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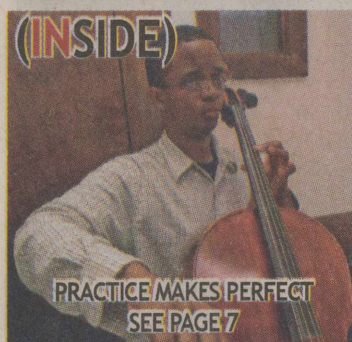
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STATE

Federal judge indicted on sex abuse charges

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge accused of sexual harassment by his former case manager has been indicted on charges of abusive sexual contact and attempted aggravated sexual abuse.

U.S. District Judge Samuel Kent was indicted on two counts of abusive sexual contact and one count of attempted aggravated sexual abuse.

An agreement with prosecutors will allow Kent to surrender Wednesday for an initial court appearance, the Houston Chronicle reported in its online edition.

NATION

Jury acquits former Marine in killing of Iraqis

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — A former Marine accused of killing unarmed Iraqi detainees was acquitted of voluntary manslaughter Thursday in a first-of-its-kind federal trial.

The jury took six hours to find Jose Luis Nazario Jr. not guilty of charges that he killed or caused others to kill four unarmed detainees on Nov. 9, 2004, in Fallujah, Iraq, during some of the fiercest fighting of the war.

The verdict left the 28-year-old defendant in tears. His mother, family and friends cried so loud the judge smacked his gavel in a call for order.

WORLD

Mexican Supreme Court upholds legal abortion

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's Supreme Court has upheld legal abortion in the capital.

Mexico City is one of only a handful of places in Latin America that allow abortion without limitations in the first trimester.

Thursday's 8-3 vote supporting the Mexico City law opens the possibility that similar measures could be adopted elsewhere in Mexico. It might also inspire other leftist Latin American cities to follow suit.

The Roman Catholic church has declared itself in mourning over the expected ruling and says church leaders will redouble their efforts to fight abortion in Mexico.

Conservative President Felipe Calderon's administration had appealed the law to the Supreme Court.

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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## Obama greeted by screaming crowd

By DAVID ESPO AND ROBERT FURLOW  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER (AP) — Before an enormous, adoring crowd, Barack Obama promised a clean break from the "broken politics in Washington and the failed presidency of George W. Bush" Thursday night as he embarked on the final lap of his audacious bid to become the nation's first black president.

"Now is not the time for small

plans," the 47-year-old Illinois senator told an estimated 84,000 people packed into Invesco Field, a huge football stadium in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains.

He vowed to cut taxes for nearly all working-class families, end the war in Iraq and break America's dependence on Mideast oil within a decade.

Obama called Sen. John McCain, his Republican rival, a good man who "just doesn't get it" — a backer of economic policies that

favor the rich and a senator who "stands alone in his stubborn refusal to end a misguided war."

"John McCain has voted with George Bush 90 percent of the time," he said, attempting to pre-empt his rival's claim that he is a maverick who breaks with the administration on key issues.

Obama's formal acceptance speech was delivered in a dramatic setting, the filled stadium, the camera flashes in the night, the made-for-television backdrop that

suggested the White House, and the thousands of convention delegates seated around the podium in an enormous semicircle.

Obama and his running mate, Sen. Joseph Biden, of Delaware, leave their convention city on Friday for Pennsylvania, first stop on an eight-week sprint to Election Day.

Polls indicate a close race between Obama and McCain, the Arizona senator who stands between him and a place in history.

McCain countered with a bold

move of his own, hoping to steal some of the political spotlight by spreading word that he had settled on a vice presidential running mate. Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty canceled all scheduled appearances for the next two days, stoking speculation that he was the one.

By happenstance, Obama's big evening coincided with the 45th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream Speech" on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington.

# GEARING UP



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON

The Daily Toreador created "Gearing Up" as a showcase of Texas Tech traditions and preparations before the kickoff of a highly-anticipated football season Saturday. Tech's football team — ranked No. 12 in the Associated Press poll and No. 14 in the USA Today Coach's Poll — is beginning the 2008 season with its highest rankings since 1977. From the Saddle Tramps to parking, tailgating to security, there are many elements of opening weekend. The passion of fans often leads to excitement and sometimes to chaos before the first game of the year, and this section aims to help inform those who may not be acquainted with the intricacies of the Tech football season.

## Texas Tech band goin' out in style with addition of new uniforms

By HANNAH BOEN  
STAFF WRITER

Almost one year ago, the Goin' Band from Raiderland began a campaign to raise money to replace its 12-year-old uniforms. Saturday, more than 400 students from almost every college on campus will step into Jones AT&T Stadium in new uniforms thanks to the support of fans and Texas Tech organizations.

"Once people see the new uniform, their first comment is almost exclusively 'I can't believe how white the uniform is,'" said Christopher Anderson, director of the band.

The Goin' Band, which got its name for being one of the first large university bands to travel with the football team, has used the same uniform four years longer than most major university bands, Anderson said.

The cost to outfit a band member is approximately \$550, he said. However, in order to have enough uniforms that fit everyone, the band must carry more uniforms than they have band members.

For Anderson, the group's uniforms are much more than just something the band throws on for games.

"The quality of the look of the ensemble reflects dramati-

cally on the university," Anderson said. "Both in seeing what the standard is for a major university and also seeing the importance of how Texas Tech treats the arts and its students."

The uniform includes pants, a jacket, a cap and hat as well as rain gear and other items, said Carol Edwards, dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

Today, 440 members of the Goin' Band wear the uniform that, Anderson said, allows the band to put their "best foot forward in terms of our first impression with prospective students."

Although the band has primarily raised uniform funds through endowments, Anderson said the ensemble received major support from other university organizations, including the Student Government Association.

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In 1925, 21 members of The Goin' Band donned traditional matador uniforms to perform at Texas Tech's first football game. Tomorrow, the 440 member band will perform in an updated version of the traditional Matador look, according to Ensemble Assistant Debbie Holt.

The uniform features a two-sided breastplate that will be displayed on the field on Saturday. The Double T design will be seen on the "bright white uniforms," Holt said.

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# Local researchers consider diversification to save water

By **KELSEY FLETCHER**  
STAFF WRITER

Lubbock County farmers may soon convert some of their farmland from cotton to cattle to save water.

A new study conducted by the Texas Alliance for Water Conservation suggests that by using farmland to graze cattle in combination with their crops, farmers could conserve water from the Ogallala Aquifer and increase profits in the long run.

This research was performed in Floyd and Hale County by monitoring several farms during the first three years of an eight-year study, and then examining their effects on the aquifer.

The theory is based on an idea called evapotranspiration, which is the amount of water a crop uses for growth, said Clifford Fedler, associate dean in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

This new technique would consist of several parts, including a possible growing cycle of diversified products, including bluestem grass and cattle, according to a news release from the organization.

Vivien Allen, a Texas Tech Thornton Distinguished Professor and Horn Professor of Forages, has been spearheading the research at the university's research farm in New Deal.

"It's not just the flip of a switch," Allen said. "By combining various pieces, you can conserve water, depending on the elements chosen."

Allen said research farms in New Deal utilizing this technique have seen a 25 percent decrease in water leaving the aquifer. But all combinations, however, don't always yield the same results.

Jim Cronkright, general manager of the High Plains Water District, said Allen's motives are

appreciated and that her hard work is acknowledged.

"The key," he said, "is to formulate a plan that allows you to stretch water resources over a longer period of time. This could include different cropping patterns and basically going back to past strategies used in agriculture."

He stressed the plan has the potential for success, but might not work for everyone.

Fedler said the change "has potential to save water, depending on the situation."

He said he believes the researchers need to be careful when making general claims about conserving water with these methods.

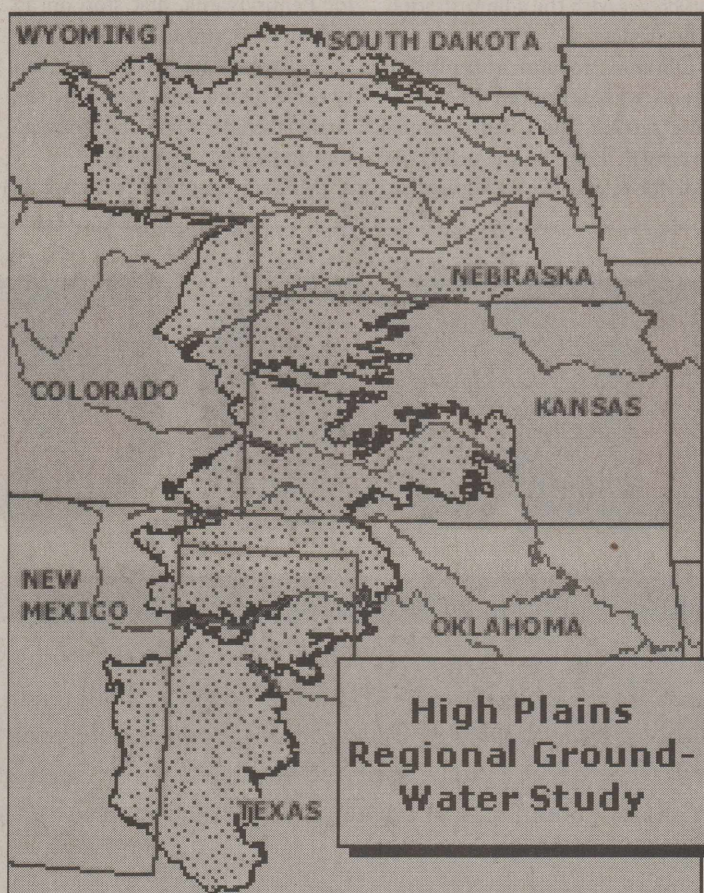
"Some of those row crops will use more water than a typical crop," Fedler said. "Cotton doesn't use a lot of water. Alfalfa does. (It) varies so much from one crop

to the next. And in terms of profitability, the cattle market is so tight. (There are) too many factors to make a blanket statement."

According to the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No.1 Web site, the Ogallala Aquifer underlies 174,000 square miles under eight states. It is the most intensely pumped aquifer in the United States. Of all this pumped water, agriculture represents the dominant land and water use in the region, with 90 percent of the withdrawals per day solely for irrigation.

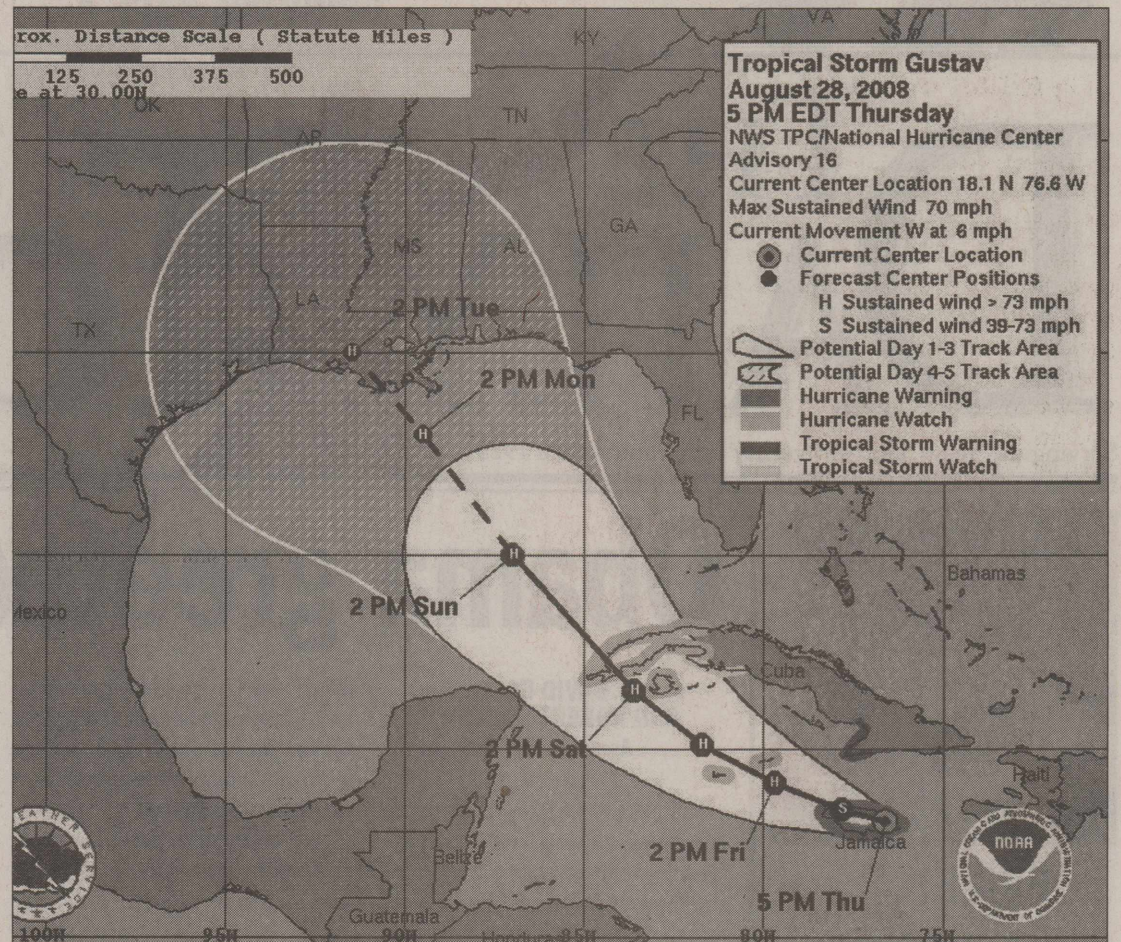
All in all, 332 million gallons of water are pumped out of the aquifer per day. Of this, only 10 percent of the groundwater will be restored by rainfall.

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# Lubbock prepares for Hurricane Gustav



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By **MATT COBB**  
STAFF WRITER

As Hurricane Gustav continues to head toward the Gulf of Mexico, several organizations in Lubbock are already preparing for the worst.

The American Red Cross South Plains Regional Chapter plans to open evacuation shelters for those affected by the hurricane, said Robin Raney, the CEO of the chapter.

The Red Cross is currently recruiting volunteers to help out at the shelters, she said. Two training classes for anyone interested in aiding potential evacuees will be hosted this weekend at the chapter's headquarters.

Classes will cover issues such as client casework and shelter operations.

Lubbock is an area evacuation hub and can accommodate up to 800 evacuees, she said. If evacu-

ees are sent to the city, they will stay at the City Bank Auditorium and Coliseum and the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

In addition to work being done by the Red Cross, a group of Texas Tech wind scientists are planning on providing their assistance by going to Louisiana to analyze the storm.

"We'll be sending a team down tomorrow or Saturday as long as the forecast holds," said John Schroeder, an associate professor of atmospheric science at Tech.

The four-person team going to the storm site consists of Schroeder and three Ph.D. students, he said.

The team plans to deploy a surface observation system called StickNet at a location where the storm will make landfall, Schroeder said. This system will record a variety of information from the amount of rainfall to

the wind speed and direction of the storm.

"This will give us a chance to monitor the storm," he said. "If something catastrophic happens and we need to analyze the storm, we'll have a starting point."

Hurricane Gustav is predicted to enter the gulf by the weekend, and hit the coastline on Labor Day, according to the National Hurricane Center's Web site. The hurricane could make landfall anywhere from south Texas to the Florida panhandle, but it is currently on path toward the Louisiana coastline.

For those interested in volunteering, the Red Cross will have training classes from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the chapter's offices at 2201 19th St., according to an American Red Cross media release. The training is free and anyone interested should call 765-8534.

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# Wrapping, ringing, rousing part of being a Saddle Tramp

By BRIDGET DE STEFANO  
STAFF WRITER

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If spectator's ears are ringing after Texas Tech football games, the Saddle Tramps are doing their job. The 72-year-old spirit organization, Saddle Tramps, is gearing up for the first football game of the season with traditional pre-game festivities to get students in the spirit.

Wrapping the Will Rogers statue, parts of the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration building, and the coach's bridge at Jones AT&T Stadium in red streamers on Thursdays before every home game is a tradition that Red Raiders have come to know and love over the years.

A long-standing

and widely recognized tradition of the Saddle Tramps is ringing the victory bells when Tech scores on the field at men's home football games and in basketball and baseball games as well as during an opposing team's kickoff.

Casey Amis, assistant treasurer and a sophomore from Arlington, said he describes Saddle Tramps as a "spirit organization dedicated to the betterment of Texas Tech."

Amis joined the all-male organization in fall 2007, his freshman year, because he wanted to be involved in college athletics and bring more school spirit to sporting events.

With some similarities to a fraternity, Amis said, Saddle Tramps has a annual rush for 40 prospective members to get a spot.

The three days of rush

starting Sept. 2-4 requires that students be in good standing with the university and have at least a 2.5 grade point average.

Amis said Saddle Tramps also participate in community service activities such as a diabetes walk, Special Olympics, Carol of Lights and a Fajita Fest for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

One thing Amis and Brentus Perea, a senior exercise sports and sciences major from Lovington, N.M., said sets the Saddle Tramps apart from other fraternal organizations is their "zero tolerance for hazing of any kind."

This clarification comes after a hazing incident in spring 2006, when Saddle Tramps president Jonathan Merritt said active members gave bids to the pledges and made them dress in "stupid outfits" as they stood outside the Administration building bell tower on campus.

The members were caught when police officers drove up to the scene and reported the incident. Saddle Tramps were later suspended, said Merritt, a senior personal financial planning major from Corpus Christi.

Perea was a pledge during the hazing event and described the

situation as "blown out of proportion," and it was "all in good fun."

The reason Merritt said it was blown out of proportion: the word hazing was attached to it.

"Hazing is so broad — you don't know how to take it," Merritt said.

The Saddle Tramps, he said, are now a more focused group with new goals and dedication to its original purpose of spirit and service.

"It was a blessing in a way," Merritt said, "and I am more proud to be a part of this organization than I ever was before."

As the newly oriented group of guys prepare for football season and rush, the question lingers whether girls should be allowed to be Saddle Tramps.

"There has been talk about opening it up to girls," Merritt said.

Although, he said Saddle Tramps is exempt from Title IX, the federal law prohibiting sex discrimination under any education program because it is a gender-specific organization.

"The advisers say they see it happening in the near future," Merritt said. "I'm sure it will at some point in time."

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BRYAN HOWE (LEFT), a senior biology major from Katy and Brandon Turner (right), a master's student studying personal financial planning from Fredericksburg, wrap the Will Rogers Statue with fellow Saddle Tramps Thursday.

## Saddle Tramps quick facts

- Created by Arch Lamb, a head cheerleader at Tech in 1936.

- The term "Saddle Tramp" came from early Texas ranchers who needed a saddle tramp to tackle any assignment and do everything they could to improve the ranch.

- In 1971, the organization created Raider Red, one of Tech's mascots.



- Today, Saddle Tramps has 35 active members. The maximum number of members allowed is 100.

- The organization does a Texas/Texas A&M Watch where members camp out on campus to protect Tech's landmark spots from opponents.

- Saddle Tramp sponsors include Mass Communication professor Bill Dean, news director at KJTV-TV Jeff Klotzman and Chris Snead, Tech Alumni Association associate vice president.

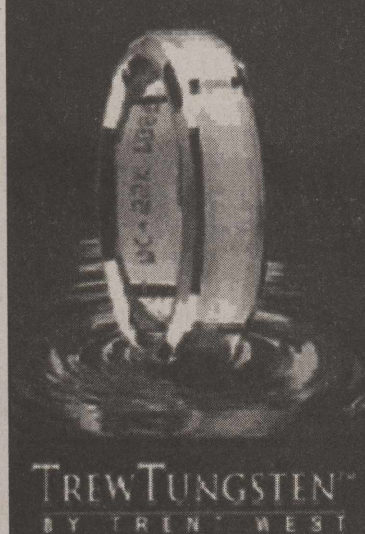
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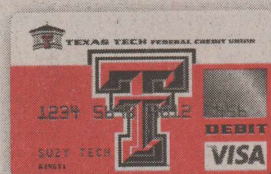
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# Tech, Lubbock officials ask for rowdy, law-abiding fans

By JON VANDERLAAN  
STAFF WRITER

Although Jones AT&T Stadium can be intimidating at times, the Texas Tech Athletics department urges fans to follow the rules while being good fans.

Blayne Beal, associate director of media relations for Tech athletics, said the athletic department encourages fans to be as rowdy and supportive as possible — within reason.

In addition to avoiding illegal actions, Beal said it is important for fans to stay "classy" and take sportsmanship seriously.

Beal said the "Jones" is a tough stadium to play at, and the department hopes to keep it that way, but fans should learn to cheer for their home team and not against the other team.

Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of the Tech Police Department, said the department will have between 30 and 40 officers at the Aug. 30 football game against Eastern Washington University — in addition to the officers provided by the Department of Public Safety and the Lubbock County Sheriff's office.

Hoffman said one of the most common disruptions at games involve alcohol, but the department also handles disruptive fans, lost and found property and traffic assignments.

In the last 10 years, he said security forces have been increased considerably due in part to changes in society — especially from events such as the Sept. 11 attacks.

While he has seen as many as 50

students and non-students arrested at a single football game, Hoffman said the department arrested fewer than 12 people each game last year. However, that does not include those released to a responsible party.

He said the decrease in arrests could partially be attributed to students' awareness of a significant security presence at the games.

The department spends a week or longer preparing for each home football game, and for the first game of the year, they can spend up to a month preparing, Hoffman said.

Along with keeping students in line, he said officers are attuned to the overall security of the stadium and patrol to catch anything out of the ordinary.

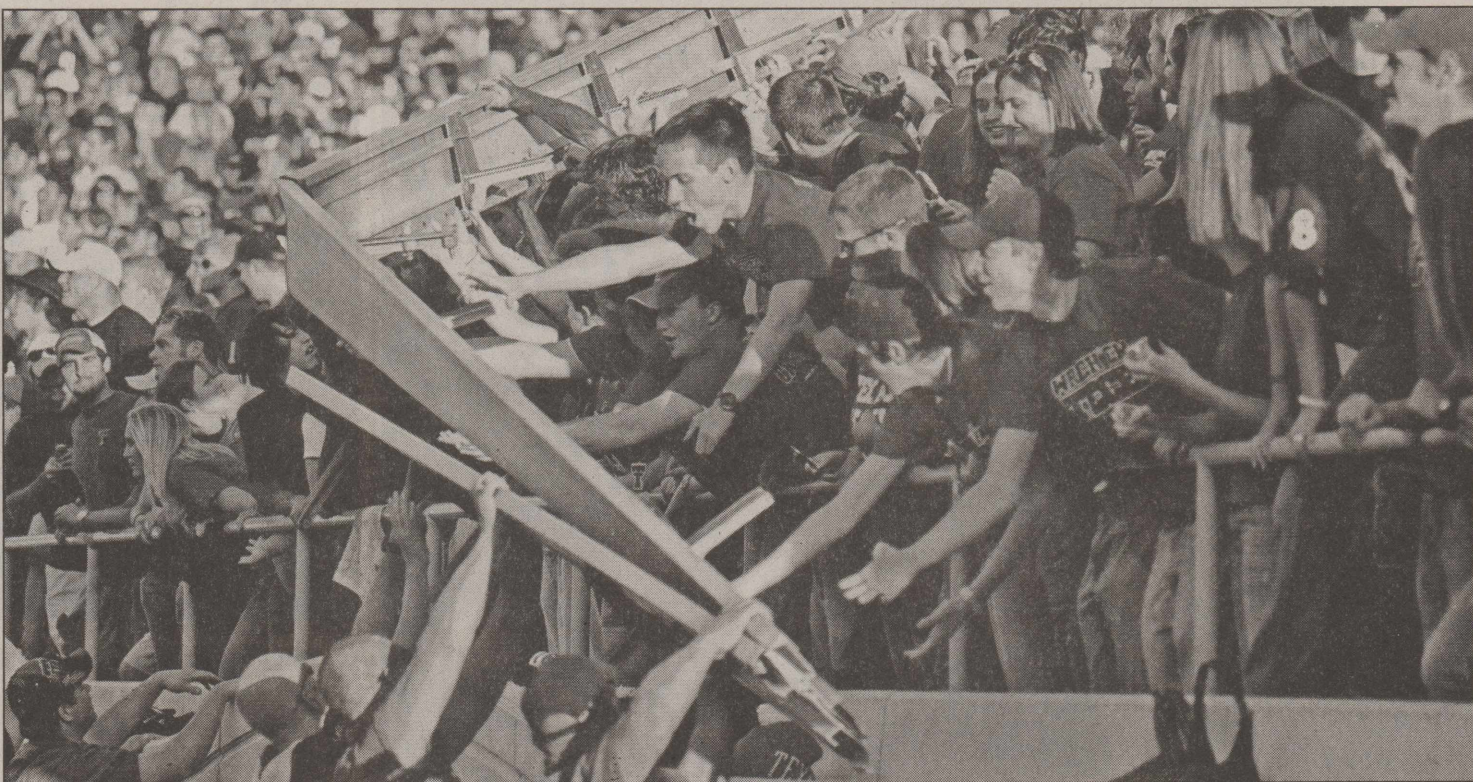
Cpt. Antonio Menchaca, law enforcement captain in the sheriff's office, said the office became officially involved with football games last year.

"I enjoy interacting with the students," Menchaca said. "That isn't something that we do on a regular basis."

He said the office provides a "support role" to Tech police who lead operations at the games. Although their role is mainly support, Menchaca said the office sends veteran officers, especially those who have experience on the street and interacting with people on a daily basis.

The support role will include providing security at entrance gates and other tasks so Tech police can work inside the stadium, he said.

Tech police and the Lubbock County Sheriff's office have worked together before on several occa-



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

IN THE PAST, some Red Raiders have broken the bleachers in the student section of Jones AT&T Stadium. These students are sought out by security officers and given a warning or removed from the stands for disorderly conduct.

sions, and Menchaca said the two forces have trained together. He said partnering with Tech police at the

football games was part of a natural progression of the relationship between the organizations.

Tech police are enlisting in the help of the Lubbock County Sheriff's office, Lubbock Department of Public

Safety and possibly the District Attorney's office, Hoffman said.

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# Red Raiders head to Mean Green Volleyball Classic

By KEVIN CULLEN  
STAFF WRITER

The Red Raiders may not have to worry about its lack of experience Friday.

The Texas Tech volleyball team begins its season against North Texas at 7 p.m. in Denton in the first of three matches in the Mean Green Volleyball Classic.

After a 2007 campaign in which the Red Raiders went 7-22 overall and 1-19 in Big 12 Conference play, Tech is hoping to get off to a strong start in 2008.

North Texas is coming off a similar season finishing 12-21.

While Tech assistant coach Mike Moffitt said the team's sights are always set on winning every game, the first tournament of the season holds extra value for this year's squad.

"You always go into these tournaments thinking you're gonna go 3-0," he said. "If you had to put a number on it, that's what you are looking for, but really you're looking for how this group with so many newcomers is gonna come together and accomplish what they should. It's gonna be a lot of playing up to expectations for us."

Along with the coaches getting

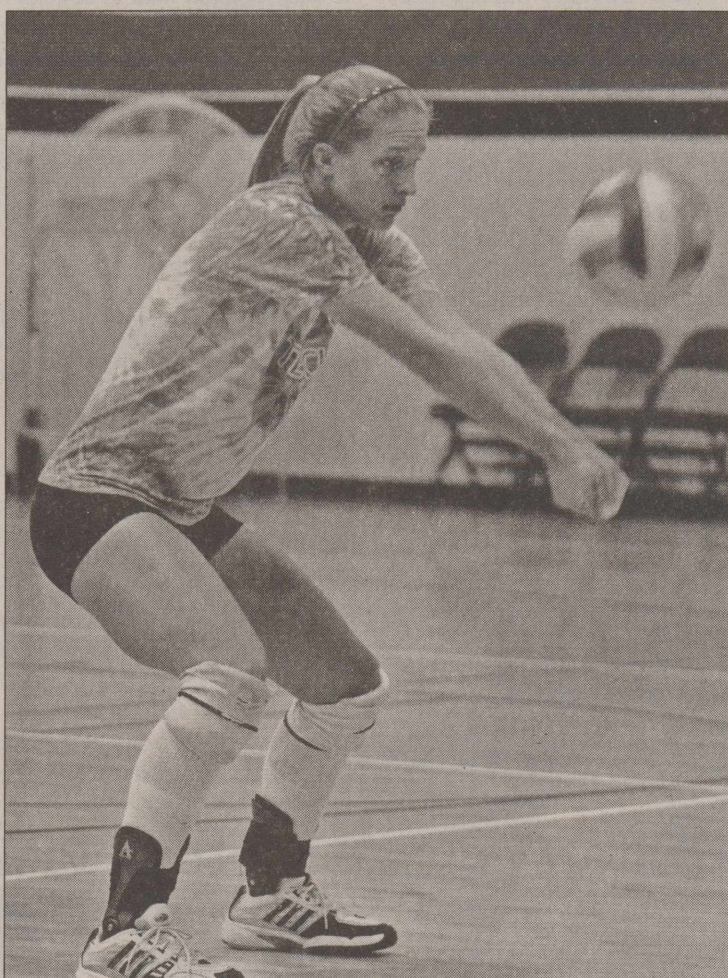


PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Treador  
CAROLINE WITTE WILL aim to push Tech to a season-opening win today against North Texas.

a first look at how well the team plays together, they also will see how well their team responds to playing in front of a crowd for the first time this year.

"This weekend, a lot of it will be, you know — you'll have two teams that are from that area, so they'll both have big crowds," he said. "So we will get to adjust to that. Other than that, a lot of our focus for this weekend is gonna be on our side of the net and our play. In particular, just how we gel as a team is what this first weekend is gonna be."

Friday will feature the debuts of seven newcomers to Tech's roster, including new setters Caroline Witte and Karlyn Meyers, who are attempting to replace last year's assists leader, Emily Ziegler.

North Texas coach Cassie Headrick also is familiar with new faces, as the Mean Green welcomed 10 new players in the offseason.

She said this adds to the intrigue of Friday's match.

"We have 10 newcomers on our roster ourselves," Headrick said. "I know Tech is coming off a season with some injuries last year and it looks like a lot of newcomers as well. I'm hoping for a competitive match on both of our sides. I'm re-

ally excited to be able to host Tech. I'm just hoping that it's gonna be a good match, honestly."

Being that this is the first match of the season for both teams, there is an element of unfamiliarity for the match.

"I don't know a whole lot about Tech," Headrick said. "I'm sure they probably don't know much about us. Right now we are actually more concerned about what's going on, on our side of the court right now, and we will make those game-time decisions in terms of what they are going to be throwing at us."

A few of those game-time decisions will more than likely involve two of Tech's returning players, Brandi Hood and Michelle Flores.

Hood led the team with 94 total blocks in the 2007 season, and Flores led the team in kills

with 300.

The Mean Green Classic is the first of four tournaments to start the season for Tech.

The Red Raiders also play in the Arizona Invitational Sept. 5-6, Red Raider Roundup Sept. 12 and the Lamar Tournament Sept. 20.

Tech coach Nancy Todd said starting with four tournaments gives the team a chance to work out its kinks before facing Big 12 opponents.

The challenge of starting on the road is something Witte said she relishes and hopes to use this tournament as a springboard for the season.

"I'm pumped," she said. "I can't wait. I can't wait to get on the road and travel. I feel pretty confident that we are gonna do well and hopefully keep it going throughout the year."

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# Texas Tech soccer opens Big 12 play early with Colorado

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Everyone loves appetizers. Most have chips and queso, mozzarella sticks or artichoke dip. The Texas Tech women's soccer team will use Colorado as their appetizer for the Big 12 Conference season.

The Red Raiders will get an early taste of Big 12 Conference against Colorado 7 p.m. at the John Walker Soccer Complex.

"It gives you a little bit of an idea of what is ahead," Tech coach Tom Stone said. "No matter what the outcome, we are going to learn a lot about ourselves."

Usually teams play most, if not all non-conference games before getting into the conference schedule. This season the Red Raiders get their conference opener in just the second match of the season.

"It's an odd situation," Stone said. "It tests how much you got done in spring and preseason practice."

The Aug. 29 matchup is the earliest the Red Raiders have ever played a conference game in school history. They have six non-conference matches in between Colorado and their next Big 12 opponent, Oklahoma State.

The rest of the Big 12 does not start playing conference games until Sept. 26th.

Stone has tried raising the intensity in practice a little early this year in order to get his team ready for the early conference game.

"Whenever the (conference) season comes around he is really wired," Tech goalkeeper Tina Rincon said. "He has brought the intensity to let us know that this is conference, and everything we do is going to be harder than before."

Tech midfielder Shannon Sims said the game is a big test considering how young the season is, but she does not think the team is too concerned because Colorado is not anymore prepared than they are.

In all the various sports, conference

games usually have a more serious feel than non-conference games.

The main goal for most teams is to win a conference championship, and non-conference games do not count toward a team's conference record.

Sims said the intensity for conference games is always higher because they are the ones that count in regard of reaching the Big 12 Tournament, something that Tech is looking to achieve for the second straight year.

Stone said the Big 12 is so competitive from top to bottom that nobody can take a night off and it's important to get a jump start in the standings.

The Red Raiders also opened their conference season last year against Colorado, winning 1-0 in Boulder.

Despite being outshot 19-10, Tech won the game with a goal in the 76th minute by Meagan Wilber off of a Zhaleh Rezaie free kick.

Sims said it was a difficult game for her because Colorado was very quick and they used an extra midfielder, which confused her on how to defend them. She said this year they are much more prepared.

"They play a little different system, so we need to make sure we are organized defensively," Rincon said. "But we also need to make sure we do what we're good at. We can't change too much for them."



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador  
TECH GOALKEEPER Tina Rincon looks forward to starting Big 12 play early in the season.

The Buffaloes have struggled out of the gate this season with an 0-1-1 record.

The Buffaloes are led by two-time All-Big 12 selection, forward Nikki Marshall. Marshall has 26 career goals to her name but has yet to find the back

of the net this season. Tech is 3-10 all-time in their conference opener and 1-4 when opening the season at home. This also will be the first conference game ever played at the new John Walker Soccer Complex.

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