off after the long drive to the San Antonio Livestock Expo in Alpine Thursday. It will be hosted by Sul Ross State University.

"I'm pleased with the performances from Eastern New Mexico University (Portales)," said rodeo coach Chris Guay. "The women's team has really shown themselves to be great competitors and the men's team ropers really seem to dominate. We expect to continue doing that."

The success for the rodeo team shows at the end of each rodeo, said Paul Ann Lucero, a junior animal science major from Los Alamos, N.M.

"The girl's team did pretty well in this last rodeo," said Lucero, who competes in barrel racing. "They were ranked high up there in the end. This year's teams are pretty good."

Part of the drive to win for the women's team is being prepared to dominate at every competition, said Bristi Arnold, a freshman agriculture communications major from Spur.

"We go out there every week wanting to win," said Arnold, who competes in barrel racing. "The girl's team

is pretty consistent-if they see the opportunity to do well, they're going to do it."

The men and women on the rodeo team do as well in class as they do in competition, Guay said.

"GTPAs. Their goal is to do well in the rodeo as well as academically," Guay said. "It's refreshing to have elite rodeo athletes to work with."

Managing school and rodeo is difficult at times, since each team member's horses have to be worked every day, said Lucero. However, being part of the rodeo has its benefits, she said.

"My horses are my job. I don't have the time to do too much else," Lucero said. "But I get to meet a lot of new people, and I get away from Lubbock for the weekend."

This weekend's competition has some high expectations attached to it, said Guay.

"I think we'll continue seeing an exciting women's team and a tough men's team," Guay said. "Hopefully, we'll be able to carry that into the spring semester."

There are two more chances to see the Tech rodeo team in action after this weekend. The team travels to Vernon College Oct. 10, and the TTU Rodeo Association hosts the 53rd Annual National Intercollegiate Rodeo at the South Plains Fairgrounds Oct. 24-26.

This last competition will be one of the busiest for the rodeo team, Guay

said. "Not only are we in tough inter-collegiate competition that week, the annual TTU rodeo is our largest fund

raiser and best recruiting tool," Guay said. "Proceeds will go for scholarships and general support of the Texas Tech University rodeo program."

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Rally

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about five military men in uniform stood at one entrance of Memorial Circle blocking the path.

They denied comment, but made their presence known.

"Anti-war does not mean anti-soldier, or anti-veteran, it is the actual war that we are protesting," Smith said in his defense.

He said one of his primary concerns was the number of American soldiers who would lose their lives if a war against Iraq were waged.

Matt Cadwallader, a sophomore architecture major from Houston, asked Smith to take down a "Students Against War" sign because he felt it was disrespectful to display it in Memorial Circle, which is inscribed as being "dedicated in 1948 by the Tech War Association to all whose service has brought honor to college and country."

"My grandpa fought in World War II, and my uncle is in the Navy and was in Vietnam," Cadwallader said. "I think it is disrespectful in this large of a place dedicated to the people who fought for this country and fought for freedom of speech and fought for our rights. There are some things that have their time and place."

Meghan McDonald, a member of Students for Social Justice and Students for Free Thought, donned a pin that read "no to war, no to racism." McDonald said she thinks it is important her voice be heard even if some are offended.

"I don't believe in the war because I think that killing is wrong," she said. "It seems to me, in the idea that I want to live for love, and my god is a god of love, killing and death are wrong. I don't think that promotes happiness or love or world peace."

Before the noon hour, Mark Webb, a professor of philosophy at Tech, spoke to the audience on why he does not support a war with Iraq.

"If we send our troops to Iraq and invade, thousands of innocent people will die - people that except for an accident of geography are just like you

and your families." He encouraged students to take action and start voicing their opposition.

"Some people will try to tell you that not supporting the war is unpatriotic," he said. "That is possibly the worst lie being told today. The worst thing you can do for your country is fail to try to restrain it when it is about to do something wrong. If you love your country, you'll speak out. Dissent is patriotism."

Gil Lyddane, a freshman marketing major from El Paso, said he was insulted by the remarks because he has served in the Navy for the past four years and did not appreciate being called a "murderer."

"They are worried about risking thousands of lives, and at the same time, it has been proven that keeping Saddam in power has led him to kill even his own people," he said. "Some of this is on the verge of anti-American in my mind. They are having puppet shows making fun of the president. It is just outrageous."

Catherine Miller, a professor of history and women's studies at Tech, spoke of the connection between U.S. oil interests and the reasoning behind wanting to overthrow the Iraqi dictator.

She gave a brief history of U.S. expansionism, which she described as imperialism, since 1898. She said after 1945 the Middle East has been defined as an area needing to be controlled in the interest of U.S. security.

Miller sighted the reason for this control as oil.

"Why oil?" she said. "Because since that period of time all the world's industries and all the world's militaries work off petroleum - they work off of oil. This war is not in my interest. And I don't see it in anyone's interest now, unless you are a member of Exxon."

Douglas Kutach, a professor of philosophy at Tech, and the third and final speaker, said as someone who believes in the true ideals of democracy, speaking at the rally was "the right thing to do."

Smith said while the turnout was small, the rally of speeches was a success.

"I think that we can honestly say that we've managed to get information to different people; we've opened an avenue for discussion and we've joined in a greater global struggle against the war," he said.

John Packard, a senior political science major from Lake Jackson, said it was difficult to weigh the loss of life against the threat for nuclear war.

"Some of my political science colleagues were making fun of these people in class, and I didn't think that was right," he said. "I have mixed feelings about the war effort. Overall, it is hard to look at some of these statistics and support the war. It is easy if you ignore the facts, but it's really hard if you face them to form a definite opinion."

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Internship gives credit for power of prayer

By Whitney Wyatt/Staff Reporter

While many college students are required to complete internships for their degree plans, two Texas Tech students are interning at a local church so they can share the word of God with high school students.

Jay Semple and Richard Smith are both interns for The Edge, Trinity Church's youth ministry for junior high and high school students.

"The No. 1 responsibility for me is to build relationships with the kids," said Semple, a senior communication studies major from Paris.

While building these relationships, Semple and Smith lead Wednesday night and Sunday morning youth worship at Trinity Church.

Semple, who started his internship in May 2001, said they break into small groups and discuss each week's topic.

"We pick topics high school kids can apply to their lives," he said.

Some of the topics discussed are relationships, sex, dating and being

accepted, he said. These messages are important, especially when coming from college students, he said.

Smith, a junior psychology major from Midlothian, said he, Semple and the other 10 college students on the leadership team are role models.

"By talking to us they can talk to someone who's been there and done that," he said. "We just help them out in their daily lives."

Smith said he is there for them if they need someone to look up to or just to talk.

"Life's hard in general, but especially in high school," Smith said. "We can teach them the Lord loves them no matter what."

Semple said Wednesday they worship, go to concerts, parks, play games and hang out. Working with high school students is something he said he really enjoys.

"That's my niche," he said.

But Trinity students are not the only ones learning.

"They've taught me childlike

faith," Semple said.

They love the Lord, live simple, read the Bible consistently, reach out to their friends and do not care about acceptance issues, he said.

Smith, who started his internship in June, said it provides him the chance to see what youth ministry is like in a big church.

"I always knew youth ministry was what I wanted to do," he said.

Smith said he wants these students to remember that being a Christian is about knowing who Jesus is.

"It's about accepting Jesus and trying to grow in that relationship with Him," he said.

Following God is easy, Semple said.

"Loving people and just being a friend is how Jesus has called us to live," he said.

Semple said he knows this internship position is guiding him in the right direction.

"Just love the Lord and follow Him," he said. "Everything comes under that. Just let it flow."



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RICHARD SMITH, A senior psychology major from Midlothian, on the far left, and Jay Semple, a senior communication studies major from Paris, on the far right, lead a group of volunteer leaders that will work with a group of high school students at a weekly worship called "The Edge."

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Searching for rock'n' roll answers

Of all the atrocities that Rolling Stone Magazine has committed, two recent ones stick out to me.

Atrocity No. 1: printing in big bold letters that "Rock Is Back" superimposed over a glossy photo of the latest 'the' band fad; The Vines.

Atrocity No. 2: yesterday morning's Rolling Stones online poll asked the question, who are the new Rolling Stones? Here are the supposed answers: A. The Vines, B. The Hives, C. Gun's N Roses, and D. The Rolling Stones.

OK, let's first look at the latter atrocity. First of all, this assumes that someone in popular music is worthy of being the new Rolling Stones. And this is a true statement, but look at who the Rolling Stones thinks it could be, Gun's N Roses!! Are you



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freaking kidding me? Dread-lock boy and — someone please kick me in the groin, Buckethead? OK, I am just going to assume that was just a joke answer, sort of like how on your test your professor puts the idiot question 'which one is not a cow?' last.

The other answers are almost as idiotic as answer C. Are The Rolling Stones the new Rolling Stones? Is this some sort of metaphysical question about the duality of the rock

band that I just don't get?

We'll just ignore the fact that The Hives were offered as an answer — no explanation needed.

Right now popular music is waist deep in what is being called the Mod-Rock movement, or as its also been called, the garage rock revival. You know the bands — all the ones with a 'the' in front of their name — The Vines, The Hives, The Yeah Yeah Yeahs, The Hot Snakes, The Division of Laura Lee, The Agenda, The Pattern and of course, the big two who started it all, The Strokes, and The White Stripes. It seems logical to me that Rolling Stone Magazine would use this 'revival' to first say that 'rock is back', and second to think that just because people are out there rocking, that someone is worthy of the title of the new Rolling Stones.

So what's with all the Mod-Rock hype? I have a one-word answer: Radiohead. Remember when Kid A came out and Rolling Stones printed the cover, "In Order To Save Them-

selves, Radiohead Had To Destroy Rock 'N' Roll"? For once Rolling Stones had gotten it right — well in a backwards sort of way.

Radiohead is not the reason popular rock died; they just put out the first post-rock album that got enough attention to shine the flashlight into the dark room of the rock world. What everyone found when Radiohead shined their flashlight was that no one was at the party anymore — and that there was a lot of cleaning up to do.

After Kid A came out, it suddenly became vogue to use the word 'post-rock' in headlines. Can you imagine the effect seeing that word had on the music industry moguls?

These guys who once had souls, who once sat in their rooms as teenagers listening to their Rolling Stones records over and over, being told that rock is dead?

I have a feeling that something deep inside of those old bodies of once-rockers sparked back into life. So they came down on their talent people and said with one great-inspired voice, 'Get me some rock and roll!'

Enter The White Stripes. One day some talent scout in Detroit catches this pair in concert, probably kicking the audience's ass in some smokey little blues bar, and suddenly a ray of light from the heavens shone down upon The White Stripes with their dual colored outfits and simple straightforward rock sound — and the Virgin Records scout said to himself, 'marketable!'

Of course this is not what really happened. But it sounds pretty feasible right? The point is that some people in the popular music world right now are trying to give us good music.

Some of the stuff they try and sell us as the 'saviors of rock and roll' is pretty much crap — The Hives come to mind here. But some of it is actually worthy of the title of the new Rolling Stones.

The first time I heard The White Stripes I was listening to their first self-titled album on the way down to Padre. I remember saying to my roommate, "my god, this sounds like the Rolling Stones or something — this freaking rocks!" I swear I really said that, you can ask him.

So as for R.S. magazine, I can't stop them from printing such crap — but I do know my answer for the poll — how about a write in answer? I know of a great band out of Detroit...

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Tech-Texas A&M rivalry rekindles in Aggieland

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

A year removed from a 12-0 shut-out in Lubbock and the goalpost ordeal, Texas Tech will travel to Kyle Field in College Station, where the atmosphere will likely set the mood for one of the biggest games of the year for Tech and Texas A&M.

Linebacker Mike Smith said shortly after Tech's win against New Mexico, the mood of the A&M rivalry game started to set in.

"I felt it after the game," Smith said. "People were already talking about it. It's going to be a big game after last year. Just because of the goalpost thing and the fans. It's going to be a wild game. I heard they get pretty crazy up there."

The fight in the stands after the goal-post incident was a much dis-

cussed topic in Lubbock in the following weeks, but offensive lineman Rex Richards said the team had little interest in what happened.

"All that stuff last year that happened between fans is just between the fans," Richards said.

Even without extra motivation Kyle Field figures to be a loud, emotional setting for the annual rivalry game, and the Tech players are excited about traveling to the stadium.

"Just having the opportunity to go down to College Station is going to be a great experience for everyone," Paige said. "It gets packed there and it starts rocking. I thought the stadium was going to fall over."

Texas A&M is 71-9-1 at Kyle Field during coach R.C. Slocum's tenure as Aggie head coach, but Paige said the team will step up to the chal-

lenge of playing in College Station.

"In order to be successful, we have to win on the road," Paige said. "We have to go into College Station and take over Aggieland."

Kyle Field has a capacity of 82,600. The Tech players believe the large number of fans and the sound of the stadium make for one of the best atmospheres in college football.

Tech defensive end Aaron Hunt expressed an admiration for the A&M crowds.

"There's 80,000 people who are very school-oriented," Hunt said. "They love their Aggies. It's going to be wonderful to go down there and play against them."

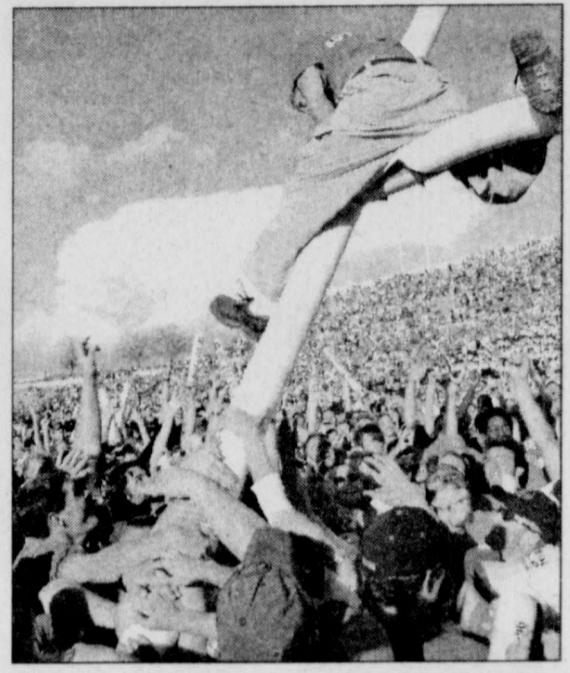
The crowd volume seemed to be a nonadverse situation for the Raiders as well. Richards said the crowd volume only excites him more.

"The louder it gets, that gets me going too," Richards said. "It's like a reverse effect of what they want to do."

The rivalry involves Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury and A&M linebacker Brian Gambel who have a friendship, and both hail from New Braunfels. Kingsbury said the two took place in some trash talking after the Aggies' win last Saturday and said there are a lot of bragging rights at stake between the two.

Aside from his bragging rights from Gambel and giving Tech's first conference win, Kingsbury also wants to gain revenge from his last visit to Kyle Field which ended in 33-15 Aggie win.

"Two years ago they got after us pretty good," Kingsbury said. "It's been on my mind."



TEXAS TECH STUDENTS TEAR DOWN THE south endzone goal posts after Tech's 12-0 victory over Texas A&M in Jones SBC Stadium last season.

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Soccer team focused and determined to rid woes, losing streak

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

Getting a train that has derailed back on the tracks is no easy task. The Texas Tech soccer team will try to do that Friday and Sunday at R.P. Fuller Stadium.

The Red Raiders started the season 2-0, but have since dropped eight consecutive games, the longest losing streak in school history. Players and coaches said they are tired of the string of losses.

Freshman forward and midfielder Mariah Gutknecht said the team's woes stem from a lack of rhythm, not from want of talent.

"There's a lot of frustration," she

said. "We all know we're a good team. It's just not clicking right now."

She said the players are staying positive amidst disappointment. The work ethic is there, she said, but the wins are not.

"Everybody has an awesome attitude," she said. "We all work extremely hard. We don't really know what's wrong."

Tech coach Felix Oskam said the Raiders need to regain their confidence. As a coach, there is only so much he can do.

"I don't have any magic dust in my pocket," he said.

Tech plays Missouri this Friday

in the team's Big 12 Conference home opener. Oskam sees this game as the team's turning point.

"Being a conference game and the first at home, that should motivate us as well," he said.

Oskam said the team is changing to a 4-4-2 system designed to better dictate the pace of the game and strengthen the midfield, although the system itself is not the

cause of Tech's struggles. He said the Raiders really need to play the system correctly.

"It's not the system that we play, it's how we execute it," he said. "Any system can be beat at any time. Those who play their system better will win the game."

Sophomore forward Tracy Loyd said the team's attitude at game time needs to change in order to put

games back in the win column.

"The biggest thing for us is that we need to regain focus and regain confidence in ourselves," she said.

"(We need) to just walk out on the field knowing we're going to win instead of walking out on the field hoping we're not going to lose."

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