

Chris Guay  
2003 Career Vitae

I. Academic Background

Associates of Arts  
Weatherford College  
1983

Bachelor of Science  
Agricultural Education  
Tarleton State University  
1985

Master of Science  
Agricultural Education  
Tarleton State University  
1989

II. Professional Experience

Educational:

Animal Science Instructor/Rodeo Coach  
Texas Tech University  
1997 to present

Agricultural Instructor/Rodeo Coach  
Wharton County Jr. College  
1993-1997

Rodeo

Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Texas Circuit Champion  
Wrangler Circuit Series Champion  
Mesquite Rodeo Season Champion  
Bareback Riding  
1991

National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Reserve National Champion 1986  
NIRA Southwest Regional Champion  
1985-86

III. Accomplishments

In 1993 I took the position of agricultural instructor and rodeo coach at Wharton County Jr. College. Instructional work included crop production, forage production, entomology, plant propagation, horsemanship, concepts of rodeo, and weight lifting. As the rodeo coach, I produced Regional Champions for both the men and women's team from 1994-1997. Under my guidance, the team sponsored Pioneer Aggie Rodeo Club and traveled to 11 NIRA Rodeos each year. The

team also worked in conjunction with the Wharton County Youth Fair to conduct the annual Southern Regional NIRA Rodeo. Other activities included a yearly men and women's calf roping, weekly Cowboy Bible Studies (Fellowship of Christian Cowboys), and Rawhide Seminars (Rodeo Athletes on Wellness) designed to encourage college students to set goals and make positive life choices. During my tenure at Wharton, I worked heavily in the field of recruitment to ensure a boost in agricultural enrollment and dorm occupants. In 1995 I advised in the design and actually in the construction of a rodeo and equestrian center built on the WCJC Campus.

Since my arrival at Texas Tech University in 1997, I have worked diligently developing funds to support scholarships, facilities, and, activities of the rodeo team. Efforts over the past three years have combined to create Rodeo scholarship endowments with a current cash value of \$400,000 (this includes out standing pledges). The Rodeo Heritage Endowment established while I have been here has reached a value of \$22,000. The interest generated by this account is for general support of the program. We have designed a Tech rodeo web page to further aid recruitment to the College and University see [www.ttu.edu/rodeo](http://www.ttu.edu/rodeo). The Annual Texas Tech NIRA Rodeo has grown significantly and each year nets approximately \$14,000 in profits. The coach, and students in the Tech rodeo Association raise approximately \$25,000 annually to produce this our 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Tech University Rodeo. The Association has helped the rodeo alumni each year to help us by having chuck wagon suppers, rodeos, ropings, barrel racings, and auctions. The OTRA asks Tech Rodeo Association to work their alumni rodeo / banquet/ and auction annually August 2.

The Buddy Reger Memorial Endowment is approx. \$10,000. The Alvin Davis Rodeo Endowment Fund has grown to \$8,500. Dances and booths at the Cowboy Symposium and various fundraisers including saddle raffles have enhanced funds for this scholarship. In the last few years, the Tech Rodeo Program has raised approximately \$850,000. In 2000 we received a donation from a private donor for \$100,000 to construct and upgrade existing rodeo /equestrian facilities on Texas Tech's main campus. The same donor sent me a check for \$29,000 for immediate scholarships for rodeo athletes. Also that year we produced 3 southwest region champions and a National Reserve Champion bareback bronc rider. In 2003 we produced several SW conference finals qualifiers and a Reserve National Champion team roper Jed Middleton from here in Lubbock. Friends of the rodeo program have also recently created the establishments of two more endowments of over \$5,000 each. The Jack and Twila Afill Rodeo Scholarship Endowment and the Donnell Echols Rodeo Scholarship Endowment are the two perpetual scholarship generators. All of these funds raised have been through sponsorships, alumni and corporate donations, receptions, auctions, dances, two annual rodeos, rodeo clinics and other fundraisers. Dick and Gloria Speck from New Mexico have donated a quarter horse that we trained in my class and we sold it for \$5,000 for my travel expenses to coach at the rodeos. They also donated two \$500 dollar rodeo scholarships last year. (One for a male student, and the other a female.)

A second horse, a stallion, is in the process of them donating him if we want him. He stood at Stud at our breeding barn this year. In addition, we think that Dick and Gloria will donate their ranch to us located in Cimarron, NM. Of course Scott Cooksey is working on that Kim and I simply introduced them.

I have happily invested my time here at Texas Tech University reviving interest from alumni and the community to build a superior rodeo program. In conjunction with this, I have been able to teach leadership to students involved in the sport of rodeo by involving them in this process and encouraging them to secure a great education to be true winners in life. Participants in our program have been successful in our region as well as on the national level. With each passing season, the Texas Tech rodeo program and its athletes are reaching for increased lofty goals. My goal has been to create winners in life, not just the rodeo arena. We have developed this program by establishing practice facilities for the rodeo athlete as well as the equestrian enthusiast. The organized practices and the availability of housing for student horses have been an exceptional recruiting tool for us. We are creating scholarship opportunities that will attract elite student athletes by our growing endowments and annual spending funds for general support as well. My wife Kim and I have worked toward a "brighter" Equine program with in our College.

One exciting milestone is the pledge of a multimillion-dollar equestrian facility that looks like it will be donated to our College through our relationships with the owners Sue and Curtis Griffith and family (Caprock Equestrian Center) due to go through December 31,2003.

In conjunction with my work as rodeo coach, I serve as a lecturer and lab instructor in courses that include Introduction to Horse Management (3303), Management and Training of Horses (3304), Horse Production (4402), and Care and Management of Companion Animals (2303). Furthermore, I have instructed Senior Seminar (4100), Internship (4000), and Special Problems in Animal Science (4001006). Also as a recruiter for the, the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural resources, and the university campus wide with Rodeo and equestrian activities made available.

I am responsible for the up-keep and maintenance of the Dub Park memorial Arena. This would include arena make ready, repairs, and almost continuous expansion and improvement. I have been involved as an assistant in various equine research projects including the effects of Matua Grass and Alfalfa on Gestating and Lactating Mares and The Effects of Altrenogest on Semen and Behavior of Two Year Old Stallions. Have assisted in the equine breeding barn with handing stallions, mares, and foals. Several veterinary and maintenance projects in regards to TTU horses and rodeo practice cattle that are used at the breeding facilities, Dub Parks Memorial Arena research animals, and client horses for TTU business breeding, therapeutic riding horses, training course and horsemanship horses. Maintain public relations with owners, alumni, ranchers, and horse enthusiasts and several potential and existing clients and students.