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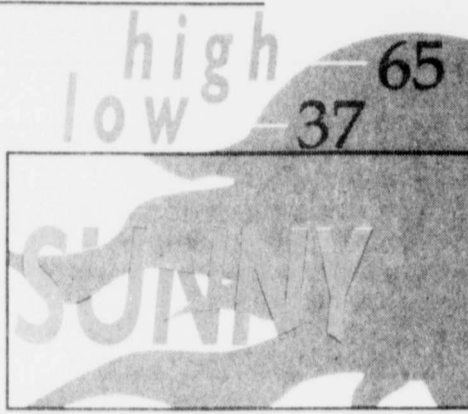


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STATENEWS —

Jury convicts dragging-death defendant, sentences him to life

JASPER (AP) — A Jasper County jury returned a life sentence Thursday for the third and last white man to go on trial for the fatal dragging of a black Jasper man, James Byrd Jr.

The sentencing of Shawn Allen Berry, 24, came after the all-white jury found him guilty of capital murder in one of the nation's most vicious recent hate crimes.

Jurors took less than two hours to sentence Berry after taking about 10 hours over two days to find him guilty of capital murder.

The decision means Berry avoids the fate of his two co-defendants, avowed white supremacists who were sentenced to die for the crime. The punishment means Berry must spend at least 40 years in prison.

NATIONALNEWS —

Homeless arm themselves after two are decapitated

DENVER (AP) — Homeless people armed themselves with knives, pipes and railroad spikes Thursday after the decapitated bodies of two transients were found in the same area where five homeless men were beaten to death.

The headless corpses were spotted by a homeless man Wednesday in a weed-covered field behind Union Station, Denver's main railroad station.

Mayor Wellington Webb said he thought the killings would stop after several youths were arrested a week ago in one of the beating deaths.

"We were really taken aback when the other two bodies were found," he said.

He said the FBI is joining the investigation. "The deaths of seven homeless men have left our community in a state of disbelief," he said.

Investigators have not concluded the deaths are linked but have theorized they resulted from a turf war between a group of "mall rats" — homeless young people along the downtown 16th Street Pedestrian Mall and a nearby park — and older transients who have been the victims.

WORLDNEWS —

World leaders chastise Yeltsin over endless violence

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — President Clinton and other world leaders chastised Boris Yeltsin on Thursday for overseeing "an endless cycle of violence" in Chechnya — prompting angry words from the Russian leader but also a concession. He agreed to an outside review of the rebels and prime ministers at a summit of the 54-nation Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

Rejecting calls for political mediation rather than a military solution, Yeltsin said, "There will be no negotiations with bandits and murderers."

Gathered around an oval table, Clinton was joined by other Western chiefs of state in ordering a bloody military crackdown in Chechnya. French President Jacques Chirac called Russia's air and ground assaults "a tragic error."

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said, "War is no way to eliminate terrorists."

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— Diana Estrada, Texas A&M sophomore

AGGIELAND TRAGEDY

Bonfire collapses, nine killed, more than 28 injured

by Greg Okuhara
News Editor

At least nine Texas A&M University students were killed and 28 were injured when the annual bonfire structure collapsed early Thursday morning in College Station.

The accident occurred while 60 to 70 students were preparing the 40-foot tall log structure for the pep rally before the University of Texas-Texas A&M football game.

The nine students confirmed dead are Christopher Breen of Austin, Jerry Self of Arlington, Jeremy Frampton of Turlock, Calif., Bryan McClain of San Antonio, Chad Powell of Keller, Nathan Scott West of Bellaire, Jaime Hand of Henderson, Lucas Kimmel of Corpus Christi, and Christopher Lee Heard of Houston.

One A&M student described the scene immediately following the collapse.

"It just toppled over, and the wires snapped and the lights started sparking and going on and off," said sophomore Diana Estrada, who was 200 yards away. "We ran over there as fast as we could, and we could see legs sticking out and hear people screaming."

As of late Thursday evening, Lane Stephenson, an A&M spokesman, said the university has not released an official statement.

"We are trying to cope with the situation," he said. "We're dealing with this tragedy as best we can."

College Station Fire Department Spokesman Bart Humphreys said he could confirm the nine deaths and "we fear that will escalate."

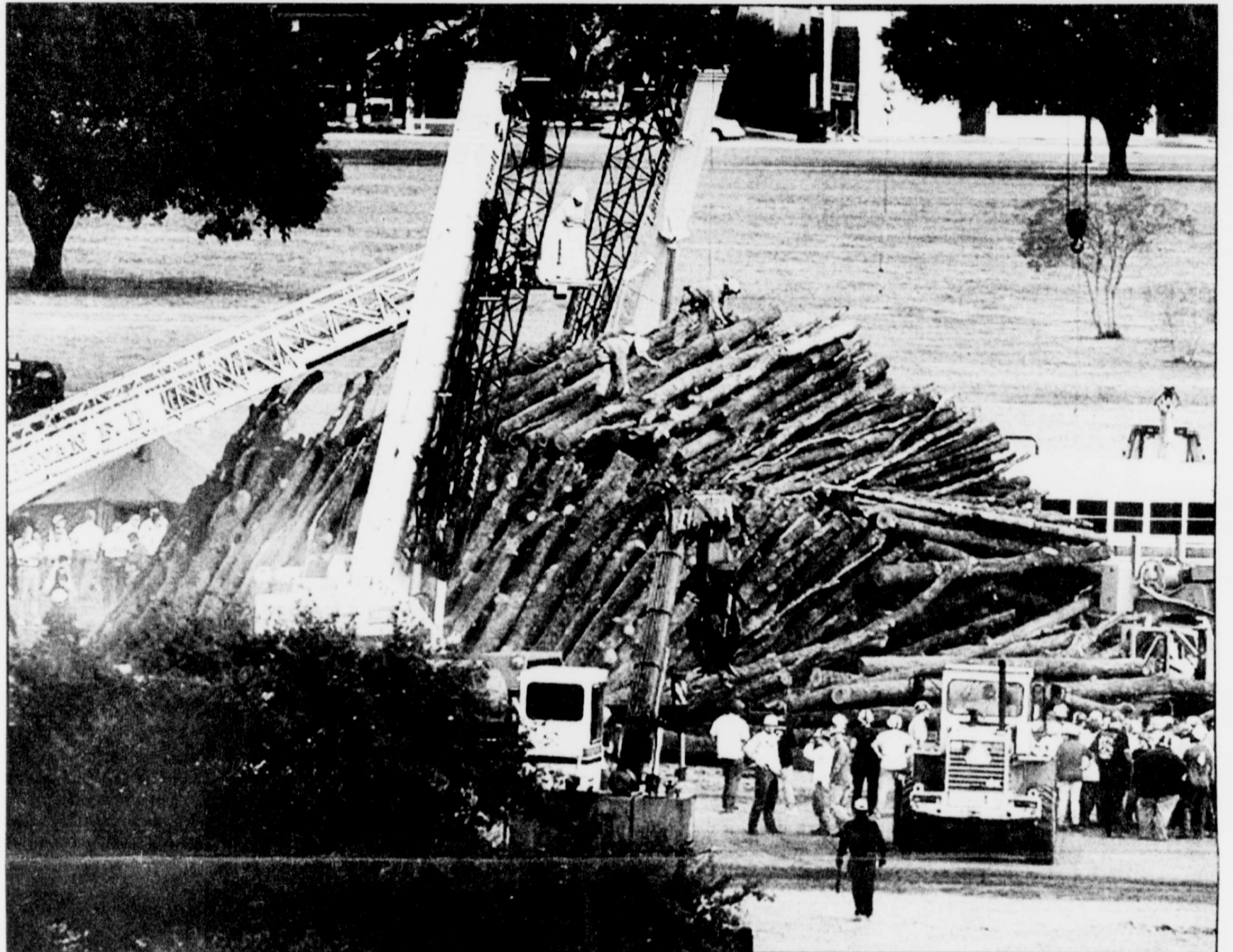
Rescue workers used sound-detection devices to listen for any signs of life underneath the mass of wood.

Although no A&M classes were officially canceled, students and faculty did not show up for class. "I've never seen anything like this," said A&M student Patrick Freshwater.

"It's something you don't ever want to feel. I went to my class, and there was nobody there. The teacher wasn't even there, because no one can go to class when this is going on."

A memorial service was scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday at Reed Arena, A&M's basketball arena.

Nancy Adams, an administrative assistant for the A&M student



Rescue workers are lowered onto the pile of logs at the site of Texas A&M's annual bonfire. More than 28 students were injured in Thursday morning's collapse.

government, said she expected the 14,000-seat building to be full.

"The arena holds 13,000 to 14,000 people, I'm sure it will be packed," Adams said.

"We will also have visitors from UT, Baylor, and Sam Houston State attending."

A&M officials said the bonfire takes place on the campus grounds, but the university has no official ties with the event.

Maco Faniel, vice president for community development for A&M's student government, said the bonfire was being built at Polo Field, and to his knowledge, nothing was changed about the construction of the edifice.

"The bonfire committee is made up of elected officials," Faniel said. "It is a very organized event."

University officials have canceled the traditional bonfire. It was scheduled to be lit on Thanksgiving day during pre-game events for Friday's game against UT. The bonfire was canceled once before in 1963 when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

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Workers rush to the aid of students trapped under the 7,000 logs used for the bonfire.

Tech students, administrators react to A&M bonfire incident

by Andy Jones
Staff Writer

Texas Tech students, faculty and administrators responded Thursday to the most recent student tragedy at Texas A&M University.

The A&M bonfire, a tradition that dates back 90 years, collapsed early Thursday morning, killing at least nine students and injuring as many as 28.

Chancellor John Montford said he contacted A&M Chancellor Howard Graves Thursday morning to see if Tech could do anything to help in terms of offering emergency care or moral support.

"It's a very bad and tragic situation," Montford said. "He (Chancellor Graves) said he couldn't think of anything they needed. I told him we could get a blood drive together very quickly if needed."

Montford said the university recognizes the fact that some Tech students will more than likely be affected in some manner by this tragedy. All state flags were ordered at half-staff by Lt. Gov. Rick Perry.

"I know there are a number of close friendships (between Tech and A&M students) — I think we will certainly be sensitive to those friendships," Montford said. "The university will be sensitive to any particular needs a student may have."

He said the situation acknowledges a strong relationship

among Texas universities.

"Texas Tech and Texas A&M are great rivals on the football field and the athletic arena," Montford said. "We still have a very high opinion of Texas A&M."

Montford said students who may need special considerations or counseling should go to the Dean of Students Office.

Greg Elkins, associate dean of students, said his office will be available to all students.

"We as a university will be supportive of any of our students who need assistance in regards to the A&M incident," Elkins said. "Our counseling center on campus would be of assistance to any of our students. This is a tragic accident. Our thoughts are with the A&M community."

Many Tech students and faculty were in the dark Thursday regarding the details of the accident.

Chris Reynolds, a junior architecture major from Austin, said a friend called this morning to tell him about the incident.

"He just couldn't believe it. He didn't know anyone involved, so he wasn't that upset or anything," Reynolds said. "That's a crazy thing to happen. I don't know anybody who was hurt, at least not yet."

Robert Ewalt, Tech's vice president of Student Affairs, said he was not sure of the final number of students injured or

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Flags fly at half-staff Thursday on the Texas Tech campus in honor of those injured in the bonfire collapse at Texas A&M.

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More funds secured for freeway

\$12.1 million given for Tech portion of East-West Freeway

by Greg Okuhara
News Editor

City of Lubbock and Texas Tech officials announced a \$12.1 million grant from the Texas Transportation Commission to complete the Tech portion of the East-West Freeway.

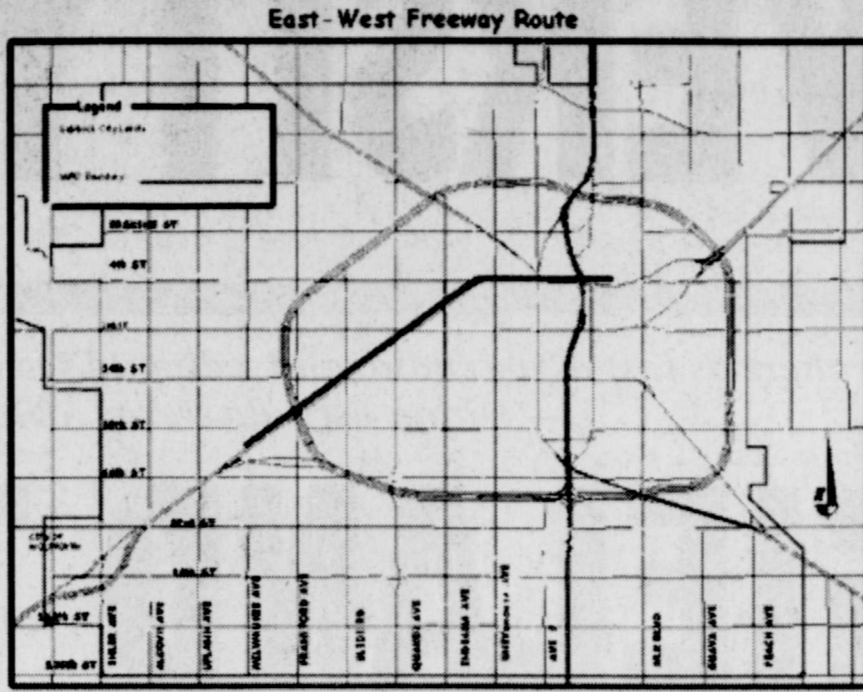
The funds will be used to construct the portion of the freeway extending from University Avenue to Flint Avenue and the interchange at Fourth Street.

Tech Chancellor John Montford said the construction will coincide with Jones Stadium construction, which will help reduce traffic problems. Even though the freeway construction will most likely cause traffic delays, Montford said the result is worth it.

"I think it will eliminate a lot of traffic problems along Brownfield Highway," he said. "I don't want anyone to think it will be cured overnight, there will be a number of inconveniences for our faculty and students and fans while this is constructed."

Montford said the freeway will correspond with Tech's Master Plan.

"It's no secret that this project has been a dream of Lubbock and Texas Tech for some time," he said.



Texas Department of Transportation

Despite the amount of construction taking place at once in a concentrated area, officials hope traffic problems are "as minimal as they can be," said Randy Neugebauer, chairman of the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization.

"That's a busy part of our community," he said. "You have 24,000 students, however many employees, and I'm sure the university, TxDOT, and the city will all sit down and work out plans to make this as painless as they can."

In May, the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce requested \$20 million for the project, but were only awarded \$12.1 million. Despite the fact they did not receive the full request, Neugebauer said the project is proceeding well.

"I would hope we would be through with the freeway by the end of 2009 or 2010," he said.

The total cost of the project is projected at \$183 million. After today's announcement, the freeway's funds stand at \$62.8 million.

Citibus proposal presented to SGA

by Brandon Formby
Contributing Writer

A proposal to change Texas Tech's Citibus service, with the potential to save more than \$93,000 in Student Services Fees, was presented to the Student Government Association on Thursday.

The proposed changes stem from an analysis of the current services Tech students receive from Citibus. SGA External Vice President Ashlee Thames said she reviewed the system, including the number of riders at certain times in the day, and found ways to cut costs.

"When you're taking a look at student services, you have to look if it's being used effectively," she said. "If you go out and look at buses around 3 p.m. or 4 p.m., there's not a lot of

people on them."

Part of the proposal calls for a reduction in operating hours of the route that runs from the Business Administration building to the commuter parking lots west of the United Spirit Arena. Cutting more than \$36,000 from the total cost of next school year's proposed service, the reduction proposes that one of the two shuttles used will run from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., while the other will run from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. This semester, both shuttles operate from 7:30 a.m. until 5:20 p.m., bringing the total cost of the route to \$100,000.

Under an agreement made two years ago between the SGA, Athletic Director Gerald Myers, President Donald Haragan and Chancellor John Montford, the Chancellor's office has been paying for this route because of United Spirit Arena construction. Now that the arena is complete, the cost of this route will be funded from Student Services fees. If

the hours of operation are reduced, the amount needed for this service will total \$63,130.

The proposal also calls for the removal of one bus from the West Fourth Street route, which will cut costs by \$35,019. Three buses would remain on the route, and would stop every 10 minutes instead of every 15 minutes.

Also in the proposal is a request to eliminate the Citibus fixed route that now costs \$27,742.

This service allows students with a valid Tech ID to ride all of Citibus' fixed routes in Lubbock. Due to the low number of riders, Thames suggested the service be dropped.

"We're more concerned with providing transportation on campus and to students coming on to the campus," she said.

The proposal also included a \$6,454 increase in the cost for the North Indiana route, but did not explain why.

Tech players, coaches team up to fight cancer

by Eric Shaw
Contributing Writer

Starting with the Red Raider's contest against the University of Indiana, the men's and women's basketball teams have the chance to help fight cancer.

Every time a Red Raider or Lady Raider sinks a 3-pointer this season, they not only will be helping their team, but also will be contributing to the fight against cancer.

A fund-raiser called Coaches vs. Cancer was started by the American Cancer Society and Texas Tech. The partnership will help raise money for cancer research and programs.

The program begins with the basketball teams' first regular season games. The Red Raiders host the University of Indiana at 8 p.m. today at the United Spirit Arena, and the Lady Raiders host the Four in the Fall tournament this weekend.

The program began during Midnight Madness, Oct. 15, when pledge cards were distributed.

Doug Jordan, co-chairman of the Coaches vs. Cancer committee, said the event is a good way to bring the ACS and the basketball programs together.

"Coaches vs. Cancer is a good way to expose the ACS to college campuses as well as the fans of the teams," Jordan said. "It is a good way to make people aware of the ACS."

The Lubbock ACS wants to raise \$50,000 this year through the program. The money raised will be distributed among different areas of the ACS. Nearly 85 percent of the money raised will go back into cancer prevention and research.

Money raised from programs like Coaches vs. Cancer usually

remains in the Lubbock area, said Kathy Winn, executive director of the ACS Lubbock Unit.

"We have a centralized accounting system," Winn said. "Basically the money stays here in Lubbock."

People who give money to the program donate a variety of amounts.

"People pledge anywhere from a quarter a shot to \$10 a shot," Winn said.

The ACS has 350 volunteers working for them. Of those volunteers, 12 are donating time to Coaches vs. Cancer.

Charlene Eddleman, co-chairman of the Coaches vs. Cancer fund-raiser, volunteers her time to the ACS because cancer has affected her life.

"(ACS) is a cause that's dear to my heart," Eddleman said. "Both my mother and sister died of cancer."

Each made 3-pointer will help the local ACS.

Both Tech basketball teams contribute to Coaches vs. Cancer, along with nearly 116 other college basketball programs, Winn said.

During the 1998-99 season, the Lady Raiders made 125 3-point shots and the Red Raiders made 208.

Representatives from the men's and women's basketball teams did not return phone calls Thursday.

The ACS is looking for organizations around Lubbock and on the Tech campus to help spread the word about Coaches vs. Cancer. Volunteers are still needed to help distribute programs about the fund-raiser.

Organizations interested in helping out with Coaches vs. Cancer or any other ACS program can call Kathy Winn at 792-7126.

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killed, but said his prayers go out to everyone involved.

"It's tragic for young people involved and their families," Ewalt said.

He said any discussion regarding the future of the A&M bonfire is irrelevant at this time.

"The overriding concern at this point is for the students and their families. The rest will sort itself out," Ewalt said.

Ewalt said A&M has been very good about offering assistance to other schools in similar situations, and Tech will be there for them.

Gabriel Zuniga, supervisor at Lubbock's United Blood Services, said UBS designed a blood exchange program in response to the A&M tragedy.

"We have had donors come in today for that reason, not for any specific (injured) person, but as a credit to the whole group," Zuniga said.

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the future of the bonfire.

Aggies Against Bonfire, an A&M group, has protested the event, citing pollution, wasting of resources and alcohol-related arrests caused by the event.

Kay Barrington, an A&M senior, said the bonfire should go on for one more year.

"My feeling is they won't get any closure if they just take it down," she said. "(The students who died) wouldn't want to just put it away. They'd want to burn it."

The bonfire collapse is not the first. In 1994, the structure collapsed because of heavy rains, but no one was injured. It was rebuilt

and ignited.

The tragedy is the latest in a string of deaths of Texas college students.

On Sept. 18, five people were killed in a plane crash involving an A&M skydiving club. On Oct. 10, four Baylor University, one Southwestern Texas State University and one A&M student were killed after being struck by a pickup truck whose driver had fallen asleep.

Texas Tech student Michael Burrows was killed when the car he was traveling in veered off the road and crashed into a creek bed. The driver of that vehicle also had fallen asleep.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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Smith addresses Tech HSC past, present, future

by Adrienne Gaviglio
Staff Writer

Dr. David Smith, Health Sciences Center president, addressed HSC faculty, staff and students Thursday as to where the center is positioned and where it will stand in future goals.

The academics, service and research are on upward trends at the HSC, Smith said.

"We need to stay focused to become the most successful HSC in Texas, if we aren't already, and hopefully we will become the most successful in the U.S.," Smith said.

"Tech is known for prominence in academics, research and service combined, whereas some schools are more prominent in just one field."

Tech Chancellor John Montford said he is excited about the future of Tech and the HSC. He accredits its excellent performance in the past three years to the intensity with which its goals were approached.

One of the goals was to have an endowment that was more competitive. The original \$250-million goal was grossly underestimated, Montford said.

"Tech does not need to be second to any university in the country, and I believe we are on the right track to be one of the best in the country," Montford said.

"I like to brag about Tech because it is full of surprises."

Smith highlighted many areas he would like to see perfected, one being a national vision of Tech being the premiere academic HSC in the Southwest United States by the year 2000.

"Today we need to focus on recruiting and bringing in U.S. graduates to the HSC," Smith said. "We need to touch more people, and our formula funding will now allow us to grow."

Many trends for the HSC have changed over the past years, such

as faculty growth. In 1996, 640 faculty were employed by the Tech HSC. In 1999, the center boasted a faculty enrollment of 789. The student enrollment also has grown with 1,547 students in 1998 to 1,657 students in 1999.

Smith said the financial status of the HSC is good.

The budget has grown from \$311 million in 1999 to \$334.7 million in 2000.

Smith said there have been many areas of achievement, especially with the new degrees that have been implemented.

"I am encouraging all of the deans to look for more degrees that we can initiate," Smith said.

Enrollment has been down in the School of Allied Health and School of Nursing, following national trends, Smith said.

"We need to return to where we were and sustain our impact," Smith said.

"Faculty growth has only increased because of new programs — this is an area of needed revision."

Smith said scholarships also need to be more accessible to students who are having to drop out because of financial instability.

"Those (students) are important, and there needs to be more fellowship and post-doctoral support," Smith said.

"Overall, we need to better all schools and accomplish our goal to be one of the top schools in Texas in all areas."

In 10 years, Smith said the goal of the HSC is to have larger focuses on patients, training incentives at all levels, and keeping and maintaining the best people. Smith also said a goal was to increase enrollment to 1,750 in five years, increase external research, create new facilities at Amarillo and El Paso and create new opportunities for the HSC.

"I want to get out and get after these issues, and I need your help," Smith said.

Professor honored for career

by Adrienne Gaviglio
Staff Writer

Sharon Decker's passion and love for her profession keeps her focused on doing the best job she can while teaching. The commitment she shows in the classroom has translated into an award for her work.

Decker, a professor of clinical nursing in the School of Nursing at Texas Tech's Health Sciences Center, was honored during Faculty Recognition Week. She said her love for the profession helped her win the award.

"Being a nurse is a challenge and that is what has accredited to my

"I love my job and my students and strive to be the best that I can in all that I do."

Sharon Decker
professor of clinical nursing

immense passion for the field," Decker said. "Nursing, like teaching, involves critical thinking which keeps me stimulated."

Decker said teaching and nursing offers the best of both worlds for her.

"While teaching patient care to the students, I am reminded that I am also producing excellent nurses for the patients' futures," Decker said. "I love to watch the students grow in knowledge and evolve from their freshman year 'til graduation, and knowing that I have a part in that."

Decker makes herself accessible all day for her students by allowing them to call her at home and stop by her office at any time.

"I care about all my students and always allow them to contact me during any part of my day, where I will stop to help them," Decker said. "I love to encourage people, which I know will help them in their learning process."

People will learn more from someone who cares and shows interest, she said, and that is the attitude Decker tries to show her students.

"When patients and students know that you are concerned and care, they are more apt to listen and learn from you," Decker said.

Decker's abilities do not go unnoticed. She has been recognized many

times in the past for her accomplishments.

Decker graduated from Baylor University, where she received a bachelor's degree in nursing. She went on to receive a master's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Decker has worked at Tech since 1984 and has won the Teacher of the Year for the School of Nursing award seven times.

She also has received the President's Excellence Award in Teaching from the HSC six times.

Decker's co-workers said her award comes as no surprise.

"Her strong interest in and support of the students is what aided her in the award," said Helen Cox, executive associate dean of nursing. "It is no surprise that Sharon received this award. She is an expert in her field and is nationally certified for nursing."

Decker was recognized because of her dedication to the nursing field and her students, said Pat Yoderwise, academic dean for the school of nursing.

"Sharon was recognized as an exemplary teacher several times in the past and continues to facilitate the qualities of an outstanding candidate for the future," Yoderwise said. "She is a model of student advocacy outside and inside the classroom."

Decker loves teaching and has become a mentor for many in her field, Cox said.

"Decker is the adviser for the nursing association, and has inspired numerous students through her work," Cox said.

The recognition comes as an honor to her and helps motivate her to become the top in her field.



Greg Kreller/The University Daily

Sharon Decker, a professor of clinical nursing in the School of Nursing at Texas Tech's Health Sciences Center, was honored during Faculty Recognition Week.

"I have been recognized six times in the past by the (HSC) Student Senate, and each time I am more inspired," Decker said. "I love my job and my students and strive to be the best that I can in all that I do."

Decker's involvement is far beyond most in her field.

She is a faculty adviser for the HSC Nursing Association, president of the District 18 Nursing Association, and a board member of Sigma Theta Tau, the nursing honor society.

Decker also participates in health fairs at Farmer Stockman shows.

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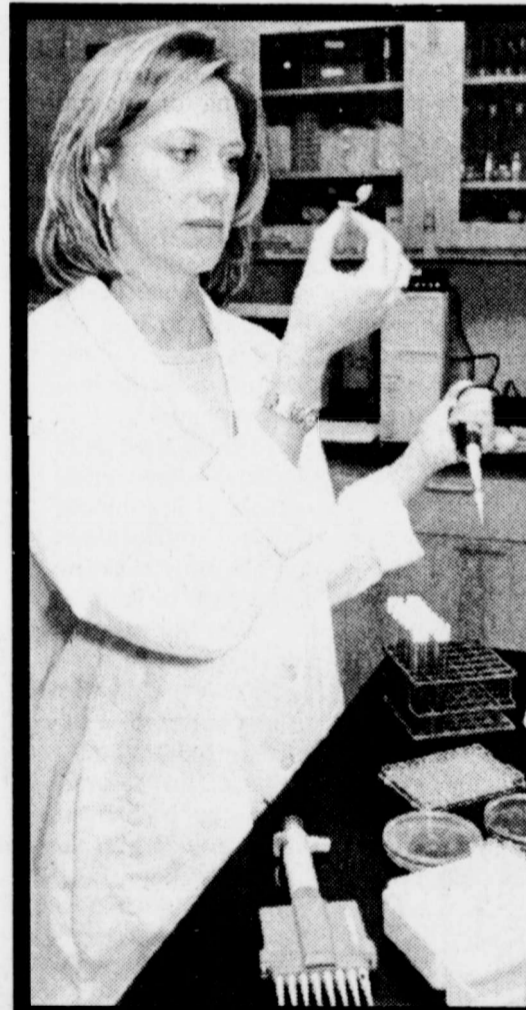
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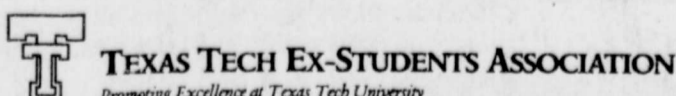


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'Thus doth time makes fools of us all.' — Wm. Shakespeare

Except it doesn't happen the very next day. Anyone watching the Senate leadership's refusal to approve the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty would have concluded the Republicans are fools, but to have that conclusion abruptly reinforced by the military coup in Pakistan is almost too pat. History normally takes a little longer to make these points.



Molly Ivins
Columnist

Pakistan, you recall, conducted its first nuclear test in May 1998, along with its perennial enemy India. Although we don't yet know that having the Pakistani military oust the democratically-elected government will make tensions on the subcontinent worse, it's a safe assumption.

The litany of pointless regret — coulda, woulda, shoulda — comes sharply into play. The United States joined with 153 other countries three years ago in signing the treaty, which bans atmospheric and underground nuclear testing. Before it can take effect, it must be ratified by the world's 44 countries capable of producing nuclear weapons.

So far, only 26 have signed it, with the others holding off until the United States acts — including Pakistan and India.

The political play on this is a little complicated. Ratification requires a two-thirds vote by the Senate. The Republicans are unwilling to sign the treaty, so Clinton's best play has been to prevent the thing from being defeated.

Trent Lott, Senate majority leader, scheduled a vote on the long-back-burnered treaty with two days' notice and one day of hearings. To stop the treaty from being voted on, the 45 Senate Democrats needed at least six Republican votes.

Lott and Jesse Helms, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, wanted a written request from Clinton formally asking

ing that a vote on the treaty be postponed and a promise that he would not bring it up again during his presidency. The only point of this gambit was to make Clinton crawl.

A nuclear test ban treaty was first proposed by President Eisenhower. It has been endorsed by the entire scientific establishment, including 32 Nobel Prize winners.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff and the heads of our weapons labs have also endorsed it. The prime ministers of Germany, France and Great Britain took the extraordinary step of urging the United States to ratify the treaty in an opinion piece published in *The New York Times*.

Yet the leaders of the Senate are so blinded by their hatred of Clinton that they couldn't pass up a chance to mess with him. It's pure payback, since he once again has Congress in a box on the budget. But it's one thing to mess with Clinton over the size of the highway bill; it's another thing to mess around with nuclear war.

To justify their petty partisan maneuvering on this, of all subjects, Senate Republicans are claiming that the treaty can't be verified.

"Trust but verify," they say, smugly quoting Ronald Reagan.

The best chance we'll ever get to verify other countries' testing is this treaty. In a perfectly circular round of logic, Republicans point to North Korea's surprise launch of a three-stage ballistic missile last year. According to Robert M. Gates, director of the CIA under Big George Bush, the Korean test "highlights how hard it is even with our remarkable intelligence capabilities to track these diverse emerging threats accurately."

Yep. That's why having several hundred sensors placed around the world would be so useful. As our teen-agers say in these situa-

tions, "Duh."

It is possible that even the several hundred sensors, of the kind used to track earthquakes, would miss a low-yield underground test. But the treaty also sets up on-site inspections and leaves the United States a loophole to test its own weapons should our weapons-meisters decide that it is absolutely necessary to do so.

Tom Friedman, *The New York Times* foreign affairs columnist, wrote: "The Republican Party has drifted toward a sort of know-nothing 'drive-by' foreign policy. Its members drive by the White House, shout some put-down of President Clinton, demand more money for a missile shield and drive on. Their only interest is in defeating the president, not defining a policy."

Aside from the fact that the stakes here are really quite high, one would think the Republicans would have noticed by now that letting Clinton-hatred set their agenda has been a political disaster for them, as well as a policy disaster for the country.

Setting aside the entire Lewinsky fiasco, time after time we see the Republicans reacting to Clinton with if-he-says-yes, I-say-no. Clinton, who is nobody's political fool, is using this folly to his own advantage. The amazing thing about Clinton, that arch-compromiser, is that he keeps looking for a way to deal with these folks.

To point out the obvious, our biggest security concern is not whether we have enough nukes. We have enough nukes. It is to stop Russia's nukes from being spread from hither to yon. Our greatest security interest is in keeping track of other folks' nukes.

The test ban treaty is a sensible step in doing so. And it is quite a bit more urgent today than it was yesterday.

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A&M tribute

To the editor: I urge the students and teachers of Texas Tech to feel for what happened to Texas A & M and their bonfire.

In this situation, I feel for the friends and family of everyone who was involved in the building of the bonfire.

Something like this could happen to Tech, and I would like to have the support of other Texas schools.

Look at what the University of Texas is doing for A&M. They are donating money that they will receive from selling UT shirts for this year's game to A&M for a memorial for the students who died.

I believe that we, as a school from Texas, should have a moment of silence or a memorial service before the football game this Saturday against Oklahoma University. This is the least we can do. Maybe we can even add to the donation that UT is giving A&M by asking people who go to the game to donate in memory of these students who died Thursday morning.

I also ask the students of Tech to pray

for A&M and everyone who is affected by this tragedy.

Lance Morgan
freshman
finance

Slanted view

To the editor: I find it shocking to hear that our chancellor, who has put so much emphasis on making Texas Tech a Tier I university, claim that a \$20-million renovation to our stadium will improve our academic standing.

There are several qualifications involved in determining a Tier I university. Included among these are spending on academic instruction and education-related services, median SAT scores, student retention rate, graduation rate, class size and student-to-faculty ratio. These rankings do not take into consideration the football teams' quality or facilities.

The type of student who would choose their institution of higher education based on the quality of the football stadium is hardly the type of student who will further Tech's quest for Tier I status. If we are really interested in improving our ranking, we should concentrate more on attracting students focused on their education.

Of the *U.S. News & World Report* Top 25 schools, fewer than 25 percent even compete in the athletic Division I-A. And none of these

are in the Top 25 Coaches Poll for football. Why, you may ask? Perhaps because they invest more time and money in their academic programs than their football stadiums. For example, Carnegie Mellon University, ranked 23rd overall academically, has a football stadium which is merely an extension of the parking garage of a research facility.

Perhaps stadium renovations will attract more students to Texas Tech. However, this will certainly not improve academic spending, median SAT scores, student retention rate, graduation rate or student-to-faculty ratio. I feel that if Southwestern Bell truly believes that this "investment" is the best way to aid Tech's image as an institution of higher learning, they have not visited our English/Philosophy building during a rainstorm. If they were genuinely interested in aiding the school, they could pick one of a multitude of better ways to spend \$20 million.

While I am grateful that Southwestern Bell is making such a generous contribution, I disagree with the contention that our academic programs will in some way be aided by this action.

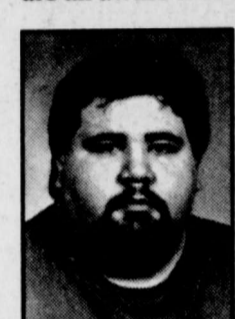
Sonja Ralston
junior
Spanish/theatre arts

Day not the same without thanks

Well, that time of year is upon us once again. Next week, you and I will be sitting down to a lavish meal of turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing and pumpkin pie.

If, however, you are some pencil-necked tree hugger, then undoubtedly you will be enjoying a feast of trail mix and lukewarm cocoa. But for us normal Americans, after we eat some form of dead animal, we will then sit down to watch the Dallas Plowboys play football, provided they can get enough of them out of jail long enough to play.

Yes, friends, it is Thanksgiving. And, yes, we are all aware that this is the last Thanksgiving of



Cameron Graham
Columnist

the millennium, even though we all know that isn't until next year. Be that as it may, the day that we sit and give thanks is drawing near, and since I will be busy eating an honest-to-God, non-reconstituted meal, I am going to get a jump on things a week early and give some thanks to certain individuals.

Now, the other day I was chatting with my buddy Chad Jones. Chad is as liberal as they come. I was telling him why liberals should

not protest Thanksgiving like they usually do. So, to redress the balance, I feel some people, good liberals all, should be thanked.

The first person I want to thank is Christopher Columbus. Yes that's right, all you left-wingers out there, I said Columbus. Sure, he may not have been the first man to reach America, the first being a Viking fellow named Leif Ericsson, but he was the one who got the ball rolling.

Now, don't even start your letters telling me how much of a meanie Columbus was. To hear some, it was as if he got up one morning and had the idea to come over here and see how many Indians he could kill. This was not so, my friends. The man got lost. And, if you stop and think about it, he is the perfect example of a liberal democrat.

He left somewhere without knowing where he was going. He didn't know how to get there. He came back not knowing where he had been, and he did it all on borrowed money. So, to this man from Italy, I give thanks for finding my country.

The next group I would like to give thanks to are the Pilgrims. You know, those guys who wore belt buckles on their hats. See, after Columbus showed them the way, the Pilgrims rented a boat, named it after a flower (see, we had tree huggers even then) and headed West.

They too got lost and wound up founding that great liberal bastion of Massachusetts. Sure, first they had to burn a few witches, but that is a trivial matter. Were it not for them, we wouldn't have such fine people like Ted Kennedy and Barney Frank leading this nation.

And how could I not thank the Indians? Now if you ask me, the Indians are the most conservative people of the Thanksgiving saga — yes, the indigenous peoples of the pristine land that was once America before those old evil white guys showed up. If it were not for the Indians and the Pilgrims, we would not have survived that first year.

How did they help them? Well, they went out and killed animals with the ol' tomahawk — chop and voila! the Pilgrims were eating dead deer and turkey and maybe a few spotted owls. And, were it not for the Indians, the Dallas Cowboys would probably be playing some team called the Washington Blue Bloods, or something like that.

Now there are some foreign folks that deserve some thanks. Let's try our cousins, the British. The Brits are good liberals. They felt a need to thin the herd over there, so they sent us over here and before you knew it, they started taxing us. So we had to revolt against them.

And last, but not least, the French. The fact that they are liberals goes without saying. But I thank them anyway for letting us come over there twice in this century to prove how great we are by saving their bacon.

So, I wish all of you a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Drive safe, don't eat too much, and between the football games and the preliminary Christmas shopping, I hope you all remember those who really count, and remember to thank them.

Cameron Graham is a senior history major from Lubbock.

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Self-esteem seminar to feature stars, athletes

Today's Secret to Self-Esteem seminar will bring stars and athletes to Texas Tech to mentor more than 200 teen-age girls.

Professional women's basketball player and Tech alumna Sheryl Swoopes, actress Amy Jo Johnson of "Felicity," track star Gail Devers and singer Mya Harrison are some of the role models who will be in attendance at today's activities. Workshops and lectures will address self-esteem at the all-day event.

Swoopes, a former Texas Tech standout, now is a star in the WNBA with the Houston Comets. Swoopes will be joined by teammates Tina Thompson and Cynthia Cooper.

Ann Kearney-Cooke, a leading authority on adolescent issues and director of the Cincinnati Psychotherapy Institute, will speak at the event.

The symposium is intended to teach self-esteem skills to girls. Self-esteem problems have been linked to suicide, depression, high dropout rates, teen pregnancy and eating disorders in girls.

The event is in conjunction with Saturday's Four in the Fall Classic featuring the Texas Tech Lady Raiders and three other nationally-ranked teams; Louisiana State University; the University of California at Los Angeles and North Carolina.

The all-day event is on campus and will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Partnership for Women's Health at Columbia University and Secret antiperspirant.

Half-pint book worm loves library

by Angela Loston
Staff Writer

From one bookshelf to the next, Breanna Guerrero eagerly picks up a variety of books and flips through their pages.

As she looks through the books, Breanna examines their contents trying to find one that will eventually pique her interest.

For Breanna, a third-grader at Wester Elementary School, passing rows of books in the Texas Tech library is like walking down the aisles of a toy store.

While most little 8-year-old girls like to play dress-up or ride bikes, Breanna prefers to pick up a book.

"I like reading so much because I like books a lot," Breanna said.

Two to three times a week, Breanna makes frequent trips to the Tech library. When she sometimes comes to work with her mother, Breanna will spend hours exploring the vast selection of books.

"The library is fun," Breanna said. "I like the second floor because I can try to get kid's books."

Vicki Guerrero, Breanna's mother, said her daughter enjoys her visits to the library so much that she will stay there for hours.

"If I take her on Saturday, she'll

stay there all day," said Guerrero of her daughter. "She's there so much that everyone knows her."

Guerrero, who also works for University Catering, said her daughter has always had a love for books since she was 3 years old.

Guerrero said she would read to her daughter when Breanna was a toddler.

"(Reading) has made a big difference in Breanna," Guerrero said. "She knows and remembers a lot of the things she has read. She has real good memory which helped her with school."

Guerrero said her daughter does not limit herself to just children's books. Breanna also reads numerous books about history and science.

"She just reads all kinds of books," she said.

"She reads a lot about history, flowers and trees. Once, she brought home a book that was for college students."

Through reading books about insects or distant countries, Breanna said she is able to discover other worlds.

"I like to learn about other countries because some day I hope to go to another country and will need to learn the language there," Breanna said.



Breanna Guerrero, 8, thumbs through a history book in the first floor stacks of the Tech library. Greg Kreller/The University Daily

Ventura merchandise to hit stores

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — More stuff is on the way from Gov. Jesse Ventura.

Christmas cards and dolls of the governor in a fringed buckskin jacket and Navy SEAL-T-shirt will hit stores soon.

One Christmas card shows Ventura in a Santa suit and reads, "It's

Christmas! A holiday for weak-minded people. Have a good one."

Another card shows Ventura from the back dressed in a bunny suit and draped in a pink boa. It reads, "It's your birthday! Play, Boy."

Money from the sale of the licensed products reportedly goes to charity.

Everlast to show Lubbock fans what it's like

Everlast will headline a concert tonight at Liquid 2000, 1812 Ave. G.

Sumack and Slow Roosevelt will open the show.

Everlast, the former lead singer of House of Pain, re-emerged with hits from his solo album *Whitey Ford Sings the Blues*. The album included the hit songs "What It's Like" and "Ends." His single, a duet with Santana entitled "Put Your Lights On" is now receiving nationwide radio play.

Everlast first hit radio airwaves when House of Pain released the giant hit "Jump Around."

Everlast was one of many performers at this year's installment of Woodstock. A live performance of "Ends" is on the *Woodstock '99* CD and video.

Tickets cost \$18.50 and are available at Liquid 2000 and both locations of Ralph's Records, 909 University Ave. and 3322 82nd St.

Whitey Ford Sings The Blues combines the hip-hop that first brought Everlast to media attention and uncharacteristic folk and guitar sounds. He sings and plays the guitar in his latest solo release.



Everlast/Courtesy Photo

Elephants come up close, personal this weekend

People often view elephants on television, at the circus or in the zoo. They rarely have a chance to get a close-up look at the giant animals.

The weekend, however, three adult African elephants will be at the Science Spectrum, 2579 S. Loop 289.

Kamba, Moxie and Congo will stop at the Science Spectrum in conjunction with the playing of the Omnimax film "Africa's Elephant

Kingdom." "With the way this is set up, people will get a much closer look at the elephants," said Wes Wise, marketing director for the Science Spectrum.

The elephants will be in Lubbock today through Sunday and will take part in demonstrations and other interactions with the public.

For a fee, people can ride, take photos with the elephants and feed the animals.

The smallest of the elephants weighs 6,000 pounds and the largest weighs 9,000 pounds.

"Elephant Encounters," demonstrations with the animals and their trainers, will be each day.

Today, the demonstrations will be at 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. On Saturday, the demonstrations will be at 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. The two shows on Sunday are at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Want to win a new car?

Attend the Texas Tech-Oklahoma game this Saturday, November 20th at 11:30 a.m., and you could drive away in a brand new Daewoo Lanos from Pioneer Daewoo!

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Battle of pizza slogans heats up in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — A fight between two pizza giants went to a federal court with the fate of familiar advertising slogans hanging in the balance.

Pizza Hut, the industry leader, sued No. 4 Papa John's over the upstart's claim: "Better Ingredients, Better Pizza." Pizza Hut seeks \$12.5 million in damages.

Pizza Hut's lawyers claimed during the three-week trial that the Papa John's slogan and advertising are false and damaged consumers' opinions of Pizza Hut.

A marketing survey done for Pizza

Hut, a division of Louisville, Ky.-based Tricon Global Restaurants Inc., indicated about one-third of consumers who saw the Papa John's television ads formed a negative opinion of Pizza Hut.

If Pizza Hut wins, Papa John's would have to drop its slogan, on which it has spent \$300 million on commercials, signs and pizza boxes.

Papa John's lawyers argued the ad claims were true and they only touted pizza.

"We are talking about pizza here, folks. We're not talking about auto-

"We are talking about pizza here ... We're not talking about drugs."

Tom Morrison

Pizza Hut's lead attorney

mobiles. We're not talking about drugs," said Martin McNamara, lead attorney for Papa John's.

Tom Morrison, Pizza Hut's lead attorney, countered, "Ask him to show you something that says false advertising doesn't apply to food

companies."

Pizza Hut claims ads for Papa John's, also based in Louisville, falsely claimed the Papa John's product is better.

In closing arguments to the jury, Morrison said Papa John's rigged

taste tests that favored its pizza.

Morrison said the tests failed to compare Papa John's against Pizza Hut's signature pan pizza, which he said scored better in another taste test.

McNamara said Pizza Hut was angry about comparative advertising, but had used similar ads against other pizza makers. He ridiculed a Pizza Hut ad that compared another brand of pizza to a hockey puck.

He said the slogan, "Better Ingredients, Better Pizza," merely reflected Papa John's chief John Schnatter's

belief that his company was producing the best pizza it could.

McNamara accused Pizza Hut of scheming to stop Papa John's from growing into a serious competitor.

Company memos introduced during the trial revealed Pizza Hut employees considered many ideas to combat Papa John's, including a campaign called "Stoppa the Papa," in which employees were to spy on Papa John's restaurants.

Pizza Hut attorneys said many ideas came from low-level employees and never were carried out.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 19

STAT. CHAN. AFFIL. CITY	KTXB	KCBD	KLBK	KUPT	KAMC	KJTV
	PBS Lubbock	NBC Lubbock	CBS Lubbock	UPN Lubbock	ABC Lubbock	FOX Lubbock
7:00	Bloomberg Body Elec.	Today Show	Early Show	Recess Sabrina	Good Morning America	News Paid Program
8:00	Sesame Street			Recess Doug	America	Dr. Joy Browne
9:00	Mr. Rogers Barney	Later Today	Martin Short	K. Copeland Nanny	Regis & Kathie Lee	Lezza
10:00	Teletubbies Wimzie House	Martha Stewart	Price is Right	Donny & Marie	View	Divorce Ct. Divorce Ct.
11:00	Zoboomatoo Arthur	Sunset Beach	Young & the Restless	Forgive or Forget	All My Children	People Court
12:00	Nancy Sews S. Adams	News Days of Our Lives	News Beautiful	Jerry Springer	News Port Charles	Mills Lane Mills Lane
1:00	Amer. Sews Barney	Lives Passions	As the World Turns	Ricki Lake	One Life to Live	MaLock
2:00	T. Tugboat Dragon Tales	Hiyard Square	Guiding Light	Paid Program Liv's Single	General Hospital	Paid Program Magic Bus
3:00	Arthur Wishbone	Rosie O'Donnell	Mary Povich	Gracie Fine Caroline	Sally Jessy Raphael	Monster Beast Wars
4:00	Zoom R. Rainbow	Oprah Winfrey	Family Feud Jeopardy	Enquirer E.T.	Montel Williams	Digimon PR Galaxy
5:00	Kratt's Nightly Bus	News NBC News	News CBS News	Ricki Lake	News ABC News	Home Impr. Simpson
6:00	Newshour	News Extra	News W/Forane	Judge Judy Judge Judy	News	Voyager
7:00	Wash. Week Wall St. Wk.	Providence PG	Kids Say Candid Cam.	Teen Files	Boy/World G Millionaire	FOX Movie: "Happy Gilmore"
8:00	Cincinnati Pops	Dateline	Now & Again PG		Sabrina G Odd Man Out	Gilmore
9:00	Morrow Report	Law & Order TV14	Nash Bridges	Jerry Springer	20/20	Cops Cops
10:00	Nightly Bus	News Tonight Show	News David	Joe Brown Joe Brown	News MASH	Simpsons Frasier
11:00		Conan	Latterman Craig	Greg Kinnear	Nightline Mad/You	Cheers Coach
12:00	O'Brien Friday Night		Kilborn Seinfeld	Real TV Newsradio	Incorrect Blind Date	Incorrect Blind Date

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20

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	PBS Lubbock	NBC Lubbock	CBS Lubbock	UPN Lubbock	ABC Lubbock	FOX Lubbock
7:00	Teletubbies Imagination	Saturday Today	Anatole 'Y7 Blaster 'Y7	Bill Nye Pop. Mech.	Rapper Ann Disney's	S. Holmes Monster
8:00	Arthur Zoboomatoo	M. Stewart Hang Time	Resc. Hero Fly'g Rhino	Bob Vila Homeowner	Sabrina	Monster Digimon
9:00	Wishbone Zoom	City Guys One World	Cryptkeeper Warriors	Paid Program Saturn Show	Squiggles Winnie Pooh	Beast Mach. Avengers
10:00	Pets V. Garden	City Guys In/Staff 'Y7	Banker Paid Program	WCW Wrestling	Football: Ohio St. @ Michigan	Under/Helmet Big 12
11:00	J. Wilson Old House	Saved/Bell P. Ford	Paid Program Football: CBS Sports Spectacular	Movie: 'Return Of Jafar'		Football: Teams TBA
12:00	NY Workshop Hometown					
1:00	C. Amore R. Rainbow	News vs. Boston	Football: Florida ST vs. Florida	Movie: 'Bad Girls'	College	
2:00	Whole Child Motzweek	College			Football: Teams TBA	Amazon
3:00	Fine Art Memories			Movie: 'Sword In'		Paid Program Paid Program
4:00	Democracy Body/Soul	Dumb. Crim. NBC News		'The Stone'		Baywatch
5:00	Viewpoint TX Parks	News TX Country	News W/Forane	Martin Martin	News Med/You	3 Stooges
6:00	Nature	Freaks & Geeks PG	Early Edition	Voyager	Who Wants a Millionaire	Cops Cops
7:00	Lawrence Weik	Pretender TV14	Marital Law	Stargate	ABC Movie: 'One Fine Day'	AMW
8:00	Austin City Limits	Profiler TV14	Walker TX Ranger	X-Files	Day	Your Big Break
9:00	News Saturday	News Xena	Poigeist	News MASH		MAD TV
10:00	Night Live TV14	Hercules	Outer Limits	NYPD Blue		Battlezone
11:00	Profiler		Earth Final Conflict	Paid Program		NY Undercover

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21

STAT. CHAN. AFFIL. CITY	KTXB	KCBD	KLBK	KUPT	KAMC	KJTV
	PBS Lubbock	NBC Lubbock	CBS Lubbock	UPN Lubbock	ABC Lubbock	FOX Lubbock
7:00	Teletubbies To's TV	Sunday Today	Paid Program Lord's Way	Doug Rees	Paid Program Paid Program	Paid Program Paid Program
8:00	Arthur Wishbone	Methodist Meet the Press	News Face Nation	Movie: 'Commando'		In Touch Saturn Show FOX News Sunday
9:00	Zoboomatoo Dragon Tales	Press Face Nation	R. Schuller		Si Se Puede Pollard Ford	Jerry Jones Chan Galey
10:00	Healthweek NOVA	Branded Olymp. Gold	NFL Today	Wild Things	This Week Sam & Cokie	FOX NFL Sunday
11:00	Wall St. Wk.	Little House	Football: New England @ Miami	Honey I Shrunk the Major League Soccer Cup		Football: Detroit @ Green Bay
12:00	Burt Wolf New Tastes	Tennis: Chase	England @ Miami	Pensacola	League Soccer Cup	
1:00	Firing Line McLaughlin	Championship		NY Undercover	'99	
2:00	Small Bus. Comp. Chron.	K8Kids.com Star	CBS Sports	Baywatch	ISU Figure Skating	Football: Dallas @ Arizona
3:00	Austin City Limits	Skates Goes	Spectacular Paid Program	V.L.P.	Skate Canada	Arizona
4:00	TX Educat. Healthweek	Paid Program NBC News	CBS News	Relic Hunter	ABC News	
5:00	Lawrence Weik	Dateline	60 Minutes	Your Big Break	Sabrina Boy/World	King/Hill
6:00	Nature	Third Watch TV14	Touched by an Angel	Movie: 'Commando'	Millionaire	Simpsons Futurama
7:00	Mobil Masterpiece	NBC Movie: 'Sarah'	CBS Movie: 'Sarah'		Snoops	X-Files
8:00	R. Ellison		Plain And Tall	Jerry Springer	Practice	X-Files
9:00	Mystery!	News In/Edtion	News Seinfeld	Pollard Ford H2M	News MASH	Relic Hunter
10:00	Extra	3rd Rock Spike Dykes	Tejano Cty. Party of	TX Tech FB	Amazon	
11:00	Profiler	Xena	River Ebert	Paid Program		V.L.P.

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Giant among women

Lady Raider overshadows teammates, Big 12 opponents

by Amy Curry
Staff Writer

At a year old, she wore a size four toddler, and by the time she was in sixth grade, she was taller than all her classmates ... and her teachers.

Freshman center Jamie Nagle is the tallest player to ever wear a Lady Raider uniform, towering above the rest at 6 feet 7 inches.

Though her father Les is only 5 feet 8 inches, her mother Linda is the shortest on her side of the family, standing at 5 feet 10 inches. One of Nagle's uncles is 7-foot-1 and the others are least 6-foot tall.

Despite coming from a long line of giants, Nagle is the only member of her family to play basketball.

When she was 12 years old, Nagle had a growth spurt, and like many kids who experience rapid growth, she said she had difficulty adjusting to her body.

"In sixth grade, I ran funny — that's really why I started playing basketball," Nagle said. "My parents thought it would help my coordination and help me adjust to my height. And six years later, I ended up playing here at Tech."

Though one would think Nagle would have been bombarded with snide remarks and harsh criticism from peers because of her height, she said everyone at her school was very accepting. Battling high-waters and mid-drifts, she said her biggest problem growing up was finding clothes that fit.

Tech coach Marsha Sharp was able to provide Nagle with an ensemble that accommodates her size, however. Sporting jersey No. 55, Nagle suited up in her Lady Raider uniform for the first time in Tech's exhibition game against Russia.

Sharp said the Lady Raider staff is excited about having someone of Nagle's size in their program, and there are a lot of ways she can help their basketball team.

There are several teams in the Big 12 conference with tall post players. Kansas and Oklahoma State have 6-foot-6 players, while No. 1-preseason conference pick Iowa State has several 6 foot-plus players on the roster.

"Something you can't coach is 6 feet 7, and we felt like it was im-

portant that we signed someone when we did come up against those players that we have someone we could counter with — we're hoping maybe (Nagle) will be our answer to that," Sharp said.

Though they said it took some getting used to playing with someone who was almost a foot taller than they were, Nagle's teammates said they have been very impressed with her dedication to basketball.

Aleah Johnson said, with her definite height advantage over her opponents, Nagle will be a very valuable asset to the Lady Raider squad.

"She's really going to be able to help us out because we have a lot of tall players in our conference," Johnson said. "She has a good work ethic and is making the adjustment well."

Nagle said she has realized her role on the squad and hopes to be a dominating factor once the Lady Raiders enter conference play — utilizing her height to match up with some of the taller players in the Big 12.

Though she is the tallest player in the lineup, Nagle is only a freshman. She said she still is making adjustments to college life, just like any other first-year college student. Time management has been difficult for her to get used to, but the biggest adjustment Nagle has been faced with is on the court.

"I'm still adjusting to playing at this level," she said. "The level of play and the competition in college is a lot different than high school."

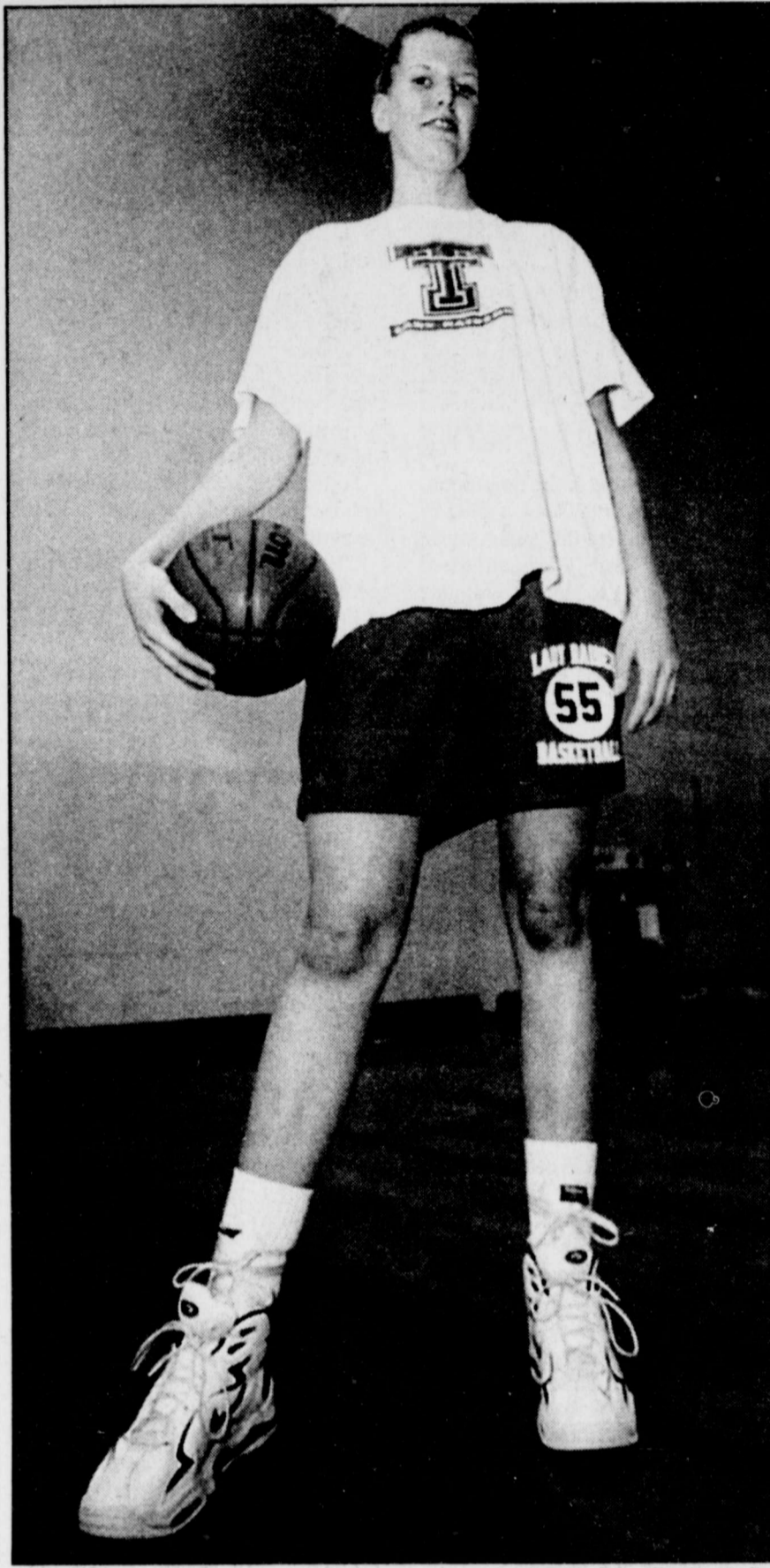
During her four-year career at Carthage High School, Nagle racked up several postseason honors like second team all-state, first team all-region, was named to the 1999 Regional Dream Team Tournament squad, first team all-district and was named Most Improved Player and Defensive Player of the Year.

She also averaged 12 points and five blocks per game. The best performance of her career was against Lumberton in the area final with 15 points, 10 blocks, 10 rebounds and seven assists.

Despite lacking playing experience at the college level, Sharp

"... people told me just because I was tall didn't mean I would be a good player."

Jamie Nagle
Tech center



Jennifer Galvan/The University Daily

Tech freshman center Jamie Nagle stands at 6 feet 7 inches. By the time she was in sixth grade, she was taller than her classmates and her teachers.

said, with Nagle's height, she sees her potential to control the middle of the lane and pose a definite threat as a shotblocker.

"The first thing I hope she can do is help defensively," Sharp said. "And hopefully as we go, she will become an offensive threat to match it. We hope she becomes a total player and helps us on both ends of the floor."

With her often intimidating size, Nagle was able to dominate her opponents at the high school

level. She said she knew to further her basketball career, it would take much more than being tall to be able to compete — especially in Division I.

"It always helped being taller than everyone I played against in high school, but I knew my height alone wouldn't get me where I wanted to go," she said. "I've always worked hard — people told me just because I was tall didn't mean I would be a good player."

Sacramento ends 11-game losing streak to Rockets

HOUSTON (AP) — It took them a while, but when the Sacramento Kings finally ended their 11-game losing streak to the Houston Rockets, they did it in a big way.

Jason Williams had 23 points and 10 assists as the Kings used a 17-1 burst in the fourth quarter to beat Houston 128-110 Thursday night, ending their long skid to the Rockets.

The Kings won their fourth game in a row and the Rockets dropped to 0-6 in Compaq Center, their worst home start ever. The Kings got their most points of the season.

"With a win, I'm always all right," Williams said. "I've been struggling from the outside but I felt a lot better today. Houston is a great offense team but I credit our bench with the win."

The Kings beat the Rockets for the first time since a 96-91 victory in Sacramento on April 4, 1996, and registered their first win in Houston since a 114-110 victory Dec. 15, 1995.

The Kings' bench outscored Houston's 68-30, led by Predrag Stojakovic with 20 points, including seven in the game-winning rally.

"The bench won it without any help from the starters," Chris Webber said. "I'm so happy with the way our team is playing."

Kings coach Rick Adelman had a pep talk for his team in the fourth quarter run.

"I thought our second group was too lethargic when they made their run to start the fourth quarter," Adelman said. "During a time out I told the guys to push the ball more. We were fortunate to get a couple of baskets to get the lead. After that we got more confident and it just snowballed."

Predrag Stojakovic had 20 bench points for the Kings, including seven in their big run. Darrick Martin added 14.

"We're starting to develop a killer instinct," Martin said. "I know that when I'm out there and we get the opportunity to finish them off, I'm trying to step on their throat."

Horses permitted to have nasal strips

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Racing Commission decided Thursday to permit horses to race at Texas pari-mutuel tracks using nasal strips, effective Nov. 26.

"Although limited documentation exists as to their effectiveness, nasal strips contain no medication," commission executive secretary Paula Flowerday said.

"We will treat nasal strips in the same manner as tongue ties for the short term, while continuing to monitor their use."

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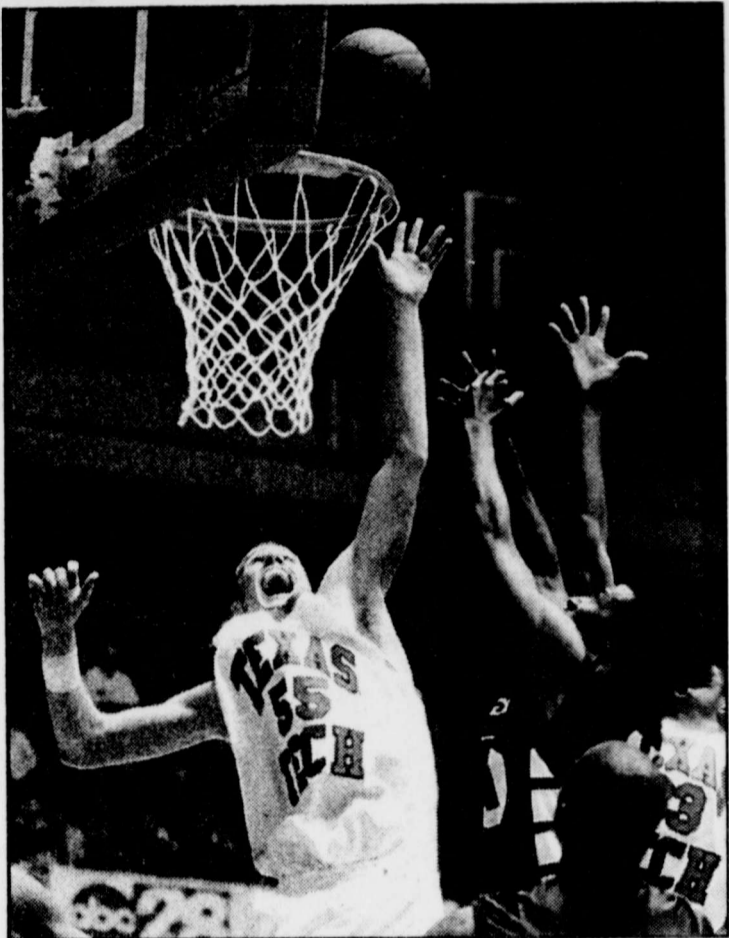
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Men's basketball to begin new era at arena

Tech center Andy Ellis and the rest of the Red Raiders look forward to competing against the Indiana Hoosiers at the newly-opened United Spirit Arena. Greg Kreller/The University Daily



by Jeff Keller
Staff Writer

The sounds of construction will be replaced with the sounds of cheering basketball fans as a new era begins for Texas Tech men's basketball at 8 p.m. today at the United Spirit Arena with a season-opening bout against the Indiana Hoosiers.

The game against the Hoosiers will be the first Tech athletic event in the 15,500-seat facility and will be televised on ESPN, Cox Cable channel 31.

Tech men's basketball had called the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum home since 1956, but after nearly half a century in the 8,174-seat facility, the squad now will play in a facility with nearly twice the seating capacity.

With the opening of the new arena, the beginning of a new season and perennial powerhouse Indiana coming to town, guard James Ware said there is much going on to start the regular season.

"It's a lot all at once," Ware said. "But it's also exciting and fun at the same time. We would much rather

play Indiana here in this facility than say in the old Coliseum, so we're excited about it."

Ware also said with Indiana head coach Bob Knight coming to town, it will add more excitement to the game.

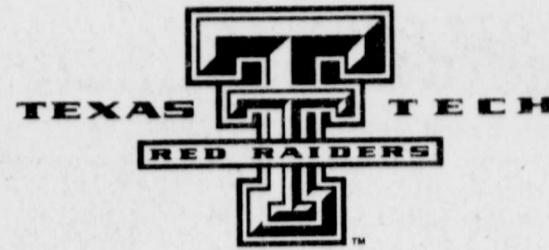
The Red Raiders have been taking shots in the new arena since Wednesday, so they will have two days of familiarity under their belts going into the game.

Senior guard Rayford Young said even though two days of getting used to the arena is not a lot of time, it still will be beneficial to the team.

"I think it is good for us to get a few days out here and kind of get used to the gym," Young said.

"We just need to try and take the confidence we get from these couple of days and take it into the game against Indiana."

Tech officials are expecting a sell-out crowd, which would be the most



people Tech has performed in a regular season since

forward to this season's opening day since the end of last season.

"A lot of the guys on this team have been focused on this game for a long time," Layne said.

"We've focused on this game for two reasons: one because Indiana would be a good opponent to beat, and because we want to start this season on a good note."

The Red Raiders went 2-0 through its exhibition season, beating both opponents by double-digit margins.

Layne averaged 18 points and four rebounds-per-contest in the preseason and said Tech believes they can beat the Hoosiers.

"We feel like we have a good chance to win this game," Layne said.

"That's what we want to do, and we're not going to let anything distract us from that."

"We feel like we have a good chance to win this game."

Mario Layne

Tech forward

early 1998 when it played in front of 16,300 fans against Kansas in the Allen Fieldhouse.

Tech forward Mario Layne said the more fans Tech can get, the better for the season opener.

"This arena is going to have a great atmosphere against Indiana," Layne said. "I heard the arena is probably going to be sold out."

Tech finished 13-17 a year ago, which was only the Red Raiders' second-losing season since coach James Dickey began coaching in 1992.

Layne said Tech has been looking

Tech volleyball ready to play, win at new home

by Jeff Keller
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech volleyball squad can call the United Spirit Arena its home court now as it will play its next home contest against Oklahoma at 2 p.m. Sunday at the new facility.

The arena will be the third home court for the team this season as the Red Raiders played their first six home contests at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum, and their last nine home matches at the Coronado High School gymnasium.

To help celebrate the first game in the new arena for the squad, members of the Tech athletic department selected a volleyball team of the millennium. The committee selected 14 players from the 25-year history of the program, and those players will be honored during the intermission of the match against the Sooners.

Tech coach Jeff Nelson said his players are excited about playing in

the arena but will not be distracted by all of the festivities.

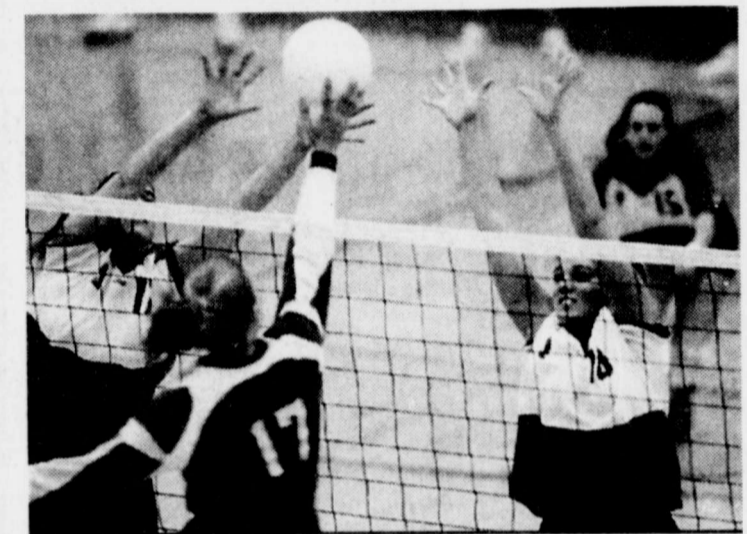
"I think that they will be excited to play in there, and it will be fun," Nelson said. "I don't think it will be a distraction. I just hope that the people will come out and support them and make that opening really great."

The Red Raiders had little trouble in defeating the Sooners in the teams' first meeting this season, discarding Oklahoma in straight games while holding the Sooners scoreless in the second game of the contest.

Even though Tech got the straight-game win against Oklahoma earlier in the season, middle blocker Janelle Jones said the Red Raiders cannot afford to take the Sooners lightly.

"We definitely don't want to overlook them," Jones said. "Every team in the Big 12 is tough, and every team can give you a challenge."

Freshman outside hitter Melissa McGehee said if the Red Raiders are going to get the season sweep of the



The Tech volleyball squad is ready to call the United Spirit Arena home in their first game there against Oklahoma. Greg Kreller/The University Daily

Sooners, they are going to have to get in a more positive mind set prior to the match.

"We are going to have to go out there and have it in our minds that we are going to win," McGehee said. "We are the better team. We can play so awesome when we get together. We've just got to have the right frame of mind when we go out there."

With the 15,500-seat United Spirit Arena as their home court now, the Red Raiders boast the largest volley-

ball facility, as far as seating capacity, in the Big 12 Conference.

Senior middle blocker Lori Garber said the team is excited about getting to play in their new surroundings, but she doesn't think the team's performance this season is deserving of a new facility.

"We're glad to get out of Coronado and into the arena," Garber said. "But right now, personally, I don't feel like we really deserve it because of the way we have been playing."

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Pudge beats Pedro for MVP

NEW YORK (AP) — Seconds after the American League's Most Valuable Player was announced, the debate began: Did Pudge deserve to beat Pedro? Are pitchers overlooked in the voting?

Texas catcher Ivan Rodriguez upset Pedro Martinez for the award on Thursday, even though the Boston pitcher had more first-place votes.

Rodriguez, who hit .332 with 35 homers and 113 RBIs, finished with seven first-place votes and 252 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Martinez, a unanimous AL Cy Young Award winner earlier this week after going 23-4 with a 2.07 ERA and 313 strikeouts, had eight first-place votes and 239 points.

"It's fine. It's fine. I'm not going to cry about it. It would have been a great honor," Martinez said. "I got the Cy Young. That's good enough."

Chance to win again

Students get second opportunity to win car

by Erica Martinez
Contributing Writer

One Texas Tech student will not walk away from the Raider game Saturday. Instead, he or she will drive off in a new car.

The car was intended to be given away at the Nov. 6 game against Iowa State, but no one claimed the \$11,000 prize.

The car will be given away at Tech's last home game Saturday against the University of Oklahoma. A student's name will be called and five minutes will be given to claim the car with proper identification.

Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers said the contestants' names will be chosen during the beginning of the first half of the game. Names will be chosen randomly until someone claims the car.

The 1999 burgundy Daewoo sports car is part of a promotion by the athletic department to attract more students to the football games, said Joe Hornaday, assistant athletic director for Tech.



J.T. Aguilar/The University Daily

The 1999 Daewoo will be given away at Saturday's Tech-Oklahoma game. All Tech students are eligible to win the car.

"We wanted to boost students' interest at the games," Hornaday said.

"We wanted to reward a student for supporting the athletic department."

The student chosen at the Nov. 6 game was Anthony Gunn, a sopho-

more English major from San Antonio. He was not present to claim the prize.

To be eligible to win the car, the student must be a full-time undergraduate student at Tech. He or she must be present at the game when the name is announced.

NCAA tournament stays on CBS

The NCAA men's basketball tournament will remain at CBS well into the next millennium.

Both sides agreed to a \$6.2 billion, 11-year deal, industry sources told *The Associated Press* on Thursday. CBS won the rights over Disney's ABC-ESPN and Fox.

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Raiders set for final contest

by Patrick Gonzales
Staff Writer

After losing consecutive games to Texas Tech over the past two years, the Texas Longhorns earned redemption this season with a 58-7 victory.

The Red Raiders will look to do the same when they try to end a two-game losing streak to the Oklahoma Sooners at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Jones Stadium.

The battle marks the regular season finale for the Red Raiders (5-5 overall, 4-3 Big 12), who can become eligible for a postseason bowl with a victory against the Sooners.

Oklahoma (6-3 overall, 4-2 Big 12) already has qualified for postseason play with one contest remaining against Oklahoma State on Nov. 27.

Tech is coming off its worst performance of the season after its blow-out loss to Texas last weekend.

But senior linebacker Keith

Cockrum, who is one of more than 20 Red Raiders who will play their last contest at Jones Stadium, said the squad has gotten in a nice pattern of overcoming a loss. Tech is actually 4-0 in contest following a loss.

"We've developed good enough habits all year long — you go out and practice the same every week and prepare the same every week," Cockrum said. "I think the guys will bounce back, realize that it could be our last game and come out and give a big effort."

Cockrum had his best performance of the season against Texas, tallying 10 tackles including three for losses and a quarterback sack.

Cockrum attributed his success to just having more opportunities but also was quick to point out he didn't get enough done to make a difference in the outcome.

The Tech offense tallied a season-low 160 yards against the Longhorns, while the SWARM defense gave up

more than 500 yards.

The Red Raiders will encounter another high-powered offense this weekend against the Sooners.

The Oklahoma offense is second in the Big 12 Conference behind Texas, averaging 440 yards-per-contest. In fact, Oklahoma has gained more than 500 yards in five of its nine contests this season.

The Sooners are lead by junior quarterback Josh Heupel, who is atop the Big 12 in total offense, averaging 314.3 passing yards-per-contest.

Heupel also leads all conference quarterbacks with 27 touchdown strikes.

Unlike the Longhorns, however, the Sooners' defense is at the bottom of the conference giving up more than 350 yards-per-contest.

Tech senior running back Sammy Morris, who had only 31 yards on seven carries against Texas, said despite the statistics, all Big 12 squads have tough

defenses.

Altogether, the Red Raiders managed only 23 yards rushing against the Longhorns, but senior left guard Curtis Lowery said last week's performance doesn't change the offensive game plan.

"There isn't a whole lot we have to change because most of our problems came from turnovers," Lowery said. "We just have to keep the momentum and get them on their heels."

The Sooners have won the last two contests against the Red Raiders by a total of 14 points.

Lowery said beating Oklahoma will be a good way to end his career at Jones Stadium.

Morris also will be making his last appearance in the Hub City.

"It's going to feel weird," said Morris about walking down the stadium for the last time. "I can't really pinpoint the way I'll feel until it actually happens, but I think it's going to be an exciting feeling."



Greg Kreller/The University Daily
The Raiders will battle Oklahoma at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Jones Stadium. Tech needs a victory to be eligible for a postseason bowl game.

Lady Raiders ready for Four in the Fall, new arena



Greg Kreller/The University Daily
The Lady Raiders will take on LSU at 8:30 p.m. Saturday in their season opener.

by Amy Curry
Staff Writer

The Lady Raider basketball squad officially will start its regular season Saturday when they battle No. 14-ranked Louisiana State at 8:30 p.m. in the second game of the Secret Four in the Fall Classic at the United Spirit Arena.

The first tournament game will be a battle between No. 3-ranked UCLA and No. 8 North Carolina at 6 p.m.

"We agreed to host the tournament this year, and it's the first time it's been held on a college campus," said Tech coach Marsha Sharp. "It's usually held at the site of the Final Four to give them some preseason exposure and in-

crease crowd support. I think this is a great tribute to our fans and to Tech."

The Tech squad is 16-8 in season openers and 12-5 under Sharp. The Lady Raiders also are 22-2 in home openers and 16-1 during the Sharp era.

LSU holds a 7-0 lifetime record against Tech and sports four returning starters on its roster.

This season, LSU has claimed two victories in exhibition games, defeating Budapest 66-50 and the Mississippi All-Stars 81-66.

Sharp said her squad knew any one of the three teams in the tournament would be extremely great competition because they're all ranked in several polls. She also said it would be benefi-

cial for the Lady Raiders to see a team of nationally-ranked caliber in order to pinpoint their weaknesses early.

"I think in non-conference, you need to play some really good people," Sharp said. "They're going to point out your weaknesses to you pretty quick, but then, you can come back and go to work and hopefully get stronger."

Senior guard Melinda Schmucker-Pharies said the squad has many new players playing together so they need to establish some team camaraderie.

"We're a quick team, so we're able to really push the ball on the fast breaks," Schmucker-Pharies said. "I think we're going to be a really exciting team to watch."

Sophomore guard Amber Tarr said the Tech squad is excited about finally getting to play at the United Spirit Arena for the first time, especially since they were supposed to be in it last year.

"Everybody's really anxious and excited to get in (the United Spirit Arena)," Tarr said. "We're tired of just touring it and looking at it. We want to get in there and see what it's like with 15,000 screaming fans. It's been well-anticipated."

Sharp said there's been a lot of blood, sweat and tears put into the construction of the Spirit Arena, and the Lady Raiders are really excited about the opportunity to play in the best facility in the country.

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