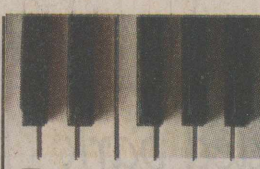




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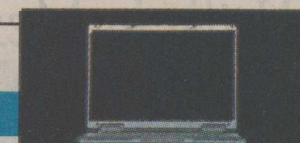


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STATE

Republican asks powerful House speaker to quit

AUSTIN (AP) — Powerful House Speaker Tom Craddick, already facing an increasingly tough battle from the Democrats, got a public slap Thursday from an elected official in his own Republican Party.

Mark McCaig, a member of the State Republican Executive Committee from Katy, warned Craddick was leading the GOP toward defeat in the state House and called for him to abandon his leadership post so another Republican leader could emerge.

NATION

Stocks mixed as investors search for bargains

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street spent another session buffeted by volatility Thursday, this time closing mixed after investors wrestled with their fears about the economy but also looked for bargains after two days of selling. While the Dow Jones industrials and Standard & Poor's 500 index rose sharply, a downdraft in tech stocks left the Nasdaq composite index with a loss.

Buying came in spurts and then tended to quickly evaporate as investors fretted that the economy is either in a recession or headed for one. They showed little confidence, gravitating toward big-name stocks seen as safer bets after a two-day selloff sliced nearly 750 points from the Dow.

WORLD

9 dead in suspected US missile strike in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Suspected U.S. missiles struck a religious school linked to the Taliban on Thursday, killing nine people in the lawless border region where al-Qaida and its Taliban allies are believed to plot attacks on American and NATO forces in Afghanistan.

The strike came hours after Parliament warned against any incursions on Pakistani soil and condemned the wave of terrorism tearing at the country, while stressing the need for dialogue.

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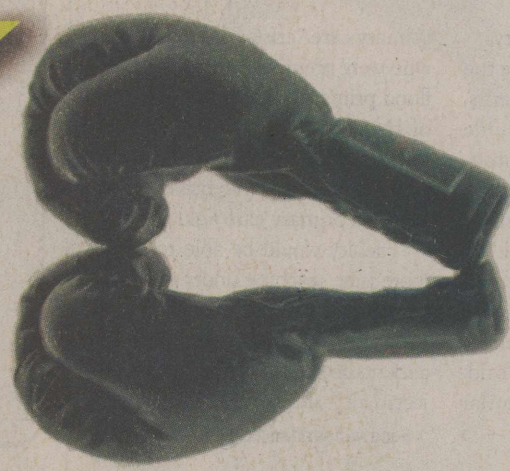
U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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Student fight club gathers to trade hits, blow off steam

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By **MATT MCGOWAN**
FEATURES EDITOR

A group of about 20 students stood around, uneasy but animated — some bobbed on the balls of their feet and shook their arms to get loose.

Then it was fight time. No referee. No ring. No crying.

Texas Tech now has its own Fight Club. It convenes Wednesday nights in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Some fought. But most were content to watch.

While the club is not exactly straight out of a Hollywood movie, it still has the same basic premise: blow off steam and punch the other guy more than he punches you.

"I've always had a lot of anger," said Jordan Goble, a junior from Plano who co-founded the unofficial student organization about a month ago. "I like to hit stuff and I just wanted to put it to something more proactive. It hurts getting hit sometimes, but it's still fun. I just thought there'd be other people out there like that."



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TECH FIGHT CLUB member Seung Yoo, a freshman civil engineering major from Odessa, wraps his hands before fighting Wednesday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

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Senate hopeful Noriega visits Lubbock

By **MIKE GRAHAM**
STAFF WRITER

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State Rep. Rick Noriega, the Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, visited with supporters and interested voters in Lubbock Thursday afternoon at La Diosa Cellars.

Noriega, who hopes to replace U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, was hosted by the Texas Democratic Women organization and joined by the Democrat hopeful to represent Texas' U.S. District 19, Dwight Fullingim.



PHOTO BY SAM GRENIER/The Daily Toreador
CANDIDATE FOR THE U.S. Senate, Rick Noriega, shakes hands with Lubbock resident John Klein held by his mother Manda Klein, Thursday at La Diosa Cellars.

"I'm here to ask for Texas' vote," Noriega said. "I want to tell my supporters thank you and that I would be humbled to have their support. I'm asking them to trust me to do what's right for Texas."

Noriega began his program by walking the room, shaking hands and introducing himself to the people in attendance.

He then began his speech by thanking his hosts and talked about what he believes Texas needs from a candidate in office.

"We want a better future for Texas," he said. "We must replace John Cornyn in the U.S. Senate. We need serious people in office who recognize who their boss is, that is, the people."

Noriega briefly endorsed presidential candidate Barack Obama.

"We've got to have change," he said. "We need a president that is cheered and not jeered."

Noriega discussed the economic crisis and outlined some of his senatorial plans, including reforming the No Child Left Behind Program, America's energy plan and promised to help Texas working families instead of people on Wall Street.

Noriega concluded his speech by encouraging his supporters to call their friends and family and encourage them to vote. He offered a parody of what he believes will happen on election night with CNN political analyst John King analyzing maps and telling viewers how each state is voting. Noriega said King would then say he was

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U.S. Congress works to help homeowners

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER & MARCY GORDON**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators told Congress Thursday they're working on a plan that could help many distressed homeowners escape foreclosure in a global financial crisis that former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan warned will get worse before it gets better.

Greenspan called the banking and housing chaos a "once-in-a-century credit tsunami" that led to a breakdown in how the free market system functions.

Accused of contributing to the meltdown, but denying that it was his fault, Greenspan told a House panel the crisis left him — an unabashed free-market advocate — in a "state of shocked disbelief."

The longtime Fed chief acknowledged under questioning that he had made a "mistake" in believing that banks in operating in their self-interest would be sufficient to protect their shareholders and the equity in their institutions. Greenspan called it "a flaw in the model that I perceived is the critical functioning structure that defines how the world works."

His much-anticipated appearance came as committees in both the House and the Senate held competing hearings on the financial crisis. At one such forum, a senior Treasury official said the Bush administration intends to get a program to help struggling homeowners revise mortgages up and running soon.

Neel Kashkari, who is overseeing the government's \$700 billion financial rescue effort, told the Senate Banking Committee that the new plan could include setting standards for changing mortgages to make them more affordable and giving loan guarantees to banks that meet them.

"We are passionate about doing everything we can to avoid preventable foreclosures," he said.

Sheila Bair, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., told the same Senate panel that the government needs to do more to help tens of thousands of home borrowers avert foreclosure, including setting standards for modifying mortgages into more affordable loans and providing loan guarantees to banks and other mortgage services that meet them.

AMA president-elect addresses Tech HSC

By **JON VANDERLAAN**
STAFF WRITER

Dr. James Rohack, president-elect of the American Medical Association, addressed Texas Tech Health Sciences Center faculty and students about the current state of the uninsured population in the United States.



ROHACK

Two of the center's deans, Steven Berk and Surendra Varma, work with the AMA to make sure the HSC's voice is heard in the programs the AMA is looking into, Rohack said.

One such program is the Initiative to Transform Medical Education, which would transform how medical students are taught and help accelerate the process of new technologies being incorporated in mainstream health care.

"The AMA's Initiative to Transform Medical Education is how can we accelerate that time that it takes so that Americans ... are able to get the cutting edge care that's been proven by science," Rohack said, "that's been better care than what's currently available?"

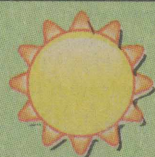
The role of the HSC, he said, is implementing what has been shown to improve medical education into the curriculum. He also expects that the HSC will provide input into the plan.

Dr. Surendra Varma, associate dean for graduate medical education, said it was good to have Rohack speak with faculty and students because they now will be aware of problems in health care for when they have their own practices.

Varma, who invited Rohack to speak at the HSC, said the AMA president has more in-depth knowledge and experience than most in the field and works for the oldest and leading organization for physicians in the country.

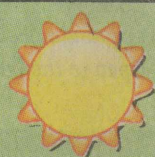
It is part of the education of faculty, people in training and students, he said, to understand health care issues to know how to make a difference.

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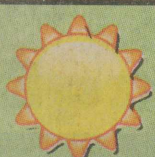
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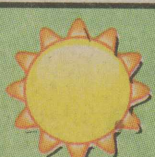
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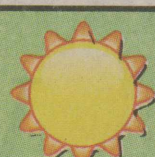
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21 die in Mexico violence, 4 in crowded park

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Four men were shot dead in front of a crowd at an amusement park, a toddler died after the car he was traveling in crashed during a gunbattle, and a businessman was killed after leading a protest against violence, officials said Thursday.

All together, 21 people died during 24 hours across Mexico, which is waging a fierce battle against drug traffickers and other criminal gangs.

In Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas, the four men were shot inside a go-

cart rental at the Xtreme amusement park Wednesday night, said Alejandro Pariente, a spokesman for the local prosecutor's office. The park had been filled with teenagers, bicycling through obstacle courses, skating and rappelling.

Police had no suspects and had not disclosed possible motives for the shootings.

Elsewhere in the city, a used car salesman was shot to death while driving down a main boulevard hours after leading hundreds of other business owners in a protest

against kidnappings and extortion, Pariente said.

The protesters had gathered at the Treasury Department's local offices, threatening to close their businesses or stop paying taxes if they did not receive police protection. One

protester, who refused to give his name because he feared for his safety, said hundreds of business owners have been targeted by extortioners who demand up to US\$500 a week for "protection" against crime. Others have been kidnapped for ransom.

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Because 46 million Americans are uninsured, he said, the AMA has outlined a plan to help citizens become insured, which includes subsidies for those who most need financial assistance obtaining health insurance, choice for individuals and families in what health plan to join and fair rules that include protections for high-risk patients and

greater individual responsibility.

Health Sciences Centers are the "safety net" for uninsured patients, he said, as the centers provide health care to those who are uninsured. The AMA tries to alleviate the burden of caring for the uninsured to take some of the pressure off those centers.

While the plan fundamentally would take care of insuring those who are uninsured, Rohack said, the nation would face a similar problem as Massachusetts — a

primary care "crisis," because those who were previously uninsured will flood primary care clinics. Because of this possible crisis, the AMA has several recommendations to provide students incentives to go into the primary care field.

Faculty would be able to spend more time teaching under the plan, he said, and would give students and residents a better ability to care for patients because they would not be rejected for a lack of health insurance.

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Noriega

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surprised about how close election races could be in Texas.

"This election is going to come down to Texas and in Texas, Lubbock County," Noriega said impersonating King. "Lubbock County will elect the next president and the next senator from the great state of Texas."

The audience of mostly Democratic supporters had positive reviews for Noriega's speech.

"I actually already voted for him," said Lara Tomlin, a Tech law student from The Colony. "I want change and I think he had a lot of good things to say about the economy and the war."

Noriega said he is on a West Texas campaign swing. Before arriving in Lubbock, he was in Amarillo. After speaking to supporters in Lubbock he will head south to Sweetwater and Abilene.

"We're driving a lot," he said. "But we have a beautiful state and I'm meeting the greatest people in the world. I'm having the time of my life right now."

Noriega admitted campaigning has forced him to be away from his family more than he would like.

"It's tough being away from the family," he said. "Whenever I leave Houston, I try to leave after 7 a.m. so I can walk my son to the bus stop and walk the family dog."

Noriega has been in the army for 27 years and currently is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Texas Army National Guard.

"I enlisted in 1980 during the Iranian Hostage Crisis," he said. "I have served a tour of duty in Afghanistan and was a part of 'Operation Jump Start' which is an operation to secure the border (with Mexico)."

Noriega said he has been deployed to several natural disaster zones and would remain in the army

even if elected to the Senate.

Fullingim said he will travel all of Texas' District 19 by Election Day.

A 1966 Tech graduate and retired employee of Aramco, Fullingim said he wants to leave the United States in a better place than he found it for his daughter and grandchildren.

"Campaigning is going very well," he said. "It's exhilarating when you get to talk to people. It just requires a lot of work."

Fullingim said he is primarily interested in helping West Texas' universities, including Tech, and fixing problems other sessions of congress have left behind.

"Americans know they're getting a raw deal," he said. "We need change. I'm getting votes from people who want to throw these bums out of office."

Fullingim lost a previous bid to become a congressman in Texas' District 12 in 2006.

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Following rally scheduling confusion, guidelines for political events made clear

U.S. Congressional candidates Rick Noriega and Dwight Fullingim met with supporters at a campaign rally in Lubbock but were unable to host a separate rally at the Texas Tech School of Law.

Both Fullingim and Noriega's campaigns planned to host a rally Thursday evening in the School of Law's Mark and Becky Lanier Professional Development Center, but were unable to because of issues involving the "university's bureaucracy," according to an e-mail from Daniel Bradley, Fullingim's campaign manager.

Fullingim is the Democratic candidate for U.S. House District 19, and Noriega, a State Representative from Houston, is the Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Republican John Cornyn.

The use of campus grounds and facilities are available to regular institutional programs sponsored and conducted by the Tech University System and activities hosted by registered student organizations, according to Tech's operational policy.

Tech's operational policy also states that all other organizations must receive special permission from the university to use the facilities, or they must rent space to host an event.

Any political candidate running in the state of Texas cannot use public university resources for free to promote their cause, said Mike Gunn, chairman of outdoor events at Tech. Any political organization does have the opportunity to rent available space on campus.

"If he wanted to use a facility that could be rented, his campaign could have done that," Gunn said.

University officials were unable to comment on why Noriega's campaign did not opt to rent a room to host the rally.

Another rally was hosted at La Diosa Cellar, a winery in downtown Lubbock.

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Green building group touts benefits to environment

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Emerging Green Builders may be new to Texas Tech, but its goals and ideas spread across the university.

Brett Barnes, president of Emerging Green Builders, said the group is associated with the United States Green Building Council, a non-profit organization that promotes the construction of eco-friendly, profitable and beneficial buildings.

"Our generation is more aware of what we're doing to the environment and are more willing to fix it," said Barnes, a senior construction engineering technologies major from Katy. "Green building is one of the biggest steps being taken to prevent global warming and to preserve our planet for future generations."

According to the U.S. Green Building Council Web site, buildings in the U.S. account for 72 percent of the world's electricity consumption, 39 percent of energy use, 38

percent of all carbon dioxide emissions and 40 percent of the use of raw materials.

Amanda Penner, a graduate architecture student from Sugar Land and director of marketing for the organization, said seminars and workshops help students of all majors acquire knowledge and help spread the idea and acceptance of green building. The world's limited resources increase the need for environmentally friendly construction, she said.

"By building green it is a more benign form of using resources," Penner said. "So, ultimately, we can reduce the impact on the environment and competition for limited resources."

According to the Green Building Council Web site, the organization relies on the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System to design, construct and operate green buildings. LEED measures the building's performance in the areas of sustain-

able site development, energy efficiency, water savings, indoor environmental quality and materials selection.

Barnes said money is not an issue when it comes to building green and sustainable structures because the benefits exceed the costs.

"It does not cost you anything if you want to build sustainable with natural resources," he said. "You just have to plan it ahead of time. It's integrated into the design."

Green construction conserves natural resources and enhances and protects ecosystems and biodiversity, according to the Web site. Green building also reduces operating costs, improves employee satisfaction and productivity and minimizes strain on local infrastructure.

There are LEED projects in 41 different countries such as India, Brazil and Canada, according to the Web site. Barnes said involvement in the "green movement" is simple.

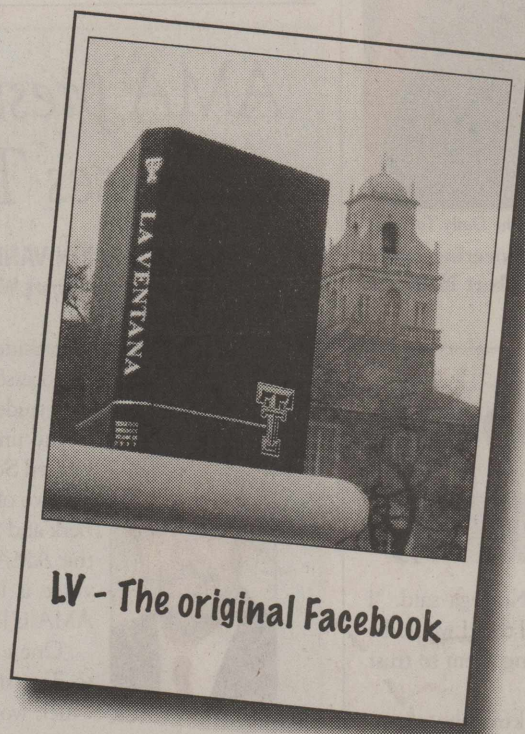
The Environmental Protection Agency Web site revealed individuals can save energy by walking or riding a bike instead of using a car whenever possible and utilizing energy efficient light bulbs. The Web site reported an average washing machine uses 40.9 gallons of water per load, thus to conserve water, only wash full loads of clothes. The EPA Web site indicates the environmental advantages of reducing, reusing and recycling materials.

Penner said the millennial generation has inherited a global crisis from past generations and must fix the problem. She said education is crucial in solving the crisis.

"Be aware of your behavior, life cycle and how you interact with the physical environment," Penner said, "and what you can do to minimize your footprint on the Earth."

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RHIM celebrates 25th year at Tech

Industry professionals, faculty and students will celebrate a Texas Tech management program's 25th year of existence today and Saturday in Grapevine.

Since it began in 1980, more than 2,000 students have graduated from Tech's Restaurant, Hotel and Institutional Management program.

Lynn Huffman, chairwoman of Department of Nutrition, Hospitality and Retailing, said she has been a faculty member since the beginning.

The program started with 16 students with one and one-half faculty time assigned, she said.

"Now, we are very well-known," Huffman said about what has changed in 25 years. "We are respected; they know we turn out good things."

Huffman said about 300 people will attend the celebration, estimating 50 of those will be current students.

The two-day event will include

winery tours, a golf tournament, reception, silent auction and reunion dinner. Events will take place at the Embassy Suites hotel, excluding the golf tournament and winery tours.

Charlie Adams, career services director, said the choice of location is due to a combination of accessibility for attendees and quality of venues.

We are respected; they know we turn out good things.

LYNN HUFFMAN
CHAIRWOMAN OF
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Adams said he expects current and past faculty will attend, as well as industry supporters

and that the program is the only one of its kind in Texas offering a doctoral degree.

"This is for us," he said. "It's our celebration of us being around 25 years and becoming a nationally ranked program."

To register for the event, go to the reunion's Web site and click the register tab.

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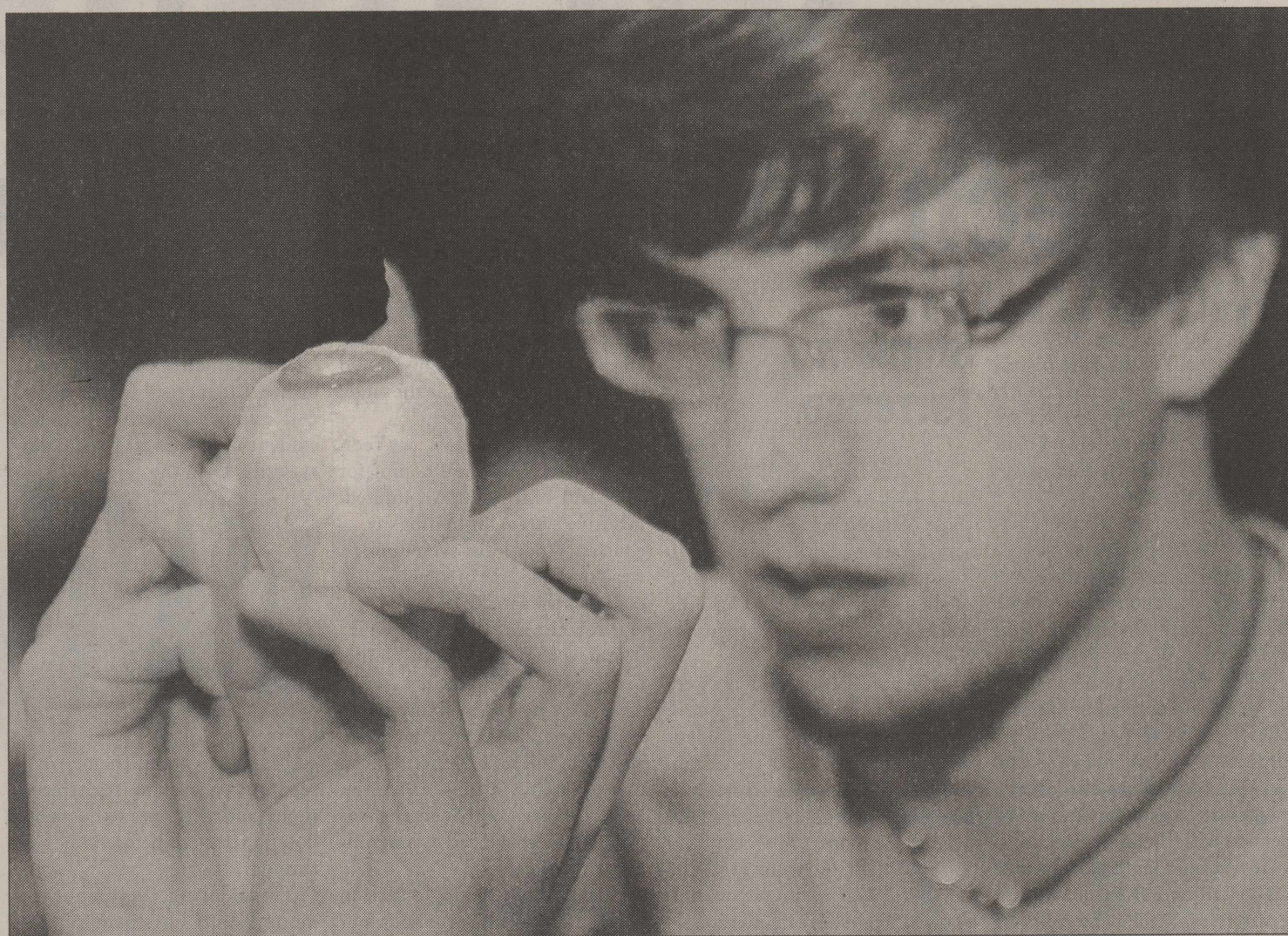


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KEVIN BEHLMANN, A junior music education major from Katy, decorates a calavera de azucar or "sugar skull" with sugar icing during a workshop put on by the Tech Activities Board and Unidos por un Mismo Idioma Thursday afternoon in the Matador room of the Student Union Building. Calaveras are traditionally made for the Mexican Dia de los Muertos celebration.

Black turnout is strong in early voting in South

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Blacks are already surging to the polls in parts of the South, according to initial figures from states that encourage early voting — a striking though still preliminary sign of how strongly they will turn out nationwide for Barack Obama in his campaign to become the first African-American president.

There have been predictions all year of a record black turnout for Obama. The first actual figures suggest that wasn't just talk:

In North Carolina, blacks make up 31 percent of early voters so far, even though they're just 21 percent of the population and made up only 19 percent of state's overall

2004 vote.

Roughly 36 percent of the early voters are black in Georgia, outpacing their 30 percent proportion of the state's population and their 25 percent share of the 2004 vote.

No one but the voters can be sure how they voted. And John McCain's campaign officials note that the Obama camp has put much more effort than they have into early voting. But the numbers are still notable.

Democrats are outvoting the GOP by a margin of 2.5-to-1 in North Carolina, where early voting has been under way for a week. That's roughly double the margin from 2004.

More than 210,000 blacks who

are registered as Democrats have cast early ballots in the Tar Heel State — compared with roughly 174,000 registered Republicans overall. Four years ago, the number of GOP early and absentee voters was more than double that of black Democrats.

"It's a sign about how energized African-Americans are about this election," says David Bositis, who tracks black voting trends at the Washington-based Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

In Louisiana, more than 31 percent of the early voters are black, and Democrats are topping Republicans nearly 2-to-1. In the crucial battleground state of Florida, nearly 55 percent of early voters are registered

Democrats — well above their 41 percent share of the electorate in the Sunshine State.

Virginia, another Southern state that usually votes Republican — but where Obama is doing well in opinion polls — does not track voter registrations by race or party. But some of the largest increases in registrations this year were in Democratic-leaning cities with large minority populations.

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MyTech debuts to a resounding 'meh'

The university is in the midst of a massive overhaul of its administrative software infrastructure. Nearly all departmental operations are upgrading to a new system for handling the information that makes Texas Tech function.

Stephen Torrence



those of us attempting to assemble schedules for advising have had to deal with the complete absence of the Open Class List. Our only consolation was a vague promise of the impending launch.

A few weeks ago, students were given the opportunity to vote on the new title for the student portion of the Banner transition. From a list of rather ridiculous choices we selected the bland but acceptable name, "MyTech."

I did a little reading on the SunCard Web site to see what to expect. There were no pictures — only line after line of corporate speak such as "interactive and

collaborative educational environments" and "new insight into enrollment patterns." This should have set off an alarm at the time, but I stayed optimistic.

This past Monday, MyTech finally went live. I was hoping for some sort of slick, AJAX-infused, intuitive system for finding my courses. What I discovered instead reminded me of something coded in the late 1990s.

MyTech's interface offers some neat new features, like the ability to browse class descriptions from a section listing or e-mail the course instructor. Location names also appear in full now, rather than in cryptic abbreviations. However, nearly every improvement has been counterbalanced by a significant drawback.

For instance, a single section listing in MyTech uses about four times the space that one occupied in TechSIS, making it more dif-

icult to compare times and days at a glance.

Additionally, the system still utilizes the incredibly convoluted call number system, wherein a student must find all their courses, write down the

an IT squad to design a more efficient registration interface. Perhaps some sort of shopping cart approach where students add desired classes to a

dynamic queue, sort everything out in advance, and then "buy" the classes at registration time. They could have even bypassed the outsourcing part. I'm sure the MIS and CS majors would have leapt at the opportunity to compete in a design contest for

the new interface. The winning designers would have walked away with, say, a scholarship and extensive database GUI design experience, and we would have gotten something better than what an eighth-grader could whip up in his introductory HTML course.

MyTech is not so much a failure as simply a disappointment. Class registration is one of the most stressful experiences in college. Tech had a chance to improve it by leaps and bounds, but instead saddled us with more of the same.

Here's hoping MyTech is just the beginning, and that interface improvements are on the way. After all, it is called an "upgrade" for a reason.

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Thank you letters for lower gas prices

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Dear oil companies, I just wanted to be the first to thank you for not gouging me. In the last 3 months, the price of oil has fallen from \$134 per barrel to \$72, and I recognize that it is only by your consciences and newfound care for the American people that this has happened.

Though some crazy, ignorant people — let's call them economists — may say that the price of oil has fallen only because the state of our economy has caused a decrease in the demand for oil, I know the truth. It was your greed — not market forces — that caused prices to rise before, and therefore it must be your lack of greed that has caused them to fall now. I've never really believed that "supply and demand" hocus-pocus anyway.

I know I speak for the rest of America when I express how appreciative I am that you have joined the ranks of the rest of the businesses in this country by no longer attempting to maximize your profits and that you have begun to sell at a loss like everyone else.

Though this is probably the first letter of this sort that you have received, I'm sure that any day now the media will begin praising you and your new business plan. In fact, when I turn on MSNBC tonight, I fully expect to see a segment on how loved you are by the American people, filled with interviews of ordinary citizens talking about how your benevolence has been making their lives better. And, since you guys

have quit price-gouging, I bet that Sen. Obama will even announce that he is overturning his plans to enact a windfall profits tax on you. I guess no good deed goes unrewarded!

Well, I had better let you get back to fulfilling your goal of saving the American people money. I hope I haven't taken up too much of your time. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Blake Hasenmiller

Dear President Bush,

Thank you for reversing all of your pro-oil policies that were keeping gas prices high. I've read in the newspaper and seen on TV that you and Vice President Cheney are oilmen and that you

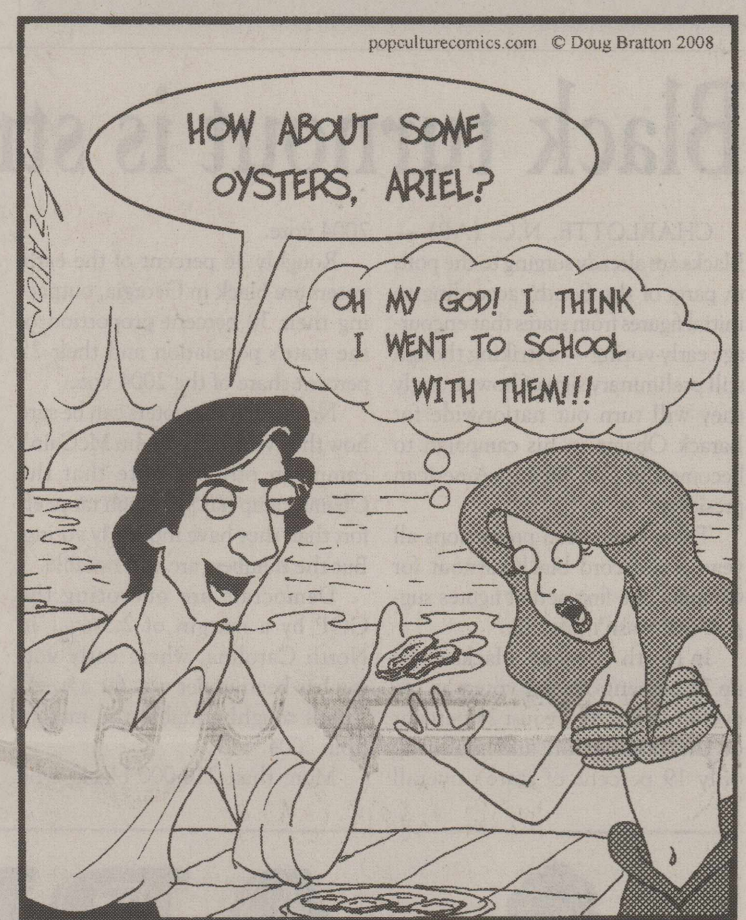
were intentionally driving prices up. Since it was the fault of your policies that oil prices were high, I know that it could only be the reversal of these policies that lowered them.

Although I don't necessarily know what these policies are, I have heard repeatedly from the media that those policies, along with the greed of oil executives, determined oil prices. And, as everyone knows, journalists are the hands-down best source for economic knowledge. But now, thanks to your good moral sense, we are free from these evil policies and from high gas prices. If only John McCain could be more like you ...

Now that you have changed your ways, I'm sure you will see a significant jump in your approval ratings, too. Better late than never, right? Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Blake Hasenmiller

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I just wanted to be the first to thank you for not gouging me.



Eric makes a poor choice of aphrodisiacs.

Alternative energy plans just as damaging as oil dependency

By **JOHN GLASER**
DAILY COLLEGIAN (PENN STATE)

Imagine a world where the foreign policy of the most eminent superpower was not at all determined or influenced by the energy needs of its citizenry, where blood and treasure were not wasted in vain in otherwise needless wars.

Imagine a circumstance not as twisted as one where our extremist enemies received funding for education, training and resources by our own dependence on the natural resources beneath their feet, where the power of brutal authoritarians ruling over those lands were not sustained in large part by the immediacy of that dependence.

Imagine an America which led the international community in the reversal of what is perhaps the most damaging environmental disease yet bestowed upon Earth.

The world's troubling addictive reliance on oil as the engine to comfortable modern existence is an issue so all encompassing, so applicable in some way to nearly every political persuasion and ideological penchant, that it should be one in which affirmative progress is radically more forthcoming than it has so far proven to be.

Unfortunately, the bipartisan governing elite, along with the corresponding accepted opinion on how best to facilitate such progress, are ill equipped in paving the way for the supremacy of alternative renewable energy sources.

The need for what journalist Tom Friedman has called a Green Revolution — an unleashing of innovation and improvement in alternative energy — has become

federal subsidization of corn-based ethanol — an energy source which several studies have shown dramatically accelerates global warming — is a ploy by the farm lobby as well as politicians looking for votes and eco-brownie points. Yet the public still faithfully looks to Congress for the answers to a sustainable future.

Calls by politicians to put forth gas tax holidays or to implement domestic oil drilling campaigns — an alleged tour de force towards self-sufficiency — are backwards-looking machinations barely cognizant of the problems we face. Yet voters and the media are still flush with reverence at the notion of omniscient politicians saving our world.

Impressable voters, young and old, predictably fall for the stated plans of candidates for president, forgetting the failed or unfulfilled

a national security issue as well as an environmental issue. The topic validates it as a concern pertinent to either side of the isle.

A successful revolution of this sort would not only alter establishment policies significantly and change the world for the better, it would renew the much needed competitive economic edge America has had for most of its existence.

The inability of the Washington establishment to deliver workable constitutional legislation, however, is a reality overlooked by both the media and the electorate.

The pathetically transparent

promises of a mere four years ago. In 2004, both the Republican and the Democratic Party platforms declared explicitly their commitment to research and investment in alternative energy sources.

Some of this legislation has been successful in both houses and has avoided veto, but few if any have produced desirable results. This is because arbitrary planning by ignorant representatives does not generate success and has not predicted the best areas on which to focus. It is all too reminiscent of Jimmy Carter's failed \$19 billion investment in synthetic fuels in the 1970s energy crisis.

In a sense, our reliance on government solutions is hindering our progress in the fight to overcome reliance on oil. In order to realize a post-oil world we must learn to depend on a variety of potential solutions not bogged down by bureaucracy, as opposed to the solutions thus far exclu-

sively relegated to government.

John Doerr, arguably the world's most prominent venture capitalist, told The New York Times recently that the fast developing private investment into the market towards green technologies are "signs that the multitrillion-dollar energy market [will] inevitably, and imminently, undergo a wholesale eco-transformation."

Doerr is a partner in the venture capital firm Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, who raised hundreds of millions of dollars in the summer to invest into green technologies and, according to the New York Times, "financed 40 different green-tech companies and [by the beginning of the fall] raised a total of about \$1 billion."

Doerr's firm promised to revolutionize the market in areas like solar power, biofuels, electric cars — all which may be marketable by 2009.

This is where our energy and environmental salvation harbors the most potential: in the hands of free individuals risking their own time and money on the areas they evaluate as most promising.

Some say greed is what keeps oil tycoons in power, but greed is exactly what will torque us out of the hole we've dug ourselves into. The partners at Kleiner, and hundreds of other firms just like it, are looking to make a profit. But they just might save the world while they're at it.

The greatest achievement of our time will be a sustainable, efficient alternative to oil and natural gas. History will have no room for Barack Obama or John McCain, as the capitalist Rockefeller of the green revolution will consume the pages of textbooks and autobiographies and his children's children's children will be trillionaires. And so be it.

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Hub City's new dueling piano bar while refreshing, missing that special something

Nearly five weeks ago, Ronny Wilson and Joy Hamend began a new project.

They opened Lubbock's own dueling piano bar, an establishment they hope will be the first of many.

The bar, Louie Louie's, is located in the Depot District between the Library and Melt.

Ron Swann, a 25-year-old Lubbock native, currently manages the place.

"Ronny and Joy are from Austin and were affiliated with Pete's Piano Bar there, and then broke away to start a chain here hopefully," Swann said. "It's been really good. We are staying really busy. We have a diverse age, from retirement to college-aged kids."

Judging from the 30 people I saw in the bar Wednesday night, that is an accurate statement.

As far as I can tell, the idea behind bringing a dueling piano bar to Lubbock was a great and innovative way of getting the Lubbock population interested in music.

The place, however, still has a lot of things to work on.

"We have a few players from Austin too," Swann said. "We are also flying a different fourth player in every week. These happen to be some of the best players in the nation"

If these were some of the best players in the nation, though, you would think they would play a whole song.

Chelsea Roe



Don't get me wrong, I'm not knocking on any of these guys' talent. I'm merely saying that if they want to promote music, then play music.

Not once while I was sitting there did I hear them complete an entire song before they interjected with jokes, which led into another selection. Now I know this is not what all piano bars do, because I have been to some great ones where it's music first, jokes and goofing around second.

I've had a great time at these shows.

In Lubbock's piano bar, granted, the way a show is run may not even be up to the players themselves.

I do like the way in which they start the shows. At first they begin with slower classic tunes.

"It starts off calmer and stays on classic music," Swann said. "When the older crowd leaves, the entertainment style comes out. They start to do skits with them and things like that."

This is exactly what I respect about piano bars: There's so much room for crowd interaction.

"We usually embarrass people on their birthdays and other spe-

cial occasions," said a 21-year-old Texas Tech student who performs at the bar, "so it's a great place to go if you have things like that going on."

The student, Warren David, a music major at Tech, said he became interested in becoming a player at the new joint after a classmate suggested it.

"They suggested I talk to the people at the new piano bar," he said, "and I played with them for a few weeks before it opened. It's just kind of worked out. ... It's less musical than I thought it would be. It's more goofiness and getting people to sing along. That's what I like about it."

While I understand a piano bar has to have some sort of entertainment value, I guess I just have a different idea of how that sort of thing should work. If a piano bar is labeled a "dueling" piano bar, there should be dueling instead of merely switching between which player leads the song.

I want to see this bar survive.

I really do, but I admit I am skeptical thus far. Having a dueling piano bar in Lubbock is an exciting thing and definitely something new, which we need around here.

Just drop the cheesy 80's tunes, play a whole song for once and I think we will be on our way.

Chelsea Roe The DT's music critic. E-mail her at chelsea.l.roe@ttu.edu.

Latest Obama advocates: Opie, Andy Griffith, Fonz

AP—As the election nears, Ron Howard is getting desperate.

In a video posted Thursday on Funnyordie.com, the actor-turned-director reprises his role on "The Andy Griffith Show" as a way to rally support for Barack Obama.

While speaking into the camera, Howard has his beard shaved, dons a youthful red wig and puts on the kind of outfit he would have only worn as Opie Taylor in the '60s.

"I've never done this before and I hope never to do it again, but I guess you could say I'm feeling pretty desperate these days," explains Howard. "So as a demonstration of my sincerity, this is for you America."

Then, in black-and-white, Howard sits down in the woods to talk to "Pa": Andy Griffith. Griffith advises Howard-as-Opie that he'll be able to vote someday, so long as he eludes the butterfly ballot.

That's not the only old TV show revisited by Howard, who years ago traded child stardom for directing movies like "A Beautiful Mind" and this fall's "Frost/Nixon."

Another wardrobe change prepares him to step back into "Happy Days," the beloved show that ran from 1974-1984 in which Howard played Richie Cunningham.

Standing in front of a vintage car and clad in a leather jacket is Henry Winkler, once again with the unmistakable coif — and

greaser demeanor — of the Fonz. Winkler, still having some trouble with his pronunciation, tells Howard this election is everyone's chance to right a wr-wr-wrong.

Stepping back out of character, Howard says he, Griffith and Winkler returned to their television roots to urge support for Obama and "really think through this important election."

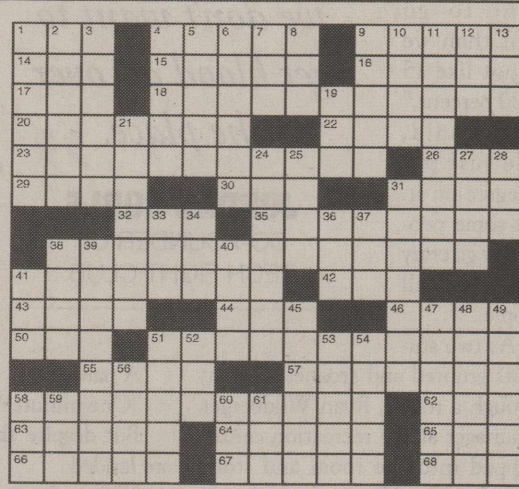
The video is the latest clip from FunnyOrDie.com, which has made news this election season by putting Hollywood celebrities in funny

political videos. The site, which was co-founded by Will Ferrell and Adam McKay, has produced popular videos featuring Paris Hilton in a mock campaign ad and Gina Gershon as Sarah Palin.

Because the videos are produced quickly — McKay and company can dispatch a small crew in just hours — the site can create timely videos related to the news. In another video posted this week, Natalie Portman and Rashida Jones suggest their solution to the economic crisis: "Puppies!"

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Edgar Fontaine
Dighton, MA

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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Tech's Fight Club's members typically remain on their feet, stick to boxing and, because of their inexperience, refrain from using mixed martial arts.

Students looking for all-out, street-fight brawling, Goble said, may want to look elsewhere.

"We usually stop if somebody starts bleeding, because we don't want to get blood all over the place," he said.

The club — not to mention recreation center administrators — institutes a handful of ground rules before fighting begins, Goble said. Most participants have no formal training and most wear gloves, headgear and a mouthpiece. Pairs of fighters agree on the length of rounds before they touch gloves and start swinging.

Another rule forbids fighters from punching each other in the back of the head.

"If people want to go light than we do just like 15 or 20 percent," Goble said. "We just put a degree on it. But some people just go crazy and try to kill people."

As two students grunted and groaned midway through a round, Ryan Wildberger, a manager at the recreation center, stepped into the room and stood near the door. He watched silently, expressionless.

Students have asked the center to allow them to form a fight club many times in the past, he later said, but the requests were not granted until this semester.

"This is the only full-contact group we have here," Wildberger said. "I don't know why (they granted it this semester). I'm just here enforcing the policy, making sure

nobody's fighting without protective gear."

Most of Wednesday's rounds lasted one minute, which appeared to be long enough.

"It's a lot more tiring than it looks," said an out-of-breath Andy Kimmons, a sophomore mass communications major from Houston who fought Goble in Wednesday's first fight. "That seemed like a lot longer than a minute."

Tech's Fight Club relies on an "honor system" when it fights, Goble said, and a fighter can ask his opponent to take it easy before they fight.

While the group does not establish a ring and its fighters do not stop fighting when they cross any particular line, fighters usually know when they have gone too far out-of-bounds. When they do, they stop and move back toward the center.

"It's whatever they agree on, basically," said Sean Wolleydt, a senior English major from Montgomery.

"They'll agree on the rounds, the number of rounds. There are no arguments or anything."

Ty Lockwood kept time for fighters.

"Ten seconds," the senior general business major from Grapevine shouted.

A pause: "One minute!"

But despite the courtesy, blows are landed.

"Who else got knocked out?" Lockwood asked Wolleydt. "Oh. Yeah. Cody got knocked out a few weeks ago. There are usually one or two good hits a night. You'll know they're good because everyone will go, 'Ooh.'"

Wolleydt mockingly started stumbling around and said, "They'll get all disoriented."

Everyone in room seemed to have an anecdote.

"We usually stop if somebody starts bleeding, because we don't want to get blood all over the place."

JORDAN GOBLE
CO-FOUNDER OF
TECH FIGHT CLUB

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JUNIOR ADAM GALLEGOS, a theater major from Brownfield, and freshman Nate Eaton, a theater major from Sanger, paints the set Wednesday for an upcoming play called "Frozen" at the Charles E. Maedgen Jr. Theatre. There will be a sneak preview Sunday and the play will run until Friday.

"I got hit in the nose last week," Kimmons said. "Your eyes tear up. That's the worst place to get hit."

But pain, Goble said, is inevitable.

"It's unfortunate there's always some sort of injury," he said, eyeing a fight in progress, "but you can't avoid it, like with any sport."

Josh Wright attended Wednesday night's Fight Club, but only to watch.

As a trained Muay Thai fighter, Wright, a freshman exercise science major from Houston, said he knows better than to participate in Fight Club with untrained fighters.

"For one," he said, "you've got people who don't know what the hell they're doing. Here, it's just kind of out of control."

Wright's eyes followed two fighters as their round drew to an end on Lockwood's call.

"Not everyone can take a hit," he said slowly, emphasizing every syllable. "Not everyone can take a hit."

At the heart of Fight Club lies friendship, said Richard Hentschel, a junior architecture major from Houston the club's other co-founder, despite what passer-bys may be led to believe.

He said fighting helps people relieve stress and vent frustration during college's more trying times.

Goble agreed, calling Fight Club a "bonding experience."

"You think when you fight somebody you don't like them," he said. "But you actually become better friends."

Participation varies greatly for the club, Goble said, but all students are encouraged to join, which they can do by sending an e-mail to ttufightclub@yahoo.com.

"We had a lot of people come to the first orientation meeting, talking about how much they wanted to do it," he said. "But they never showed up. When it came down to it, they didn't want to get hit. People are fake."
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Northeastern U. students say economy doesn't crush desire for latest gadgets

By **DANIEL BUONO**
THE NORTHEASTERN NEWS
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Maybe its their sleek design or the fun advertising, but students just can't get enough of new technology offerings targeted at the collegiate

set from Apple, Blackberry and T-Mobile - even in a recession.

"Apple's promotions, as well as Blackberry's, are certainly focusing on students because these technologies have become a number one central role in student life," said Andrew Rohm, assistant professor of market-

ing at Northeastern University.

The current economic decline has shown some cut backs in marketing schemes within the technology sector, but they also won't stop funding entirely, said Rohm.

"Marketing spending may suffer because corporations will feel pres-

sure to cut spending, but if there is any spending it will focus on college age students," Rohm said.

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No. 7 Oklahoma State @ No. 1 Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Oklahoma State	Texas
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Mississippi @ Arkansas	Arkansas	Mississippi	Mississippi	Arkansas	Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi	Arkansas
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★ indicates "Game to Watch"

Tech soccer entering must-win game without head coach Stone

By STEVEN RYAN
STAFF WRITER

Getting a late-season win over a Top 15 team without a head coach should be a difficult task.

This is exactly what the Texas Tech women's soccer team will be dealing with as coach Tom Stone will be forced to watch from the stands when his team takes on No. 11 Texas A&M, 7 p.m., Friday, at the John Walker Soccer Complex.

Stone was handed a one-game suspension this week from the NCAA for getting his fifth yellow card of the season Sunday against Nebraska. Assistant Aaron Gordon has been leading practices all week while Stone has been in Los Angeles working with the women's under-21 USA team and will assume head coaching duties for Friday's game.

"Aaron is usually quiet around Tom because Tom is so outspoken," junior Sarabeth Clopton said, "but I definitely have just as much confidence in Aaron as I have in Tom. I am not worried about a lack of leadership or a lack of coaching or a lack of knowledge at all."

The players said Stone and Gordon are so similar, they do not expect much to change with Gordon in charge. Goalkeeper Tina Rincon said when both coaches are at practice they often finish each other's sentences because their coaching styles are so similar.

The two coaches still plan on working together before the game to come up with a good game plan and get the right lineup on the field.

Stone is allowed to be involved in everything the team does leading up to the game until kickoff and said he plans on doing just that. Rincon said one of Stone's strengths is his motivational speaking, so having him around for the pregame routine is very important.

"Our intensity is often dictated by Tom's pregame speech," Rincon said. "He is still going to be able to talk to us before the game so he can still have that impact on us."

With the importance of this game

in regards to the Big 12 Conference standings, the players probably will not need much yelling-at to get fired up for the Aggies (12-3-1, 5-2-1 in Big 12 play). The Red Raiders (8-7-1, 3-6 in Big 12 play) are in eighth place in the conference standings and if they drop one more spot, they could be at home when Big 12 postseason play begins.

The three teams trying to catch the Red Raiders are Iowa State, Baylor and Oklahoma. Baylor and Oklahoma are five points behind, while Iowa State is eight points behind with all three teams having three games remaining.

To get points for the standings, teams must either get wins or ties. Each win is worth three points and each tie is worth one.

Since Tech's only conference game remaining is the one against Texas A&M, it is the last chance for the Red Raiders to get some breathing room before it is forced to scoreboard watch the rest of the Big 12 games.

If the Red Raiders win, OU and Baylor must win its final three games to jump over Tech. If the Red Raiders lose, OU and Baylor would need two wins to jump into the postseason. If Tech ties, OU and Baylor would need two wins to tie Tech for the last spot.

"Getting a point means that we control our own destiny, which is what we talked about all week," Gordon said. "A point would just be huge."

This weekend also includes Senior Day for the Red Raiders as they host a non-conference game against TCU at 1 p.m. Sunday at the John Walker Soccer Complex. The only two seniors on the team are the two co-captains, Shannon Sims and Rincon.

The two captains have seen the Tech soccer program go through significant changes since their freshman years when the team went 1-18. Rincon is the all-time shutouts leader for Tech soccer and combined, her and Sims have 119 career starts.

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Tech volleyball begins second cycle of Big 12 play

By KEVIN CULLEN
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The devil you know is better than the one you don't.

The Texas Tech volleyball team now knows all evils of the Big 12 Conference.

The Red Raiders (5-17, 0-11 in Big 12 play) completed the first run through Big 12 competition in a loss to Texas Wednesday and begin the second cycle of conference play against Colorado (10-9, 4-6 in Big 12 play) Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

Tech assistant coach Mike Moffitt said knowing what his team will face should prove to be valuable for the remainder of the season.

"At this point we've seen everyone," he said. "I think it is an advantage for us. Everyone has seen each other and we've got countless hours of tape that we've studied. But

for us, having so many newcomers, junior college (transfers) and freshmen, I think it actually will be a tangible difference having gone through the Big 12."

A complete cycle through the Big 12 can be eye-opening for a player who has not seen it, and changes must be made once a player has gone through it. Tech outside hitter Hayley Ball, who co-led the team in kills in Wednesday's loss to Texas, said one of the biggest adjustments she has had to make since transferring from Blinn Junior College is realizing every player on every Big 12 team is talented, unlike junior college teams that feature only one or two standout players.

Tech gets to put some of its adjustments to the test against Colorado.

Tech middle blocker Brandi Hood said defense is a big key

against the Buffaloes.

"Mainly that's what is gonna help us to get a win — is to play defense," she said. "It's not just what we can do against Colorado. If we play defense against any team, we're gonna get the win."

The last time Tech faced Colorado in the United Spirit Arena, Sept. 12, 2007, the Red Raiders came out on top 3-2. It was the last time Tech won a Big 12 match.

Hood said although the Buffaloes are a good team, the Red Raiders are definitely capable of beating them.

Discipline is a strength of Colorado's, Moffitt said, and to negate that, Tech has to attack well.

"They run a very ball control type of offense," he said. "They don't get in a big hurry. They set middle really well, but mainly they are always under control. They don't give points away. So on our

side, it's gonna be aggressive — scoring quickly, not letting the play go really long — and then basically just stepping up their energy."

Colorado outside hitter Emilee Sisco led the Buffaloes in kills against the Red Raiders earlier this season. Her 12 kills helped put away Tech in straight sets Oct. 8 in Boulder, Colo. Moffitt said the team will have to keep an eye on her Saturday.

The number of wins in the second run through the Big 12 will not determine what Tech considers a success, Moffitt said.

"We didn't meet or anything and say we need 'x' amount of wins in the next 10 or next nine matches," he said. "It's more of you measure it as improvement and then you look up and at the end of the night, hopefully you won."

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Kansas, Tech square off; both teams struggling with pass defenses in Big 12



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TEXAS TECH SAFETY Darcel McBath will lead the Tech secondary against Kansas at 11 a.m. Saturday in Lawrence, Kan.

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

There is no such thing as exceptional pass defense in the Big 12 Conference right now.

With seven teams in the Big 12 riding a Top 20 passing offense, the pass defenses have suffered: No. 1 UT is 111th; No. 8 Texas Tech is 103rd; No. 15 Missouri is 114th; No. 23 Kansas is 99th; Nebraska is 89th. The list goes on. Only Colorado, OU and Texas A&M are in the top half of the 119 Football Bowl Subdivision teams, but no team is in the Top 50.

"You gotta put your ego to the side," Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill said. "In the Big 12, you've got to be able to defend pass, but you've also got to be able to defend the run and defend a running, mobile quarterback. So we're not the only team that's facing that problem."

So when Tech plays Kansas at 11 a.m. Saturday in Lawrence, Kan., how will either defense slow down one of the best offenses they will see all year?

Tech is first in passing offense with 418.4 yards per game, and Kansas' 335.4 yards per game are not too far away at sixth.

"Just try to get them in long yard situations if you can, play good first-down defense and solid third-down defense," McNeill said. "First downs are the most important downs now, start dictating down and distance if you can. You gotta have more defensive backs in your coverages now, more cover guys."

Kansas coach Mark Mangino, who worked with Tech coach Mike Leach at OU in 1999, said although no Big 12 team is playing "exceptional" defense, that does not mean his team should automatically expect a shootout.

"One of the things you wanna

do when you're playing against a high powered offense — you'd like to be able to slow them down a little bit," he said. "Not give up quick scores."

Against Kansas (5-2, 2-1 in Big 12 play), the Red Raiders (7-0, 3-0) are playing their first ranked opponent of the year. Kansas is the first opponent in a dangerous four-game stretch for Tech, who plays UT, Oklahoma State and Oklahoma afterward.

Kansas already has some experience against ranked opponents. Its two losses have come at the hands of No. 16 South Florida and No. 4 Oklahoma. Both games were pretty close, but both games were a shootout. The score against USF was 37-34, and at OU last week the Sooners pulled away for a 45-31 win.

"They hung with OU, they gave OU their best shot," safety Darcel McBath said. "The game could have went any way at some point in the game. They're a great team; they're still ranked and we're excited about playing them."

With the Big 12 providing nationally prominent quarterback duels each week, the meeting between Tech's Graham Harrell and KU's Todd Reesing presents another marquee matchup.

In 318 pass attempts, Harrell has thrown for 2,761 yards, 23 touchdowns and only five interceptions. Reesing has 2,322 yards and 17 touchdowns with five picks. While both quarterbacks have a solid staff of receivers, Kansas' offense presents the toughest task to date for Tech.

KU's Dezmon Briscoe has 43 receptions for 705 yards and eight touchdowns following a 269-yard, 12-reception game against OU last week.

Kansas junior safety Darrell Stuckey said spread offenses "leave less of a margin for error," so both defenses will have more than enough to think about on Saturday.

"You can't make errors and all of a sudden try to cover someone who wasn't covered already," he said. "It's one of those things where it poses match ups that you have to open your eyes for and be able to mentally go through and prepare for before you get into the game."

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Tech prepares for Kansas receiver coming off big game against OU

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Like any receiver, Kansas' Dezmon Briscoe probably smiles every time he notices a defense playing man coverage.

"When you go out there and it's man-to-man," Briscoe said, "you know that you can beat them."

After his record-breaking performance against No. 4 Oklahoma last week, Briscoe could see less of those matchups. Against OU, the 6-foot-3, 200-pound sophomore receiver had 12 receptions and 269 yards — both school records — along with a pair of touchdowns.

Although it was in a loss, his 269-yard effort is best in the nation this year for any individual receiver and second best in Big 12 Conference history behind former Oklahoma State receiver Adarius Bowman's 300-yard game against Kansas in 2006.

Briscoe, whose No. 23 Jayhawks meet No. 8 Texas Tech in Lawrence, Kan., 11 a.m. Saturday, gets lined up all over the field by KU in hopes of finding a mismatch in coverage.

"Most of the time he's back side. A lot of times if they overload one side with three receivers, he's bound to have the back side," McNeill said. "If they're two by two, he could be anywhere."

"The quarterback goes to him quite a bit. He's got good speed, good hands, good size, a really good competitor. He's good at all routes, and he does a good job of catching the ball and getting up field like our guys."

The reception record Briscoe broke against OU belonged to his teammate, receiver Kerry Meier, who switched from quarterback to receiver in 2007 to see playing time. Meier set the record with 11 receptions earlier this season in a loss against South Florida only to see Briscoe one-up him against OU.

"It was a heck of a performance," Kansas coach Mark Mangino said. "I like the way he went up in a crowd

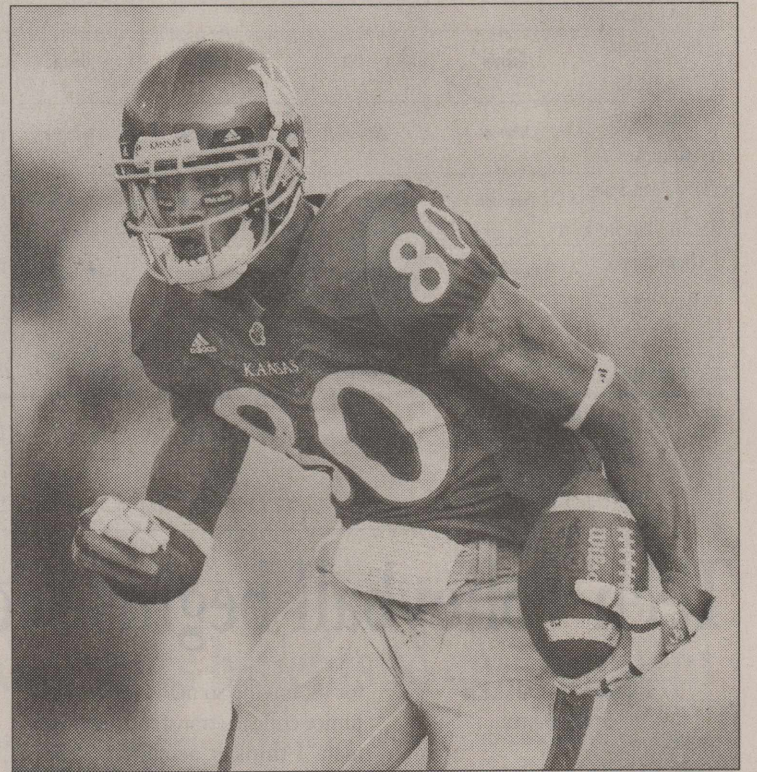


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KANSAS' DEZMON BRISCOE had 269 receiving yards against Oklahoma last week in the Jayhawks 45-31 loss to the Sooners.

and caught the ball and I liked the way he ran his routes precisely. He understood the coverages. Todd (Reesing) did a good job of getting the ball to him. He has shown that he is capable of being one of the top receivers in this league."

KU quarterback Todd Reesing does a good job of distributing the ball to his sure-handed receivers. Meier, who has 632 yards receiving, leads the team and ranks fifth nationally in receptions per game with 8.14.

Reesing, who is 17-3 as a starter, is following

up a stellar sophomore year with a 155.7 passer rating and 2,322 yards passing with 17 touchdowns and five interceptions. Briscoe, who has stayed humble despite all the recent attention, said his preparation and attitude will be no different for the Tech game, and he expects Kansas' offense to continue its execution.

"The way our offense works, we

don't have just one play maker," Briscoe said. "We have a lot of play makers, as far as Jon Wilson, Kerry Meier and the other receivers. So whoever is hot, Todd goes to, and I believe he felt I was hot (against OU) so he kept going to me."

An intriguing battle to watch could be who has the bigger game between Briscoe and Tech wide receiver Michael Crabtree. Nationally, Crabtree's 724 yards are tied for ninth while his 12 touchdowns rank second. After Briscoe's career game against OU, he is 12th in the NCAA in receiving yards per game with 100.71 and 28th in receptions per game with 6.14.

Tech safety Darcel McBath said he caught the latter part of Briscoe's performance against OU, and he compared Briscoe to an All-American receiver that Tech's defense faces every day in practice.

"I saw how many yards he had, and that's like a Michael Crabtree type of night, so we're definitely gonna have to bring our A-game in the secondary," McBath said. "The D-line is gonna have to get some pressure on the quarterback, because he's done a good job of getting the ball to him, buying time."

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