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### (INBRIEF)

### STATE

### Bell will have to contend with fellow Democrat

AUSTIN (AP) - Former gubernatorial contender Chris Bell, now running for the state Senate, failed to knock a fellow Democratic challenger off the November ballot Monday.

Bell went to court to argue that candidate Stephanie Simmons did not live in the Houston-area district long enough to qualify under state residency requirements. Simmons acknowledged she had voted outside the district in past elections but told the court she had lived in it since November.

### NATION

### Wilmington becomes the first to go digial

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — With the flick of an 8-foot switch at midday Monday, this Southern city became the first market in the U.S. to make the change to digital-only broadcasting.

The switch wasn't really connected to anything, but it did serve as a centerpiece for a downtown ceremony at noon EDT marking the moment that commercial TV broadcasters voluntarily turned off their old-fashioned, inefficient analog signals.

The rest of the nation's fullpower television stations won't be converting until Feb. 17, 2009, a date set by Congress.

### WORLD

### Medvedev: Monitors to deploy to Georgia

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian President Dmitry Medvedev pledged Monday to withdraw Russian troops from key areas of Georgia after 200 European Union monitors are deployed later this month, part of a revised cease-fire agreement to end conflict in the region.

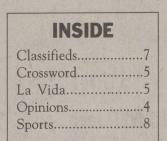
Georgia President Mikhail Saakashvili countered by stressing that any final settlement with Russia must respect Georgia's territorial

integrity. Saakashvili was speaking alongside French President Nicolas Sarkozy, who flew to Tbilisi Monday after meeting with Medvedev in Moscow in an effort to salvage the cease-fire that ended last month's war between Russia and Georgia.

### DEATH TOLL

U.S. military deaths in

Iraq since fighting began



# Administrators endorse younger drinking age

By BRIDGET DE STEFANO STAFF WRITER

They can vote. They can play the lottery. They can buy cigarettes.

They cannot buy a beer. Presidents and chancellors from universities across the nation are being asked to sign the Amethyst Initiative, a movement urging elected officials to lower the drinking age to 18 years old.

Since its launch in July by former Middlebury College President John McCardell, administrators from 129 universities have signed the petition.

While many of the universities represented in the movement have relatively small enrollments, most are liberal arts colleges and many are prestigious universities such as Dartmouth College, John Hopkins University and Duke University.



18-YEAR-OLD Emily Williams a freshman mass communications major from Graver, spends time with friends at local bar Bash Riprocks Thursday

footsteps. According to theini- initiative. tiative's Web site, West Texas

West Texas may be fol- A&M University President claims the current drinking according to the Web site. lowing in these universities' J. Patrick O'Brien signed the age, 21 years, apparently does Instead, it causes "unintended not curb drunken-driving ac-

The Amethyst Initiative cidents and binge drinking, DRINKING continued on page 6

## Tech's new president draws from Ike set to bypass Keys, experiences to plan university's future but Gulf Coast worries

By MATT MCGOWAN FEATURES EDITOR

He seemed comfortable surrounded by half-barren bookshelves in his new office in the Administration

A Texas Tech baseball cap sat on his desk behind him, its tags still attached.

One might see this proud southerner — a man who said he was 27 years old when he first got on an airplane - walking toward the Student Union Building with headphones in his ears on his way to have lunch in the food court with students.

Guy Bailey, Tech's fifteenth president who took office Aug. 1, said he has an iPod with about 7,000 songs on it. He said most of them are Western Swing, a genre that runs through the blood of the Montgomery, Ala., native.

"I grew up in the South," he said. "I spent most of my adult life in Texas, so this is like coming home for both of us. We knew we'd eventually come back to Texas."

Bailey spoke softly as he recalled afternoons when his father would relax on the front porch in the sticky Alabama air, playing a steel guitar surrounded by other musicians, some of who were in Hank Williams' first

Jan Tillery Bailey, Guy's wife and a Tech alumna with more West Texan childhood memories, was born in Slaton as the daughter of two Tech graduates. She grew up



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador NEW TEXAS TECH president Guy Bailey and his wife Jan Tillery-Bailey pose for a portrait in his office in the administration building Monday afternoon.

in Lubbock and graduated from Tech in 1974 with a degree in English and mass communications.

The couple said they met while doing linguistics research at Texas A&M University and married in

"That was the first thing I learned after the min-

**BAILEY** continued on page 5

By BRIAN SKOLOFF ASSOCIATED PRESS

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) as a fierce Hurricane Ike turned in the week. west on a path away from the them instead.

Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center warned that, after passing into the Gulf of Mexico sometime Tuesday night, Ike could make landfall in the U.S. over the weekend near the Texas-Louisiana border, possibly not far chain was discontinued. from Houston.

on standby.

remain without power after Hurricane Gustav hit last week, Gov.

Bobby Jindal urged residents to start stockpiling food, water, batteries and other supplies. The state also was readying shelters and making plans Residents in the Florida Keys for trains, buses and planes in case breathed a sigh of relief Monday a coastal evacuation is called later

"It is still too early to be evacuatlow-lying island chain. But Gulf ing certainly, but it is not too early Coast states watched anxiously to to be making sure you've got food see if the storm was gunning for and water and batteries. It's not too early to be checking your car," Iindal said.

With the storm on a new track, Keys officials let an evacuation order expire Monday. By late afternoon Ike had weakened to a Category 1 storm, and a hurricane watch for the island

Ike is still supposed to deliver Texas Gov. Rick Perry pre- heavy rain and wind, and authorities declared disasters in 88 counties suggested residents who had left stay to aid storm preparation and put away until Wednesday. They said 7,500 National Guard members those who stayed behind should remain inside, and tourists should wait In Louisiana, where thousands for the weekend to return. Roughly

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## Commissioner's Court votes to increase county budget, raise property taxes

By JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

The adoption of the 2008-09 Lubbock

County budget was controversial for several county residents Monday, as budget and property taxes were raised from last year.

> The budget, which featured a \$5.9 million increase from 2007-08, also included a \$3.5 million draw from the reserve funds, and a property tax

increase to 33 cents per \$100 of taxable value. Mike McDougal, president of McDougal Properties, said because this tax increase came impact on students," McDougal said. "Even

of tax increases in their rent. McDougal said he expected this increase

new jail passed in 2002



- and as the costs for maintaining properties increase, rent must Although property

taxes have increased in recent years, he said his company continually searches for ways to keep costs down, such as installing energy-

saving lighting. "As rents go up, obviously that has an entire cost of moving facilities.

city, it will not be as large of a burden, and pared to what rents are in the rest of the state offset the cost to run the facility. students will not see an immediate reflection and around other college campuses, Lubbock is still a pretty good bargain."



the new jail that will open in the 2008-09 ing a county medical examiner's office.

> With the transition fund. from the current detention center to the new jail, McCay said a tax increase was required,

and he hopes this tax increase will cover the

He said the number of inmates that will at the same time as a tax reduction from the a moderate rent increase in Lubbock, com- occupy the new facility would hopefully

"This budget reflects the operation of both

facilities with new personnel," McCay said. "But Commissioner Bill McCay said the largest understand that hiring the additional personnel for a number of years - since the vote for a reasons for increases in the budget came from will increase that budget next year, but we're doubling the number of inmates.' The amount being withdrawn from the re-

fiscal year and the new serve fund, though contested by several citizens responsibility of open- as unnecessary, is not overdrawing the county's funds, McCay said, and he is comfortable with the amount of money remaining in the reserve

Commissioner Patti Jones also said the money taken from the reserve would be replaced, and the reserve fund always retains 25 percent of the set budget.

While the other three commissioners agreed to the budget, Commissioner Ysidro Gutierrez

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## Tech police consider use of shooting survival video

By MATT COBB STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech police are considering the use of a national campus-shootingsurvival video touted as the first of

instructional video this summer, outlining what to do if a gunman opens fire on a college campus.

titled "Shots Fired On Campus: Guidstay alive in several different campus improve our emergency programs." shooting scenarios.

ation, but in reality it does happen," said Randy Spivey, executive director and Safety. "This program shows to that process. people that they have options."

Fired" is to prepare students and situation, he said. It provides tips on what to do." what to do if a shooter opens fire in a crowded classroom, or if you find yourself face to face with a gunman.

The video emphasizes that students have the advantage of strength objects — such as backpacks and laptops — as weapons of defense against a shooter.

is planning on having officers screen signs to look for, and how to recognize

and discuss the program with different groups on campus, said Kenny Evans, operations captain for the department. Tech students should be able to access the video on Tech's Web site sometime this week.

Members of the police department The Center for Personal Protec- constantly seeks methods to improve tion and Safety, a Washington-based and update the university's emergency for-profit organization, released an programs, he said, and will use the program to evaluate its current procedures and operations.

"We're always looking for new The 20-minute-long program, types of training to find out what works, what doesn't and what can be ance for Surviving an Active Shooter done differently," Evans said. "This Situation," provides tips on how to video is just another tool to help us

Colleges have reassessed their "This is an infrequent type of situ- emergency response programs since the Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois shootings, Spivey said. The of the Center for Personal Protection video is intended to be another aid

"This is a serious video, but it The overall purpose of "Shots isn't meant to scare people," Spivey said. "What's scary is being in the faculty members for an active shooter middle of a crisis and not knowing

The training program is not just about how to fight a campus shooter, said Rachel Reid, administrative assistant of the Center for Personal Protection and Safety. A big portion in numbers, Spivey said. It also of the video involves survival techadvises students to use classroom niques that include ways to hide out and how to escape.

"Actually fighting the shooter is just a small part of the video," she said. Tech's Police Department already "It's mostly focusing on what warning How to Handle an Active-Shooter Situation

Assess the Situation: Can you escape safely? Is there a good place to hide? Can you take down the shooter?

If you can escape: Get out quickly. Remember to trust your instincts. Leave your belongings behind.

> After you escape: Call the police.

Do not assume someone else is calling them. Keep calling if the lines are busy.

If you have to hide: Find a secure location. Be sure the location has some form of protection. Avoid locations that limit movement.

> If you have to take down the shooter: Make sure your group spreads out. Be sure to formulate a plan.

Act as a team and be sure to have total commitment to your plan.

what the situation really is."

So far, nearly 500 colleges across the nation have purchased the video, Reid said. The center has estimated about 1,000 colleges will purchase it by the end of the year.

Other Texas colleges that have purchased the video include Texas A&M University, Texas Christian University and The University of Texas at Austin, she said.

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## Videos show dead Afghan children after US raid

The bodies of at least 10 children and they were asleep. One child had half over the weekend of Gen. David D. a young boy who squatted and rocked many more adults covered in blankets its head blown off. and white shrouds appear in videos obtained by The Associated Press on Monday, lending weight to Afghan and U.N. allegations that a U.S.-led raid last month killed more civilians than the U.S. reported.

mixed with the voices of men shouting inside a white-walled mosque in images. the western village of Azizabad, where an Afghan government commission and U.N. report said some 90 civilians — including 60 children and 15 women — were killed.

taken by cell phones, showed bodies 35 militants. lying side-by-side on the mosque floor,

gently lifting the blankets covering the faces of the dead. At least two elderly men were among the dead. There appeared to be several dozen bodies lying on the mosque floor, The sounds of wailing women though a precise count was difficult because of the poor quality of the

The videos do not provide proof that 60 children died in the operation, but the images do appear to contradict a U.S. military investigation The two grainy videos, apparently killed in Azizabad, along with up to a spokesman for the command in acknowledged.

The U.S. said Sunday it would covered by floral-patterned blan- reopen the investigation because of kets and black-and-white checkered emerging new evidence. On Monday, investigation, said Sultan Ahmad shawls. One young boy lay curled in a a Pentagon spokesman said new "im-

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McKiernan, the American com-Turbaned men walked around, mander of the NATO-led force here. the bodies.

> "There is some evidence that suggests that the evidence that the U.S. military used in ... its investigation may not have been complete," Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whit-

> He said a general to be sent to Afghanistan by U.S. Central Command will review the initial investigation. But it is also possible there will be a new inquiry into the raid in Azizabad - this time conducted by Central

agreed to a joint U.S.-U.N.-Afghan Baheen, spokesman for Afghanistan's has repeatedly warned the U.S. and Foreign Ministry. It's not clear when or how that will be conducted.

In the videos, several dozen bodies covered by blankets were lined up in two rows, some with their feet protruding. Veiled Afghan women Karzai to take action.

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — fetal position; others looked as though agery evidence" came to the attention were seen shrieking in grief, alongside back and forth, sobbing beside one of

> One video showed three young children wrapped in white shrouds. A fourth child had gruesome head wounds, while a fifth appeared to be a girl lying on her back, her head resting on a red blanket.

It was impossible to verify conclusively that the videos showed the aftermath of the Azizabad attack, but the contents appeared to back claims by Afghan and U.N. officials that the U.S. operation killed far that found only seven civilians were Command, said Lt. Cmdr. Bill Speaks, more civilians than the military has

> U.S. special forces and Afghan The Afghan government has commandos carried out the opera-

> > Afghan President Hamid Karzai NATO that it must stop killing civilians in its bombing runs, saving such deaths undermine his government and the international mission. But the Azizabad incident could finally push



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## Convocation to stress ethics

The Office of the Provost give students tips on how to be and the Center for Campus Life will host Convocation Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the United Spirit

Texas Tech's president will welcome new and returning faculty and students to campus and address students on matters of academic integrity and expectations.

Tara Miller, assistant dean of students and senior associate director of Campus Life, said Convocation in the past primarily was for new students, but "this year the program is intended for all students.'

Miller said the president will set the university's academic expectations and introduce the Tech community at the beginning of the new school year. Speakers at Convocation will

successful at the university and encourage students to set academic and personal goals early in the semester.

This year's speaker is Melora Sundt, a teacher for the University of Southern California's Center for Higher Education Policy Analysis. Sundt will speak about the university's new academic integrity statement.

Miller said Sundt was chosen to speak at Convocation because her expertise is in academic

Miller said the Center for Campus Life encourages students to attend, celebrate their entry into higher education and receive insight into the university's Statement of Ethical Principles.

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### Former ambassador to speak at ICC

Former U.S. Ambassador, White House official and author Sichan Siv will give a presentation 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the International Cultural Center.

Ambassador Siv is a former U.S. Representative to the United Nations and White House Deputy Assistant for Public Liaison. He also is the author of "Golden Bones: An Extraordinary Journey from Hell in Cambodia to a New Life in America.'

In Cambodia, "Golden Bones" is a term used to describe someone who is lucky.

The title fits for Siv because he is lucky to be alive, said Jane Bell, Director of Operations for the Office of International Affairs. Siv's presentation will include his experiences from Cambodia, where he survived a Khmer Rouge labor camp, and his life as a refugee in the United States.

Ambassador Tibor Nagy, vice provost for international affairs at Tech, arranged for the author to visit Tech to talk about his book, according to a university news release.

Bell said The International Cultural Center is honored to have Siv, the highest ranking Cambodian American in the

"Who wouldn't benefit from hearing his story?" Bell asked. "It's a story that those of us who live in America can't even imagine."

Siv is the only member of his family to escape the Cambodian killings of intellectuals, and has gone from labor camp slave, to refugee, to recipient of a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University, according to the release.

Ambassador Siv will present his book at the International Cultural Center at 601 Indiana Ave. at 5:30 p.m. A book signing and reception will immediately follow.

## Study shows Tasers used more on black suspects

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston cording to a city study released Monday

Of 1,417 Taser deployments by officers between December 2004 and June 2007, nearly 67 percent were used on black suspects, according to an audit put together for the city by a team of criminology, statistics and mathematics experts. About 25 percent of Houston's population is black.

But Houston police quickly pointed out that their use of Tasers person's behavior.

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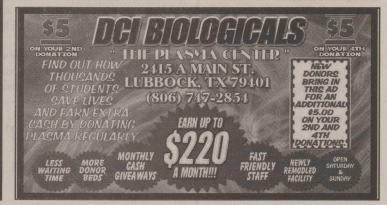
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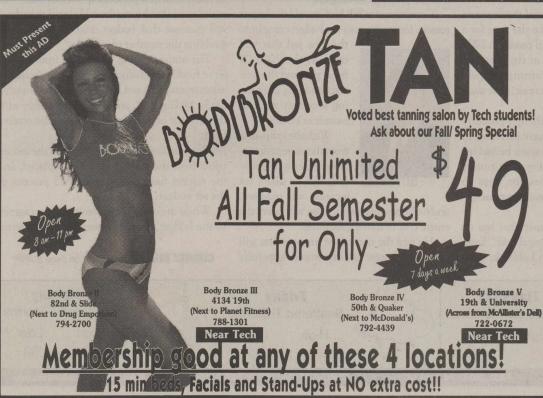
"It's not a racial issue. A Taser depolice officers have used Tasers vice is no different from a radar gun. more on black suspects than any It's race neutral," Executive Assistant other group of individuals, ac- Police Chief Charles McClelland said after the Houston City Council meeting where the report was released.

The independent audit was requested by Houston Mayor Bill White in 2006, after several high-profile incidents. That year, Houston Texans offensive lineman Fred Weary was shocked during a traffic stop, and an officer called to quiet a noisy music club shocked musicians and concertgoers. The latter incident was videotaped and later shown on YouTube.

The study found that black officers has nothing to do with race, only a were less likely than white or Latino officers to use Tasers on a black suspect.

"We have to spend more time in determining why these racial and ethnic differences exist," said City Controller Annise Parker, whose office put the audit together. "Simply ignoring them or saying the are not significant is not going to make them go away."







# UK jury finds 3 men guilty in terrorist bombing plot

LONDON (AP) — Three British Muslims with ties to Pakistan were found guilty Monday of conspiracy to murder in a terrorist bombing campaign but jurors failed to reach a verdict on whether they plotted to blow up multiple trans-Atlantic airliners with liquid explosives disguised as soft drinks.

The failure to get convictions on the more serious charges was a major setback to the British government, which has struggled to put suspected terrorists behind bars with intelligence from multiple countries.

Last month, government prosecutors failed to convict three other men of helping to plan the deadly London transit bombings of 2005 the worst attack on Britain's capital since World War II.

In Monday's decision, Abdulla Ahmed Ali and co-conspirators Assad Sarwar and Tanvir Hussain were convicted of trying to make a bomb out of hydrogen peroxide.

But the jury struggled to find enough evidence to support prosecutors' claims that the men planned suicide attacks targeting passenger jets flying from London to major

North American cities. The three will be sentenced at

a later date.

The men were arrested on Aug. 10. 2006 — a date that would go down in history as the day when air travel changed dramatically.

Airports in the United States and Europe ground to a halt with hundreds of flights canceled over security concerns. Planes were stuck on runways for hours. Tempers flared as passengers lined up to surrender carry-on items under new security precautions that severely restricted the quantity of liquids in their luggage — limits that remain in place until today.

Prosecutors said they would consider a request for retrial of the three men. The jury failed to reach verdicts Monday on four other men facing the same charges — Ibrahim Savant, Arafat Waheed Khan, Waheed Zaman and Umar Islam. Prosecutors would consider a retrial for them as well.

An eighth man, Mohammed Gulzar, was found not guilty.

Prosecutor Peter Wright said during the trial that the men planned to attack United Airlines, American Airlines and Air Canada flights at the height of the 2006 summer vacation season.

British and US intelligence officers said the alleged plot was uncovered during a marathon investigation that led to a number of different sites including a bomb factory in eastern London, British woodlands where chemicals had been dumped, Japan, Mauritius, South Africa and Pakistan's lawless tribal areas where conversations were intercepted.

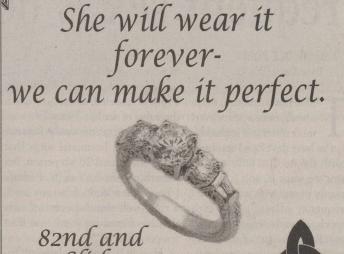
Police swooped down and arrested two dozen suspects in dawn raids across Britain on Aug. 10,

A lawyer for Ali, a 27-year-old computer-systems engineering graduate and the alleged ringleader of the group, insisted last month he was guilty only of planning a childish stunt to make a political point.

Ali told the court they planned to set off a small bomb at a site such as the Houses of Parliament or Heathrow Airport to advertise a propaganda documentary protesting the West's actions in Afghanistan and Iraq.



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said he would vote against the budget and the increase in property taxes before they even came to a vote.

Gutierrez was the only commissioner to vote against the provisions, and justified this by saying the court is looking to spend the reserve funds on maintenance issues, and will equal a "de facto" tax increase next year

Several citizens expressed these concerns as well, yet the budget passed by a 3-1 vote, and Commissioner Gutierrez cast the dissenting vote.

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practice room inside the Music building.

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20,000 tourists left over the week-

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make a direct hit.

think it will be OK," said 80-yearold Barbara Kellner while walking ment agency was uncertain about her dog. "And we see the weather the timing of evacuations along the from their homes. report today, and it appears it all will be OK." lier. It was the second time in officials need to evacuate communi-

a month vacationers left en ties 48 hours before a storm's winds just getting ready for the worst-case masse. Tourists also cleared out kick up. of the Keys last month ahead of Tropical Storm Fay, and their departure means a hit to the bottom line. Officials estimate tourists spend about \$175 a day in the Keys. With some 20,000 having fled for Ike, that's about \$3.5 million for each day they're

"I think they called the guns out a little too soon. They killed business," said Deborah Dietrich, the manager of a nearly empty bakery. "Whether we have hurricane ruin or not, there's financial ruin."

Dietrich said the Croissants de France bakery would be lucky to tally \$300 in sales for the weekend. They usually bring in more than \$6,000 each day of an average weekend with no storm looming, she said.

Monroe County Mayor Mario Di Gennaro said he didn't regret telling tourists and residents to get out of town ahead of Ike, though he acknowledged that such orders are costly. He estimated businesses throughout the Keys lost about \$10 million because of evacuations for Tropi-

cal Storm Fay last month.

Sunday night, blowing homes to Glenn Cannon, FEMA's head of dirubble and sending waves crashing over apartment buildings. By Monday end when it looked like Ike could afternoon, Ike had maximum sustained winds of about 100 mph. The Many storm-hardened locals just storm was expected to hit Havana early Tuesday.

CHRIS RILEY, A junior music education major from Abilene, practices his solo Monday afternoon inside a

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dents are a hardy bunch, generations Turks and Caicos and the south- A curfew that had been put in of whom have lived through storms. ernmost Bahamas islands as a mean place as Gustav approached was They typically take a wait-and-see Category 4 hurricane that peeled off lifted by New Orleans officials on roofs and knocked down buildings. Monday. "Us folks have lived here for At least 61 people were killed as it

The Federal Emergency Managecoast. It would be at least 24 to 48 Businesses were not as cava- picture of Ike's intended path — and that the storm will make landfall

"That puts us right in middle of Ike roared ashore in eastern Cuba when we should be moving people," saster operations, said Monday.

PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreadon

With the current forecast models, Jindal said he doesn't anticipate the sort of mass evacuations forced by Gustav, which emptied out most of south Louisiana, The storm first slammed into the including the New Orleans area.

With Ike, coastal communities areas of southwest Louisiana would likely be asked to seek refuge away

"Roughly speaking, they think hours until officials have a clearer there's about a one in three chance in Louisiana," Jindal said. "We're

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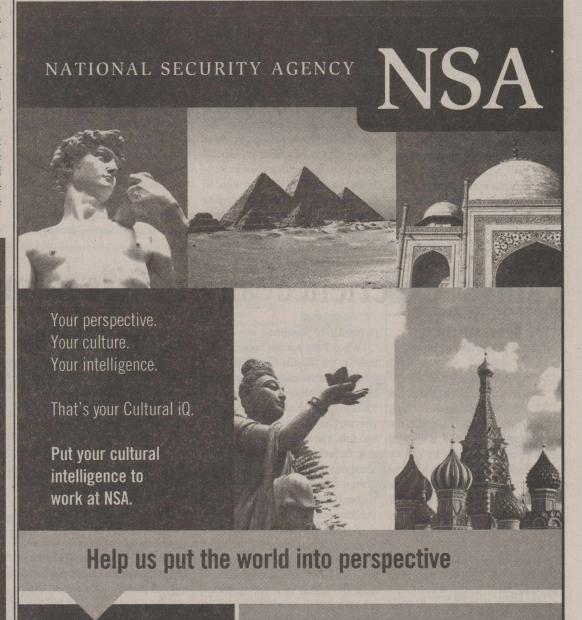


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# Gay-themed song not progressive, sets movement back

By JASON SMATHERS BADGER HERALD (U. WISCONSIN)

Katy Perry, I'd like to have a word with you.

No, not for those reasons. I've noted your brazen sexuality, and while the normal college-age male might salivate over such suggestive posturing, I'm insulted.

Not as a man, mind you. If I didn't have the sex drive of aeunuch, I probably would be far too busy with other tasks to write an article about this.

The first reaction to "I Kissed a Girl" was predictable - "Gasp! Lesbianism at the top of the charts!" However, Perry breaks the mold in a way that, while seemingly progressive for the LGBT community in the mere utterance of the chorus, is devastatingly demeaning after considering the carefully crafted rules gay artists created to express themselves without being ostracized.

To find the first commandment

we must travel back to the early '60s. Although sexual impropriety was an impetus for '50s rock 'n' roll, they were more concerned with breaking heterosexual taboos — referencing sex, dancing on each other and, in one case, marrying your underage cousin.

But in the early '60s, one rock group managed to take the first steps out of the closet. Or at least a few steps toward the door.

Few people have ever heard of The Tornadoes other than dedicated British Invasion fans. However, somewhere along their rocky road to obscurity, they wrote a song called "Do You Come Here Often?," a drawn-out instrumental organ jangle — something I saw someone describe as "roller-rink music" punctuated by men in the background in fairly effeminate voices making light-hearted but flirtatious conversation. As songwriter and producer Joe Meek was a homosexual, it only takes a few minutes to put gay pop song.

And it lays down the first rule of coming out of the closet through pop music: Don't make it so obvious. Of course, with the threshold set so high, homosexual artists could only become more conspicuous.

And in some ways, they went leaps and bounds above that bar. While most pop music in the late '60s concerned itself with psychedelic experimentation, a few rogue pop — and I use that term loosely - musicians were writing songs ranging from the metaphorically campy "Nobody Likes a Fairy When She's Forty" to the very direct "The Man I Love" — a George Gershwin tune covered by gay stage singer Zebedy Colt.

This lays down the second rule of gay pop songs: Overt description of a gay lifestyle is inversely proportional to the circulation and popularity of the song.

Of course, the '70s and '80s challenged that rule. With disco and

of homosexuality in popular music, together the pieces. This is your first the prominent gay club scene on sporting events. the rise, an explosion of gay liberation took place; gay pop songs were still hidden behind metaphors, but with early '70s pop stars like Bowie, Roxy Music and others projecting an allure of androgyny, gay musicians were able to tread further into the mainstream. It reached an apex of absurdity in 1983 when British pop group Frankie Goes to Hollywood released the song "Relax."

> Despite the obvious and infamous references to ejaculation, the kids loved it. People wore their "Frankie Says Relax" T-shirts and thought nothing of the refrain "When you wanna come." Perhaps the ignorance came from the fact that American record buyers conflated homosexuality with U.K.residency, but nevertheless, this led to a third rule: Rule two does not apply if the listening public doesn't get — or ignores - the gay undertones. If you don't believe me, look at the popularity of Queen and Gary Glitter songs at

But as we make our way toward the end of '00 decade, our first real, in-your-face brush with mainstream homosexuality is actually angering gay groups and music fans.

Which brings us back to Katy Perry's "I Kissed a Girl." It breaks the three rules of gay pop songs: It reached the top of the charts while embracing the lesbian action, and the audience knows very well what she means.

However, instead of taking down barriers for the LGBT crowd, she puts them back further than "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" and Liberacecombined.

First, she broke the unspoken rule that should have been obvious from the start: You have to be authentic. Katy Perry may have kissed a girl, but it's doubtful. Given her previous career as a Christian singer, "I kissed a girl/ And I liked it" sounds more like a 5-year-old playing withdolls rather than a sexually liberating

experience. Even when you ignore the fact that she also penned a song called "Ur So Gay" on the same album, the song is still an atrocity.

Apart from helping to cement the "hot girl-on-girl action" caricature of lesbianism, she may create the fourth rule for a genre she doesn't even belong in: All previous rules don't apply if the song fits the industry standard of overproduced schlock. Most unique expressions of artistry and soul-searching are jettisoned in favor of a hot beat in today's Top 40 charts, but they'll appropriate some remnant of personality. That's what the industry calls "depth."

While the fact that Perry appropriated a lifestyle directly opposed to her previous artistic direction and offended both gays and Christians in the process is certainly insulting, the fact that she subjected atypically underrepresented group to her exploitative swim through a cesspool of retarded sexuality is downright disgusting.

# Frequent sex is not always great sex

By NICOLE FORDE DAILY BRUIN (UCLA)

hree times a month, twice a week, once a day or even more often ... it seems like some of us have developed an obsesnecessarily matter with whom.

sits proudly at the top of the list of desires for most college students.

you just go back to the frat party and take someone home?"

To that, our lady in need replied, having sex."

I could agree with her on that first

to wrap my head around the rest of obscenity to worry about over there. reason was to save you from wasting that conversation. I pondered, with a hint of disbelief, about how much the value of sex has decreased.

free from the hormonal surge that spoiled when it comes to sex. We sion with the need to have sex the curses the typical 20-ish person, but see it repeatedly; we expect to have make me smile and keep me happy moment we want it, and it doesn't something just isn't right. Perhaps it repeatedly. It's a simple matter of outside the bedroom, there is no I have a new outlook on sex itself, Frequency of sex, along with a more well-rounded point of view partner choice and even satisfaction, that has tamed my loins -- at least

Here in L.A., sex is plastered, en-Just the other night, as I was settling larged and multiplied so the average into my new apartment, I heard a citizen sees it in the flesh probably right at that second. Allow yourself group of girls hovering outside my upward of 20 times a day. However, to enjoy having sex when you want lives will soon go flaccid. bedroom window having a rather odd I spent a month in New York this it and not having sex when you summer, and this regular subjection As they stammered and slurred to human sexuality is not a universal about the night's events, one young occurrence. The moment I turned woman cried out that she desperately down Waverly Avenue in New York's normal amount of sex one is supposed student here at UCLA who feels needed "to get laid." A friend, I sup- Greenwich Village -- a quite upscale to have is about half as often as you the urge to jump in bed at every pose, responded with, "Why don't neighborhood -- I witnessed my first want it. I can't vouch for this person opportunity: Think about why you My L.A. bubble had burst.

In Manhattan, sex is very bottom "Well. I wouldn't want to do it with shelf, paper bag, compared to the any of the frat guys there, but I'm openness we enjoy here on the west too pretty to go this long without side of the country. This privacy allows sex to maintain its worth.

By not being blindsided with 30 part: With the exception of my best feet of colorful bare skin while driving friend who happens to be in a soror- down Santa Monica Boulevard, there ity, I avoid the Greek system like the is something left for the imagination form of socialization -- "dating," they way.

Granted, L.A. is not all like Beverly Hills, but you get the picture.

Now don't get me wrong, I am not UCLA students, have become a little a mate.

override that knee-jerk reaction to whenever, wherever, just because don't want it. Don't feel compelled

Someone once told me that the public urination in broad daylight. as the almighty wisdom on sexual want it. frequency, but I'd say it's a pretty good starting point.

> We've gotten so caught up in the physical part of a relationship that the substantial pieces are lost. What happened to just dating for the sake of meeting people you're compatible

There was a reason this outdated

plague. But I could not even begin to desire. They have other forms of called it -- used to precede sex. That your time having sex with someone who lacks humor, wit, passion or The point is that I think we, as any other trait you find desirable in

> I've found that if a guy can't chance in hell that he is going to do The trick now is to recognize and the same between the sheets. Giving him multiple chances to prove me wanting instant sexual gratification wrong rarely results in any success. The physical attraction needs to be you think you should be having sex there, yes, but if we continue to have sex just because we can, our love

> > So to the ladies who stood outside my window earlier this week, to the men making booty calls at all hours of the night and to every

If it's a person you'd also like to see and perhaps even have a conversation with once you are no longer horizontal, then by all means go ahead. But if it's just the sex, hold out until the thought of the entire person gives you butterflies, not just what's between his or her legs.

The sex is just plain better that

## Jon Stewart: A voice of reason for politics

By ERIC FINKELSTEIN CORNELL DAILY SUN (CORNELL U.)

I used to watch The Daily Show pretty religiously. But, sometime over the last two years, I lost touch with America's favorite fake news show, and I'm not exactly sure why.

Two weeks ago, however, at the beginning of the Democratic National Convention, I rediscovered it. And I'm going to make sure I never lose touch with it again.

After watching coverage of both conventions on CNN, MSNBC, and FOX News, and then enjoying the Daily Show coverage afterward, I realized something: The Daily Show really isn't fake news anymore. It's real news — quite possibly as "real"

the next day. But none of the mainstream media outlets produced the kind of commentary that Jon Stewart and his crew put together over the last two weeks.

Now, in the interest of full disclosure, I'm an Obama-Biden supporter. However, I found the fake Obama convention video "Barack Obama: He Completes Us" (in which Obama's life story was put to The Lion King's Circle of Life, and in which Obama's head was transposed onto young Simba's body) to be quite possibly the most hilarious thing I had ever seen. And frankly, no matter what McCain supporters might say, Jon Stewart has taken on the periodic ridiculousness of the Obama campaign (the fake presidential seal and the over-the-top backdrop to his speech at the convention, to name a few) just as much as he has the Mc-Cain campaign. Maybe more.

Anyway, the reason The Daily Show's coverage was so terrific was because of the social commentary that it provided on both sides of the aisle. They went into the audience, and they spoke to people. They routinely exposed delegates who didn't understand the issues. And they gave a really interesting behind the scenes look at who most of these delegates

Especially during the Republican convention, The Daily Show was like the Borat movie that kept on giving. The delegates (who obviously had no idea what show they were being interviewed for) looked flabbergasted when Daily Show reporters asked them why it was acceptable for Bristol Palin to make a "decision" to keep her child, but not acceptable for all women to make the same "choice." Newt Gingrich looked equally confused when Stewart confronted him with the same question.

They also dug into old video of political advisors and pundits, continuously catching them in contradictions and outright lies. Earlier this year Karl Rove told FOX News that Virginia Governor Tim Kaine wasn't qualified for the Vice Presidency because he had only been I enjoy politics, and I enjoyed Virginia's governor for three years, and following both conventions. I like prior to that was only the lieutenant hearing what the pundits have to governor, and prior to that was only the say after a speech, and I like seeing mayor of Richmond, which, according the reactions on the editorial pages to Rove, is "the 105th biggest city in the country." Last week, Rove told FOX News that Sarah Palin was qualified to be vice president because she had been the mayor of "I think, the second largest city in Alaska."

> Another example: earlier this year, Bill O'Reilly slammed Jamie Lynn Spears' parents when it was reported that she was pregnant. When Bristol Palin's pregnancy was reported last week, O'Reilly lauded her decision to keep the baby, praising Sarah Palin and her family.

> I've never understood why, but you don't see this kind of research and tenacity on the cable news channels. I suppose it's because they prefer to cater to the talking heads, but, frankly, aren't these kinds of contradictions

I'm a firm believer that politicians should be able to change their minds (so I won't attack John McCain for saying that he supported Roe v. Wade in 2000, while staunchly opposing it now), but I do think it's worthwhile to know when politicians and political advisers change their rhetoric to fit the particular situation that they find themselves in. So, I do think it's important that Hillary Clinton said that McCain was more qualified than Barack Obama during her primary campaign, while she staunchly supports Obama now.

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# Palin's 'experience' an exercise in manipulation

By GERALD COX BADGER HERALD (U. WISCONSIN)

arah Palin has more experience than Barack Obama. On this, Republicans are not lying to you, despite the cries of foul from the Obama has been in politics since 1997 — about 5 years less than the newly minted Republican vice presidential hopeful.

I'm an economics major, so I'm pretty good at math, and 16 is more than 11, so Palin wins.

of international issues.

The head-to-head comparison of the Democratic presidential nominee and the Republican vice presidential nominee is an interesting one considering anchor for a year. the historical nature of each candidate. surpluses and in to breathtaking debt. or a photogenic Everywoman. So it appears shame is not an issue with this party.

This egregious and outrageous assereach candidate's time in elected office

prepared to be president. When Palin was first beginning her

time on the Wasilla City Council in 1992, Obama was starting out as a lecturer of constitutional law at the University of Chicago. Obama had just graduated from Harvard Law School, where he was edileft. It's a matter of record, done with tor of the Harvard Law Review. Before things simple): Palin has been involved University and worked with a number in politics since 1992 — about 16 years. of firms — including the Business International Corporation and the New York Public Interest Research Group.

So while Obama has earned a bachelor's degree from Columbia University, a résumé that would make an MBA student jealous, a Juris Doctor magna cum laude from the world's most prestigious law If only things were so simple. Then school and a historic editorship with the maybe we could send Palin on over to Harvard Law Review, Palin has managed Russia, Iraq, Palestine, Zimbabwe and, at to star on her high school basketball last, to China, to fix our most troublesome team, win first place in the Miss Wasilla pageant and second place in the Miss Alaska pageant. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Idaho. And she was a TV

America, then, has on the one hand But the assertion that Palin, in the end, a former Miss Wasilla, and on the other bests Obama as the one with "more a former Harvard Law Review editor. experience" has an artfully ambiguous Republicans want you to believe that and shamefully asinine conclusion to it. the former Miss Congeniality of Alaska But this is coming from the same party is better prepared to lead our nation than that brought you the lies that led us out a former University of Chicago constituof Afghanistan and into Iraq, out of tional law lecturer. An intellectual giant,

When it comes to leading my country, I'll take the genius.

However, Palin did start her career tion is being swallowed by the obdurate as an elected official in 1992, half a masses. As if the simple summing up of decade before Obama, so it's true she's been doing the politics thing a bit or appointed political position is all that longer than the junior senator from is required in establishing who is more Illinois. And it's true that she has the

most "executive experience" of all four emphasis on division contrasts starkly of the presidential and vice presidential candidates. However, so does Beloit, Wis., city manager Larry Arft, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and current Madison, Wis., Mayor Dave even know what a Zune is, much less Cieslewicz, all of whom many would argue are not prepared to be President prettiest gift wrap available, but I'd rather simple math (Republicans try to keep that, he had graduated from Columbia of the United States of America. Sorry, Terminator fans.

National Convention is being compared to Obama's keynote at the 2004 Democratic National Convention. The major difference: Obama wrote his own speech, while Palin added biographical details to a speech already prepared for the vice presidential nominee. Obama spent the lion's share of his speech emphasizing a united America, while Palin spent hers attacking Obama. An rience" than Palin's.

with an emphasis on unity. Palin is being hailed as the Republican Obama. Meanwhile, the Zune is being hailed as Microsoft's iPod. Do you

want one? You can wrap a Zune in the

have an iPod wrapped in a dirty sock. Or more directly, I'd rather have the Palin's speech to the Republican most transformative leader in Washing-

ton and one of the wisest men in Washington leading my nation than a man who can't remember how many houses he has and Miss Wasilla. I'd rather have a brilliant and internationally acclaimed orator facing down Vladimir Putin than a respected but unspectacular lawmaker well past his prime. And I'd rather have Obama's "expe-

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# Author explains moral deterioration in America

By BRIDGET DE STEFANO STAFF WRITER

Pressures to get good grades, get accepted to a prestigious university or land one's dream job, may lead to cheating to get ahead.

David Callahan, author of "The Cheating Culture," a book about declining ethics in American society, spoke at 3:30 p.m. Monday at the Allen Theatre in the Student Union Building.

The more temptations people face, Callahan said, the more corners they are likely to cut.

Two-thirds to three-fourths of students, he said, have admitted to cheating while in college, and an estimated 57 percent of students admitted to cheating while at Tech.

"They pull out that second moral compass when the heat is on," Callahan said, "when the price is right."

Technology, he said, such as text messaging answers to a test, using camera cell phones to photograph test questions and typing answers or formulas into calculators all serve as cheating aids.

Even good students and high achievers cheat, Callahan said.

"These days, it seems it's easier to find ourselves on slippery slopes," he said, "both at school

Cheating reflects deep trends

highlighted by the figureheads of society - celebrities, CEOs and

The "winner take-all society,"

The recent foreclosure of American's homes, Callahan said, has been exaggerated by mortgage brokers' selfish motives to cheat customers out of money.

A secured middle-class existence is not easy to obtain without succumbing to questionable ethics,

Fear is the driving force to cheating, he said. Modern American individuals worry about their livelihoods and are willing to forfeit some of their principles to

guarantee their standard of living. "It's crucial to hold on to our values when the heat is on," Callahan said.

There are three ways to fix the cheating culture, he said, that involve changing how figureheads, institutions, society and, most importantly, how individuals behave.

"We need to police ourselves." Callahan said. "That's hard to do."

Society needs "tougher" government watchdogs to enforce honesty, he said, and schools need a bigger push of academic integrity.

"Nobody is looking," he said,

in America, Callahan said, and is "and, in some cases, there are sleeping watchdogs, or, in some cases, watchdogs that have been put to sleep."

There are absolute rights and he said, drives people's obsessions wrongs in this environment, he to cheat or cut corners to receive said, and rules are in the society's best interest.

> Anna Ribeiro, a philosophy professor who attended Callahan's lecture, said there needs to be less demand placed on students to ensure that they perform honestly.

> "There are so many more demands placed on students today," Ribeiro said, "that I can understand how sometimes they just — out of purely not having energy to do the work they have to do — they might resort to that."

> Tech's rules concerning cheating are fair, she said. The more ethical violations persist, the more explicit and enforced the rules

> The lecture was presented with "good conviction," said T.J. Kirk, a senior construction technologies major from Accokeek, Md., but Callahan missed out on "positive ways" to curb cheating.

> There needs to be more positive reinforcement for those who practice academic integrity, Kirk said.

> "I did not come here to sugarcoat the reality," Callahan said. "We need to fight the corruption, not succumb to it."

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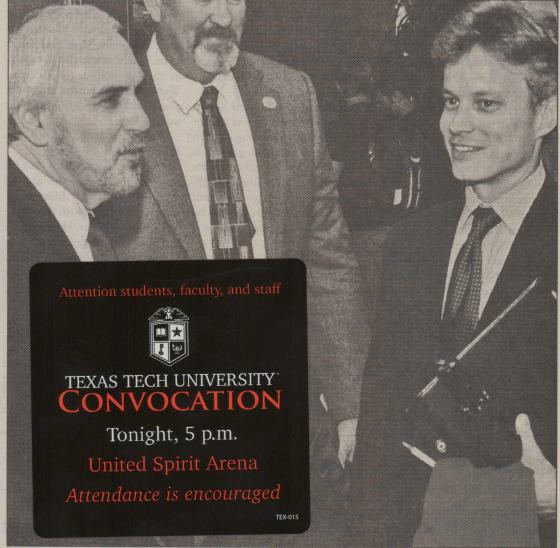


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TECH PRESIDENT GUY Bailey speaks with David Callahan before the first of the Presidential Lectures series where Callahan spoke about the importance academic integrity and honesty Monday afternoon.

### Bailey ←

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ister said, 'You may kiss the bride," Guy Bailey said with one and acquired for him the down Tech's potential and its emergun up. "I learned this."

Jan Tillery Bailey said her mother was the first guidance to Texas A&M, where a tenure- cially taking office in August. counselor at Estacado High track professorship awaited and once a high school athletics future wife. coach, opened a sporting goods store, T&D Sporting Goods, truck with graduate students street from campus.

"He taught every sport there reer as a coach, which he left to teacher in the field." open his own store so he could make enough money to send his guistics because it sits at the daughter to Tech.

Jan Tillery Bailey remembers social sciences." paying \$16 per credit hour as a Tech undergraduate student in the 1970s.

"I can't believe how much it has changed," she said about her alma mater. "There was no covered swimming pool when I Bailey Tillery said. was here."

semester for books," her husband we're at home we usually have Jan Tillery Bailey said, provides the first step. said about his career as a firstgeneration undergraduate at the University of Alabama, "and that was a lot.'

After receiving his bachelor's degree at Alabama, Guy Bailey said he went to the University of Tennessee and received a doctorate in linguistics in 1979.

it," he said. "Most people on both sides of my family didn't go to college, so it wasn't an issue in my family, but they were happy

At Emory University in Atlanta, where Guy Bailey said he taught and worked on post- there when I was there," he said doctorate research beginning in about the school's accomplish-1978, he spent the next three ments as an emerging research years teaching classes at a local community college in addition to his duties as an instructor at Bailey became the chancellor

ter for extra income. The busy days in Atlanta paid off, he said, payment for a house, which he

"He would fill the bed of his why I left."

Guy Bailey said he loves lin- latest, next fall.

In 2003, the couple published become like my children." a study about the dialect of the issue of The New York Times.

'We're both avid readers." "I remember paying \$50 per Guy Bailey continued, "so when books in our hands."

He began to explain his opinions about the evolution of baseball; but Jan Tillery Bailey shook

her head and smiled. He looked at her and changed the subject.

After a series of different administrative jobs throughout "My parents were happy I did the next few years - including positions at Oklahoma State University and the University of Nevada-Las Vegas — Guy Bailey went to the University of Texas at San Antonio, where he became provost in 1998.

"A lot of good stuff happened university.

On the first day of 2006, Guy

of the University of Missouri-But he wanted to buy a house, Kansas City, a post he vacated so he also opened a writing cen- when Tech's presidential search committee came knocking.

Enticed by what he saw as eventually sold before heading he accepted the position, offi-

"Texas Tech is a great school," School in Lubbock. Her father, where he later would meet his he said. "It has great name recog-

on Broadway Avenue across the when he went to do linguistics plan to team up and teach a lin-series of administrative resignafield work — just a truck bed full guistics course while continuing tions and terminations — but the tuition trends — it is important of graduate students," Jan Tillery their research, though they may was," she said of her father's ca- Bailey said. "He was a really good not have the time to do so until the spring of next year, or at the

> "I don't have any children of "intersection of humanities and my own," Jan Tillery Bailey said, 'so, wherever we go, the students

Guy Bailey has two children, South which was featured on the 24-year-old Jordan, a doctoral front page of the Nov. 28, 2003, candidate at Auburn Univer- enroll graduate students at twice "We're a boring couple," Jan a "good-hearted" guitar player students. who lives in Montgomery with his mother.

a continuously updated grasp of

from their university.

"The students give you a beat," she said. "They don't lie. They don't sugarcoat it for you."

When asked how much influfor the university, Guy Bailey whispered one word: "Huge."

He said he realizes Tech's four years. administration went through year — namely, the accreditation dents' wallets. At Tech, the couple said they probation and the past summer's woes "settle down very quickly."

> Tech will shed its accreditation probation, he said.

Much of Guy Bailey's plans for Tech involve graduate students and research programs, which he sees as the first step toward improving the university as an overall institution. Tech must sity, and 20-year-old Brooks, the rate it enrolls undergraduate

But increasing enrollment, he said, of both graduate and Teaching, Guy Bailey and undergraduate students, is only

Acceptance standards, Guy

what students want and need Bailey said, must be maintained to prevent the "willy-nilly" enrollment of new students.

Retention, too, must be taken into account.

"I want to recruit you as a gence as a top-notch university, ence his wife has on his decisions student, yes," Guy Bailey said, "but I want you to graduate," hopefully, he continued, within

Another goal of Guy Bailey's, nition. This opportunity — that's some "turmoil" during the last he said, pertains directly to stu-

> As students' college debts rise coming months should see Tech's to keep tuition costs at a mini mum, he said.

> > years, he said, would be naïve, but maintaining a competitive tuition rate at Tech is a priority because more enrollment equals more state funding.

Dual-credit courses in high school, he said, provide an excellent opportunity for freshman to arrive at the university as sophomores, with as much as 30 credit hours that they earned during high school - another way to save students' money.

Tech Chancellor Kent Hance's goal to increase enrollment to 40,000 students by 2020, Guy Bailey said, not only is feasible,

"If we don't grow that much," - partially as a result of rising Guy Bailey said, "we're in big trouble, because everyone else will be growing that much.

In the mean time, he said, he To say that Tech's tuition is not going anywhere, though will not go up in the coming there is one trip on his agenda for April: the Bob Wills Day Music Festival in Turkey.

"In April," he said, "you'll find me there.'

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# Beta launch of new SOCOM version reveals network

"SOCOM: U.S. Navy SEALs Confrontation," a purely online, multi-player shooter, is still in beta, but now a public beta, which means players such as myself have a chance of getting in.

People can pre-order the game from GameStop and let two of their friends join the fray, as well as those who purchased the June edition of the PlayStation Network magazine Qore. This, in effect, is opening the door to a lot of players that otherwise would have to wait for the official Oct. die. 14 release, and that is where the problem lies.

simply cannot handle the amount down and stare at the ground as of players that have come through the floodgates. Even an initial doesn't just manifest itself as a sign connection to the network is a to you that you're lagging out, but game of chance. And once you're also as a sign to every other player right at all. Even with extensive connected, it's still a crapshoot in the game and leaves you as a as to whether or not you're even free kill. going to get to play. There are approximately 10 servers for each issues, Confrontation simply does celeration is unsavory no matter built-in clan system allows you mobility. Each part of the player's of the United States' three zones not play that well. In fact, it — east, west, and central — with doesn't even play like a SOCOM specific servers for other select game. It's as if you're at a party and countries, clan games and foreign someone put on a nametag that language speakers. Each server is says "Hi, my name is SOCOM!" capable of handling 256 players, and tries to convince you of that and every server is likely to be fact for the rest of the night. full except for Spanish and French



Once you connect, however, things are not likely to improve.

During gameplay you will probably encounter heavy lag no matter what, and you will probably

Unlike in other online shooters, when you lag, your character The "Confrontation" servers will simply stop running, crouch it waits for a connection. This

Even aside from the network

Yes, that is disconcerting, and even more so when you're playing or front to back will allow you to because any invitations you accept like you.

standing takes twice as long as it to lean into intense games in an You could forego a heavy primary not likely to weapon, change to light armor get a chance and pick the lightest pistol, still to use this only to move like you're stuck feature as in in mud. Ostensibly, "Confronta- all the games tion" developer Slant Six Games I've played consciously made this decision so far, everyas they've included a Gears of one is favor-War-esque run button in which ing run 'n you hunker down and run, sans gunning over weapon usage.

That's fine by me, just not in a tical game-SOCOM game.

Though the controls remain largely unchanged, the aiming that's just of "Confrontation" doesn't feel sensitivity options, there is still something not right about all of it. Reticule movement and ac- to the players to use them. The of better weapons hindering your what, and unsatisfactory shooting to invite players (which, oddly body can potentially have one of the water in any shooter game.

concept of which is very welcome. statistics. The calendar seems It will be extremely unlikely you Essentially, while in cover, tilting like it will become a handy little will encounter another player the controller from side to side feature once the game hits retail, that looks and sounds exactly

Player movement is extremely very intuitive, especially for those are automatically added to your said about the actual game. The slow. Going between prone and gamers who are already inclined schedule. should and that extra time immo- attempt to solicit the supernatural customization, which is surpris- about as standard as they come

subdued tac-

Slant Six is able to de-

peek around and over walls. This is and events you deem necessary

bile and not firing could cost you. for help. Unfortunately, you're ingly deep. You can change how on the PlayStation 3, with great

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ily avail-

Each server is capable of handling 256 players, and every server is likely to be full except for Spanish and French servers.

able to the plentiful, velop the features, but it's up utilizing a nice risk-reward system

graphics as a whole are largely Also in the game is character unimpressive. They look to be your char- character models and details, but acter looks have an unusual amount of muddy for both and noticeably repeated textures SEAL and throughout. Particle effects and weapon sounds look fantastic, but teams with when a game looks as uninspired a separate as this, it's hard to look deeper to weapons the highlights.

Like I said, however, this is still just a beta. Everything I said should be taken with an extremely large chunk of salt. Slant Six still has more than a month to fix these issues. In fact, most of my complaints are not even with the game itself, but rather with the sluggish player are and unresponsive network. If every game could handle over 10,000 players at beta launch, then I might say, "shame on Slant Six." However, betas almost universally improve before launch. Graphics, mechanics will leave you dead in enough, include all of your PSN 21 camouflage options in head gameplay and networking all take friends, not just those who have gear and armor selections. You can a step up, and if that's the case However, motion controls have played Confrontation), set up choose from numerous faces, facial with Confrontation, then it should been introduced to the game, the clan matches and view your clan's hair and scars, and voice options. be quite the shooter gem when it

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### Drinking ←

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consequences" that puts adults at risk for legal and health problems.

On the Web site, the initiative's supporters encourage people to drink responsibly and in moderation.

For many higher-education officials, including Texas Tech President Guy Bailey, the initiative is news to

Unfamiliar to the petition, Bailey said he could not say whether or not he would endorse it, but plans to take a look at the initiative soon.

Educating students — underage and older — about the dangers of drinking, Bailey said, is necessary and should not be overlooked.

Individual responsibility, Bailey

said, should be at the core of universi-

"It's not so much the age," he said, "but how responsible your actions are. Well, look at adults, they don't always the Amethyst make good decisions."

Some things like drugs and alcohol have not changed much since he was ens, victim adin college, Bailey said, but people were vocate for Luba lot "less savvy" about their usage and bock's chapter of The initiative's aim is understand-

able, he said, because college administrators never like to see students go to jail for any reason. To them, news about students getting injured or dying drinking age for

However, many universities and For MADD, organizations are not toasting to this underage drink-

Mothers Against Drunk Driving a non-profit organization that for 28 States.

years has aimed to stop drunk driving,

age drinking does not support Initiative.

Dawn Ow-

MADD, said the organization is concerned about the movement to lower the many reasons. ing is the No.

In 2006, a government survey of

It's not so much the age, but how responsible your actions are.

PRESIDENT

permanent damage.

and 49 years old found that, on average, its par-

ticipants reportexcept inhalants, according to the MADD Web site.

According to the Web site, the support its victims and prevent under- participants between the ages of 12 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that the law

> they were 16.6 drunken drivers under the age of 21 years old. This years old has been cut in half, accordis earlier than ing to MADD's Web site — from more any other drug than 5,000 young adults in the early

18 years of age could bring more money to local businesses.

As the owner of a company that relies on the sale of alcohol to college

Many Amethyst Initiative supdrinking beer.

"Alcohol should not be separated,"

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Alcohol use. Owen said, "im-

establishing the legal drinking age at 21 years old has saved more than 25,000 lives since 1975. first drink when killed annually in crashes that involve

> 1980s to nearly 2,000 in 2005. Along with alcohol sales inside the city limits, lowering the drinking age to

Mike Fuqua, owner of Bash Riprock's, a Lubbock bar near Tech's 1 youth drug problem in the United of young adults' brains and can lead to and has "no issues" with changing It's all or nothing."

students and locals, Fuqua said, the new drinking age would help "boom

for those under 21 years old.

porters and Fuqua both agreed with

he said. "If you're adult in one fashion, portant progress campus, said he supports the petition then you should be able to drink too.

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The current law, he said, takes away The number of young people from the typical "college experience"

"These are adults who can't drink,"

the saying: If an 18-year-old can fight in war, then they should be allowed to participate in other adult activities, like, for instance, legally

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# Lytle, freshmen play well as soccer season progresses

By STEVEN RYAN STAFF WRITER

Taylor Lytle's return to the soccer field has been a successful one.

Lytle played a crucial role for the Texas Tech women's soccer team in this weekend's Middle Tennessee Soccer Classic, guiding the Red Raiders to a 1-0-1

record. Taylor Lytle was probably the best player on the field for either team," Tech coach Tom Stone said.

"She was everywhere. For a kid whose only been back playing

very well." Lytle was forced to redshirt last season because of a major knee injury. The season opener against Lamar was

again for a couple months, she played

her first game action in over a year. In the second half of Friday night's game against Middle Tennessee State, Lytle took the ball off of a restart, moved past a defender and sent a shot off the post. Fellow freshman Kendyll Mygatt was there for the rebound and tapped it in to with two goals and two assists. tie the game.

Stone said though Lytle did not score the goal, her play was what set it up for her teammate.

Mygatt's goal tied the game 1-1, leading to the draw.

'The goal (MTSU) scored really invigorated their team," Stone said. "We were all over them the entire second half trying to equalize. We went to three forwards, and it was during that time that we scored.'

If there was any leftover anger from not getting the win against MTSU, the Red Raiders took it all out on Sunday's opponent, the Alabama A&M Bulldogs.

Tech struck first just 12 seconds into the game when junior Brittney Harrison scored off a Bulldog turnover 10 yards from goal.

Lytle had another solid game as she scored her second career goal off of a cross by Harrison.

She was not the only freshman to get in on the scoring binge.

Casey McCall had the team's third goal, while Mygatt and midfielder Lauren Yelinek had assists.

So far this season, Tech has been getting significant contributions from its freshman class. They have scored five of the team's 15 goals and added

Lytle is the leader of this group >>> steven.ryan@ttu.edu

Taylor Lytle — five starts, two goals, two assists

**PLAYER STATS** 

Kendyl Mygatt — five starts, two goals, one assist

Casey McCall four starts, one goal, zero assists

Lauren Yelinek — three starts, zero goals, two assists

Maggie Fete — one start, zero goals, one assist

## Patriots QB Tom Brady out for season

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Tom Brady will miss the entire season with a left knee injury that needs surgery, leaving the New England Patriots without one of the game's great quarterbacks and severely damaging their hopes of a return trip to the Super Bowl.

The 2007 NFL Most Valuable Player will be placed on injured reserve, the Patriots said Monday, one day after Brady's knee collapsed under him when he was hit by Chiefs safety Bernard Pollard in the first quarter of a 17-10 victory over Kansas City.

"As a team we all just have to do our jobs. That really doesn't change," New England coach Bill Belichick said. "He played one position, he played it very well. We have somebody else playing that position

A one-paragraph statement issued by the team confirmed that the two-time Super Bowl MVP will have surgery, ending a 128-game starting streak that is the third-longest for a quarterback in league history. Belichick would not say what the injury is, but the play, Brady's reaction and the prognosis all point toward a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

Matt Cassel, who guided New England to its 20th consecutive regular-season victory after Brady was hurt, will start Sunday at the New York Jets. It will be the first meaningful start since high school for Cassel, who backed up Heisman Trophy winners Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart at Southern Cal and spent the last three years holding a

clipboard for Brady.

"I'm not trying to be Tom Brady. I'm just trying to be Matt Cassel," he said when subbing for Brady on his regular weekly radio show. "I don't know where that's going to

Brady took the Patriots to three NFL titles since 2001 and led them to a perfect record in the regular season last year before a loss in the Super Bowl to the New York Giants deprived them of a fourth championship and an unprecedented 19-0 season. They had been favored to return — before Brady's injury.

"We're not going to tank it the rest of the season. That's not going to happen," defensive lineman Richard Seymour said in a somber and nearly empty Patriots locker room across from where Brady's locker remained stocked with equipment and personal items. "There's always a way to win. We're not going to have a lot of excuses about it.'

Even without Brady, the Patriots remain a team stocked with veterans in a mediocre division with one of the most successful coaches in NFL

"The leadership on this team will take care of itself," offensive lineman Matt Light said. "I expect (Cassel) to do his job, and that's the same thing he expects from each one of us. There's nobody on this team that we don't have confidence in. You can't have a better mentor than Tom Brady."

The Patriots have just two quarterbacks on the roster: Cassel and rookie Kevin O'Connell. Matt Gutierrez, who signed as an undrafted free agent before the 2007 season and has thrown one career pass, was released in the final cut-downs before

But Belichick denied media reports that out-of-work quarterbacks Chris Simms and Tim Rattay were headed to Foxborough to take physicals or audition.

"In spite of what some people are putting out there, we haven't worked out anybody," he said. "We had a lot of people call us, I can tell you that."

For now, Cassel is his starter.

"I'm happy for his opportunity to have a chance to play," said Leinart, who, ironically, is now a backup with the Arizona Cardinals. "I'm bummed for Tom. You just hope he can heal as well as he can and get back out there as soon as he can. But Matt will step up. I think he'll be all right."

Pollard, who apologized to Brady immediately after the play, said Monday that it was an accident and prayed for Brady's speedy recovery.

"I can't change what happened," he said. "As soon as the play happened, I said, 'Oh, man.' When I heard him scream, I knew it was

While not calling Pollard's play dirty, Belichick said his players are taught to hit quarterbacks between the knees and shoulders. Patriots defensive lineman Vince Wilfork complained that he was penalized and fined for a hit similar to Pollard's, but league spokesman Greg Aiello said supervisor of officials Mike Pereira determined it was legal.

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# Tech football still optimistic after Nevada win

**By ADAM COLEMAN** SPORTS EDITOR

The glass is half full for the Texas ers with 28 to Tech's 20. Tech football team.

The good news for the Red Raiders is that Tech coach Mike Leach to the next in the 35-19 win over within reach for most of the game. Nevada Saturday, but the Red Raid-

Even though Tech picked up the to move up in the Top 25. win against the Wolf Pack, Leach through the growing pains like any team should be in the beginning of the season.

"I think you gotta work and improved. (Nevada is) a really good and you can see why."

Chris Ault could not be increased, until we got our chances and then this point. but the Wolf Pack did gain more capitalized on them." yards on offense than the Red Raiders with 488 and 421, respectively.

had 297 of those yards paired with tions to the Red Raiders' win. two interceptions. Nevada also had more first downs than the Red Raid-

The game against Nevada had Jones. many ups and downs for the Red Raiders including recovered fumbles saw improvement from one week and a Wolf Pack team that stayed

ers still believe they are not as good have been tough for a handful of as they want to be this early in the ranked teams in 2008 and some have resulted in losses, making it difficult

said the Red Raiders are going the best thing the Red Raiders did Saturday, as Leach said there were many times his team could have ing there is still work to be done

"Our team did a good job staying develop this time of year," he said. composed, overcoming adversity and "There's no question, we've got some things, then coming away with plenty of work to do. I did think we a very good win," he said. "This is had an 86-yard punt return for a kind of hard for teams to do early in touchdown, said the play of the team. They have a ridiculously high the year; to be composed and hang winning percentage at their place, through adversity on the road at the season has not shaken anyone's this point to the extent our guys did. Nevada's 19 wins at home under Nobody panicked and just waited out

still fought hard defensively, causing Morris said. "We understand that

Tech finished the game forcing two turnovers, including an interception by defensive tackle Richards

The defense held for most of the game, as the offense could not push Tech to a substantial lead.

Tech defensive end Jake Ratliff Some early-season road games said what impressed Leach so much Saturday has been the defense's agenda since the season started.

"It doesn't matter where you put us," he said, "we gotta do our job Not falling into this category was and do what we can every chance we get.'

> With the Red Raiders believoffensively, the match up against SMU is a big opportunity to some on the team. Tech receiver Eric Morris, who

> offense from the first two games of mentality.

He said consistency is the key at

"Our demeanor isn't very bad, Through all of the adversity, Tech especially in meeting (Sunday)," Tech quarterback Graham Harrell turnovers and making huge contribu- we're really close to hitting on some



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID BOWDEN

TEXAS TECH RECEIVER Eric Morris runs back an 86-yard punt return for a touchdown in Tech's 35-19 win against Nevada Saturday.

big plays. We just have to put a couple play around the corner, the game it's coming up really soon. It's the things together here and there. That's against SMU is the Red Raiders' time of the season where we need to something that we have to be con- chance to get over the growing start putting things together and start scious of and we have to work at this pains. week and get better at."

Morris knows what lies ahead. He said with Big 12 Conference now. About to be starting Big 12 play, >> adam.coleman@ttu.edu

"It's a big game for us," he said. "We kinda need to get rolling right

executing and get more consistent on offense."

# Tech volleyball wins no sets, drops three matches in Arizona Invitational

By KEVIN CULLEN STAFF WRITER

From overpowering to overpow-

The Texas Tech volleyball team dropped all three of its matches over gonna lose sometimes and just be able the weekend, putting the team at 3-3 after its first two tournaments.

The Red Raiders failed to take a we should have." single set against Santa Clara, Texas State and Arizona at the Arizona Tucson, Ariz. than it did in its first Invitational; a stark contrast to their tournament of the year. In the Mean other teams were formidable and left

opening tournament, the Mean Green Green Classic, the Red Raiders played no room for mistakes. Classic, in which the team lost only two sets all weekend.

"It's upsetting, but it's gonna hap- combined record of 49-50 in 2007. pen," said Tech middle blocker Brandi

Tech saw tougher competition in last season.

North Texas, Texas-Arlington and Jackson State, three teams with a so we were facing bigger hitters, bigger she believes

The Arizona Invitational featured Hood. "We have to know that we are two teams receiving votes in the latest American Volleyball Coaches Asto come back from it. We just didn't sociation Top 25 poll, Arizona and play together — didn't play as hard as Santa Clara. Texas State and Santa

Tech coach Nancy Todd said the

"The teams were a little bit better, Hood said blockers, that kind of thing," she said. the Red Raid-"You don't really have the chance to ers' showing make a lot of errors. You don't have in Tucson that ability because they are gonna was valuable, jump on you right from the start."

The Arizona match highlighted pointing. Clara made the NCAA Tournament the Red Raiders' error problems, in

better and be more effective and give it, but I think (hitters) balls they can swing at," Todd that kinda said. "We had a lot of things going on. made them Our ball control was kinda wild and realize," she we were making hitting errors after said. "Our that. We always try to tell them if a get better at."

team, especially one with many new- have to play comers, and Todd said she believes this up every time

it'll help us in the long run of playing whether they better teams and reality check of effort lost as many and what it's gonna take to be a big as us or won time team."

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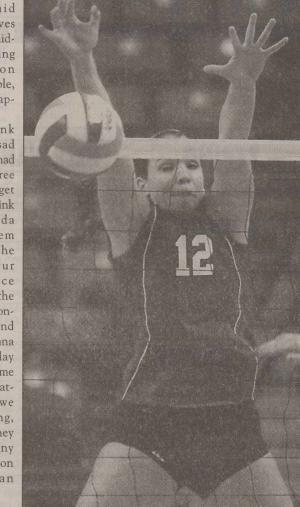
which the team's .148 team attack that it's sad percentage led to the loss (25-17, to say we had 25-21, 25-17). "The setters are gonna have to be games to get

ball is out of control, make the next is one of the ball better. That's what we have to toughest con-Adversity is important for any we are gonna

tournament will benefit them. "It's a tough thing to go through ter who we for the group," she said. "But I think are playing,

All of the tournaments before us." Big 12 Conference play are im- > kevin.m.cullen

to lose three ferences and more than



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TEXAS TECH OUTSIDE hitter Michelle Flores and the Red Raiders took three losses in the Arizona Invitational after starting the season 3-0 in the Mean Green Classic.





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