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## REGISTRATION CHANGES WILL GIVE STUDENTS MORE FREEDOM

**JULIE SCHALBS**  
Managing Editor

Even the Registrar's Office is doing its part to keep ASU at the forefront of technology. Monday, the office unveils the new RAMS (Record Access Management System), just in time for spring registration. "We are leaps and bounds ahead of other schools," Registrar Anita Loshbough said. "We will use the online system as much as we can. There is really no need for double duty." The current RAMS is a program that was written in-house to use until the new system was ready for use. "We've tried to keep a lot of the same functions as the old RAMS," Loshbough said. "The new RAMS will be more in line with future endeavors this school has planned." Pre-registration for the spring 2001 semester will begin Nov. 8 and continue through the month for students enrolled during the fall 2000 semester. Among the new features is a degree audit program that will allow students and faculty advisors to view course requirements for their respective degree plans and see how each class fits in to their degree plan.

Loshbough said they have also eliminated the need for a RAC (Registration Access Code). As faculty advisors meet with students, they will be able to clear those students for registration.

"This way, there is no sneaking around it. You have to see your advisor," she said. "It is important not only because our accreditation board requires it, but it's just good business. If students want to take classes outside their major, it's fine, but we don't want them wandering aimlessly."

"It is important that students have everything correct with the Registrar's Office," Loshbough said. "If their major is undecided, for example, it's counted like they have no major so the system will not be able to put that into a specific degree plan."

Effective Nov. 1, the Personal Access Code (PAC) has been renamed Personal Identification Number (PIN) and has been reset for all students to birth date (mm-dd-yy). Loshbough said students should change their PIN the first time they log in.

Students will also have the opportunity to add/update their email address, mailing address and next-of-kin information in real time so the change is made immediately on the mainframe. Because the information is changed immediately, though, it will be important all entries are accurate.

Loshbough said entries would be monitored on a weekly basis.

The new system will also allow students to see course sections outside of RAMS, as well as number of seats available in each class before they get to the actual registration screen as well as an online catalog.

Students will be able to register on scheduled days by the STAR telephone system at 942-2360 or online through RAMS at the ASU Web site ([www.angelo.edu](http://www.angelo.edu)).

Both the STAR telephone system (942-2360) and the RAMS online registrations system [www.angelo.edu](http://www.angelo.edu) will be available 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, except on recognized school holidays.

Students will register by classification according to the following schedule: Nov. 8-10, graduate students, seniors and post baccalaureate students; Nov. 13-15, juniors; Nov. 16-17, sophomores; Nov. 20-22, freshmen and non-degree seeking undergraduates; and Nov. 27-30, all students, including new, re-entry and continuing students.

For additional information, students can call the Registrar's Office at 942-2043 and select the "PIN" information option.

## Fee increase fails due to lack of voters

**STACEY PATTERSON**  
Staff Writer

The Student Senate Election Committee decided Monday night that the proposed UC Fee Increase referendum failed after it did not receive a 10 percent vote of the student body on the homecoming ballot.

The Oct. 18 and 19 Homecoming ballot results showed that of the 537 students who voted, 230 students voted for the proposed UC fee increase, 171 voted against it and 136 abstained.

"Because only approximately 8 or 9 percent of the student body voted, the referendum initially failed," Andrew Ruiz, chair of the Election Committee and student body president pro tempore, said.

An election protest was filed in accordance with the ASU Student Body Bylaws, calling into question the 10 percent voter turnout requirement in order for the UC Fee Increase to pass.

"After reviewing the information, the Election Committee decided that the referendum failed because there was not 10 percent of the student body voting overall," Ruiz said.

"We debated on the issue and decided that we felt the 230 votes saying yes could impact about 6,000 people," Ruiz said. "We thought that number wasn't efficient enough to pass the referendum. That number is only about 3 percent of the student body that voted for the increase."

Student Body President Charles Landers said while he feels a significant fee increase should not pass if there is not a significant number of votes, he disagrees with the Election Committee's interpretation of the Student Body Constitution on the 10 percent voter turnout.

"I think the referendum should have passed as is," he said. "The Constitution is really unclear about the requirements for a valid electorate."

Landers said his interpretation is that the ASU Bylaws grant the Student Senate the right to call for a referendum and the result of that referendum is valid, regardless of the total number of votes cast.

The Election Committee's decision does not have to be the final word on the subject, however.

"If they want to, the UCPC can appeal to the Student Life Committee and see what will happen at that level," Student Body Vice President Brice Foster said. "This is the last step in the process and whatever they rule is final."

If the UC Fee Increase remains failed, the student body will see the results in a decrease of programming, UC Director Greg Pecina said.

"We have not had a UC Fee increase in 11 years," he said. "It is obvious to say that with inflation over the years, the price changes of many things have increased."

Pecina said in order to continue quality programming, additional funding is needed.

"Students have said that they want recognizable bands and prominent speakers, but without this fee increase, that is not a reality," he said. "Patch Adams, for example, was a \$25,000 speaker. We cannot bring another speaker for that amount of money without funding."

Pecina said he felt that the Homecoming elections were the best shot to get a large voter turnout. "What was anticipated just didn't happen, but I am very optimistic and we will try again next semester," he said.

The UCPC will use this time to regroup, although students will not see many large programs for quite a while.

"For now, we just have to reevaluate our budget and see where the money we have can go and where we can get money from," Pecina said. "I don't see us having a large concert for at least nine months or so."

## RAMS ROYALTY 2000...



Ram Page photo by Pam Decker

The finalists for Homecoming King and Queen were presented Monday evening. King finalists are (back row l-r) Brandon Keith Ligon from Generation of Faith, Romain Remy from ISA, Brian Anderson from Baptist Student Ministries, Brice Foster from Pi Kappa Alpha and Christopher Tiftickjian. Queen finalists are (front row l-r) Satcha Pretto from ISA, Brittney Perkins from Women of Expression, Brooke Hundley from Baptist Student Ministries, Iva Dakovska from Finance and Real Estate Organization and Martina Andrews from Alpha Phi Omega. Final elections will be held today outside the Academic Building from 8 a.m.-noon and at the Cafeteria from noon-2 p.m. and also from 5-7 p.m.

## Crime statistics released on Internet as part of national campaign

**AMANDA KIRBY**  
Copy Editor

ASU was way ahead of Tuesday's deadline to submit crime statistics to be posted on the U.S. Department of Education web site, despite difficulties in uploading the information.

"Talk about a headache," University Police Chief Marc Cossich said of problems with the system.

After multiple failed attempts to submit its data, the department finally chose to try to submit the data on a weekend at night, when the server for the DOE was not so busy, Cossich said. As of the afternoon of Sept. 6, ASU's crime statistics were posted for the world to view.

Several colleges were rushed to meet the Tuesday deadline, which had been postponed a week due to the problems with the system. "The failure to submit accurate crime statistics could result in fines of up to \$25,000 for the university and, in extreme cases, loss of federal funding. The posting regulation is part of the Jeanne

Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. As stated in the Security on Campus web site, the law, named for a Pennsylvania student murdered in her dorm room in 1986, requires that the university have accurate crime statistics available and notify students of ongoing threats, such as the warnings distributed about sexual assault last August.

The law has had trouble with compliance in the past, according to a New York Times article. Cossich believes this poor compliance was due to the loopholes and lack of specificity in the law. Several changes have since been made to make the law stricter. However, Cossich assures that, in his three years with the ASU Police Department, the department has never used one of the loopholes to avoid reporting its statistics.

"I think we have a very safe campus and I'm proud of the statistics," he said. "But would I lie about something? Absolutely not...it's just not worth it."

Cossich said the crime statistics are compiled

electronically from all reports of campus crime made to the department over the last three years. Crimes are sorted into several different categories, including hate crimes, criminal offenses and arrests. The area in which the crime occurred is also sorted into areas, such as on-campus buildings, public property, on-campus housing and non-campus buildings such as fraternity houses.

ASU reported one forcible sex offense and two burglaries on campus in 1999. Also that year, arrests were made for four liquor violations on campus and two on public property. There were no hate crimes reported.

Anyone who wishes to view the statistics of different U.S. colleges and universities, including ASU, can visit the DOE web site at [www.ope.ed.gov/security](http://www.ope.ed.gov/security). The statistics are also posted on the ASU Police Department web site at [www.angelo.edu/faculty\\_staff/university\\_police](http://www.angelo.edu/faculty_staff/university_police) and available in brochure form at the Police Station.

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## WEEKEND OF FUN WENT DOWN THE LUE

I had this weekend all planned out as a weekend of fun. I was a chance to miss class, explore all the sights of Austin and further my education as a journalist all in one.



Chris Murman  
Editor

It didn't end up exactly as I planned. Let me first explain that I hate driving in wet weather. I know this area desperately needed rain, as it always does, so I am not one to complain about the heavy rainfall over the past week. I just would rather not travel long distances through a monsoon. After having an accident this summer because of wet weather, I get a bit antsy when a little rain hits the asphalt at high speeds. So when I left town Saturday seeing Mother Nature working her magic, I should have known it was a sign of what was to come.

On top of the driving conditions, I was listening to the Rams' football game as I went, only to have KIXY 94.7 fade out just as ASU was driving for what I hoped to be the winning score. Little did I know, the drive failed. I found out when I got back to San Angelo Monday night.

Again, another sign of what would come. After reaching the state capital, I reached my friend Cameron's house (who graciously let me crash free of charge). Because he had other plans that night, he informed me he had set me up with a friend of his for a night on the town. Are we seeing a trend yet?

She was very attractive, and we "had a lot in common." With a fellow journalism major with similar family backgrounds, the scene for an interesting conversation was set, supposedly.

Little did I know that this young lady was a spoiled little T-Sip, had very little aspirations toward journalism and, at 19 years of age, was a lush.

We met at Outback Steakhouse and waited for our table at the bar. Using her fake ID, she proceeded to order several cocktails without a whim of what she was consuming. Our table waiting, she proceeded to order everything on the menu, including the drink menu. After about her fourth large daiquiri (I lost count) and a huge dessert, she finally said she was ready to leave. After our bill of almost \$60 dollars arrived (\$15 of which was mine), she made a very sour face when I had the nerve to expect her to keep up her side of the tab. She quickly pulled out a credit card without thinking, but continued her whining about not being used to dating "college guys." I wasn't impressed.

Next, the glitz and debauchery of Sixth Street awaited "Her Royal Highness." I'm not sure why I put up with her constant whining. I guess it was quite entertaining after a while. After she failed to present herself in a semi-sober manner, I called it a night. It's a good thing I wasn't expecting a goodnight smooch, because I deposited the princess on her throne and left with a sour taste of the famous nightlife in Austin.

Now in her defense, when she sobered up the next day she was a rather pleasant person. She came over to Cam's crib and apologized for her actions and asked for a clean slate. Uh-huh.

I did, however, gain something from the weekend. I took a nice tour of the campus on Sunday to make sure I had my bearings for the convention the following day. UT-Austin has a beautiful campus and I made friends with the editor of the Daily Texan, the student paper on campus. It turns out that their paper is run in the same manner as this publication. They just have a bigger office.

The Society of News Design Quick Course went just about as I expected on Monday. The room was filled with respected journalists who loved to brag about themselves. It was also run in the same completely disorganized manner I knew fellow journalists were capable of.

Everything broke down and was behind schedule, and I got a true glimpse into what my future in my profession held. The old adage of being able to tell how long a person has been in the newspaper business from their level of alcoholism is true. The oldest speaker there made several interesting phrases about, "a paper looking so good you could have sex on it." I'm sure she could have failed a Breathalyzer test.

And with that, all that was left was a terrifying drive through the rain back home. What's the moral of the story? Just because you have a weekend of fun and learning planned doesn't mean you won't leave with memories of holding a girl's hair while she shows you what a good time she had.

Chris Murman is a senior from Ballinger



"The far right? Oh, I bagged him while he was trying to destroy my deer blind."

## My favorite season? Here's a hint: Bambi



Brian Roland  
Circulation Manager

Fellow ASU students, we are rapidly approaching what some, myself included, believe to be the best time of the year. No, it isn't Christmas. No, it isn't Thanksgiving. It sure isn't Halloween. It is hard to go trick-or-treating when you are 20. Friends, the time of year I am talking about is deer season.

True, we have been able to shoot dove since September and we could shoot deer with our bows, but rifle season is the epitome of all hunting seasons. There is nothing better than waking up at 4:30 a.m., putting on your hunting gear and climbing into your deer blind. Over the past few years this has become a ritual for me. Most people count the days until their birthday or other important date, but this year, Nov. 4 is the only day I am interested in.

Being up at the ungodly hour deer hunters get up, we see some amazing sights. I have seen some of the most beautiful sunrises and all types of wildlife. I have seen fox cubs playing together. I saw a mountain lion—unfortunately it wasn't close enough to shoot—and I see so many coveys of quail I have lost track.

This may not mean anything to you, but it helps me to appreciate all the things that God has made. If you do not believe in God, fill in whatever you want in that spot.

Every time hunting season comes around, at least one person tells me they can't believe I go hunting and kill innocent animals. One young lady asked me how I could kill something as cute as a deer. I told her it wasn't hard, you just line that buck up in your crosshairs and pull the trigger. For some reason, I don't think that was the response she had in mind. I think people opposed to hunting need to look at other aspects of their lives. That juicy steak you ate didn't just appear on your plate. Kentucky Fried Chicken doesn't magically wave a wand and the meat appears. Animals are killed so we can eat. If you are a vegetarian and don't like hunting, you may have a valid point. Hippie.

Recently, politicians have been trying desperately to ban firearms. I firmly believe the sale of guns should be regulated and in order to buy the gun you should have an extensive background check. I don't think they should take away all guns. If the proper steps are taken to ensure that whoever has a gun knows how to properly respect the weapon and use it, it should be okay to own one. Of course, I am just "narrow-minded," so what do I know?

I was raised with hunting. It has been a part of my family for generations. I learned at an early age to respect my weapon, even if it was a Red Ryder BB gun. I also learned to respect what I kill. I hate people who kill something just to kill it. Every animal I kill, unless it is a varmint, ends up in my freezer. I love deer. I think they are graceful and beautiful animals. I also love them in chili. Add a little spices, some pepper...anyway. Everything I shoot, I do so for a purpose. Yes, it is fun to bag a nice trophy buck, but I also eat the meat that it provides.

Brian Roland is a junior from Las Vegas.

## ASU Speaks Out

by Cassandra Sagan

What determines who you vote for in the presidential election?



JESSICA WEHR  
freshman

"Whoever paid attention to the smaller issues..."

"Moral issues, gut feeling, and past leadership experiences."



MATT WALKER  
junior



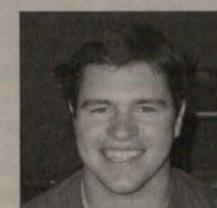
BERT RIVERA  
freshman

"If he's the governor of Texas, vote for him..."

"The candidate's stance on education and their own personal ethics and morals."



TRACE WINDHAM  
grad student



RYAN BEBEE  
freshman

"Gore is immoral doofus I'm voting Bush..."

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## Bush would contribute much to Oval Office if elected

Dear Editor,  
 With all due respect to Pam Decker, she probably isn't correct in her assessment of this upcoming presidential election. This election is about what you want your government to become as a result of your vote and which candidate you trust to lead our nation. Additionally, it is important to realize that the generalizations made about Governor George W. Bush were quite inaccurate.

Specifically, Bush would raise the Pell grant from \$3,300 to \$5,100. He also plans to encourage high school students to take some initiative in their education. For instance, students who take advanced math courses will receive up to an additional \$1,000 in grant money. Furthermore, he plans to allow students to invest money with tax-free returns and give families paying for primary and secondary schools a tax break. Does this sound like a man who wants to eliminate these programs? It sounds like a leader who recognizes that our country's education can benefit from the federal government without losing the local control that we have valued for so long.

And this isn't a new look for conservatives such as Bush, either. He has made education his number-one priority since he was elected governor and success has followed. Under Bush, Texas is ranked number one in the nation in test score improvements, especially among minority students. Also, the notion that conservatives have tried to elimi-

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nate programs critical to education is not correct. For instance, there was legislation aiming to privatize and/or reorganize many functions of the Department of Education, a relatively new department, but never calls by a majority of conservatives to wholly discredit everything it stands for.

Decker mocked a significant concern of many of us, implying that Vice President Al Gore may not really push towards more socialism and Bush wouldn't really fight for limited, reasonable government. If you want a bigger, more intrusive, and more expensive government, Gore is your choice. He has stated consistently that the public isn't to be trusted with their tax dollars because they might not spend it right. The tax cuts he has proposed are so loaded with conditions that few are really going to qualify to have their taxes lowered.

One issue that greatly concerns us as college students is the pending doom of Social Security. Gore doesn't want to give people the right to determine where some of their Social Security dollars are invested. It's a risky scheme, according to Gore. Of course, getting a consistent average of 1-2 percent return on your investment isn't possible just anywhere. Usually, you can only get that low rate of return from the government.

On the other hand, a vote for Bush is a vote

for smaller, less intrusive and less expensive government. He wants to give the money already paid back to the people who actually paid it. He wants to let you decide if you want to begin a private Social Security account with a small portion of your Social Security withholdings. This is only for people that are young enough to see a benefit from the program. Those that are of retirement age would continue in the program as it currently is.

As for trustworthiness, there isn't any question about who is the better candidate. He will say anything and do anything to get elected. If you watched his performance last year you probably noticed there are a dozen different Al Gores. As you know yourself for this election, you will likely cross the many confirmed lists of questionable activities and blatant, outright and geous lies repeatedly stated by Gore. The man we want in the highest office in the land? Bush has been consistent throughout his terms as governor and as a candidate.

My fellow college Republicans are the student population to think about. Just the four years you are attending college but the forty years that you are going to be working and paying taxes after college has you best long term interests in mind. We know that on Nov. 7 we're voting for the future. We're voting for George W. Bush.

Joe Grammentz, senior  
 Kyle Dawson, senior

# CHOIR LETTER' SPARKS CONTROVERSY

*It's my turn to be outraged*

Dear Editor,  
Unfortunately, certain college students must take their history classes for granted. This is evident to me when I read your last edition of the Ram Page. In your "Letter to the Editor" section, Miiya E. Holmes Torres reported her outrage over a recent ASU Choir performance. It is my turn to report my outrage.

It seems that Torres was quite upset about certain songs that were performed. She said that the songs were "racist in nature; [their] use throughout history has proven that." Evidently, Torres has not really studied the Civil War. I'll say this right now, the Civil War was not only about slavery. In fact, slavery was probably one of the smallest issues of the Civil War. The Civil War happened because the southern States (the Confederacy) felt that the State governments should have more power and control than the Federal government. Yes, the Confederacy contained the states that supported slavery, but I must reiterate, the Civil War was not only about slavery. "Dixie" is a historical song, and if we cannot hear that song at a choral performance, then I guess it would also be wrong to study slavery in America as well.

As for the spiritual songs that Ms. Torres complained about, C'mon.

The "choir has no right to sing these songs because they have not earned it?" I certainly was not aware that people had to earn the right to sing a song. I guess Eminem has been doing wrong all along. Because these songs are considered "a spiritual bond among African-Americans to a past and a heritage..." Torres should have just closed her eyes, ignored the fact the "Caucasian-majority choir" was singing them, listen and enjoy that past and heritage. It is completely ludicrous to expect the choir to avoid these types of songs.

Here at ASU, as well as at colleges and universities across the nation, diverse cultural awareness is encouraged. How else are narrow-minded people supposed to learn about different cultures? I guess the only proper way to approach this situation is to ban all issues that have anything to do with slavery, that way when we don't learn about it in history, we are doomed to repeat it.

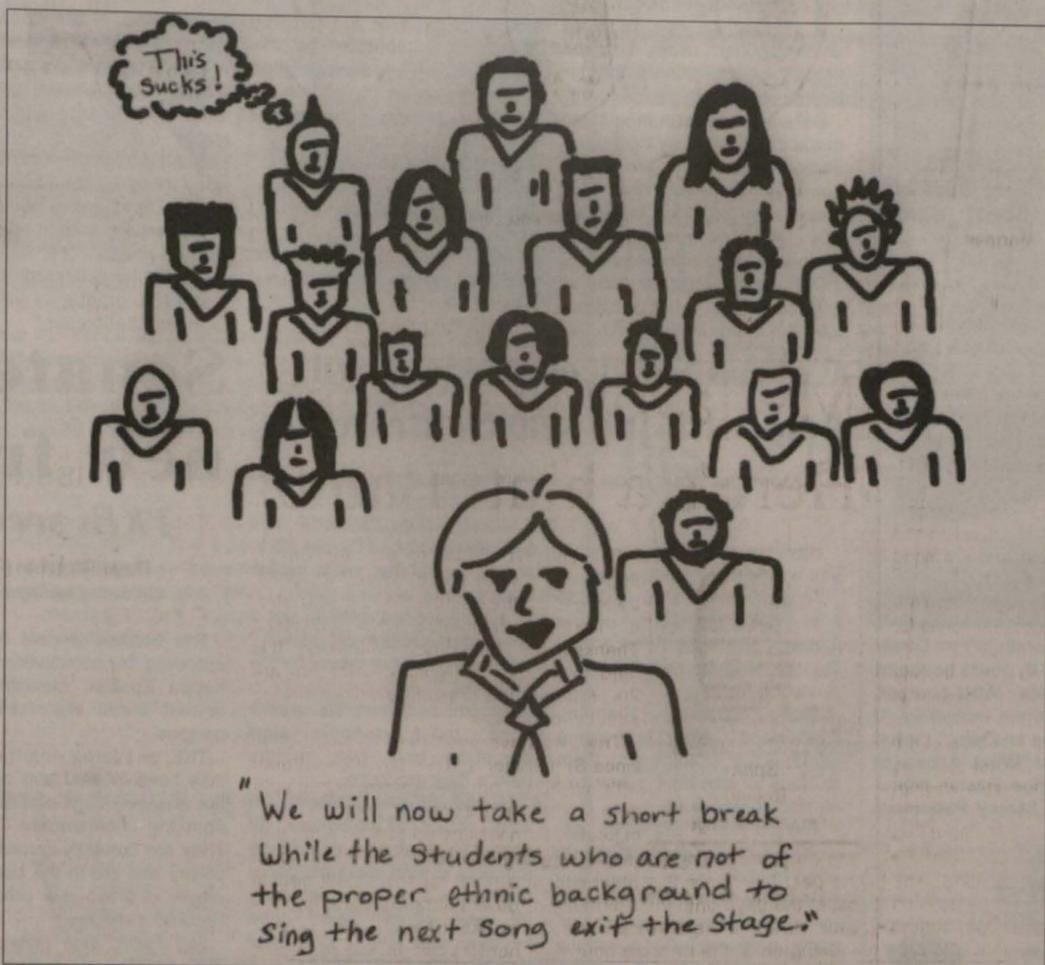
Chad E. Townley

*Musical value is different than moral value*

Dear Editor,  
I am writing in response to Miiya Torres' commentary on the ASU choir concert. I would like to start by saying I believe in having an open mind and respecting other's beliefs. However, it was very disturbing to read such a letter from a fellow music major.

The choir concert titled "I Hear America Singing" was obviously based on American music. All of the songs performed, including "Dixie," "Soon-ah Will Be Done," and "Ain't a Good News," were songs representing a time in American history. Torres pointed out, these three specific songs are from the Civil War period. The first, "Dixie," was the only song of the Confederacy. However, I can assure you this piece was not performed as a "racially degrading song."

For music majors, this subject is one that all of us will deal with when we reach. We learn the majority of music for choirs is almost always religious or perhaps of negative meaning in the time it was written. However, serious musicians learn to focus on the musical values of such pieces. For example, last spring's "Messiah" by Handel is a religious piece that is sung not because of its religious value (separation of church and state if you will), but because of the beauty of the melodies and harmonies. Additionally, criticisms of concert selections are best dis-



cussed with the director.

As far as the remark about the spirituals, "The ASU Choir has no right to sing these songs because they have not earned it," it is possibly one of the most racial comments I have heard in a long time. The first thought that came to mind after reading this section was, "What then would it take for us to earn such a 'privilege'?" I, like every other person on this planet, have no control over what race I was born into.

The choir, in a sense, is trying to share such songs with the public. If spirituals were to be sung by African-American choirs only, I can tell you I would have never heard one, even at this stage of my life. I have the highest respect for all nationalities, races, religions; as far as I am concerned, we are all people, that's as complicated as it should be. If we limited music by races, I'm afraid that music by Mozart, Bach, Haydn and even Handel would be off limits to Torres. This, of course, is not, by any means, what I'm suggesting we do. However, it may put a new light on the entire situation.

I take exception when Torres stated the "Caucasian-majority choir" knew nothing about the tie between the suffering of African-Americans and their "stolen heritage." The ASU Choir is multi-cultural/racial; it is open to all. We, too, should not be judged by our skin color. I do not suggest that we "ignore the fact that slavery happened," but I do suggest that people have more open minds. I cannot change the wrongs committed 140 years ago, but I can do my part to avoid discrimination.

We should learn from the past, and remember it, even if remembering means singing songs that once stood for a society that should have never existed.

Rachel E. Kuntz, sophomore music major

*Concert songs are racial only if taken that way*

Dear Editor,

The letter to the editor that complained that the ASU Choir was racist because of the singing of the "Negro Spirituals" and "Dixie" is wrong. If the choir thought that someone might get offended by these songs, would they not have sung them?

The song "Dixie," according to the writer, was "such a racially degrading song" that it does not belong in our society today. This is wrong. "Like the program notes said,

## Letters to the Editor

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it was the rallying cry of the Confederacy." This is true, but not for the reason the writer pointed out. The Confederacy did not fight the Civil War to keep slavery; it was fought to keep States' rights.

The idea that "Dixie" means slavery is absurd. The song "Dixie" does not mention slavery at all. What are you thinking when you hear "Dixie"? I don't think slavery but I think of a time of great Southern pride in this country. The Civil War was not just a terrible time for the North but also for the South. And "Dixie" helped the Southern soldiers who were homesick, thinking one day soon they would get to go back home. The first three lines of the song "Dixie" are as follows, "I wish I was in the land of cotton, old times there are not forgotten, Look away, look away, look away to Dixieland." The "land of cotton" is the South and "the old times there are not forgotten" is the time of peace before the war. The singer wished to go back in time where there was peace within the country. Were the Southerners the only people who owned slaves? No, the North owned slaves, too.

Concerning the two spiritual songs, define "earn the right." No one needs to earn the right to sing a song. But if someone did, then my mother, who is Caucasian, then has the right to sing them. She lived and worked on a farm and had to hoe cotton, to survive. I want to know if the writer of the other article ever worked on a farm and earned the right to sing those songs. The notion that African-Americans believe they have the exclusive right to those songs is wrong.

The songs are a part of my heritage, as well as every other Southerner's life. Just like the Confederate flag that was taken down to appease the people who thought it represented slavery. The same principle applies. The narrow-mindedness of individuals who believe that the Civil War was about slavery and hold on to the idea is wrong. The writer is blaming all Caucasians, who are Southerners, for slavery. I can not help what hap-

pened to the African-Americans so many years ago and I can not change history. I wonder if African-Americans ever question who sold the slaves in the first place?

Michael Jones, senior

*How do I 'earn the right' to sing music from another culture?*

Dear Editor,

I am compelled to write in response to the "outrageous" letter written by Miiya E. Holmes Torres printed in the Oct. 19 issue of the Ram Page because I cannot focus on the Beethoven bagatelle I'm trying to learn. What right do I have to perform his music? I have never suffered the pain of hearing loss and my ancestry is French and Czech (historical enemies of the Germans). To her way of thinking, most who call themselves "American citizens" do not have the right to sing the "Star Spangled Banner" unless they are of direct descent of those who fought and died in the War of 1812.

I taught music in a Christian setting for over 10 years and part of my joy and responsibility was to share with the students an appreciation and heart-felt response to music from all over the world. What can better convey the depth of human emotion and spirit than music written or passed on that expresses life in all its glory and splendor, agony and pain? The curriculum included songs from many walks of life, cultures and traditions. To limit the singing or performing of such music to a select few who may have "earned the right" is racism in its purest form.

The person who planned the program did so with much thought; the suffering of the slaves was not forgotten, nor the right of the Confederates to defend its homeland before an invading army. The American Civil War is a part of our American heritage. It is our responsibility to know our history and to remember those who gave their lives and suffered such indignities so as to learn from them and not repeat the same mistakes.

Music is the "international language" because anyone who truly listens with their mind, heart and soul can begin to experience the emotion and human condition from which the music was inspired. In this way, and with God's help, we can unite with one another to bridge the gap between all peoples of the world.

Deborah Campanaro, freshman music major

## Students have spoken, and united Editorial

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

With an issue such as racism, we at the Ram Page expected a response of some sort to last week's letter from Miiya Holmes-Torres. We weren't expecting this much, but such a united voice on the matter.

First, thank you to all who wrote. We wish we had enough space to run them all. All of them made valid points and were appreciated.

Most letters were written from music majors. From their perspective, this delicate subject needs to be addressed, since they will have to teach this idea to impressionable youth. History is needed to avoid making past mistakes, and that includes "whistling Dixie." According to James Lester, president of the ASU Choral Organization, the purpose of the concert was to present the heritage of America. Is it fair to present that theme without mentioning the Civil War?

On the subject of "having the right to sing those songs because they didn't earn it," Americans have that right because our country lived through that troubled time in our nation's history. Because someone wasn't oppressed, or is a certain color, doesn't mean they can't sing about it.

If it hurts her feelings to hear other races sing Negro-Spirituals, Holmes-Torres should probably avoid all choir concerts signifying about America's history, because her heart and spirit will be bothered again and again. The rest of the country has gotten past blacks and whites uniting in song, so should she.

## Diversity needs to be cherished, not chastised

So, racism still exists, huh? Now that's a new one. So does segregation.

So does reverse-racism and reverse-segregation. I know people who have gotten hired just because of reverse racism. Miss Rosa Parks



Jess Black  
Columnist

took the first step to end segregation by refusing to move to the back of the bus, but why do we still want to hang out with people who are like us? Even at such a diverse university as ASU, we still have to form organizations so we can hang out with people who like what we like and do what we do. Isn't that self-imposed segregation? If we'd spend more time trying to learn about other people and less time trying to find people exactly like ourselves the world would be a much more tolerable place in which to live.

The only thing that propagates racism, sexism and all the rest are the people that keep bringing it up. The first step to remedy this is to ignore adversity. We could get a lot more done if people would spend half as much time trying to do something instead of complaining why because of social limitations. The glass ceiling can be broken, but not if you're sitting on the bottom rung of the ladder whining about it and having a pity party for yourself. Secondly, we need to admit we all have prejudices. We all jump to conclusions in an attempt to clarify or organize life, to put it in the little boxes we have labeled all nicely and neatly. With all the emphasis on research and our human curiosity, we gather a little information about a subject and proceed to think we know everything about it, often making mistakes in our judgements.

Even then this capacity for making such mistakes is what makes us human. This is a reminder that our differences are what make life interesting. Some people tend to forget this, due to their myopic views, and focus only on the negative aspects of our individuality. We should all use this golden opportunity to learn about other people and other ways of life. I'm not just talking about the differences between blacks and whites. I have found there is something I can learn from everybody. Life is a celebration of diversity.

Jess Black is a grad student from Menard

Searching for an answer...



Ram Page photo by Pam Decker

Freshman Tiffany Carter, representing B Phi B, pours her heart out to judges in Monday's Mr. and Ms. ASU contest. Contestants were asked a variety of questions including "If you could be any candy bar, what would it be and why," "What would you tell your friends about ASU," and "What is there to do in San Angelo as an ASU student." Brice Foster, representing Pi Kappa Alpha, won Mr. ASU and Stacey Patterson, Sigma Kappa, won Ms. ASU.

## School of Education receives accreditation from state board

The Angelo State University School of Education has received an "accredited" rating from the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC).

Based on performance standards established by the board, accreditation ratings are issued annually to each educator preparation program in Texas. The rating remains in effect through August of next year.

Dr. John J. Miazga, dean of ASU's School of Education, said the accreditation acknowl-

edges that the university's teacher preparation program meets or exceeds the passing standards established by the SBEC in seven demographic groups.

Those demographic groups are male, female, African-American, Hispanic, white, other and total population. Miazga reported an overall, cumulative pass rate of 93.26 percent for ASU. The state average cumulative pass rate was 92.37.

Of the 86 programs approved

by SBEC, 80 met the necessary standards to be rated "accredited." Six programs were rated "accredited-under review."

"We are pleased," Miazga said, "that the accreditation validates our work in preparing educators for the classroom and the next generation of students. These are exciting times in education, with many challenges ahead. The results of the SBEC review confirm to us that ASU's graduates will be up to those challenges."

## Career Services sessions will help with job search strategies

JOHANNA WILKERSON  
— Staff Writer —

Have you ever wondered what you will do after graduation?

Today from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. staff members in the Career Planning Placement Center will be available to answer questions.

The Career Planning Placement Center is helping students by encouraging them to apply for jobs during their junior and senior years.

The job search strategies sessions explain what students need to know about a company before they sign up, how to write resumes, whether or not to come prepared with questions and where to go to get information about position openings.

Dr. Tom Badgett, department head of business administration, encourages his students to attend and added that there are several steps students can take to prepare for their first job. He

encourages students to "be prepared" above all else.

Junior Kande Dukatnik said she needs to attend these workshops to aid her in a career search.

"It is never too early to get a head start on the job search," she said. "You can never be too prepared."

Badgett said from his experience, most students start preparing only two months before they graduate.

"These workshops offered are what I would call motivators," he said. "They should encourage students to start looking early in their junior or, at the latest, early in their senior year. Jobs become slim if you look after you graduate."

Marketing major junior Brian Pape said he also wants to attend the information session.

"I hope that it will be practical and useful for my future career," he said. "I know I will learn a lot."

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— Circulation Manager —

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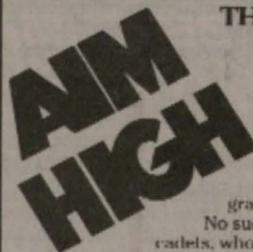
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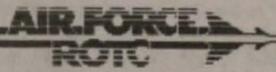


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# ROTC cadets fly in C-130

RANDALL WHAN  
Staff Writer

Several Air Force ROTC cadets had the opportunity to fly in an Air Force C-130 Sunday.

The cadets experienced what it was like to fly in combat situations. They were also able to get a sense of the plane's combat capabilities and defensive maneuvers.

"We flew at a lower level, which made it a more rocky and bumpy ride," junior Lori Dockendorf said. "It was equivalent to a roller coaster ride, with the up and down of your stomach."

Many cadets felt the nauseating effects of the ride can have.

"I think the pilots were playing with us a little bit trying to see if we would get sick or not," junior Justin Darwin said.

During the flight, cadets were given the chance to walk around plane and view the cockpit.

"They brought up two cadets up at a time, we got to listen to the headset and watch how it all was done," Darwin said. "It was exciting for me because I want to be a pilot."

According to Capt. Tomas Pena, the C-130 is an Air Force



Courtesy Photo

These Air Force ROTC members were among 27 cadets who had the opportunity to fly in an Air Force C-130 plane Sunday at San Angelo's Mathis Field Airport. The aircraft flew in from Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene for the civilian air show. They experienced what it was like to fly in combat situations.

tactical airlift aircraft. It is used to deploy troops and cargo directly into the combat theater. It was first built in the 1960's, and is still used today. There are several other models for many other purposes, including special operations and intelligence missions, radio jamming, and tracking hurricanes.

The C-130 was flown in from Dyess AFB in Abilene for the

civilian air show at Mathis Field Saturday.

"The cadets coordinated with Dyess AFB to get permission to fly," Pena said. "Two groups of cadets flew on one of two 45-minute flights around West Texas doing low-level maneuvers."

Twenty-seven cadets took part in the exercise. Spots on the flights were given on a voluntary basis.

# Pi Sigma Alpha seeks new members

JULIE SCHLABS  
Managing Editor

Government and political science honor society Pi Sigma Alpha is currently looking for new members.

"Being a part of Pi Sigma Alpha is really an award for students who have achieved excellence in political science or government," President Jennifer Boggs said.

She said members are eligible to participate in national competitions and to receive a number of grants and scholarships.

"We've done a little more this

year than we have in the past," Boggs said. "Members get to get out and meet people within the department and, at the national level, possibly national leaders. It also opens the door for internship opportunities."

Student information forms are available in the government department office, which is located on the second floor of the Rassman Building. Applications

must be returned by Friday, Nov. 17.

The group is open to all majors, both graduate and undergraduate. Undergraduate members must have a 3.25 minimum GPA overall and 12 semester credit hours in government with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Graduate students must maintain a minimum 3.5 overall GPA in all residence and transfer work.

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# Hughes pleads guilty, gets probation

The former ASU student accused of assaulting two ASU females in his apartment on October 11, 1999, was found guilty this week by a jury at the Tom Green

County Courthouse on two counts of sexual assault. Kendrick Hughes, 23, received a five-year prison sentence and a \$5,000 fine.

Judge Thomas Gosset probated the prison sentence, as per the jury's recommendation.



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Kendrick Hughes

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# IN ADVANCE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

ASU Homecoming T-Shirt Day

Student Organization Carnival, 7 p.m.-10 p.m.,  
ASU Pavilion

Hospitality committee meeting, 7 p.m.,  
Academic Building, Room 135

College Republicans meeting, 7 p.m.,  
Rassman Building, Room 101

Final elections for Homecoming King and Queen

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

Beating of the drums, 8 p.m., Multi-Purpose Sports  
Complex

Pep rally, 8:30 p.m., Multi-Purpose Sports Complex

Torch Parade, 9:15 p.m., from pep rally to bonfire site

Bonfire, 9:30 p.m., at Knickerbocker Road and  
University Avenue

Homecoming dance, 10 p.m.-1 a.m., UC Ram Room

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Homecoming parade, 1:30 p.m., Vanderventner Avenue  
and Johnson Street

Ram football vs. Tarleton State, 7 p.m., San Angelo  
Stadium, Halftime presentation of Homecoming Court  
and announcement of King and Queen

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

"Fall Back" time change, set clocks back 1 hour at  
2 a.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Halloween Prism concert, 8 p.m.,  
UC Conference Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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## Voter's guide for the new millennium

**HARRY LIBERTARIAN  
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for President 2000

Pro choice despite personal opposition to abortion, Government has no constitutional authority to get involved, Supports educational efforts that teach alternatives to abortion

Opposes the Federal Election Committee, Taxpayers should not be "forced" to support candidates, Remove both campaign spending and donation limits

Federal government should get out of education completely, Lower taxes "dramatically" so parents could finance children's education

Every citizen has right to bear arms, All gun laws should be repealed, Remove law enforcement from federal level

Racism is immoral, but does not believe in affirmative action, Gay marriage is up to the individual, not the state

Keep government out of Internet control, Government uses anti-trust laws to stifle competition, Allow privatization of NASA

Constitutionally limited government, has no need for many taxes, Repeal income tax

Bring troops home, Remove country from "entangling alliances," Spend less on military but ensure proper defense systems against any missile attack

**BUSH  
CHENEY**

Pro-life moderate, Supports public education in abstinence, Supreme Court justices and running mates can differ from this opinion

Independent campaign donations now limited at \$1,000 per person, Immediate and full disclosure of fundraising on the Internet

Tougher academic standards, Supports smaller federal role, Should hand power over to local communities, Testing to ensure progress by both students and teachers

Convicted felons should not be allowed to own guns, All criminals caught with weapons should serve mandatory jail sentence

Supports affirmative action, Does not believe in quotas, Increase minority recruitment and educational opportunities, Supports education of children of illegal aliens

Legislation to combat the number of Y2K lawsuits, Tort reform that would protect emerging technological companies from lawsuits, Development of e-commerce Internet standards, Make Internet a duty-free zone

No more than one third of a person's income to go to federal government taxes, Eliminate estate tax regardless of value of property, Cut marriage penalty tax

Free trade, U.S. interests should guide the country's relationship with the world

**Gore 2000  
Lieberman**

Pro choice, Women should have right to legal abortions, Should be "safe and rare" Reinforce clinic's security to protect doctors and patients

Reforms to eliminate gray areas in legislation, Backs McCain/Feingold reform, Does not accept PAC donations, Accepts no more than \$1,000 per person

Reduce class sizes, (1 teacher per 20 students) All children should be taught technological skills they need to succeed, Opposes educational vouchers

Supports gun control legislation including mandatory background checks at gun shows

Supports affirmative action, Supports increased funding for protection of civil rights laws including toughening housing enforcement

Supports tax credits for technology, research and development, Electronic bill of rights that would ensure person's right to privacy

Keep interest rates low and investment rates high, Aims for balanced budget every year, Continue "reinventing government to eliminate wasteful spending," Open more foreign markets to U.S. trade

Nation to lead way in promoting universal freedom and democracy in the world, Expand U.S. interests abroad

**Nader 2000**

Pro choice  
Favors incentives that prevent "necessity of abortion"

Corporations and special interest-group monies corrupt elections, Corporations should be publicly financed, just like libraries, parks, and schools

Cornerstone of education policy is implementation of civic curriculum to raises society's understanding of 'reality' of the world around it

Gun licensing, safety trigger locks, and strong law enforcement

Supports affirmative action, Fight to put end to "redlining" racial profiling and injustice in the courts

Opposed to "20-year patents" on products, Supports increased development of renewable energy, Elimination of all subsidies for fossil fuel, nuclear development, and production

Opposed to flat tax, Allow citizen lawsuits for waste in government spending, Believes GDP fails to measure quality of life, Top priority would be infrastructure, poverty and preventative healthcare

Reorganize military to reduce redundancy, waste, and fraud, Missile defense system is dangerous and could produce another war, Withdraw from NAFTA agreement and World Trade Organization

Sources of information: Fox News, Vote-Smart, PBS Democracy Project, The Democracy Network and candidates' web sites

## Students can still get ballots for national election

Numerous resources available leave little excuse not to vote

PAM DECKER

— Photo Editor —

One of the predominant reasons college students across the country do not vote is they typically are unable to cast their ballot in their college town. ASU students who are already registered to vote in their hometown are unable to vote unless they travel home on election day or request an absentee ballot. It is not too late to request a ballot, so there is no excuse not to vote this fall if you are already a registered voter. Plus, you will be able to vote for the local elections in your hometown. There are three different methods to get a ballot. You can fill out a form online at the

Texas Secretary of State web site [www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter), call toll free 800-252-VOTE or email [elections@sos.state.tx.us](mailto:elections@sos.state.tx.us). Your county election office will mail a ballot the next business day to your San Angelo address. Student must request ballots be mailed to their ASU address or it will be mailed to your permanent address. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is Tuesday, Oct. 31. Your ballots must be returned by 7 p.m. to your county's election office on Nov. 7. Time is running short so do not miss your chance to make a difference in the first national election of the new millennium. It is only free phone call away.



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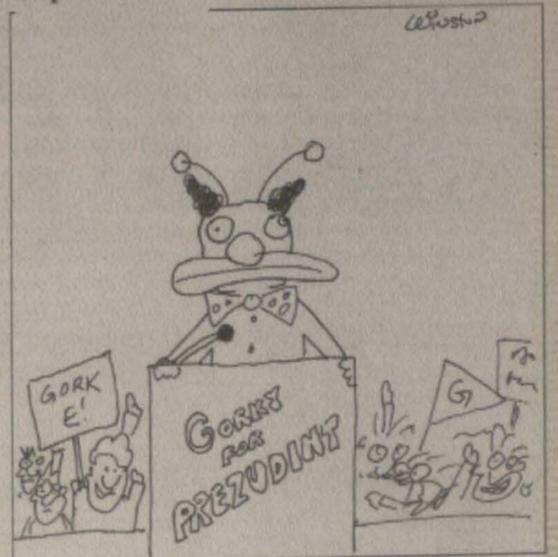
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*'Belles out of playoffs, but not heart'*

JOHN BOYD  
Sports Editor

Last weekend the 'Belles headed to Oklahoma for back-to-back games against Northeastern on Friday and East Central Oklahoma on Sunday. Put simply, if the 'Belles won at least one game, they would still be in the playoff hunt.

The 'Belles first shot on Friday versus Northeastern was a close match. The 'Belles managed to outshoot NSU eight to four in the first half but could not get any of those shots into the back of the net. At halftime, the game remained scoreless.

It was not until a controversial call early in the second half that NSU finally managed to put points on the board.

At the 51:09 mark, Northeastern lined up for a direct kick a short distance from the 'Belles goal. ASU lined up in a standard defensive formation for that particular situation, "the wall" (see *Sports for the Unsportly* below.) The head official began to march the 'Belles back ten yards from the spot of the ball. Simultaneously, Northeastern's Ashley Cawhee took her shot and scored.

The problem being that the referee never blew his whistle to restart the game. In fact, the referee was still busy backing the 'Belles away from the ball. But despite protest from the ASU sideline the goal was allowed and the 'Belles went on to lose the game by that margin, 1-0.

"[The referee] should have restarted it on a whistle because he was lining our wall up," senior forward Melissa Farr said. "He said that he knows, but there is nothing that he can do about it now."

Originally, Head Coach Tom Brown thought of taking the problem to Lone Star Conference officials but the game would have had to be replayed and it really wouldn't matter after "what happened on Sunday."

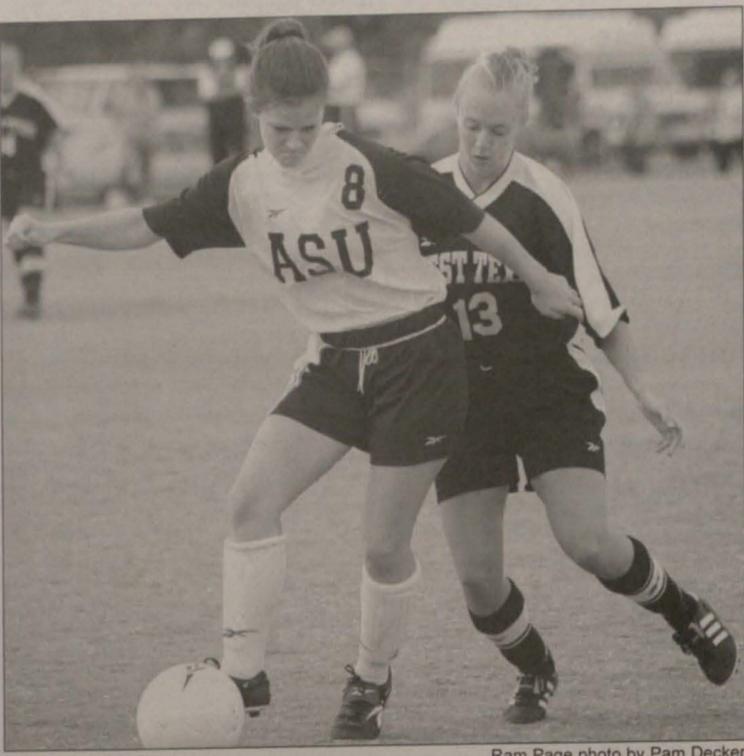
What happened on Sunday was a charged up East Central Oklahoma team showed up to play in Ada, Okla. ASU was out-shot in the first half 13-6 but a goal by freshman midfielder Grace Wayman at the 9:45 mark put ASU up early, 1-0.

ECU retaliated, however, scoring three goals of their own by the end of the first half. Rabelle junior forward Dorothy May scored her team-high eleventh goal of the year at the 54:09

mark, but ASU was not able to get back into the game. The 'Belles lost 5-2, allowing more than four goals in a single game for the first time all season.

"When we got back to 3-2, I really felt good about it, but we had another mistake in the back and they took advantage of it," Brown said.

With the back-to-back losses, the 'Belles have been eliminated from the playoff race. Two games remain, both homes games, versus Southwestern Oklahoma on Friday and Central Oklahoma on Sunday. The 'Belles say they will



Ram Page photo by Pam Decker  
Freshman midfielder Grace Wayman (8) wards off an attack by West Texas A&M's Amy Daniels. Wayman had the winning goal in the 'Belles 2-1 victory over West Texas A&M on Oct. 12.

try to remain focused on what really matters.

"Our whole thing is we want to

be successful and we want to have fun and that's all that really matters," Farr said.

## Defense holds, offense folds in Ram loss

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Inches sometimes determine the outcome of a football game. Saturday, in a steady rain, those inches determined ASU's season.

Clayton Guillory came within inches of hauling in a late touchdown reception that would have

almost assured ASU of a win in Oklahoma. Instead, the Rams suffered a 17-12 defeat at the hands of Northeastern State. After the loss the Rams are virtually out of the playoff picture, save the role of spoiler.

The defense allowed 14 first-half points, but settled down in the second half. They allowed only one field goal and scored a

touchdown of their own, a fumble return by backup Jonathan Palafox. Palafox stepped up in a big way after the secondary, already light in experience, was forced to play without Sam Davis.

The offense managed to put up 344 yards, despite a steady rain coming down on the Rams' pass-heavy offense. Once again, Sterlin Gilbert led the way with 95 yards rushing and 186 yards through the air. However, despite the yardage, the offense couldn't find the end zone.

ASU must now get over the loss and get ready for this week's showdown versus Tarleton. TSU brings another running offense, something that has hurt the Rams thus far in games against Abilene Christian and Eastern New Mexico.

Sophomores Ray Rubins, running back, and Adam Lamb, quarterback, are the leaders of the Tarleton offense. However, the Rams match up well and Tarleton will have to come here on Saturday for ASU's Homecoming.



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Rams' junior defensive back Rashad Conway lays into Northeastern's Damian Everette during the Rams' 17-12 loss to Northeastern on Saturday.

## 'Belles volleyball faces must-win game

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The Rabelle volleyball team is counting on a three-game winning streak to put them into the post-season tournament.

The 'Belles have three Lone Star Conference games left, beginning today with a game at Texas A&M-Kingsville. The 'Belles then play Tarleton in Stephenville Saturday and Abilene Christian Thursday.

ASU is not assured a spot in the tournament, however, even if they manage to win all three games on the road. Many other factors will come into play.

"It depends on how other teams do and it also depends on all of the tiebreakers, it can get as detailed as how many points are scored in a certain game,"

Sports Director M.L. Hinkle said. The 'Belles say they will need to play with all of their strength to win the next three games.

"They will be tough conference games but we are just going to go out and set up ourselves to win," sophomore outside hitter Lakeena Jones said.

ASU's final non-conference test before heading to Kingsville proved to be somewhat disastrous. The 'Belles lost Oct. 19 to the University of Incarnate Word 7-15, 9-15, 9-15.

"We were not intense, we weren't ready to play and we waited to late to fight back," junior setter Jennifer Tucker said.

The Crusaders controlled the entire game while the 'Belles struggled to fight back.

"I thought that anyone who

would be willing to step up would be good for the team," said.

Senior outside hitter Jer Robinett led the team with 11 kills, while Tucker had 28 as a freshman hitter Kristen Spivey had 11 digs and Lakeena Jones finished with eight kills and eight digs.

The 'Belles still say they remain hopeful despite the factors that must take place to assure them of a playoff bid.

"We have to win out the three consecutive games then it still depends on so many factors after that," said Kathleen Brasfield said.

The 'Belles final regular season game Nov. 3 against Mary's in the Physical Education Building.

## Men take second at LSC cross country meet

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This weekend ASU competed in the first Lone Star Conference Cross Country Championship of the new millennium. This new year has brought changes to the men's team as they finished second, the highest in recent history, and the women finished fifth.

They competed at Sherrod Park in Abilene against Central Oklahoma University, Southeastern University and Tarleton State University, and powerhouse Abilene Christian University, who is currently ranked No. 1 in the nation.

Junior Lane Rutland finished first for ASU and seventh overall qualifying him once more for All-Conference Honors. Senior Nathan Thorp finished 12th, followed by Thomas Rocha in the number 13 spot, Jason Bacchus

in at 16th, Steven Spoonemore at 17th and Joseph Wigglesworth at 24th.

"We're proud of them because this was their highest finish in a long time," Coach James Reid said. "They knew no one could realistically beat ACU, whose runners placed one through six, but they also expected to finish well."

Thorp said after the meet that if they didn't finish at least second he would have been disappointed. The team did exactly that, beating third-place Central Oklahoma by an average team time of one minute.

The women finished fifth behind Central Oklahoma, Southeastern Oklahoma, ACU and Texas A&M-Commerce.

Freshman Mandy Becker stepped up to run first for ASU, finishing 22 out of 70 with a time of 26:26. Nichole Salas finished

27th, Brooke Faust 29th, Amanda Claunch 35th, Mandi Parnell 42nd, and Liz Cocanovich 48th.

Reid said he was excited about each individual's finish. He said he was also confident the team would improve, considering the strength they were showing in the underclassmen.

Regionals are Nov. 10-11 at Commerce. To qualify for regionals, the men must place in the top four teams or the women in the top two teams.

"Everyone is running hard, it won't be easy but that's what we're shooting for," Reid said.

Reid was unsure of how many members of the women's team that they would be taking to the meet, but said it was usual to have three.

## The Pigskin Poll

### THIS WEEK'S GAMES

#### COLLEGE

Abilene Christian vs. Texas A&M-Commerce  
Eastern New Mexico vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville  
West Texas A&M vs. East Central  
Texas A&M vs. Kansas State  
Texas vs. Baylor  
Texas Tech vs. Kansas  
Texas Christian University (TCU) vs. Rice  
Nebraska vs. Oklahoma

#### NFL

Dallas vs. Jacksonville  
Tennessee vs. Washington  
New York Jets vs. Buffalo

And Finally...

ANGELO STATE VS. TARLETON

<p>JOHN BOYD Sports Editor</p> <p>LAST WEEK: 3-6 Season: 45-27</p>	<p>CHRIS MURMAN Editor</p> <p>LAST WEEK: 5-4 Season: 45-27</p>	<p>BRIAN ROLAND Circulation Manager</p> <p>LAST WEEK: 6-3 Season: 34-38</p>	<p>MR. NICHOLS 5th Grade Class Austin Elementary</p> <p>LAST WEEK: 6-3 Season: 52-20</p>
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## Sports For The Unsportly

Term: "The Wall"  
Sport: Soccer

**Definition:** When one team has a penalty kick not far from the opposing team goal, the defending team will line up shoulder-to-shoulder in a formation known as "the wall." The purpose of "the wall" is to create a primary line of defense in order to keep the ball from being kicked directly into the goal. "The wall" can be set up no closer than 10 yards from where the ball is placed.