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RAM CENTRAL, FALL BREAK CONTINUE IN SENATE

STACEY PATTERSON
Staff Writer

The Student Senate meeting Monday night addressed several new and unresolved issues facing campus. Student Body President Charles Landers said the opening of Ram Central Station, the student organizations' space in the basement of the UC, has been delayed due to a leak in a sewer pipe.

"Initially our punch list was Oct. 15, however because of the floor problems and this sewer problem, that is not going to happen," associate Dean of Student Life Nolen Mears said.

Mears said the break in the sewer pipe has put them back at least 30 days.

"Realistically, we will probably complete Ram Central Station around Dec. 1, but I see the grand opening being in January when everyone returns," he said.

In his executive report, Landers again

addressed the issues of adding another counselor and continuing inquiries about emergency call booths.

"The emergency call booths are something I feel this university needs," Landers said. "I am going to continue to research other safety programs as well, however."

The university's recent marketing audit was also discussed.

"The university might be undergoing major changes, like a possible name change, logo, theme and overall image change," he said. "This is a great time to put our input and gather student input for these changes."

Landers said he and Brice Foster, student body vice president, will hand out questionnaires at the Homecoming election tables to discover what the student body feels are ASU's strengths, as compared to other universities.

In committee reports, Charlie Wakefield, senator chairman of food, housing and park-

ing, said junior Patrick Dudley's housing issue in Men's Massie Residence Hall discussed at last week's meeting was resolved.

After his roommate withdrew from the university, Dudley was asked to change rooms. Because it was halfway through the semester, Dudley did not want to move.

Wakefield said Dudley was allowed to remain in his original room for the remainder of the semester.

In other business, senior Leigh Mayo was appointed as senator.

Foster said Homecoming parade entries are due in the Student Senate office by 5 p.m. today.

Foster said the resolution presented at last week's meeting to urge the administration to consider the addition of a fall break to the academic calendar has been sent to committee.

"We are looking at a two-week timeline for it to be brought back on the floor," Foster

said.

Foster said Bo Speed, sergeant-at-arms, originally brought up the issue at the roundtable meeting Sept. 18.

Senators were divided on whether they should urge a weeklong break, a daylong break, or a few-daylong break.

In addition, they were divided on when this break should be on the calendar.

"Whether it be a two-day break or one-day, I think we need it," Foster said. "I, personally, support one or two days being added onto the Thanksgiving break."

The fall break issue has incited Senate members to send a student representative to the annual calendar committee meetings to "ensure student representation and input."

University President E. James Hindman will attend the Nov. 6 Student Senate meeting to discuss the possible UC fee increase.

P.E. Building blows fuse over weekend

Electrical problem starts week with a bang

SHEENA MCCONAL
Staff Writer

Members of the ASU community with ties to the Physical Education Building were left in the dark Monday morning after a transformer fuse went out over the weekend.

Late Saturday night or early Sunday morning, a fuse to a transformer in the PE Building blew, causing power failure throughout the building. The failure also caused problems with the computer systems.

"Basically, transformers are like car batteries," said Physical Plant Assistant Director John Russell. "When it gets cold they tend to go out. Getting some moisture on it could also have made it blow."

One side effect of the power failure was the toll it took on the computer systems that run such things as the heating and cooling sensors and fire alarms in the building. These systems were not restored until Monday morning.

Doors accessed by key cards were also down due to the computer difficulties. University Police officials said that the doors had to be locked with chains until maintenance could get them back in working order.

In addition to the computer problems, several panels, motors and HVAC equipment were damaged during the incident. Maintenance is working to repair these damages and get the equipment working again.

"There appears to be a couple of things that aren't completely fixed; we will still have to go back in and fix some problems with the motors and motor control but other than that power is back and everything is fine and running well," Russell said.

New Internet dialup will give students more freedom

JULIE SCHLABS
Managing Editor

Students are now able to access the Internet and their school e-mail from outside the computer labs at no additional cost. Dialup information was released last week.

Telecommunications manager Brian Braden said 96 lines are available for dialup and there are plans to increase the number of lines if need arises. He said the university used standard Internet service provider guidelines for planning purposes.

"Our goal was to develop something that gives students access to resources they might not get to have in a normal situation," he said.

Access is available to students in the dorms and off-campus, provided they have a lab account.

Faculty and staff are eligible as well, but must request an account.

Braden said dialup access has been in the works for some time, but the actual process didn't begin until the spring semester. In addition to the physical equipment information Technology had to obtain, they had to do internal configurations and develop specific instructions for different computer systems.

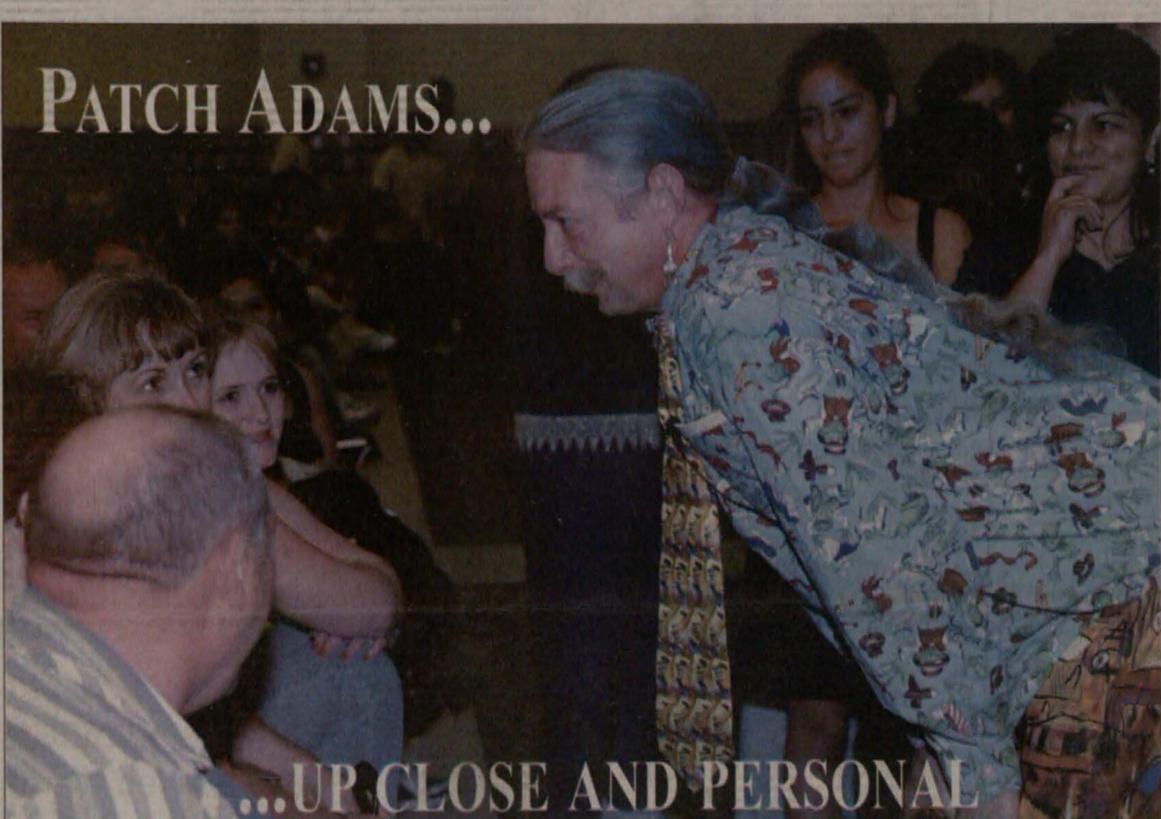
"To make sure everything was successful, we solicited 30 faculty and staff to test the dialup to make sure we are ready," Braden said. "We had a few problems over the last four weeks, but we have rectified everything we came across."

Complete dialup access instructions are available on the ASU web page at: <http://www.angelo.edu/services/technology/dialup.htm>.

Braden said it would be important for users to check the page periodically. As information changes, the web page will be updated.

The Help Desk staff has been trained to answer questions regarding dialup issues and can be reached at 942-9111.

The same policies and procedures that govern all other information systems at ASU will govern dial-up usage. Students and faculty are asked to refer to "Information Systems Security Policy and Procedures" and "Electronic Mail Policy and Procedures," available in the computer labs, for specific policies.



Dr. Patch Adams reaches out to the audience Oct. 4 in the new UC C.J. Davidson Conference Center before beginning his presentation, "Medicine for Fun, Not Funds." The evening was marked with both humor and tales of inspiration through the work of Adams' clinic, the Gesundheit! Institute, and philosophy of free health care. The event not only sold out, but extra areas had to be opened to accommodate the overflow of people.

Ram Page photo by Pam Decker

Voters' minds will be challenged at Symposium 2000

STACEY PATTERSON
Staff Writer

The influence political consultants and the media exert on the American political process and democratic system will be explored Monday and Tuesday in the 2000 University Symposium on American Values.

Shirley Eoff, history professor and University Symposium Committee chair, said the main focus of the symposium is to look deeper into the shaping of political agendas and, more importantly, what that means for the future of American values.

The symposium, titled "Constructing Political Candidates: Are We Deconstructing Democracy?" will examine the problems of an age when political candidates are packaged and marketed by professional consultants, based on such instruments as public opinion polls, focus group analyses, and the electronic media tracking.

"These questions, issues and debates will shape the symposium, to link deeper issues of the democratic system with the specific interest of the election year," Eoff said. "The approach of the first presidential election of the 21st century provides an opportune time to consider the potential benefits and drawbacks of these political phenomena."

The lecturers at the symposium will be Richard

Davis, professor of government at Brigham Young University, and Robert Fridenberg, professor of communications at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Eoff said Davis and Fridenberg will focus on the role of professional consultants in packaging candidates and shaping agendas and how these factors play a vital role in the future of the American political system.

The debate among critics is whether political consultants manipulate the true character and intentions of candidates, or strengthen the democratic process by helping voters understand public concerns.

The role of new media in shaping political agendas will also dominate discussion. Lecturers will discuss the impact of the Internet on public opinion of candidates and other political information.

Davis has authored, and co-authored numerous works, including "The Press and American Politics: The New Mediator," "The Web of Politics" and "The New Media and American Politics." He has written numerous opinion pieces and articles for publications, including "The Christian Science Monitor" and "Brigham Young Magazine."

Davis has spoken on various aspects of political communication and campaign strategies at a variety of venues.

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Constructing Political Candidates

2000 ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM

OCTOBER 16 AND 17

Monday, October 16, 2000	
8:00 - 11:45 a.m.	CLASS VISITATIONS
12:00 noon	HONOR SOCIETY LUNCHEON
1:00 p.m.	PRESS CONFERENCE
1:45 p.m.	LECTURE SESSION
3:00 p.m.	INFORMAL RECEPTION
6:00 p.m.	BARBECUE
Tuesday, October 17, 2000	
9:45 a.m.	LECTURE SESSION
11:00 a.m.	SPECIAL CLASS DISCUSSION
7:30 p.m.	PANEL DISCUSSION
9:00 p.m.	RECEPTION

All sessions are open to park(ation) as indicated in the schedule. There are no admission fees.

This week...



Read about new movie theater releases in the first edition of Peel Views

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Possible fee increase would boost capabilities of student organizations

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Midnight Madness will be bigger and better this year

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...and much more.

AN EXTRA
BREAK EVERY
FALL? Hmm...

Editorial

Views expressed on the opinion page do not necessarily reflect the views of the university.

As reported in last week's Ram Page, the Student Senate is once again pushing the idea of a fall break for ASU. The idea has been brought up many times in the past, with stiff opposition meeting the legislation each time it is written. The first question to ask is why something that many schools around the country partake in would be so hard for the school to pass. The answer is simple.

We can't make up our freaking minds what we want.

The legislation discussed would give students an entire week to sort out their fall semester. Immediately, opposition to the idea of an entire week arose, saying a week was too long. Another idea was brought up of tacking a couple of days on to the Thanksgiving Holiday, which was also met with disagreeing voices.

Whether or not the student body is serious about this issue remains to be seen. To see the campus unite on one idea, such as fall break, is dreaming a bit. For the referendum to catch the eye of the administration, however, it needs to at least be attempted.

Here are some points to consider for both sides:

Pro - Many schools have instated fall breaks ranging from one day to an entire week all across the nation and pull the whole thing off without the university crumbling. Having an extra three-day weekend during the hectic fall would be enough (but a week also sounds fine).

Con - The conception of a fall break would mean the semester would start that many days earlier, hence shortening our summers. Students don't have much time as it is to spend with their hometown friends and families. Why make the time period shorter?

Pro - With the hustle and bustle of the fall, students don't really have a chance to visit home very often, unless they take off work (since the weekend is when most college students work). Why not give them a chance to go home, or go skiing, or whatever you can think of?

Con - The break between the summer terms and the fall is short enough as it is. Have we even thought about what changing the length of the fall semester would do the summer terms? Right now, there is only one day separating the summer semesters. Students might not like to see that day to go away because of a fall break.

It is easy to see why the idea of a fall break is so hard to unite about. Regardless, the idea does have some merit. It may mean some sacrifices for the entire campus, but might be well worth the effort in the end.

Besides, if we have to come to school a week earlier, wouldn't that mean we could start the beginning-of-the-year festivities a week earlier, too?

Do you think I'm stupid? Do you actually think that you can blame the wrongs that you have done on Rap Music? You sig are an idiot.



Here's a new one:
'It's not my fault'

I know that I usually use my column to run my mouth about whatever I want, but I think it is past time for a social commentary. Over my 20 years of existence on this planet, I have seen many things. I have noticed many qualities of people that down right tick me off. No, I am not going to write another column on how much I like picking on other people, so don't worry. There is something that has been going on for years in America and it is time for me to talk about it.



Brian Roland
Circulation Manager

Have you ever noticed people don't take responsibility for their actions? I hate this. It seems that every time somebody does something wrong, they start pointing fingers at everybody but the guilty party. I was watching MTV a few days ago and there was a show about the effects of Eminem's music. They said his lyrics promote violence towards women and homosexuals. They showed clips of the guy who was killed because he was gay and that Ellen Degeneres clip, where she says something along the lines of derogatory remarks leading to his death. Am I the only person that sees a problem with this? I think most human beings were given enough intelligence to distinguish between reality and fiction. Music is fiction. I do not agree with everything Eminem says, but I don't believe his music is responsible for anybody's death.

Do you remember when the Trench Coat Mafia shot at their schoolmates? Everybody pointed the finger at everyone except the kids and their parents. I am not a fan of Marilyn Manson, but I know that crazy dude did not make those kids do anything. Some people are just bad.

Those kids were crazy. I listen to Pantera. I listen to Tool. I listen to Yanni, well, not really. Anyway, I have never killed anyone. Those kids were mad because they were losers and nobody liked them. Here is a news flash. They killed all those innocent people because they were freakin' nuts.

I am not saying music, TV and movies do not influence people. Girls think they have to have perfect bodies like people on TV. My 13-year-old cousin dyed his hair blonde like Eminem and pierced his ear. Yeah, I think he looks stupid, but if that is the worst thing he ever does, it is cool with me. I can see how little children could be influenced by things they see on TV. When I was three, I sprained my ankle jumping off the fireplace after watching "He-Man." But when you hit age 10, it is time to wise up. The television shows are scripted, the songs on the radio are written to earn money and movies are made to be entertaining. If idiots keep blaming this stuff for their screw-ups, we are all going to get the shaft. I like violent movies. I watch Commando at least once a week. If they keep saying it has a negative effect, there is a good chance we will be watching really boring movies and jamming to Kathy Lee Gifford's greatest hits in our vehicles.

Here is my advice. Don't be a moron. Don't do anything stupid that will get you into serious trouble. But if you should lose the ability to think and end up doing something retarded, be man, or woman, enough to take the blame yourself.

Brian Roland has been dodging responsibility ever since he left Weatherford

ASU Speaks Out

by Cassandra Sagan

What did you do on Family Day?



JENNIFER SMITH
sophomore

"I went out with some friends and my friend's family. I also went to the game and from to death."

"I spent the day with my friend Regina and her mom."



SARAH DILLIE
sophomore



MARC BROWN
senior

"I worked, then hung out with my friends, whom consider family."

"I watched movies and stayed warm because my parents live in San Antonio."



AMANDA FLORES
freshman

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Make sure your vote is an educated one

Approximately one month from now we will elect a new American president. Inaugural balls will be planned, invitations to celebrations will be sent and the country will have survived yet another cycle of democratic elections. So what will you do this fall? Will you beat your chest and say that George W. Bush will save the country from Socialism, shout to the world that Al Gore will ensure the unprecedented economic progress of the last eight years or sit on the fence throwing mud at both sides and not participate?

Sadly, the majority of 18-24 year olds falls into the last category. I've heard many excuses including, "My vote doesn't matter," "It doesn't affect me who is president, my life is fine as it is," "I'm tired of the corruption, so why bother," etc. I've been up to my chin in politics since I was 8 years old. I have heard so many catch phrases and sound bytes I can tick them off at command and have grown weary of the canned speeches and promises.

But, at the same time, we do have a stake in the presidential election and every other election, right down to those at the local level. We have a responsibility to do our part and wisely vote as young Americans.

If you have paid attention to the presidential campaigns, you've heard much about Medicare, prescription plans, and Social Security. Do you see something missing, say, college students' concerns? You know, it's our own fault we are ignored as a voting block. Citizens under 24 years old have one of the lowest voting turnouts year after year. We don't write letters to Congress, are not visible activists for college issues and in general just don't give a damn. If we cannot be told the meaning of life in a 10-second news byte, according to candidate X, we tune out.

So who tunes in and takes part? Largely, it is the senior citizens. They make the most noise about what is important to them. Hence, the reason why they are dictating issues this fall. Why should campaigns waste precious time and resources on college students when we aren't going to vote and can't send large contributions like AARP and private corporations do anyway? I believe it's worse in Texas. So many people assume Bush is going to become President, they do not even make an attempt to vote or work for the



Pam Decker
Photo Editor

Gore campaign. I feel that atmosphere on campus seeing no alternative but to vote for Bush. If you vote Gore's name under your breath, you are seen as liberal abnormality.

My educated vote is going for Gore this fall. I have not seen the past, nor in the future see conservatism working in my best interests as a college student. We have repeatedly tried to radically reduce or eliminate Stafford Loans and Pell grants. If it had not been for Democratic administration in 1995, some of you would not be here today, since the majority of students at Angelo rely on federal aid. Do you also know what the Department of Education wanted to eliminate the Department of Education? Suddenly public education is a "priority."

Bush Jr., though his personal and party records say otherwise, much for the notion that federal intervention for education is a well-respected non-partisan/nonprofit organization that should be eradicated. Don't trust my facts? Ask Vote 2000, a well-respected non-partisan/nonprofit organization that tracks such actions.

So, yes, I do give a damn about who will be my president. So you may think I am some left-wing liberal who votes along party lines but at least I've taken the time to discuss the campaign with my friends and family, watch a debate or two, check voting records, party platforms and, most importantly, go beyond the party relations blurbs. My vote will be an educated one. Will yours be? You try to sit down with a person of an opposing viewpoint and discuss (not debate) the issues without using those worn-out phrases? Are you up for an intellectual discussion?

I know the political system is flawed and it will take years to untangle the mess that both parties have created. But in the meantime, we, as college students, need to remind the system that we need to remove ourselves from our self-encapsulated world of chat rooms, clubbing, and Monday night football. Whether you are a first time voter or a seasoned veteran of election years, don't let a certain way because of your parent's beliefs, what headlines saw on CNN, or gossip at lunch. You can be an activist just by casting your own educated vote in November. You owe it to yourself and your fellow college students. Remind the senior citizens that the youngun's still have some say in our country's business.

Future UC dollars to be decided in next week's vote

New funds could bolster college experiences

DHARA WADE
— Staff Writer —

funding is also allocated from this pool.

There are also no allotted monies to provide student activities in the new Junell Center, which can hold up to 6,000 people. Larger events, such as concerts and big-name speakers, could draw not only ASU students, but the San Angelo community and patrons from the region.

"Special events such as Patch Adams and the Blessid Union of Souls concert last spring cost a lot of money," Adnan Muhamad said. "We're hoping that with the fee increase we can bring in more events like that."

Attendance at last week's Program Council Speaker's event 'Patch Adams' exceeded the 1,000 seat capacity for the UC Conference Center. The new funds would allow this caliber of performers, speakers and other entertainers to make more regular visits on campus.

The Patch Adams lecture was one of the largest speaking engagements at the university within the last decade.

The University Center fee has not been increased since 1989. Since that time, inflation and the increase cost of productions has significantly restricted the range of programs available to

bring to the school.

The location of the school itself plays a large part in the high cost of entertainers. Although San Angelo is a larger city, it is not readily accessible to metro areas such as Dallas-Fort Worth or San Antonio.

A similar increase was proposed last fall, but did not pass due to the low student voter turnout. Ten percent of the student population must vote for the increase for it to pass. This year, the issue will be placed on the Homecoming ballot, in hopes that it will bring a better turnout. Preliminary elections will take place Oct. 18-19.

"The money will not go to one specific area," Assistant Director of UC Programming Rick Greig said. "It will go toward a number of different things like leadership activities, special events and facilities such as the ASU Lake House."

Proponents of the bill emphasize that no part of the fee has gone or will go to the renovation of the University Center. All funding for the renovations has been derived from special legislative appropriations and private donations.

For more information about the proposed increase, contact the Program Office at 942-2062.

The sound of music...



Ram Page photo by Pam Decker

Jazz band director John Irish gets into the groove as the ASU Jazz ensemble fills the University Center lobby with music Thursday as part of UC Grand Opening Week festivities. The 17-member ensemble performs both on and off campus during the academic year. The ensemble's next performance will be with the Jazz Percussion ensemble November 28 in the University Auditorium.

Mother-Daughter mentoring expands participants horizons

Group mixer kicks off program activities

CRISANTA PANTOJA
— Staff Writer —

In San Angelo, there are many intelligent young women who follow the unintended family tradition of not attending college. But thanks to the Mother-Daughter Program, organized by ASU and SAISD, many young girls are preparing to break that tradition. The program aims to help girls who will be first-generation college students by providing them with mentors.

The success of this program has been proven by the enrollment of the program's first group of girls at ASU, said Coordinator of Educational Opportunities Services Tina Banks-Gray.

Now the program is ready to help a new group of eighth-grade girls. The new girls got to know their mentors at the open

house/group bonding day at the UC Ram Room Saturday. The girls' mothers were also invited so they, too, could begin to get a better feel for the higher-learning environment.

The girls involved with the Mother-Daughter Program are provided with mentors until they graduate from high school.

Junior Satcha Pretto said she became a mentor because she comes from a family where high school graduation is rare. She wants to see the girl she is mentoring stay involved in school and live up to her potential.

"I want to make her feel good about herself and realize that she is worth something," Pretto said. Although she believes the girls in the program may end up simply choosing not to attend college, Pretto thinks the mentors can help them make the right decisions.

Junior Julie Schlabs shares Pretto's desire to help. As a mentor, she wants the girl assigned to her to know that she is there for her. Schlabs is willing to help, whether it is with school

or outside issues.

"I really want to make a difference in her life," Schlabs said.

Banks-Gray believes the program benefits ASU by contributing to a larger student body.

The girls get to know the campus through the program, as well, Banks-Gray said.

"They actually know more about the campus than regular students," she said.

Numerous programs are planned to allow the current group of girls to learn about the campus, Banks-Gray said.

Pretto said the mentors help introduce the girls to ASU by showing them the positive aspects of college and encouraging the girls to continue involvement in school and extracurricular activities. Schlabs thinks the program benefits not only the mothers and daughters, but also the mentors.

"The mentors become better at working as a team. It allows them to improve their people skills and learn greater responsibility and time management," she said.

Preliminary Homecoming Elections

VOTE

Wednesday, October 18

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 between Rassman & MCS Buildings
University Center

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. between Rassman & MCS Buildings Parking Lot

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. between Cavness & Academic Buildings Parking Lot

8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. between Cavness & Academic Buildings Parking Lot

Thursday, October 19

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 between Cavness & Academic Buildings

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Cafeteria

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Cafeteria

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Graduate School
Dr. Carol B. Diminnie, Dean
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School of Education
Dr. John J. Miazga, Dean
CARR 152

IN ADVANCE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Rambelle soccer vs. West Texas A&M, 3 p.m., ASU Soccer Fields

Kenny Chisney concert, 7:30 p.m., San Angelo Coliseum

Chamber Singers and Chorale Concert, 8 p.m., ASU Auditorium

JAKA, a world beat dance band, Carlton Pride and Zion Reggae Music, 9:30 p.m., Steel Penny Pub, \$5 cover charge for minors and men

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Rambelle volleyball vs. Eastern New Mexico, 7 p.m., PE Building

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Rambelle volleyball vs. West Texas A&M, 2 p.m., PE Building

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Rambelle soccer vs. Saint Mary's University, 3 p.m., ASU Soccer Fields

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

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Student Senate Meeting, 7 p.m., UC Ram Room

Registration for second eight-week courses begins

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

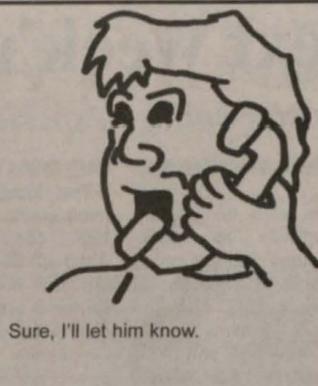
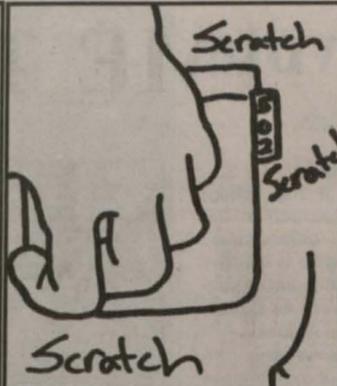
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Rambelle volleyball vs. Abilene Christian, 7 p.m., PE Building

Bonfire construction, behind Colts Stadium, 1-4 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10-6 p.m., Saturday, 1-6 p.m., Sunday, Everyone is welcome to help

Everyone is welcome to submit their up-coming events with "In Advance." Events must be submitted by Monday at 5 p.m. for that week's issue.

Gusto
by Trovis Fuhrer



GUSTO... YOUR GIRLFRIEND CALLED TO SAY THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WEARING DIRTY UNDERWEAR AGAIN TOMORROW. SHE'S DOING LAUNDRY.

Sure, I'll let him know.

Thanks, Tom. Next time, do you think you can just tell instead of announcing it on the intercom?

Choir and Chamber Singers kick off concert tonight

SHEENA MCCONAL
Staff Writer

The singers gather backstage, preparing themselves for opening night. They take their places, try to relax and watch as the curtain slowly opens. All eyes are on them as they begin a new semester of performances.

These are the feelings the ASU Choir expects as they kick off the concert season with "I Hear America Singing", a program of popular folk songs and jazz. The concert begins at 8 p.m. tonight in the Auditorium and is free to the public.

The program, lead by Director of Choral Activities Dr. Pamela S. Lee, features popular music from

the 19th and early 20th centuries. The first half of the program includes a unique arrangement of "Skip to My Lou" and a nostalgic version of "Dixie," among others.

The opening selection, "I Hear America Singing," composed by Lloyd Pfautsch and based on a poem by Walt Whitman, provides both the title and tone for the concert. The second half of the program features the ASU Chamber Singers, who just returned from a tour of the Waco area. Their performance includes a medley of Hoagy Carmichael hits, such as "Star Dust," "Heart and Soul" and "Georgia on My Mind." The Chamber Singers will also perform "Fascinating Rhythm" and "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off" by

George and Ira Gershwin.

The concert includes a combined performance of the Lee Junior High Concert Choir and the ASU Concert Chorale of F. Melius Christiansen's "Beautiful Savior" shortly before intermission.

The Lee Junior High Choir then takes center stage with a rendition of "Eres tu/Touch the Wind."

Creative choreography for the concert was arranged by students Denisse Baquero and Sunday Wilson. Accompaniment for the concert includes Sharon Laughlin on piano and Jason Gregg on drums. Lee said the evening promises



Ram Page photo by Pamela Sheena McConal. The Chamber Singers give debut performance in the UC Auditorium. The group will kick off their fall season tonight at 8 p.m. in the Auditorium.

light-hearted entertainment for the entire family. For more information, call 2085, ext. 221.

Reel Views: Movie reviews for the college student

ANDREW LOVELL
Staff Writer

Ah, movies, the staple of college entertainment. Whatever your choice—chick flicks, blow-'em-up films or an intellectual cinema series—those hot-shot Hollywood film critics sometimes seem to lead you astray. Our own sports writer, Andrew Lovell, has taken advantage of his position at a local movie theater to provide the ASU community with the latest hits and flops to grace the silver screen. He's sure to lead you in the right direction.

Remember the Titans — Okay, so Denzel Washington knows how to play a man fighting

for respect and equality. In fact, he might be the best at it. Does that mean he has to do it in every movie he makes? Don't get me wrong, the movie was well made and the story was inspirational, but the last-second victory has been done to death in Hollywood. This critique doesn't matter, however, since everyone in town has already seen this movie. About ten shows in two weeks have sold out.

Almost Famous — If you love the spirit of rock and roll from the late 60's and the early 70's, see

this movie. Cameron Crowe gives a semi-autobiographical account of his early days with Rolling Stone Magazine in this story of what real music can do to your emotions. The most surprising aspect of the movie was the humor. Frances McDormand was hilarious as the intellectual, worrisome mother and the plane scene, while intricate for dramatic suspense, was hectic comedy at its finest.

Get Carter — These types of suspense stories are best fitted for the glory days of cinema.

That's why Orson Welles' **Third Man** (1949) is considered one of the finest films ever. However, I admire a director who dares to take an old story and use his or her own technique to make it plausible in a new setting. Stephen T. Kay's 1971 remake of a revenge case and uses shadowing to help move the story line. All in all, this directorial technique makes this one worth \$6.29. See **Movies of the Week**.

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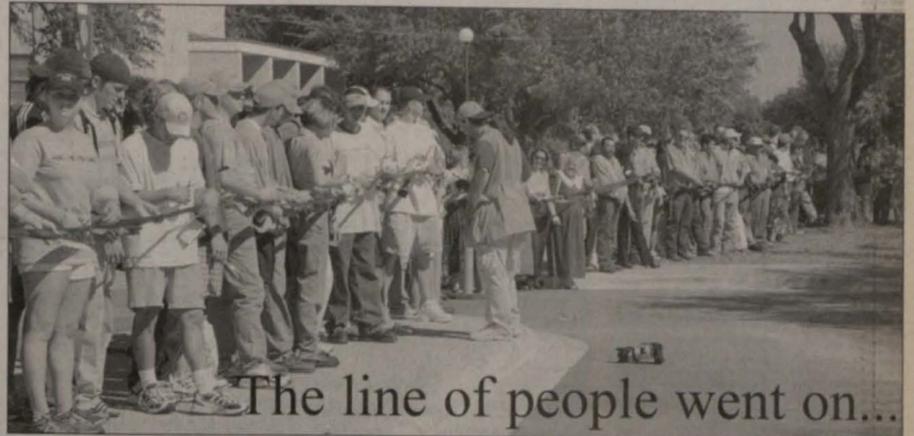
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UC WEEK, A TIME TO REMEMBER



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Left: The mall entrance to the University Center was decorated with banners galore to welcome the many visitors on the day of the ribbon cutting ceremony Oct. 3.
Above and Below: Members of the record-setting ribbon-cutting crowd prepare to make their snip. The line to cut the ribbon was so long, it wrapped around the entire building.



Ram Page photo by AnnDee Lopez
Students take 'Lady Luck' by the hand in attempt to win their share of prizes at Casino Night in the UC C.J. Davidson Conference Center Oct. 3.



Ram Page photo by Pam Decker
University President E. James Hindman addresses the crowd in attendance for the world record-breaking ribbon cutting to officially open the UC Oct. 3.



Ram Page photos by Pam Decker
Above: Members of the San Angelo Central High School and Edison Junior High School mariachi perform during "Taste of ASU" in the UC C.J. Davidson Conference Center Oct. 3.



Right: Dr. Tamara Watson's opera scenes class performs improvisations in the UC Lobby Oct. 3.

Homecoming enthusiasm questioned

STACEY PATTERSON
— Staff Writer —

Despite the rally of school spirit ASU students displayed during the record-breaking University Center grand opening, participation in Homecoming is down.

Student Body Vice President Brice Foster said he is concerned with the limited participation in Homecoming events and the parade this year.

"I think we have seen a leadership turnover in a lot of the student organizations this year, which causes some organizations to not know what it means to participate in Homecoming," Assistant UC Director of Programming Rick Greig said.

Greig said there was not a good representation of student organizations at the first Homecoming meeting.

Foster said there is a smaller pool of king and queen nominees this year, as well.

"In the past, we have gotten about 60 applications for king and queen. This year we only received about 40," he said.

Packets are available for student organizations.

"Getting everybody going seems to be a problem this year," Foster said.

Greig said, "Although we started slow, I hope it will begin picking up soon."

In addition to the decline in campus participation, community participation has also decreased from last year.

"Although I have talked on the radio, placed ads in the Standard Times, and used all the media outlets I can, I have just seen little response," Foster said. "The interest is just not there."

Greig believes the normal participants in the parade within the com-

munity, such as high school bands, are overscheduled right now.

"These groups are having competitions of their own and their own football games to attend and are just too busy to participate," Greig said.

Assistant Dean of Student Life Laura Oosterveen said, "We have opened up the parade to people in the community, and hope to see a large turnout."

Greig said the Homecoming committee and student organizations have targeted alumnae to be part of the parade.

"I know track and field have contacted some of their alumnae, as well as Delta Sigma Pi, and the Programming Center and University Council," he said. "We (the University Council) is excited to have alumnae come and see the new UC."

The new look of the university is what inspired the 2000 Homecoming theme, "A New Look... A New Leader..."

"The theme was chosen by a committee last year," Foster said. "It is my understanding that a new look deals with the UC grand opening and the opening of the Junell Center, and a new leader means that you and I should be taking on a new responsibility to promote ASU on campus, in the community and around the state."

Student organizations can begin this new leadership by becoming involved in Homecoming, he said.

Greig said, "I would like to encourage all students to give the Homecoming events a try. It is such a great opportunity to know as a student, you are a part of a larger community."

Oosterveen hopes all students get involved and enjoy the planned activities.

Foster said, "My goals for this year's Homecoming is to have great participation in all events all

Homecoming 2000 Schedule

A new look, a new leader

Wednesday, Oct. 18
Preliminary Elections for HC King and Queen
Promo card at Elections

Thursday, Oct. 19
Preliminary Elections for HC King and Queen/ Promo Card

Sunday, Oct. 22
5 p.m. Brakes Cookoff & Games, ASU Pavilion
7 p.m. Nominee Presentation, UC C.J. Davidson Conference Center

Monday, Oct. 23
6:30 p.m. Nominee Presentation, UC C.J. Davidson Conference Center
8 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. ASU, Super Slab

Tuesday, Oct. 24
Judge decorations in Residence Halls
5 p.m. Scavenger Hunt, ASU Pavilion
7:30 p.m. Ram Band Fall Concert, UC C.J. Davidson Conference Center

Wednesday, Oct. 25
Final Elections for HC King and Queen
2 p.m. Distinguished Homecoming Scholar Contest, UC Conference Theater
7 p.m. Club cafe with Rick Kelley, Super Slab

Thursday, Oct. 26
Final Elections for HC King and Queen
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. T-Shirt Day
7 - 10 p.m. Student Organization Carnival, ASU Pavilion

Friday, Oct. 27
Noon Half-time show and presentation practice with band
2 p.m. Rambelle Soccer vs Southwestern Oklahoma ASU Soccer Complex
3 p.m. Pumpkin-Throwing Contest, UC Parking Lot
6 p.m. Golden Exes Reception, UC
6:30 p.m. Wells Fargo Alumni Scholarship Dinner, UC C.J. Davidson Conference Center
8 p.m. Beating of the Drum Begins, Multi-Purpose Sports Complex
8:30 p.m. Pep Rally, Multi-Purpose Sports Complex
Run Through Sign Contest and Judging, Multi-Purpose Sports Complex
Mascot Contest, Multi-Purpose Sports Complex
Yell/Step Contest, Multi-Purpose Sports Complex
9:15 p.m. Torch Parade, from Pep Rally to Bonfire site
9:30 p.m. Bonfire begins, Knickerbocker and University
10 p.m. - 1 a.m. Homecoming Dance, UC Ram Room

Saturday, Oct. 28
7:30 a.m. West Central Wireless/Net Homecoming Golf Tournament, San Angelo Country Club
1:30 p.m. Parade, Vandeventer & Johnson
2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Delta Sigma Pi Reception, San Angelo Colts Stadium
3 - 5 p.m. Track & Field Reunion
3:30 p.m. UC/UCPC Reunion, UC C.J. Davidson Conference Center
7 p.m. ASU vs. Tarleton State Football Game, San Angelo Stadium
Halftime presentation of HC King, Queen and Court
Post Game Alumni Mixer, Mezz. Que Nade

Sunday, Oct. 29
2 p.m. ASU Soccer vs. Central Oklahoma, ASU Soccer Complex

week long, have a successful king and queen ceremony Monday, and most importantly, to have a productive parade."

For more information, contact Foster at 942-2063, Greig at 942-2062 or Oosterveen at 942-2191.



16 days until bonfire...
Ram Page photo by Julie Schlabs
Volunteers are still needed to work on ASU's traditional Homecoming bonfire. ROTC, which organizes the construction of the structure, has set new regulations to ensure student safety. Groups wishing to guard during Homecoming week must have 20 volunteer hours. For more information, contact Timothy Brawner at 942-2020.

ASU Accepting Applications for Goldwater Scholarship Program

Angelo State University students interested in a career in mathematics, natural sciences or engineering are invited to apply for a scholarship of up to \$15,000 from the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program.

Established by Congress in 1986, the Goldwater program designed to provide scholarship opportunities for academically standing U.S. students that have demonstrated interest in and potential for careers in mathematics, natural sciences and engineering.

Next April the sponsoring foundation will award scholarships to students who will be college juniors or seniors during the 2001-02 academic year. In order to be considered for an award, students must be nominated by their institution. All nominations must be forwarded to the foundation by Feb. 1.

The scholarships cover eligible expenses up to \$7,500 per year for a maximum of two years. To be eligible, a student must currently be a full-time sophomore or junior and be pursuing a baccalaureate degree. The student must have a grade point average of at least 3.00, rank in the upper fourth of his or her class and be a U.S. citizen, resident alien or a U.S. national who will pursue a career in mathematics, natural sciences or engineering. Initial applications must be completed by Nov. 13.

Four ASU students will be selected from the pool of initial applicants. The university will forward the applications of the selected candidates to the national scholarship program for consideration. All local candidates will be notified of the university's decisions by Dec. 1.

Interested students should contact Dr. Nick Flynn in the Chemistry Department at 942-2181, ext. 250, or their department head to voice interest in the scholarships.

Details on the Goldwater scholarship program are also available through the program's web site at <http://www.act.org/goldwater>.

Little inspires group leaders

JULIE SCHLABS
— Managing Editor —

Take advantage of every opportunity you have and don't ever regret anything you didn't do. This is the advice motivational speaker Craig Little delivered to 110 student leaders in his Tuesday night presentation, "Breathing Life Into Tired Organizations."

"Students who don't participate do not get the complete college experience," he said when he congratulated the student leaders for their participation. Little shared tools for group moti-

vation and ways to bring fun into meetings and activities. "If I can come and inspire a person to do something difficult in their organization, it's a win-win," Little said.

Little said the purpose of the seminar was to help students understand the potential they have as individuals and as campus leaders. Whether helping to motivate them to set high goals or guiding them toward basic skills of sound leadership, he seeks to assist students of the endless possibilities their undergraduate education can offer.

Symposium, from page 1

communication and campaign strategies at a variety of academic institutions, including the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, the US Naval Academy and Southern Utah University.

Friedenberg is the author, co-author, or editor of five books, including "Communications Consultants in Political Campaigns: The Ballot Box Warriors," "Political Campaign Communication: Principles and Practices" and "Theodore Roosevelt and the Rhetoric of Militant Decency." Currently, he is doing research for his sixth book, tentatively titled "Pivotal Speeches in Contemporary Presidential Elections," which is scheduled for release in 2002. He has written

articles and reviews, scripted videotapes and records and made presentations to professional organizations.

Eoff said she feels the two lecturers will be beneficial to students who attend the symposium because they are world-class speakers with great credentials.

"We hope that it (the Symposium) will encourage students to think about the upcoming election and be able to interpret information they receive through the press and the Internet more accurately," Eoff said. "We also hope that it stimulates discussion on the role of media and professional consultants, and in general creates a more informed and more sophisticated voter."

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Movies, from page 4

Meet the Parents - You have to love it when a filmmaker uses "the f-word" throughout a movie and still gets a PG-13 rating. If you haven't seen this one yet, I bet you want to now, just so you'll know what I'm talking about.

Seriously, though, I really enjoyed this movie. It's about a guy trying to get the approval of his girlfriend's "slightly over-protective" father, who happens to be a former CIA agent. Ben Stiller strengthens his claim on box-office-comedy appeal and

Robert De Niro is, well, himself, one of the greatest actors ever.

And now, for my "Go Against the Flow" selection, though it won't be in theaters much longer, I recommend **Saving Grace**. The British know comedy, it's that simple (Monty Python, need I say more). I don't want to spoil a good story, so just go see it.

Keep your eyes open for more Reel Reviews in the coming weeks because of the time it takes to screen movies of interest to the ASU community.

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GOING THE DISTANCE

ASU cross country teams take second at home meet

MARCIE MENHENNETT
Staff Writer



The women's cross country team finished second at the annual Blue and Gold Cross Country Classic in San Angelo. The men's team also finished second at the meet. Both teams will compete at the Lone Star Conference Regional Meet on Oct. 21.

Gabriel said everyone ran an outstanding race and he was pleased with their improvement.

On Oct. 2 the team competed at Southwestern University, where the men finished first, beating rivals Southwestern and Trinity University. The women's team finished third.

"The men's team did extremely well this weekend," Reid said.

Pack leader Rutland won the meet, with the other six members finishing in the top 10.

For the women, Salas finished 11th,

with freshmen Becker and Aleshia Claunch stepping up to fill the places of ill teammates.

The women's team is improving daily with different individuals improving and setting goals, Reid said. "We're seeing what we want to be seeing and keeping our eyes focused on the 21st (when the conference will be held)," he said.

Salas said the team's most important goal was to place in the top three at conference. "Conference will reflect how we will do at regionals so it's important to finish well," she said.

Rutland said the men's team, composed of one senior, two juniors and three freshmen, has improved throughout the season. As long as the team stays injury free, they hope to finish in the top two at conference, he said. Rutland finished in the top 10 individually at conference last year and he said his goal is to receive the All-Conference honor again.

ASU has built a solid team over the last few weeks and plans to carry it over into the Lone Star Conference meet on Oct. 21.

Rampage photo by Pam Decker

'Belles lose to Midwestern

JOHN BOYD
Sports Editor

Another disappointing loss to Midwestern on Sunday has once again left the Rambelle soccer team searching for clues on how to turn their season back around.

"It was one of those games where the better team didn't win," senior forward Melissa Farr said. "We let them hang in."

The 'Belles were outshot 27-16 but managed to keep the score tied 1-1 through the first half, thanks to an unassisted goal by sophomore midfielder Carrie Hughes at the 42:57 mark. However, a late goal cost the 'Belles the game, as Midwestern's Sarah Sawyer managed to get one in at the 75:58 mark.

"We weren't playing tactically the way we can," Coach Tom Brown said. "We've got to execute the full 90 minutes."

Though the 'Belles believe they played a good game, they still think that a lack of focus for the entire game may have cost them.

"We played the best game that we've played all year," freshman midfielder Grace Wayman said. "But we need to play with more consistency."

The 2-1 loss came at a bad time for the 'Belles and leaves them at 0-2 in the Lone Star Conference going into today's game against 15th-ranked West Texas A&M University.

If the 'Belles hope to win, they say they are going to have to do it on their own, rather than expecting help from their opponents.

"We know we really have to pick it up and play harder," Wayman said. "We have to work on finishing opportunities instead of getting lucky breaks."

Brown said if his team expects to win, they are going to have to play with "a mixture of intensity and desire."

"I think it just comes to being focused," he said. "Sometimes we play without a purpose."

The 'Belles take on West Texas A&M today at 3 p.m. St. Mary's will come next for the 'Belles on Sunday at 3 p.m. Both games will be at the ASU Soccer Complex.

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Correction
Former Rambelle volleyball player Jodie Cave does not hold the school career assist record, as was reported in the October 5 edition of the Ram Page. The record was set in 1990 by Yami Garcia. Garcia has 4,752 assists, while Cave ended her career in 1992 with 4,129. Current 'Belle Jennifer Tucker, junior, is now third with 2,690 assists.

Road trip cancelled due to lack of interest

A road trip that was to be sponsored by the Ram football team to this weekend's game in Abilene has been cancelled due to a lack of interest.

The game is being promoted as a "fifth home game" for the Rams due to the relative closeness of Abilene Christian University, one of ASU's biggest

rivals. The drive is only 90 miles, or about an hour and a half.

Many students will still be driving to the game on their own and a large number of people from the ASU community are still expected to attend.

The game will be this Saturday at 2 p.m. at Shotwell Stadium.

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MIDNIGHT MADNESS

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JOHN BOYD
Sports Editor

In Chapel Hill, N.C., it is as big a part of life as death and taxes. Like many large athletic programs, Chapel Hill's University of North Carolina is turned upside-down and inside-out for an event second only to Christmas. The event is Midnight Madness, and if Men's Head Basketball Coach Joe Esposito has anything to say about it, his program may give the big boys a run for their money.

"We're just trying to bring excitement back to the university," Esposito said.

Angelo State's 30th installment of Midnight Madness will be a scene similar to those of most college basketball programs.

Every year, the NCAA sets a date that college basketball programs may begin formal practices. This year's date is Sunday, Oct. 15.

To get a head start on practices and create some excitement about basketball

this season, Esposito, like many coaches, will hold Midnight Madness Saturday, Oct. 14.

The events begin at 11:15 p.m. and include games, contests, a celebrity shootout and, of course, the ASU cheerleaders. At exactly 12:01 a.m., Saturday night officially becomes Sunday morning and the basketball season begins.

"That is going to be everyone's first opinion [of ASU basketball]," Esposito said. "We want to do a class job."

The players, beginning with the women's team, will be introduced and compete in three-point and slam-dunk contests.

Esposito said when he was hired as the Rams' head coach, one of the things he was looking for was a program that would sponsor a Midnight Madness event. During his interview with the athletic department, Esposito showed several

films of previous events he had participated in, including one in which he sang and danced in a black suit and sunglasses in a portrayal of Jake, of the Blues Brothers.

One of the big questions remains just exactly what Esposito has up his sleeve for the third Midnight Madness.

When the first Midnight Madness kicked off the 1998-99 season, Esposito had the team ride in style to mid court in a stretch limousine.

Unfortunately, word was slow to spread about the event that year and only a few people were on hand to watch the team step out.

Last year, however, a capacity crowd was present in the Physical Education

Building to watch the men's basketball team driven onto the court in a hearse, the type of car in which corpses are taken to the cemetery. The gym was decorated with tombstones bearing the names of the Rams' Lone Star Conference opponents. The Rams followed up that performance by playing the role of the reaper last year, burying their opponents and finishing with a 19-6 record.

For this year's event, Esposito is keeping the theme a secret, but did mention the use of fog and special lighting.

"I almost didn't want to do it this year because of the success of the last two years," Esposito said. "It makes it kind of hard to live up to the expectations."

Fortunately though, Esposito decided to participate in another Midnight Madness and hopes the event will start things off on the right foot for a Ram team that returns only one starter from last year's squad.

"It's going to be a great year," Esposito said, "and we're really excited."

Excited enough to wake up the fans in Chapel Hill? Probably not. But with any luck it just might put a little fear in the hearts of the rest of the Lone Star Conference.



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Greyhounds beat Rams

ASU collapses in 18-8 loss to ENMU

ANDREW LOVELL
Staff Writer

There's an old saying that to win a football game, a team must win at least two of three aspects of the game, offense, defense or special teams. ASU didn't win any of those aspects last Saturday in a crucial 18-8 loss at the hands of Eastern New Mexico.

The offense, which hasn't found a groove since the season opener, walked off the field after gaining only 180 total yards. The ground game only mustered 15 yards on 30 carries.

The defense, usually the Rams' cornerstone, allowed 265 yards on the ground, only the second time they have allowed over 200 in a game.

What about the special teams? A usually strong unit allowed big returns by the Greyhounds to trun into a field position victory.

Don't count the Rams out though. It may be an uphill battle from now on, but ASU

has the talent to make the playoffs. It's just a question of being able to bounce back and stay on top.

Rams' quarterback Sterlin Gilbert one thing the Rams won't do is find fault outside the team. That includes the drastic weather change of the past week.

"I don't think the weather had much effect on us," Gilbert said. "All of us have played in the cold. It's just one of the many elements that affect a game, and it's one that we have to deal with."

Gilbert will have to deal with the weather on Saturday against another up-and-down team in the LSC, Abilene Christian. He will also try to improve on a sub-par performance, by his standards, last week. Of course, he wasn't the only player struggling. Offensive coordinator Tim Reid is hoping that his core of running backs will have a better game, as well.

"Well, we always have to

adjust," Reid said. "We're just looking to get better each week and give the team a chance to win."

As for the system of rotation, Reid plans to continue using fresh bodies.

"We are going to keep playing the different guys," he said. They're all older kids who know what they're doing. Who we run with depends on the defense. Our two losses were against teams that ran eight man fronts. You can't run a lot of one back sets against that."

The offense will be challenged by an ACU defense that returns nine starters, including an all-conference linebacker. The Wildcats also boast two good running backs, George Fisher and Adrian Rascon, that average a combined 120 yards per game. The defensive line of ASU may be able to take advantage and pressure an inexperienced quarterback, however, giving the rest of the defense a chance to focus on the run.



Rampage photo by Pam Decker
The Rams' offensive line attempts to stop advancing Greyhound defensive tackle Jose Gutierrez (90) and defensive end Jeremiah Johnson (48). The Rams had a difficult time figuring out the Greyhound defense, only gaining 180 yards of total offense.

Second star to the left, and straight on 'til morning

While Abilene may not be Never Land, if you're going to Saturday afternoon's game against Abilene Christian, you still might want to know how to get there. The drive is only a short 90 miles through the beautiful hill country and it's a cinch to be home for supper.

1. Take US-67 North to US-277.
2. Stay on 277, then turn left on US-83 North/US-84 West/US-277 North.
3. Take US-84 West/I-20 ramp towards Sweetwater/Abilene.
4. Merge onto I-20 BL East/US-80 East.

More simply put, take US-277 North to Bronte. Drive straight through Bronte, stay right and take the Abilene exit on the left side of town. Be careful of sharp curves the closer you get to Abilene.

Sports For The Unsportl...

Term: Slide Tackle
Sport: Soccer

Definition: It sounds illegal but is not, if done correctly. A slide tackle is when a player without the ball slides and knocks the ball away from the person who has it. As long as the person performing the slide tackle hits only the ball, then no foul. However, if they hit the other player, then a foul may be called.

The Pigskin Poll

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

<p>JOHN BOYD Sports Editor</p> <p>LAST WEEK: 5-1 Season: 10-10</p>	<p>CHRIS MURPHY Editor</p> <p>LAST WEEK: 3-4 Season: 11-21</p>	<p>BRIAN ROLAND Circulation Manager</p> <p>LAST WEEK: 2-5 Season: 21-11</p>	<p>MIK NICHOLS The Game Club Abilene Community</p> <p>LAST WEEK: 4-3 Season: 20-18</p>
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LONE STAR CONFERENCE
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Big XII CONFERENCE
 Texas Tech vs. Oklahoma
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And Finally...
 ANGELO STATE VS. ABILENE CHRISTIAN

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