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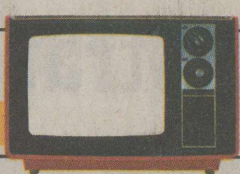
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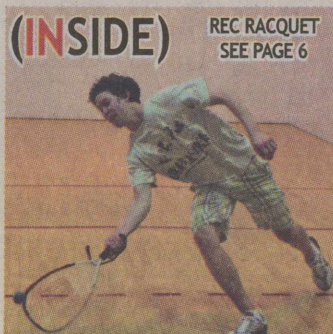


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Over-the-counter CONTROL

Over-the-counter emergency contraceptive sales spike



By TINA L. ARONS
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It's always a good idea to have a backup plan.

When it comes to avoiding pregnancy, an increasing number of women are turning to an emergency contraceptive called Plan B, which some professionals attribute to the drug's over-the-counter availability and to an almost 900 percent increase in the cost of some birth control.

"We use to give out a lot of Plan B

prescriptions, because you had to go see a doctor," said Dr. Kelly Bennett, medical director of Tech's Student Health Services. "Now, people will generally go to the pharmacy or grocery store closest to them."

In August 2006, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the emergency contraceptive drug Plan B, also referred to as the "morning-after pill," as an over-

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EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION IS birth control that women can use within 72 hours of sex if other methods of birth control fail or contraception was not used.

Hispanic enrollment inconsistent with Texas population

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

Lubbock officials predict one-third of the population of Lubbock will be Hispanic by 2010.

But campus statistics tell a different story about Hispanic presence at Texas Tech.

"The growth of student enrollment is more of a reverse procedure, meaning when Tech enrollment grows, Lubbock grows," said Senior Planner David Buckberry.

The City of Lubbock Web site reported a 24.7 percent increase in the Hispanic population from 2000 to 2008, bringing Lubbock's total Hispanic population to 31.8 percent, a percentage which is consistent with Texas as a whole.

Karl Eschbach, a demographer for the state of Texas, said 32 percent of the state's current population is Hispanic. He expects Texas' Hispanic population to increase to 36 percent by 2010, but he said the population growth is not consistent with Hispanic presence at college campuses across the state.

"I know that Hispanic college enrollment lags behind the population growth," Eschbach said. "We are aware that enrollment rates for this ethnicity fall behind the total number of Hispanics in Texas."

According to Tech's Institutional Research and

Information Management Web site, 9.8 percent of enrolled students were Hispanic in the fall semester of 2000. In the fall of 2007, 12.1 percent of the university's enrolled students were Hispanic.

While the number of Hispanics enrolled is increasing slightly, Rosa H. Gallegos, associate director of Tech's Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center, said she believes family plays a large role in the number of Hispanic students attending college in Texas, and family support is important to Hispanic enrollment.

"Building their own family on campus is important," she said, "because that's the way students compensate for not having their own family here."

Gallegos acknowledged that the small portion of Hispanic students on Tech's campus is inconsistent with the Hispanic population statewide.

"We're at about 12 percent right now," she said, "but that's a very tiny part of the whole student body."

As Tech attempts to grow total enrollment, Gallegos believes the number of Hispanic students will grow too, and the Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center is preparing to welcome a more diverse student body.

"From my point of view, it all depends on the resources," she said, "The number of Hispanic students will only grow as much as our resources grow."

Lubbock city council to zone alcohol sales

BY MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

The Lubbock City Council hosted a meeting Thursday for the Planning and Zoning Commission and citizens to voice their opinions and suggestions regarding an alcohol sales zoning draft prior to a potential Lubbock County May 2009 alcohol sales expansion vote.

Paul Beane, Lubbock District 4 councilman, said the city is working far in advance of the potential May election to expand alcohol sales in Lubbock County.

"The Planning and Zoning Commission has been working behind the scenes for months for a report presented to City Council," Beane said. "It's incumbent of the council to stay ahead of the curve. It's always best to stay ahead under all circumstances. If alcohol sales pass in the election, we will have many stores who will want to apply for permits from the TABC and we want them to know ahead of time whether they will be eligible or not."

Linda DeLeon, District 1 councilwoman, said Texas state law prohibits entities from selling alcohol within 300 feet of schools and hospitals but the Lubbock city council is investigating prohibiting entities from selling alcohol within 1,000 feet of those locations.

Beane and DeLeon said the council plans to ban drive-thru liquor stores from entering the city.

DeLeon said the city council was on the same page with regards to their decisions and compromises were not complicated.

Beane said the council will present their zoning proposal at a meeting on Dec. 4.

It is complicated to create a zoning plan for the sale of alcohol

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Neugebauer opposes automaker bailout

By BRUCE LAMB
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Congressman Randy Neugebauer said he does not support the \$25 billion in aid Detroit automakers are requesting, which the auto companies said is necessary for their long-term survival.

Earlier this week, the chief executives of the three Detroit automakers — Robert L. Nardelli of Chrysler, Alan R. Mulally of Ford and Rick Wagoner of Chevrolet — were back on Capitol Hill appealing to the House of Representatives to approve \$25 billion in bailout funds to stave off industry collapse, according to The Associated Press.

Neugebauer, the deputy ranking member of the financial services committee, said he has been concerned with the large degree of government intervention in the U.S. financial markets.

"I am not convinced that further government spending will address the issues of these struggling automotive companies or our economy," he said in a statement. "Congress must draw the line somewhere. We cannot keep writing blank checks, expanding our national debt and leveraging our children and grandchildren's future."

Neugebauer said the federal government must be held accountable for the total cost and exposure put on taxpayers.

"Congress also has an opportunity to take a step back and reassess how funds not yet committed from the bailout legislation should be used or whether these funds are still needed," he said.

Michelle Richmond, Neugebauer's communications director, said the congressman believes it is wrong for Congress to pick winners and losers in the economy.

"Congressman Neugebauer has always been concerned about government intervention in our financial markets," Richmond said. "He voted no against the first economic rescue package because he believed the legislation was not the best way to solve the problem. He continues to believe that American taxpayers, who made conservative lending and investment decisions, should not have to pay for the mistakes made on Wall Street."

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STATE

Organization and residents sue FEMA

McALLEN (AP) — A farm-worker rights organization and 14 poor South Texas residents sued the Federal Emergency Management Agency on Thursday alleging that the agency refused to help thousands of poor families repair their homes after Hurricane Dolly.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Brownsville by Texas RioGrande Legal Aid on behalf of the residents and La Union del Pueblo Entero or LUPE, says that FEMA denied requests for money to cover home repairs to 10,000 to 15,000 residents in the Rio Grande Valley since the July 23 hurricane.

NATION

Congress rushes to extend benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jarred by new jobless alarms, Congress raced to approve legislation Thursday to keep unemployment checks flowing through the December holidays and into the new year for a million or more laid-off Americans whose benefits are running out.

The economic picture was only getting worse, if Wall Street was any indication. The Dow Jones industrials dropped more than 400 points for a second straight day, reaching the lowest level in more than five years, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index fell below lows established six years ago.

WORLD

Iraqis fight loudly over US security pact

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's parliament persevered Thursday in its debate on a proposed security agreement with the United States despite raucous attempts by opposition lawmakers to disrupt proceedings ahead of next week's vote on the deal.

The measure, which would keep U.S. forces in Iraq for another three years, has a good chance of passing in the Shiite-led parliament. But the uproar created by loyalists of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr suggests the pact could remain divisive as the country struggles for reconciliation after years of war.

DEATH TOLL

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Plans for green business administration building underway

By **LINDSEY GUTIERREZ**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Plans are underway to construct the first "green" building on Texas Tech's campus.

The U.S. Green Building Council will certify the new Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration building as environmentally friendly using guidelines of the registered-project checklist of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, known as LEED.

Tech officials hired a LEED-accredited professional, Hugh Cronin, to help design the university's new building, expected to be completed by fall 2011.

Cronin, the project manager of Broaddus & Associates, was hired to manage the project and said there are some benefits to green buildings.

"Well, it's the future," Cronin said. "I mean, if we can reduce the amount of stuff we put in a landfill, it causes less of a problem down the road for your children, for my children's children, that they have to deal with and that's really in a nutshell what it is — how do we plan for somebody else's future without giving them the same problems or just passing them on down the road?"

He said between 10 and 20 percent of materials such as carpet, wall coverings and upholstery to be used in the new building will come from recycled materials.

Contractors will use materials such

as paint and adhesives with low emissions, he said.

A formal recycling program in the new building is another green standard on the checklist available on the council's Web site, Cronin said, which will provide students an opportunity to practice green standards.

Even custodians in the new building will contribute to green standards, he said.

"We're working with them right now to make sure that they use green-friendly products," Cronin said, "so that any of the materials that get washed down the drain from a mop bucket or from a cleaning pail are friendly to the environment and aren't a further burden on our wastewater systems."

The new building will be located where Thompson and Gaston halls are being demolished.

The building will cost about \$70 million, said Allen McInnes, dean of the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business. The money will come from sources such as facility and maintenance funds from the state, Tech's revenue bonds, corporations such as Valero Energy and Plains Capital Bank, and various foundations and individuals.

McInnes said he visited business buildings at several universities in the planning process.

"You know, there's a lot of things going on in the building business," he said. "So, in a way, we're sort of looking at what the competition's doing."

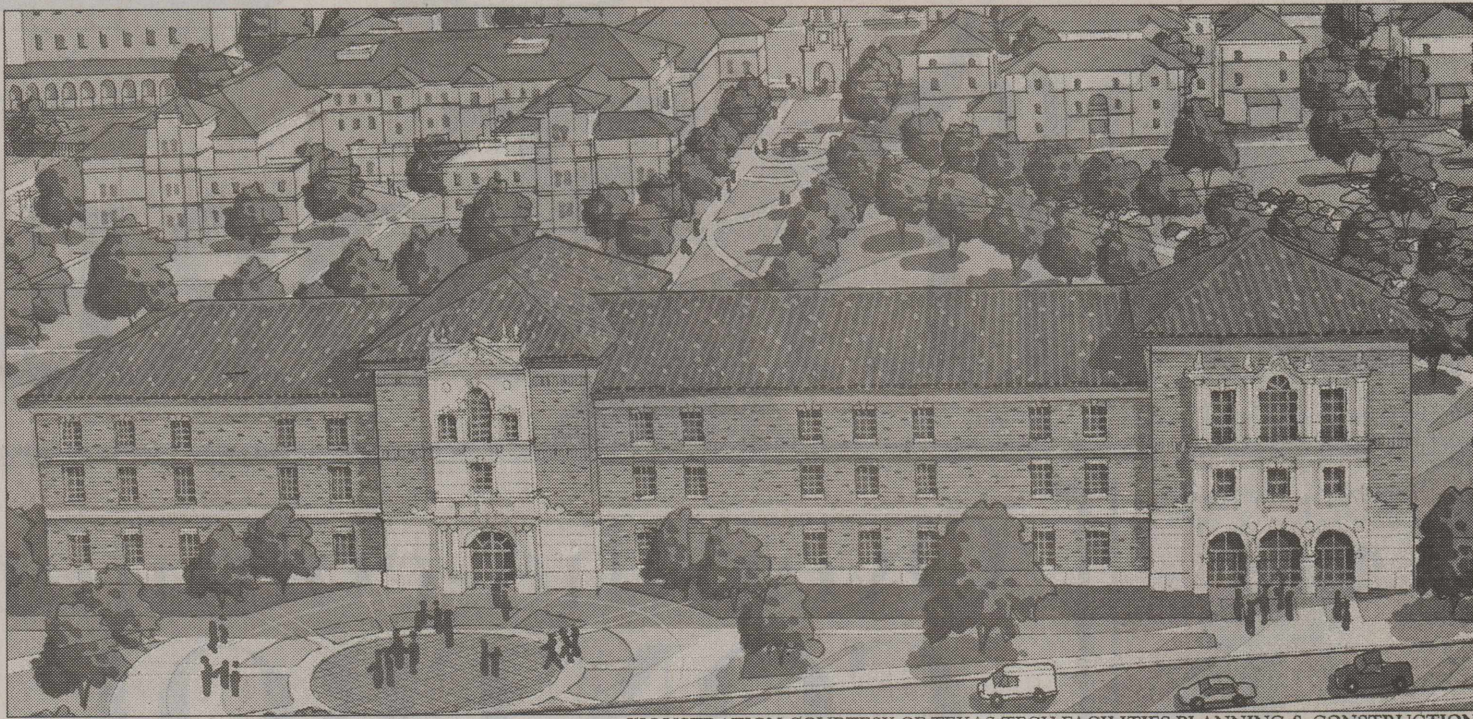


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McInnes said although the Tech Board of Regents wanted a new Business Administration building before he was hired in 2001, the idea to make it green was his idea.

"I had been reading all across the state on higher education," McInnes said, "and no one was doing much here in the state on building a green building, and so I thought that was something we ought to do."

Kristen Allen, a sophomore international business major from Tolar, said

she thinks the new building will be a benefit for freshmen.

"I think because we're focusing a lot on making things green," Allen said, "I think that the incoming freshmen will see that as important so I think that will help draw people toward maybe the business college. It definitely sets a precedent for whenever we make more buildings, so it's a great thing."

McInnes said the possibility exists for more green buildings if the goal of this project is accomplished: completing

the building within budget.

About 40 percent of the current business administration building is occupied by faculty and classes from other colleges, McInnes said.

"It's not unusual to find math courses here, and one of our problems is we'll have a drama course next to one of our others," he said, "and they'll be practicing their drama course out in the hallway and whatnot. So we hope that we get one almost dedicated to business."

The current building will be renovated after the new building is finished, McInnes said. Any extra offices or classrooms in the current building will be used by other colleges that need extra space, such as the architecture college.

"I think as a university in the state of Texas," he said, "we will be able to point proudly to that fact that we're doing our share in terms of having buildings that have a minimum impact on the environment."

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\$25 billion rescue package for 'beleaguered Big Three' collapses in Congress; Wall Street plummets

WASHINGTON (AP) — The \$25 billion rescue plan for the auto industry, desperately sought by Detroit's beleaguered Big Three, collapsed Thursday as Congress

drew the line at one more bailout and Democrats said they wouldn't even consider it until the companies produced a convincing plan for rebuilding their

once-mighty industry.

The demise of the rescue — at least for now — left uncertain the fate of General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co.

and Chrysler LLC, and sent Wall Street spiraling to its lowest level in years. The Dow Jones industrials dropped 445 points, the second straight plunge of more than

400, and hit the lowest point in nearly six years.

The carmakers have been clobbered by lackluster sales and choked credit, and

are battling to stay afloat through year's end. Failure of one or more of the Big Three would be a severe further blow to the floundering economy — and to many Americans' view of the nation's industrial strength — and throw a million or more additional workers off the job.

Just Thursday, the government reported that laid-off workers' new claims for jobless aid had reached a 16-year high and the number of Americans searching for work had soared past 10 million. Congress approved a measure to extend jobless benefits through the holidays, and the White House said President George W. Bush would quickly sign it.

Rejection of the latest bailout plan by House leaders postponed until next month a politically tricky decision for the Democratic Congress on whether to approve yet another unpopular emergency plan at a time of economic peril, or risk being blamed for the implosion of an industry that employs millions.

CORRECTION

The article titled "Visually impaired, blind students could benefit from more on-campus accommodation" in Thursday's edition of *The Daily Toreador* should have stated that Student Disability Services has adapted one Latin textbook into Braille for Christina Weymouth.

The DT regrets the error.

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8 AM	Super Why	Ends of the Earth	What Not to Wear	J. Hanna	Payne	Regis & Kelly	Martha Stewart
9 AM	Sasanna Street	What Not to Wear	The 700 Club	Divorce	Divorce	Payne	Bernie
10 AM	Dragon Word	Price Is Right	The Morning Show	Alex	Alex	Victory	Tyra
11 AM	Merthe Jeopardy	Restless	Cresina	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
12 PM	Knitting News	News	News	The People's Court	Roseanne	All My Children	Paid Prog.
1 PM	Real Moms	Days of Our Lives	As the World	Paid Prog.	Fam Court	One Life to Live	The People's Court
2 PM	Batw. Lion	The Doctors	Guiding Light	Mauri	Judge Jeanine	General Hospital	Judge Mathis
3 PM	Buster	Oprah Winfrey	Brown	Extra	J. Foxx	No Deal	Ellen DeGeneres
4 PM	FETCH! Cyber	Dr. Phil	Judy	Mauri	Standing	Rachael Ray	News
5 PM	Maya	News	News	Fam. Feud	Queens	News	Lopez
6 PM	NewsHour (HD)	Wheel	Million.	Law Order (HD)	70s	News	Family & 1/2
7 PM	Wash Wk	Deal or No Deal	Ghost Whisperer	Friday Night Smackdown!	Everybody Gama	Wife Swap	Smart 5th Grade
8 PM	Bill Moyers Journal	Cause Friday	Mentalist (HD)	Top Model (HD)	Supernanny	Forget Lyrics	News
9 PM	Foreign	Lipstick Jungle	Numb3rs (HD)	Jim (HD)	Sex City	20/20	News
10 PM	Bus. Rpt	News	News	King	Will (HD)	News	Two & 1/2
11 PM	Charlie Rose	The Tonight Show	(10:35) Late Show	Malcolm	Cosby	The Blizz	Raymond
12 AM	News	(11:35) Late Show	Late Late Show	Wife	Cosby	Jimmy Kimmel	Scrub
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8 AM	Saddle	Bears	Strawberry	Housecalls	Spider-Man	Replax	Sonic X
9 AM	Design	ilane	Cake	Home Show	TMNT Sewer	So Raven	Chazac
10 AM	TX Parks	Penguins	Coldwell	Paid Prog.	Chaotic	Hannah	Kirby
11 AM	Europe	Turbo	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Degrassi	College Football	Athlete
12 PM	P. Allen	Paid Prog.	To Be Announced	Glitter	Live Wire	Live Wire	Animal
1 PM	Yankee	College Football	Varsity Rivals	Antiques (HD)	Antiques (HD)	Post Game	Post Game
2 PM	Woodshop	College Football	College Football	Scrub	Wife	Lopez	At Movies
3 PM	Luxury	Fast Food	Mexico	Jeopardy	Jeopardy	Jeopardy	Jeopardy
4 PM	Grill	Clitban	News	News	News	News	News
5 PM	Cook's	Knightride (HD)	CSI: Crime (HD)	CSI: Crime (HD)	Great Expectations	Queens	Queens
6 PM	Christina	Office	Criminal Minds	48 Hours Mystery	Two & 1/2	Punk'D	Sex City
7 PM	Walk	Office	Criminal Minds	48 Hours Mystery	Two & 1/2	Punk'D	Sex City
8 PM	Globe Trekker	Office	Criminal Minds	48 Hours Mystery	Two & 1/2	Punk'D	Sex City
9 PM	Austin City Limits	Office	Criminal Minds	48 Hours Mystery	Two & 1/2	Punk'D	Sex City
10 PM	Independent Lens	Office	Criminal Minds	48 Hours Mystery	Two & 1/2	Punk'D	Sex City
11 PM	Masterpiece Film	Office	Criminal Minds	48 Hours Mystery	Two & 1/2	Punk'D	Sex City
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8 AM	Franny Reporter	CBS News Sunday Morning	Cowboys	David	Prophesy	E. Trice	Copeland
9 AM	Wishbone	Meet the Press	Nation	Gladiator	Si se pued	Southwest	FOX NFL Sunday
10 AM	Destinos	Southwest	Paid Prog.	Degrassi	This Week (HD)	FOX NFL Sunday	FOX NFL Sunday
11 AM	InnerVIEWS	The NFL Today	First Baptist	Degrassi	Paid Prog.	FOX NFL Sunday	FOX NFL Sunday
12 PM	MotorWk	NFL Football	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	San Francisco 49ers vs Dallas Cowboys (LIVE)	NFL Football	NFL Football
1 PM	Religion	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
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7 PM	Nature Wolf Hunt	Sun, Night Football	Amazing Race 13	"American Beauty" (99)	Easy Money	2008 American Music Awards Performers honored (HD)	24 "Redemption" African warrior (HD)
8 PM	Masterpiece (HD)	Cold Case (HD)	Unit (HD)	Two & 1/2	Cheaters	News	Reo Rader
9 PM	Tattoo on My	Two & 1/2	Punk'D	Sex City	Family	Friends	Friends
10 PM	Germans	News	Without Trace (HD)	Star Trek	The Deed Zons	Consumer Insider	Family
11 PM	Aviation	Law & Order: SVU	Wrestmark	Star Trek	The Deed Zons	Consumer Insider	Family
12 AM	American (HD)	News	Seeker	The Deed Zons	Consumer Insider	Family	Family

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REDEMPTION

SUNDAY 7PM

SGA reviews IT budget discrepancy

By JON VANDERLAAN
STAFF WRITER

The final Texas Tech Student Government Association Student Senate meeting of the fall 2008 semester ended Thursday night with three resolutions passed and one resolution tabled until the next meeting.

Senate Resolution 44.24 addressed information technology costs split between the Information Technology Department and Housing and Residence Life.

Because the authors of the bill were not able to get the housing side of the story before the meeting, the bill was tabled until the next meeting, when it will go to a vote.

According to the resolution, the two departments split the \$509,334 cost, with the housing department paying 75 percent of the cost and

the IT department paying 25 percent of the cost.

However, the budget for housing did not include the IT costs for fiscal year 2009 or fiscal year 2010.

Sarah Saunders, a member of the Rules and Administration Committee and an author of the bill, said this is a potential problem, because students not living on campus are unable to use the IT services provided by the residence halls.

According to state law, Saunders said, the IT student fee cannot be used to support auxiliary operations, which includes residence hall-only services.

Students should not pay for something they do not have rights



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to, she said, and the IT department cannot budget for the more than \$500,000 budget.

The two departments have a memorandum of understanding dated June 16, 2005, regarding this issue which will be revisited Jan. 8 in the first Senate meeting of the fall 2009 semester, according to the resolution.

The other three resolutions — one congratulating the Tech Meat and Animal Evaluation Team for their national championship, and the other two congratulating Congressman Randy Neugebauer and Sen. Robert Duncan on their reelections — are the Senate's way of recognizing individuals and or-



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ganizations for accomplishments, said Suzanne Williams, president pro tempore of the Senate.

Williams, also a member of the Rules and Administration Committee, said the Senate likes to congratulate individuals and organizations they work with and fund as a measure of recognition and appreciation.

"That's just one way for the Student Senate to say, 'Hey, we recognize what you did,'" Williams said.

The individuals and organizations will receive copies of the legislation, she said, which will include all senators' names on the legislation because the resolutions passed on the consent calendar.

Williams presided over the Senate meeting Thursday because Senate President James Baumgartner was in Spain with other SGA officials.

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Alcohol sales

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for Lubbock, Beane said, because Lubbock is much larger than the other communities in Lubbock County and the city is the second-largest remaining city with significant alcohol sales restrictions — second only to Salt Lake City, Utah.

"There are very few communities we can compare ourselves to," Beane said. "Most cities have not had restrictive alcohol sales laws in years, so we're kind of on our own on this one."

Beginning Oct. 1, Let Lubbock Vote, a political action committee solely interested on getting alcohol sales expansion issues on the May ballot began two simultaneous petition drives which required 18,747 registered Lubbock County voters to sign the respective petitions, according to previous articles in *The*

Daily Treador.

Less than two weeks later, Let Lubbock Vote announced it believed it obtained enough signatures to get the two petition issues onto the May ballot.

Eddie McBride, Let Lubbock Votes' chairman, said approximately 23,000 people signed each petition.

The petitions were submitted on Nov. 12 to the Lubbock County Office of Elections where the elections office is inspecting the signatures on the petitions to verify that at least 18,747 registered Lubbock County voters signed the two respective petitions.

The elections office has until Dec. 12 to evaluate the petitions, according to the articles. From there, the petitions will be submitted to the Lubbock County Commissioners Court who will place the two petitions' propositions on the May ballot.

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Explosion, fire reported at Tyler refinery

TYLER (AP) — An explosion and fire at an East Texas oil refinery Thursday injured four workers, two of them critically.

Officials said two employees were taken to a Dallas hospital, where they were in critical condition with burns. Two others were in good condition at Tyler hospitals.

All other workers at the refinery, located about 90 miles east of Dallas, were accounted for, said Paula Lovell, spokeswoman for Nashville, Tenn.-based Delek Refining Ltd.

Tyler Fire Department Capt. Jeff Akin said several fire crews were able to bring the fire mostly under control within about an hour Thursday afternoon.

The refinery, which employs about 270, refines up to 60,000 barrels of crude per day and is the 94th-largest oil refinery in the U.S., according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

The refinery is located in a mostly industrial area. People in a nearby residential area were advised to stay indoors, and other Tyler residents were asked to stay away.

Tom Mullins didn't hear an explosion but he could see it from his third-floor office window half mile away.

"For an hour or so there were large clouds of thick black smoke billowing up from the refinery," said Mullins, president/CEO of the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce. "This is a refinery that's been there for decades.... We were worried about the people."

UN approves sanctions on Somali pirates

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously Thursday to impose sanctions on pirates, arms smugglers, and perpetrators of instability in Somalia in a fresh attempt to help end years of lawlessness in the Horn of Africa nation.

The 15-nation council endorsed a British plan for a council panel to recommend people and entities whose financial assets would be frozen and who would face a travel ban. It also reaffirms an arms embargo.

Enforcing the sanctions poses steep challenges, however, as those responsible for much of the anarchy plaguing the country are well outside any traditional finance system.

"The prime goal is to provide a framework to stem the flow of arms into Somalia, which is such causing

such mayhem there," Britain's U.N. Ambassador John Sawers said. "There are other problems — off the coast of Somalia with piracy. There are problems in Somalia itself..."

Somalia has been without a functioning government since 1991 when clan warlords ousted a longtime dictator. The current government, formed in 2004 with the help of the U.N., has failed to protect citizens while it battles a growing Islamist insurgency.

The council action was followed by discussion on the deteriorating situation in Somalia — both on land and at sea, which includes some of the world's most important shipping routes.

U.N. Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Raisuddin

Zenenga reflected the view of many speakers when he said: "Piracy, as well as the recent terrorist attacks against international targets, are only symptoms of the fundamental problem which is the state of anarchy in Somalia."

He said the multinational effort being mobilized to fight the pirates off Somalia — involving the European Union, NATO countries, Russia, India and others — should be replicated to mobilize an international force to tackle the security problems in Somalia itself.

U.S. deputy ambassador Rosemary DiCarlo called for immediate steps to stabilize the deteriorating security situation, which threatens political progress and an Oct. 26 cease-fire agreement between the Somali government and the insurgents.

Pakistan protests to United States over deep missile strike

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan protested to the U.S. ambassador Thursday over a deep cross-border missile strike, and a militant group threatened to target foreigners unless the attacks stop.

Pakistani intelligence officials say the U.S. has staged some 20 missile strikes on Pakistani territory since August, almost all of them aimed at the lawless tribal region along the Afghan border. But for the first time Wednesday, the missiles targeted militants beyond the tribal areas, deeper inside Pakistan. Six suspected insurgents were killed.

The strikes have strained relations between the allies, who are fighting al-Qaida and Taliban militants blamed for attacks on U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan as well as within Pakistan. Al-Qaida leaders Osama bin-Laden and his deputy

Ayman al-Zawahri are believed to be hiding along the border.

Pakistan, which called the attack a "great provocation," said the U.S. strikes undermine public support for fighting insurgents.

The Foreign Ministry summoned U.S. Ambassador Anne Patterson to protest the strike, the second time she has been called in since August.

"It was underscored to the U.S. ambassador that such attacks were a violation of Pakistan's sovereignty," a ministry statement said. The foreign secretary stressed the attacks must be stopped, it added.

The U.S. rarely confirms or denies involvement in strikes inside

Pakistan, which are believed to be carried out mainly by unmanned CIA drones flown from Afghanistan.

Also Thursday, militant leader Hafiz Gul Bahadur warned his men would launch suicide attacks on foreigners and government targets around the country unless the raids stop.

"The Pakistani government is clearly involved in these attacks by American spy planes so we will target government interests as well as foreigners," Bahadur's spokesman, Ahmedullah Ahmed, told The Associated Press by telephone from an undisclosed location.

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TV distribution being changed by Internet

This morning began much like any other for me. I woke up, rubbed the remnants of sleep from my face, and sat down to eat some breakfast while watching last night's The Daily Show on my laptop.



Stephen Torrence

Yes, on my laptop. No, I didn't pirate the show from some clandestine Usenet server or circumvent the University's network filters to grab it via BitTorrent. Nor did I watch it on a TiVo or another digital video recorder. I watched it online. Legally. For free.

Since March of this year, Hulu.com has been offering an ever-growing database of free television and movie content from major studios. They've made deals with Universal, Fox, MGM, Sony and many others to stream videos live from their Web site with minimal advertising interruption.

Hulu is part of a growing trend

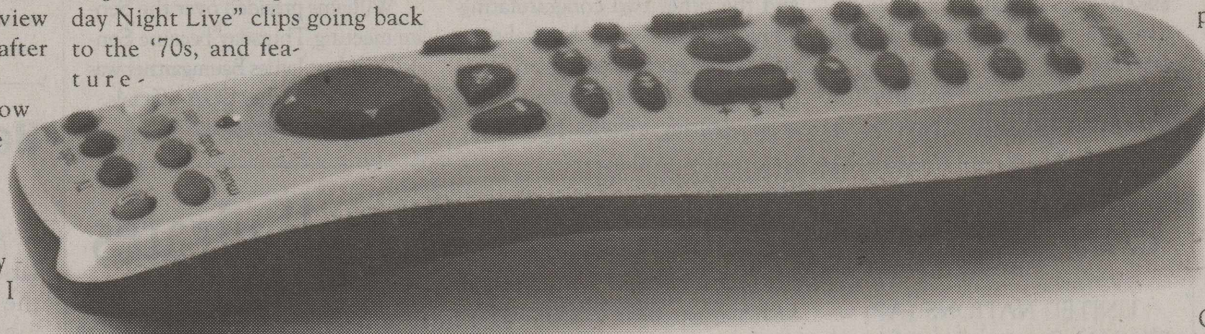
among major networks and studios to release their content to the public online for us to view any time, for free, shortly after the content airs.

I use Hulu so much now that I haven't watched a live show on our cable TV for more than a month. The convenience of being able to consume content on my terms, when I choose, where I choose, is empowering.

Since the onset of DVRs a few years ago, the American public has gotten more and more used to watching television in this on-demand style. Studios initially were peeved that consumers could skip commercials, so they placed

obtrusive ads within the shows themselves, but these were usually tolerable.

Now they're facilitating another revolution in television by offering their content online. With Hulu, the content even extends beyond recent series. For instance, they offer the complete original "Lost in Space," "Saturday Night Live" clips going back to the '70s, and feature



these consist of a single 30-second commercial during each break. It's easy to mute them and hit up another Web site while they run.

Apple has joined the online, on-demand content distribution game with its myriad show and movie offerings on the iTunes Store. For a few dollars per video, consumers can download high-

quality, commercial-free content and play it on their computer, iPod or Apple TV.

Netflix also now offers subscribers the ability to stream movies from their Web site. But with their Web site. This "narrowcasting" allowed fans to watch sports such as archery or karate that they might not see otherwise.

Despite these advances, online content distribution is still a fledgling industry. The vast majority

of Americans endure the long commercial breaks to watch shows live, while a small percentage use DVRs. By most estimates online viewing accounts for less than 0.1 percent of the total.

Nevertheless, we're seeing the studios make a genuine attempt to fuse the old broadcast model with the YouTube paradigm. Viewing percentages might be low now, but once the word gets out and the services mature, adoption will grow significantly.

As we move closer to a more on-demand media world, the conventions of TV distribution, advertising and consumption are yielding to new models. The next time you miss "House" or "The Colbert Report," look them up on Hulu. You'll get a taste of the future, and you just might realize that you prefer it.

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We shouldn't bail out stagnant automakers

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The news for the nation's Big Three automakers is bleak these days. Ford lost \$3 billion last quarter, baseball cards are trading higher than GM's stock, and Chrysler has announced major plant closings and job cuts.

Enter Congress and the proposed bailout. The legislature convened for a special lame-duck session this week specifically seeking to tackle this issue. CNN reports that Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., is "drafting legislation to throw a lifeline to Detroit, Michigan - home of the Big Three companies. The lifeline could include up to \$25 billion in loans carved out of the (Troubled Assets Relief Plan)."

However these auto companies aren't victims of a cutthroat, unrelenting economic downturn. The Big Three are eating dirt because they have failed to embrace technology and manufacture desirable and efficient vehicles for the modern world. Because of this, the Big

“While there have been significant improvements, fuel economy has failed to improve significantly across the board.”

Three deserve no part of a proposed financial bailout. These companies have earned their dire fates - which seems harsh, but it's true. These companies are simply stuck in reverse while technology continues to cruise full-speed ahead.

In 1908 Ford began production of the Model T, which had a fuel economy of 13 to 21 miles per gallon (although, some estimates place it closer to 25 mpg). The 2008 Ford Mustang, on the other hand, got anywhere from 14 to 26 mpg. See the problem? The fuel economy of Ford vehicles has remained virtually unchanged for 100 years. In many cases, the fuel efficiency of modern cars has actually decreased in that time. Should the federal government reward Ford for 100 years of stagnant innovations?

But that's history, you say. They're working hard to bolster fuel efficiency in this era of carbon footprints and global warming, right? Uh, kind of.

GM just launched its 2009 Cadillac Escalade Hybrid, which I imagine is like a cigarette that prevents lung cancer. It's a nice idea, but it falls flat in practice. Ezra Dyer, who reviewed the Escalade Hybrid for the New York Times, writes, "Therein lies the dilemma of this truck: its mileage is great compared with a regular Escalade's, but that's like saying the American economy is great compared with Zimbabwe's." Should Congress bail out GM, who opted to design a terribly inefficient luxury hybrid

that appeals to only a handful of people? The Escalade Hybrid gets about 20 mpg, which means my gas-only Honda from 1999 gets better gas mileage than this monstrosity, which brings me to my next point: foreign automakers. Simply put, foreign automakers manufacture more fuel-efficient and more reliable vehicles that appeal to cash-strapped consumers. These foreign companies don't waste time and resources developing unnecessary and unwanted vehicles like the Escalade Hybrid.

In fact, Toyota's wildly popular Prius Hybrid may top out at 94 mpg for the 2009 model. In a world where gas prices can climb to \$4 a gallon or more, I imagine the Prius has a leg up on Hummers, Navigators, Explorers and the like. Ford, GM and Chrysler have failed to find a winning formula that can survive the ups and downs of the economy. In spite of its recent financial woes, Ford seems reluctant to change its priorities. In an interview on

CNN's "American Morning" Ford CEO Alan Mulally said, "Our No. 1 priority is to improve the internal combustion engine, and that's why the turbocharging, the direct fuel injection..."

After 100 years, I would think that all the tinkering with the internal combustion engine would be complete. While there have been significant improvements, fuel economy has failed to improve significantly across the board. After all, the internal combustion engine is only as efficient as its underlying chemical reaction. The simple truth is that consumers want hybrids and lots of them.

The Big Three's lack of foresight and insufficient innovation has landed them in this precarious situation. This is an issue about capitalism. Ford, GM and Chrysler have carved out an unsuccessful niche in a competitive world. Instead of adapting in order to survive, they have continued down the wrong path, choosing to gamble with gas-guzzling SUVs and pseudo-luxury cars.

A federal bailout for the Big Three fails to address the central issue that plagues these companies. It would pardon decades of stagnant technology and enable the Big Three to continue to provide more of the same. Because this is an issue of capitalism, these companies should declare bankruptcy and reorganize their priorities and philosophies. Major changes must occur at these companies in order for them to compete in an evolving world.

Yargh, be ye noticin pirates be returnin?

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Call me crazy, but has anyone else noticed just how prevalent pirates have become?

Once a pest of the trading ships of days past, it seems that the merciless, unruly terrorists of the sea are making a comeback in a big way.

But they're not quite the pirates we're used to seeing. There's hardly any swashbuckling, very little rum and minor parrot related japey.

Instead, these buccaneers are equipped with rocket-propelled grenades, hundreds of men and 100 speedboats.

And unlike the pirates of the days of old, they're not out for rare spices and plunderous booties of gold Spanish coins - they're out for oil cargo and millions of dollars of ransom.

And it seems to be working. Just in the last month, there have been countless stories about Somali pirates capturing vessels.

Currently, at press time, a vessel carrying \$100 million in oil cargo was being held off the coast for a demand of \$10 million in ransom money.

While the Saudi government dismisses the notion of dealing with pirates, ABC reports that the insurance firm and owner of the ship is the final decider. It would seem the Central Regional Coast Guard, as it calls itself, is a mechanical operation that seize bounty, hold ships to ransom and gets away with it.

According to English newspaper The Guardian, the group has attacked 29 other ships, pocketing a total of \$10 million so far this year.

So while it appears they have a fluid operation of extortion

and surprise attacks - they can be a little overambitious at times.

Like when they recently tried to take a Royal Navy ship hostage after opening fire on it.

Think of the face-off ... the might of a Royal Navy war ship and a band of business-like plunderers.

Not quite a challenge, is it? But despite their lapses in judgment, the pirates have become a major problem for the world.

CNN reports that a Norwegian shipping company has now ordered its couriers to avoid the Horn of Africa to lose the terrorist threat.

It has also criticized governments for failing to deal with the problem.

"The criminal activities are flourishing because the risks are low and the rewards are extremely high," Noel Choong, International Maritime Bureau, told CBS News. Many of us celebrate "International Talk Like a Pirate Day," trading yargh's and "ye be's" like they're going out of style.

But really, is that appropriate anymore? These modern-day pirates aren't interested in their campy predecessors nor are they interested in Johnny Depp's drunken portrayal of Captain Jack Sparrow. And I bet you they don't have any of those awful "pirate lords" as stated in the third film.

The only logical conclusion to this situation is to engage in an all-out slugfest with the pirates.

Fire up ye cannons and blast the filthy plunderers into the waters.

But then again I feel like the world is better with pirates. Finally, the word has regained its meaning.

That, and the world just seems a little more ridiculous knowing that in the modern day, pirates are still terrorizing nations, causing a ruckus.

Yargh.

'No Shave November' doesn't fly with the gals

By SOPHIE PRELL
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Greetings, ladies and gentlemen. I hope this column finds you well. Ladies, I'd like you to step away for a second so that I may have a word with the fellas.

Men, are the ladies away?

OK, good. Now, I simply must ask you boys: What the &#@! is wrong with you? I understand you want to be cool, but there's got to be a limit. This is getting absolutely ridiculous.

Which one of you "macho men" came up with this idea, huh? I want to know who to blame. Who was it that invented the atrocity that is "No Shave November?"

Men, I have to tell you: This is unacceptable. Not only do you already smell like Sasquatch - which we women have learned to accept and tolerate - but now you look like and feel like him too. Not exactly the female idea of a romantic evening, having to take out a machete to cut through the forest growing on your face just to get in one teensy tiny kiss.

We as a society - or more specifically, you men - have become obsessed with masculinity and appearing manly, it seems. We women already have a hard enough time trying to get you to show emotion or accept the fact that sometimes, yes, SOMETIMES, you need help, but nooooo, you've got to be big tough manly man. Just pull the damn car over, already!

To you, the lazing about, the potato chips and beer, the football and headbutts, the random stripping of one's clothes and passing of gas just isn't enough. You have to pull this "No Shave November" crap on us. All in the name of being cool. In the words of the great late George Carlin: "You ain't cool, you [expletive] chilly. And chilly ain't never been cool."

For pity's sake, at least trim yourself! King Camp Gillette didn't spend nearly a decade of his life attempting to create a disposable razor blade just so you could go and ignore his invention! You want to start praising masculinity,

praise the man who had the ingenuity to develop his idea and partner himself with MIT graduate William Nickerson to manufacture it.

Going even further back to ancient Egypt, permanent razors were first created from copper and used on all manner of man, from peasant to pharaoh. And yet you ... you and your No Shave November, you fly in the face of this history and say "Kiss my stache!"

And, delving even further into our history, did you know that even prehistoric man was more civilized than you? Yes, he too shaved! Flint blades have been dated back to nearly 30,000 B.C., long before you and any of your fellow "dudes" and "bros" walked the earth with your hip, rebellious ways.

I see you're getting kind of steamed at this message. But take a seat and let me spin some fresh rhymes for you, 'cause I'm gonna try to speak your language. I see now that you be oh-SO cool, like ice. Ice ice, baby.

Ahem. No Shave November, colder than December. Ain't gettin' no love, got to hang with a thug. Boy won't shave his face? That's fine, I'll keep my space. Y'all be actin' crazy, I'm one frustrated lady! No Shave November, colder than December. Can't wait for this month to end. Peace.

Did I do it? Did I reach you? No! Well then, how about I make you a little deal? Bring the girls back for this, they're going to be a part of it.

Men, you don't want to shave? Hey, that's cool. If you're so insecure in your masculinity that you feel you've just got to look like the ZZ Top tribute-band or your peeps might diss, you go right ahead. But let's at least come to a bit of a compromise, hm?

To all the men participating in No Shave November that haven't already driven their women away, I propose this simple solution:

You don't want to shave? Fine.

Neither will we. And if you can't tell that this column was meant to be entirely way too serious for its subject matter in an effort to poke sarcastic fun at men, go ahead and keep the beard - it'll mark you for when we cull the double-digit IQs from the herd.

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Comedy-punk band rocks Jake's with satirical, energetic performance

In more than 25 years of performing, Green Jelly — pronounced “Green Jello” — the comedy-punk band from Kenmore, N.Y., has angered more celebrities and corporations than a person could count with two hands.

The band has managed to rub many people, such as the Ramones, Metallica, Kraft Foods and Hanna-Barbera, the wrong way through their satirical lyrics, stage antics and long-form music videos.

Green Jelly's visit Wednesday night in Lubbock, however, went off without a hitch, and it's safe to say no one at Jake's Back Room left unhappy with the band or their tourmates.

People who arrived early were treated to the sounds of the Radioactive Chicken Heads, a nine-piece punk group from Orange County, Calif., who wear chicken masks while performing. The leader, Carrot Topp — a giant carrot wearing sunglasses — riled up the crowd with R-rated banter in between songs and vocals reminiscent of the Dead Kennedys' Jello Biafra.

Rosemary's Billygoat took the stage next, and the group of metal-loving rockers sported black attire

Ben Williams



and goat horns. The leader began the act by walking around the venue on stilts and singing foreboding lyrics. Although the Billygoats displayed a darker tone than the previous band, song titles like “665 and a half” and “Pizza of Darkness” (featuring an unforgettable lyric about possessing a “Pepperoni Pentagonram”) kept the hilarity intact.

Headliners Green Jelly showed up in masks portraying Elmo and the Cookie Monster from Sesame Street and entertained a crowd of more than 150 people with a skit showcasing the characters participating in acts of debauchery that included sex, drugs and public intoxication.

Green Jelly began every song with a short sketch from the band's leader who donned a new outfit from various hits in the band's back catalog. Characters included Martha Stewart, the “Rockin' Rabbi,” a “sacred” cow



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MIKE ODD OF Rosemary's Billygoat introduces the band Green Jelly during their show Thursday at Jake's Backroom.

who donned a Jesus Christ robe, and caricatures of the Flintstones, which set up a Sex Pistols parody titled, “Anarchy In Bedrock.”

The song “Cereal Killer” featured the now-notorious Toucan Son of Sam, a Green Jelly character that prompted

legal action from the Kellogg Company in 1992. Also, the group performed a song they penned for the classic video game Maximum Carnage, and they performed “The Bear Song,” a Green Jelly classic featured on the Dumb and Dumber soundtrack.

The band ended the evening by inviting everyone in the crowd to wear masks and join the band on stage for its call-and-response Billboard-charting song “Three Little Pigs,” arguably the Green Jelly's biggest hit.

Throughout the evening, the bands had one similarity: what they lacked in musicality they made up for in circus-freak showmanship.

A plethora of one-liners, song setups and tunes that required crowd participation kept the Back Room patrons on their feet. Green Jelly are now veterans of the comedy-punk genre, but they still know how to steal the show the same way they did in the '80s. It isn't hard to be entertained by this energetic band. All that is required for a good time at a Green Jelly show is a sense of humor (and not being an A-list celebrity).

At the end of the night, it didn't really matter if concert goers liked punk or metal; this show was not about the music, but the message. That message was delivered repeatedly throughout the night by the MC who encouraged the crowd to go to the bar.

“It's funnier when you're drunk,” he said.

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Sales of the drug have tripled since its over-the-counter release, said Barr Pharmaceuticals spokesperson Heather Ioset.

She said the ability to drive to the pharmacy and pick up a pack of the pills equates to “one less barrier.”

Barr Pharmaceuticals reported an increase in its 2008 third-quarter earnings for its trademarked product sales, which brought in \$133 million, about \$8 million more than the same quarter last year. According to its Web site, the pharmaceutical company attributes the increased sales in part to Plan B and other contraceptives it produces.

Tony Thornton, CEO of Planned Parenthood in Lubbock, said the clinic has seen an increase of sales of emergency contraceptives, such as Plan B, since it became an over-the-counter drug, but the availability may not always be a good thing.

“Plan B is a temporary emergency contraceptive and not for continued use,” he said. “And emergency contraception was never designed to be a birth control method.”

Thornton said the clinic monitors how often a person purchases the drug within a certain period of time and, if it becomes too frequent, a clinic worker will counsel the person to consider a birth control prescription.

Although oral contraceptives could be used for the same purpose,

Bennett said, emergency contraceptives differ from their daily-dose cousin.

Emergency contraceptives contain the hormone trogestin, whereas birth control contains two hormones: trogestin and estrogen.

She said birth control primarily does two things.

“It stops ovulation if it's about to occur,” Bennett said, “and it makes the uterus and the tubes inhospitable to sperm.”

Trogestin produces fewer side effects than estrogen, she said. Estrogen has been known to cause several serious problems among people who have certain medical conditions.

For example, Bennett said, estrogen may cause stroke among people who have a history of migraines accompanying the visual distortion known as auras.

“We have to be careful about who gets the combination of hormones,” she said. “The pill will never be over-the-counter because of those reasons.”

Federal grants provide reproductive health care centers or family planning services reimburse-

ment for birth control, Thornton said, which allows people who qualify to purchase the contraceptive at little or no charge.

But he said a delay in renewal of federal contracts has caused an increase in the cost of birth control.

“The problem is the reimbursement for birth control pills is only \$2.80 on one of the programs,” Thornton said. “So regardless of what we pay for the pill, we only get \$2.80. We're still able to provide as many people as we always have, but we lose money on most pills.”

According to the Planned Parenthood Web site, the cost of birth control in many health centers has risen almost 900 percent. Women paying between \$5 and \$10 for birth control now pay as much as

\$40 or \$50 for the same prescription.

Two years ago, Bennett said, Congress “eliminated” a provision in a law requiring pharmaceutical companies to offer cheap contraceptive drugs to health centers. Some lawmakers have rallied for The Prevention Through Af-

fordable Access Act, which would restore and protect access to Medicaid's discounted drug prices for university-based and safety-net clinics, but no major action has been taken since the act was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce in 2007, according to the Library of Congress Web site.

Meanwhile many women many not be able to afford birth control — a problem Bennett said may contribute to the increased sales of emergency contraceptives.

Melanie Bixler, chief pharmacist at the Texas Tech Student Health Pharmacy, said the student pharmacy ordered 65 units of the emergency contraceptive Plan B for the fall semester. Six are currently

in stock, but more can be ordered at any time.

Bixler said the emergency contraceptive's sales have decreased since becoming an over-the-counter product.

Students may have purchased more emergency contraceptives at Student Health Services when it was a prescription, Bennett said, because it was convenient to come to one place to both see the doctor and purchase the pill.

“If people would have condoms on hand, you wouldn't have to even worry about it,” Bennett said. “Condoms break much less frequently and work much better than people think.”

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'Tent City' comes to Cal State Fullerton during Homelessness Awareness Week

By JACKIE CONNOR
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The Hunger Coalition is raising homelessness awareness on campus with a "Tent City" exhibit at the Cal State Fullerton Quad until 5 p.m. today. The exhibit, which is part of Homelessness Awareness Week, features informative displays about poverty in America. Volunteers wear cardboard signs displaying various facts about homelessness and also guide students toward the tents.

"We just want to provide information that contradicts the stereotypes people have about homelessness," said 22-year-old sociology major Julissa Prado, Hunger Coalition project director. "We want to show the hidden faces of homelessness."

The maze-like tent exhibit features walk-through displays. In 2007, 35.9 million Americans were under the poverty rate, a staggering 12.5 percent of the American population, according to the the Web site studentsagainsthunger.org.

In Orange County there are an estimated 35,000 people who are homeless, according to the 2006 Orange County needs assessment.

One of the facts highlighted in the exhibit is that over half of homeless people across America have a full-time job. However, their jobs often do not cover the cost of living and therefore is one of the main factors contributing to homelessness.

"You can't assume they don't have a job," Prado said, adding that homeless people who do not have a job often have serious reasons for unemployment. "There are homeless people with degrees who can't get a job because of the economy or a mental illness. It's hard to hold down a job when someone is on medications that have serious side effects like drowsiness."

Another part of the exhibit featured America's "meanest cities," places that have strict ordinances against the homeless. Three of these cities included San Francisco, Santa Monica and Los Angeles. The exhibit pointed out that Santa Monica

passed an ordinance in 2002 reducing outdoor feeding locations from 26 to four, as well as a ban on feeding more than 150 people at a time without a permit.

"These people might be walking among us, working with us, in our classrooms," Prado said. "But we might not notice that they're homeless because they don't fit the stereotype."

Although some homeless people stick out among society, there are those whose troubles are the same, but their appearance is not. Part of the exhibit also features what a homeless person might look like, including descriptions such as "unfitting and low quality clothes, unhappy, leathery/tanned skin," among many other descriptions.

"The tent helps people let go of the stereotype," said human services major Stephanie Brown, 25, a Hunger Coalition project director. "So far we've had over 250 people go through the tent, so we're happy."

Ben Affleck tours refugee camps in eastern Congo

GOMA, Congo (AP) — Ben Affleck is talking to children and aid officials in refugee camps in war-torn eastern Congo in an effort to raise awareness of the conflict that has displaced at least 250,000 people.

The actor has visited the Central African country four times since 2007 and also has made a documentary about its problems.

"I'm not an expert in international affairs or diplomacy, but it doesn't take that to see the tremendous suffering here," he told The Associated Press on Thursday in Goma, the regional capital. "It's not something that we as human beings can, in good conscience, ignore."

Years of sporadic violence in eastern Congo intensified in August, when fighting heated up between the army and fighters loyal to rebel leader Laurent Nkunda.

Some fear the current crisis could once again draw in neighboring coun-

tries. Congo's devastating 1998-2002 war split the vast nation into rival fiefdoms and involved half a dozen African armies.

"I'm really glad that more people are paying more attention to (Congo) now but I'm really saddened that it's taken this uptick in violence to make that happen," Affleck said.

"The primary reason I am here is to urge people to give money to the NGOs and charities doing hard work in eastern Congo on meager funds," he said. "And if people out there have an existing relationship with a charity, to urge that charity to get involved in eastern Congo. To let people know, 'Don't just read the horror stories in the newspapers and turn off.'"

Affleck said he first became interested in Congo a few years ago, when Hollywood's attentions began to focus another African crisis, Darfur. After doing more research on

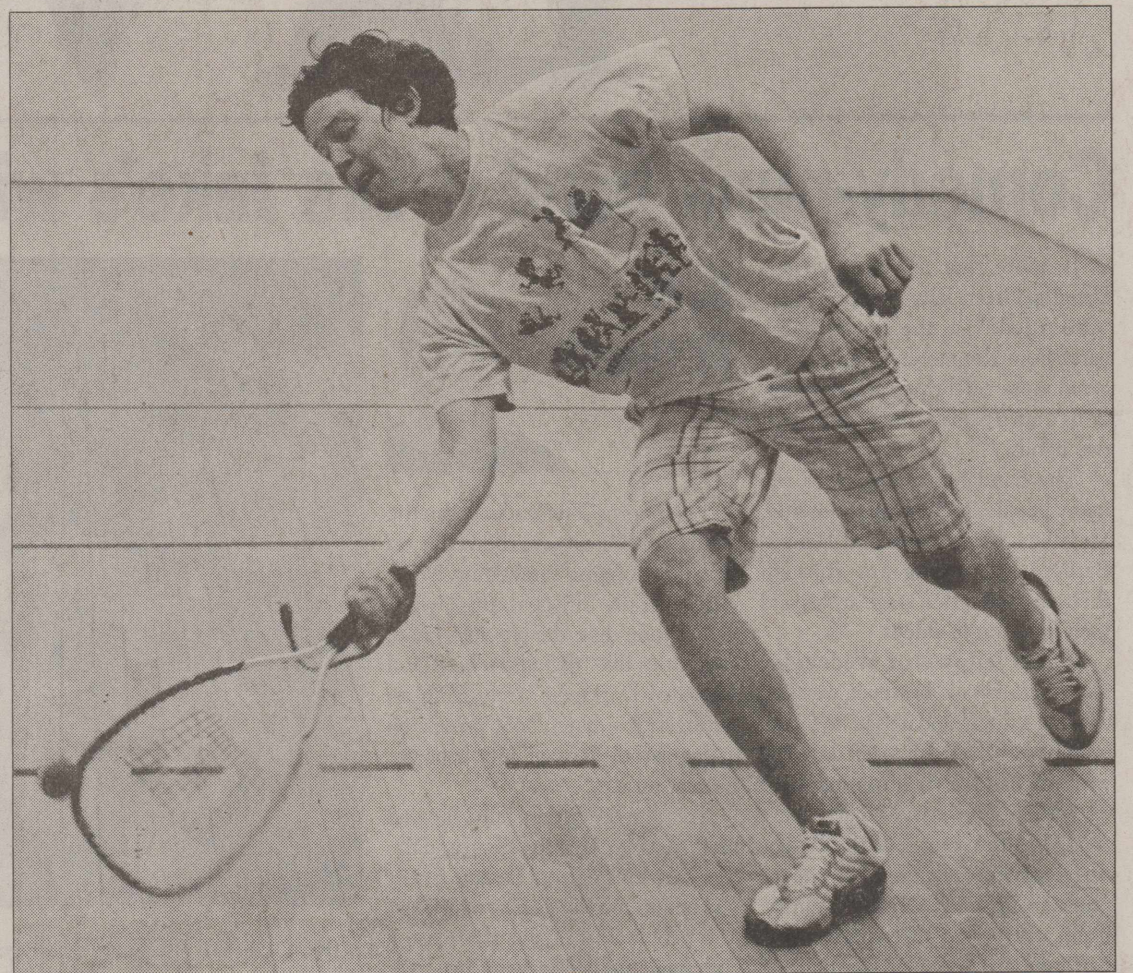
Africa, he was shocked to learn about Congo's four-year war, during which an estimated 5 million people died.

"I thought a lot of people are advocating on Darfur. I'd just be a very small log on a big fire. I started getting interested in Congo and I thought, this is a place where I can have a really big impact," he said.

Decades of instability and conflict mean everyone in Congo has a compelling story to tell. And the country's stunning landscapes — rolling green fields, riotous fields of flowers, sparkling lakes and even a moodily smoking volcano — deserve their own starring role. Would Affleck consider putting Congo on the big screen?

"It's a big story," he said. "I think you'd have to make it about one person, and their story, their journey through the political reality here."

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RYAN BURRUS, A freshman advertising major from Grapevine, plays racquetball Tuesday in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Dubai parties at hotel gala despite economic gloom

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Dubai developers threw a \$20 million party Thursday complete with Hollywood celebrities Robert DeNiro and Charlize Theron and fireworks that lit up the evening sky.

The party, which was headlined by Australian pop star Kylie Minogue in her Middle East debut, was to celebrate a new \$1.5 billion marine-themed resort built off the Gulf coast on an artificial island shaped like a palm tree.

Celebrities and stars such as Michael Jordan, Lindsay Lohan, Wesley Snipes, Mary Kate Olsen, Shirley Bassey and others were on hand for the festivities.

Does this all seem a bit much at a time when much of the world is reeling from the global financial crisis?

Not really, according to Sol Ker-

zner, the chairman of Kerzner International, which owns the Atlantis hotel.

"If I had it all over again and I understood that the timing was what it was, one might modify a couple of the things ... but not significantly," Kerzner told The Associated Press Thursday. "When you consider \$20 million, it's a lot of money (until) you consider it up against establishing a \$1.5 billion resort."

Kerzner International split the party costs with state-owned developer Nakheel, which built Palm island where Atlantis is located.

The Dubai Atlantis resort opened for tourists in September. The hotel's top floor aims squarely at the ultra-wealthy. A three-bedroom, three-bathroom suite complete with a gold-leaf, 18-seat dining table is on

offer for \$25,000 a night.

The rest of the 113-acre resort is dedicated to family entertainment with a giant, open-air tank with 65,000 fish, stingrays and other sea creatures, including a rare whale shark captured by the hotel in the Gulf and considered a hostage by environmental activists.

There's also a dolphinarium with more than two dozen bottlenose dolphins flown in from the Solomon Islands last year amid protests from animal rights organizations.

Thursday's lavish party is only one of Dubai's many attempts to remain in the spotlight — part of the city-state's meteoric rise from little more than a patch of sand to the business and entertainment capital of the Middle East in about a decade.



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Texas Tech volleyball hopes to improve at No. 3 Nebraska

BY KEVIN CULLEN
STAFF WRITER

No longer are the Red Raiders letting wins and losses dictate the success of their season; improvement is now the focus.

The Texas Tech volleyball team (5-23, 0-17 in Big 12 Conference play) faces one of its toughest tasks of the season as it takes on No. 3 Nebraska (25-2, 16-2 in Big 12 play) at 7 p.m. Saturday in Lincoln, Neb., searching for its first Big 12 win in 37 tries.

Tech assistant coach Mike Moffitt said while a win would be nice, that is not the main goal of the Red Raiders.

"I think the focus has shifted from the end result for a while now," he said. "Going into the Nebraska match is gonna be no different. So, you're looking at improvement on your side of the ball."

The Red Raiders are coming off one of the closest matches they have had all season after losing to Baylor 3-2 on Wednesday.

The Cornhuskers fell 3-1 at No. 4 Texas on Wednesday in their second loss of the season.

Tech libero Jenn Harrell said she does not expect Nebraska's recent loss to negatively affect the perennial national championship-contenders.

"If you're asking me if I think that Nebraska is gonna be weaker Saturday because of Wednesday — absolutely not," she said. "I think that they will be more pumped up because they have already lost to Colorado and they shouldn't have, and then they got beat last night by another good team."

As is generally the case, Nebraska touts some of the top players in the Big 12.

Middle blocker Kori Cooper ranks second in the Big 12 in hitting percentage at .396 while fellow middle Amanda Gates is seventh with .334.

The outside hitter combination of Jordan Larson and Tara Mueller are fourth and sixth in kills per set, respectively.

Leading the Big 12 in assists per set is Nebraska setter Sydney Anderson with 11.76.

Tech middle blocker Brandi Hood said regardless of how good Nebraska may be, the approach Tech takes must remain the same.

"Same thing: play harder because they are at the top of the confer-

ence," she said, "but it's nothing different. Play together; play defense. Same stuff, just do it better and all together."

Athleticism is one of the Cornhuskers' strengths, Moffitt said, and Tech will have to make adjustments to counter it.

"They're such an athletic bunch," Moffitt said. "You're just gonna have to keep pressure on them at all times. Serving, you're gonna have to be aggressive and then, out of system plays — when we're in trouble, we've gotta do something aggressive. If it ends up being an error so be it."

The play of Tech middle blockers Hood and Amanda Dowdy has been a bright spot for the Red Raiders as of late, Moffitt said, as an emphasis has been put on putting the two in the most advantageous spots. Dowdy led the team against Baylor with 20 kills.

"Both of our middles, we have been moving them around more and more," he said. "Same thing with Dowdy. If we get stuck in a situation, we will move her in a different position where it's easier to get her the ball, even though it's something she's not well practiced in."



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THE TEXAS TECH volleyball team will play at No. 3 Nebraska at 7 p.m. Saturday in Lincoln, Neb. The Red Raiders have not won a match in Big 12 play in its last 37 conference matchups.

Harrell said she believes regardless of her teams record, Tech can compete in the Big 12.

"Although the season obviously has not gone the way that we would've liked for it to have gone, we still can

compete with these teams," she said. "So it's encouraging in that aspect." kevin.m.cullen@ttu.edu

Red Raider men's basketball knocks out East Central in record-setting victory

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Texas Tech football coach Mike Leach may not have the best offense in Lubbock anymore, or at least his football team is not getting all the attention.

His buddy and Tech basketball coach Pat Knight made a case to overtake him in the offensive production department in a wild, record-setting 167-115 win over East Central (Division II) on Thursday in the United Spirit Arena in the first round of the Legends Classic.

"Guys got minutes, guys got shots up. It was a good experience," Knight said. "For me, it's just another day of working basketball. We worked on some things that helped us."

Knight said he thought ECU (0-1) coach Terry Shannon was kidding when he told him before the game he planned to push the ball up court all game, which is exactly what he did.

"Wow, that was fun wasn't it?" Shannon said. "We came in with a couple of ideas. We wanna play an up-tempo game. We wanna force people to play our pace; we didn't have to force them. They went with us and boy they shot the ball well."

The most points Tech (3-0) had ever scored in a game was 128 points against Texas in a double-overtime win in 1994. That same game also set the record for most points by two teams combined with 253, but add up Thursday's final score and Tech has another record with 282 total points scored in an NCAA basketball game.

Forward Trevor Cook led the Red Raiders with a career-high 20 points, while guards Alan Voskuil and John Roberson had 17 each. Wally Dunn and Mike Singletary chipped in 16 points apiece; Nick Okorie had 15 points; D'walyn Roberts had a career-high 13 points; Rogdrick Craig had a career high 11, as did Darko Cohadarevic and Michael Prince.

After the game, Knight said there is no validity to his basketball team having a better offense than Mike

Leach's, whose No. 2 Red Raiders play No. 5 OU on Saturday.

"No, no, it's a little different," Knight said. "The game we just played (was against) East Central Oklahoma, (Tech football) is playing Oklahoma, so there's a huge difference."

Countless school records were shattered in the win. Tech had 10 players in double-digit scoring, 35 assists, 67 field goals made and 113 field goals attempted — all new school records. Tech had 77 points in the first half and 90 points in the second half, as well as 90 points in the paint, 40 points off turnovers and 85 points off the bench.

Down 10-8 four minutes into the game, Tech stole the ball six times in a span of two minutes — Okorie had four of them. The steals led to a slam-dunk by Okorie and multiple fast break buckets. Voskuil nabbed a steal, dribbled to the wing and sank a 3-pointer, capping an 18-2 run that gave Tech a 26-12 lead only three and a half minutes after trailing by two points.

That's how fast paced this game was, Tech averaged 4.1 points per minute. Of course with that type of tempo, Knight said it is difficult to scold his players for playing little defense.

With so many open spots on the

court, Voskuil was able to break out of his shooting slump, making his first four 3-pointers of the game after going 5-of-16 from 3-point range in the first two games of the season.

"I thought he let the game come to him this time, he was more relaxed," Knight said. "As a shooter you gotta have your legs, and so he was pretty much warmed up and was able to shoot the ball."

ECU came to within six points in the first half, but that was as close as the Tigers would sniff the lead for the rest of the game. Tech leaped ahead with a 17-4 run en route to a 77-57 halftime lead.

The game speed was even faster in the second half. Tech reached 130 points with 7:42 remaining after Dunn hit a 3-pointer.

Knight said his team can learn a lot from this game with No. 6 Pittsburgh two games away. Since he wanted to increase the tempo from the start of the season, this served as a good measuring stick as to how well his team can control the ball in constant transition.

The second thing Knight took away from this game, he said, dates back to last year, when Kansas beat Tech 109-51.

"It was good practice for us from that standpoint, pushing it up, push-

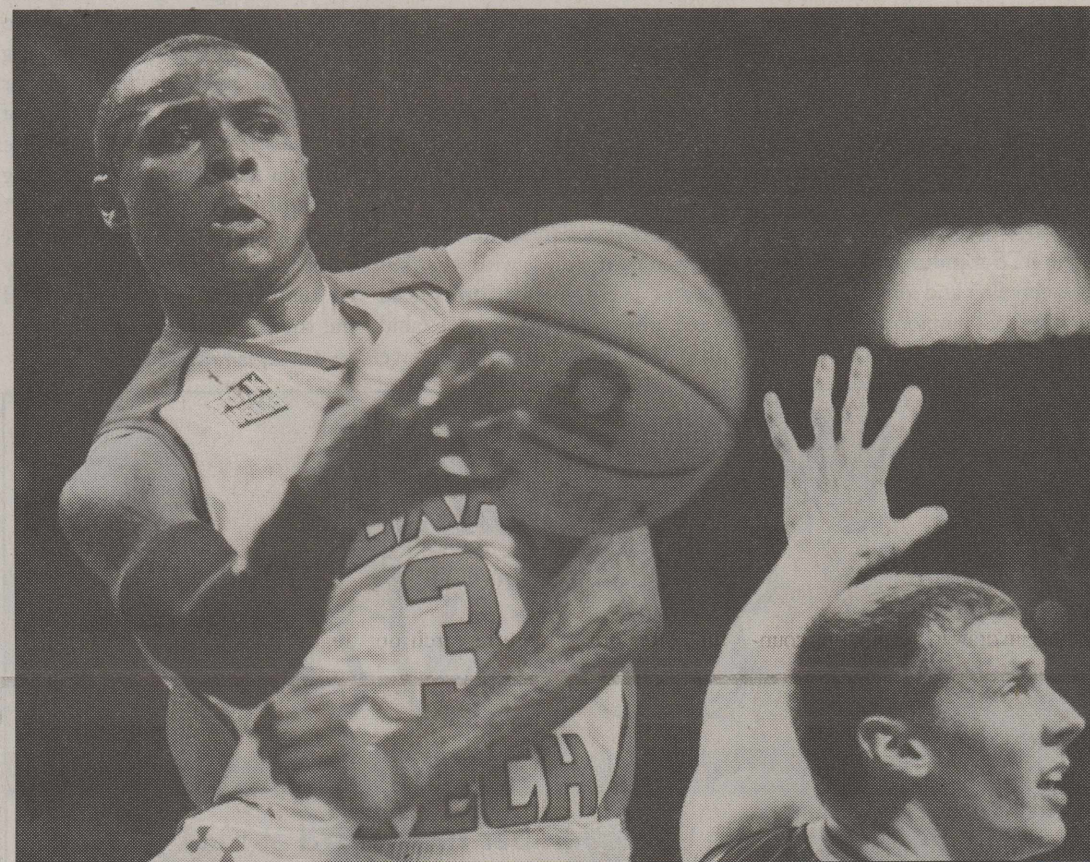


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TEXAS TECH GUARD Tyree Graham passes over East Central forward Wes Badley during the Red Raider victory over the Tigers Thursday in the United Spirit Arena.

ing it up, trying to make decisions on the run," Knight said. "So from an offensive standpoint, I thought it was a good practice for us. Number

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Leach tries for win at Oklahoma in highly anticipated matchup

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

Although Texas Tech coach Mike Leach helped establish a productive system for years to come as offensive coordinator for Oklahoma in 1999, that does not mean fans take it any easier on him when he makes the trip to Norman, Okla.

"I wouldn't think," said Leach, whose No. 2 Red Raiders take part in another pivotal game against No. 5 Oklahoma at 7 p.m. Saturday in Norman. "I haven't really found that to be the case; going to Owen Field is not a take-it-easy-on-somebody environment really."

He has not fared well at Oklahoma Memorial Stadium since his arrival in 2000, nor has he prospered against ranked Big 12 Conference opponents on the road. In eight years under Leach, Tech is 1-14 in that department and 0-4 in Oklahoma.

Yes, Tech's defense is improved. Yes, its running game is too. But if there is one thing left on Leach's Christmas list, it's to beat OU in Norman, especially this year. One more win and Tech would lock up a spot in the Big 12 Championship game, setting up games against Baylor and Missouri — much easier competition considering what Tech has dealt with in the past three weeks.

If Oklahoma wins, Tech will root for Oklahoma State next week when the Cowboys play the Sooners in the Bedlam Series. If the Sooners take care of business in Stillwater, Okla., then most likely the Sooners will be highest in the BCS standings, giving them the tiebreaker and sending them to the Big 12 Championship. But that issue will be dissected more and

more down the road. With program-altering wins week after week, Tech (10-0, 6-0) has proved so much to the college football world and to the sports world in general for that matter. However, the Red Raiders have not proved they can win against a Big 12 power on the road. Beating an overrated No. 19 Kansas team in Lawrence, Kan., does not count, seeing as how the Jayhawks are 6-5 overall and 3-4 in conference play.

Then there is the well-known fact that Oklahoma (9-1, 5-1) rarely loses at home. Bob Stoops' last and only Big 12 loss in Norman was to Oklahoma State, 16-13, in 2001. Overall, the Sooners are 59-2 under Stoops' guidance at Owen Field. However, since 2001, the closest Stoops has come to losing a Big 12 game in Norman was against Tech two years ago.

The Red Raiders went up 24-10 late in the second quarter, but OU dominated the rest of the game, putting up 24 straight points to secure a 34-24 win. Of course, that game is sandwiched between two losses to Tech, both played in Lubbock: A 23-21 win in 2005 and 2007's 34-27 upset.

"I don't know that there is one answer why we have been so successful at home in the last 10 years," Stoops said. "I think, maybe, just our overall focus and our play are probably the biggest reasons."

Tech tackle Rylan Reed said he thrives in hostile environments like Norman, adding that this particular Tech team is different. The more experienced Red Raiders truly enjoy traveling with what has become a very close knit group, said Reed, who would rather have rabid away fans than a more supportive

group such as Nebraska's contingent in Lincoln, Neb.

"I love it. I'm the kind of guy that strives off of it," he said. "There's a lot of guys (on the team) that strive off of it as well, it just reminds me of the old Thirsty Thursday days in minor league baseball where you get beer thrown at you."

This time, however, the two teams are eerily similar on paper, which should result in a tightly contested game. For example, in passing offense, Tech is first and OU is third in the nation. In rushing, OU averages 194.3 rushing yards per game while Tech gets 132.6.

Defensively, both teams give up a little more than 107 rushing yards per game; both teams have 24 takeaways.

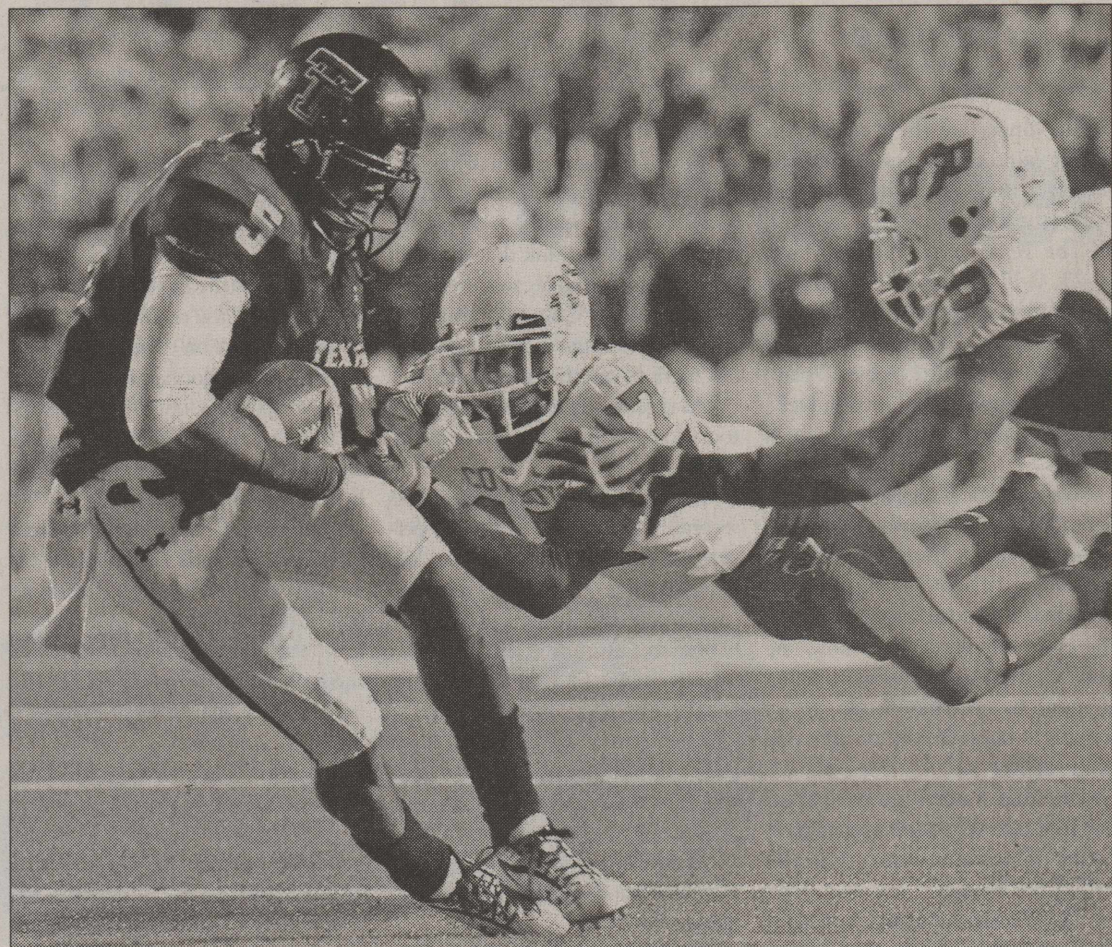
The list goes on. But putting pressure on OU quarterback Sam Bradford and Tech quarterback Graham Harrell will be key.

Despite injuries to linebacker Ryan Reynolds, defensive end Auston English and senior defensive end Alan Davis, the Sooners still have gotten the job done. Then again, OU has not played an offense as potent as Tech's.

The Heisman Trophy, the conference championship and the national championship all hang in the balance in Tech's third-consecutive biggest game of the year.

"It is as big as it gets," said senior wide receiver Juaquin Iglesias, who will be one of OU's seniors playing their last home game on senior night. "Just for the fact that all of our goals are still in reach, and if we win you never know what's going to happen in the BCS. We are just going to try to treat it like another game, and we are just going to try to keep going and keep focused out there."

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TEXAS TECH'S MICHAEL Crabtree and the Red Raiders will take on Oklahoma this Saturday in Norman, Okla. The Sooners are 59-2 under Bob Stoops at home. Tech is winless at Oklahoma since 2000 when Mike Leach took over the program.

Look for Titans to move to 11-0, Arizona to upset Giants in Week 12

The Dallas Cowboys saved their season, the Green Bay Packers and New York Jets took a modicum of control in their divisions, and Kurt Warner added to his potential MVP resume. Yes, Week 11 of the NFL season provided quality football to a weekend desperately in need of it after a Saturday of college football without any meaningful or interesting games. Week 12 promises more of the same. Here is a quick rundown of the games to keep an eye on this Sunday and some picks against the spread (home team in CAPS).



Brett Talley

Sunday to face the league's seventh-ranked rushing defense and the incredibly hot Arizona passing attack.

Indianapolis (+2.5) over SAN DIEGO

Peyton Manning, Tony Dungy, and the Colts finally are starting to round into form. Marvin Harrison and Joseph Addai are beginning to contribute like they have in the past, and Bob Sanders, a key piece of their defense, should be able to play on Sunday. On the other hand, San Diego has lost three of four with its lone win being a one-point victory over one-win Kansas City.

Green Bay (+2.5) over NEW ORLEANS

Despite losing two of the last three, Green Bay has established itself as the tentative favorite in the wide open NFC North. The Packers have scored at least 27 points in four of their last five games with the exception coming against Tennessee's sixth-ranked defense. With Ryan Grant looking like he is back to normal, the Green Bay offense should continue to roll against the Saints and their 24th-ranked defense.

Texas Tech (+7) over Oklahoma

Texas Tech has not won in Norman since the inception of the Big 12 (they may never have won there, but a "Google" search did not yield anything definitive), but this is the season where Tech is doing a lot of things they have never done before. They have never been ranked No. 2 in the country, never defeated two Top 10 teams in consecutive weeks, and never been one win away from a Big 12 South title until this season. Who is to say they cannot pull out another big "never"? Never say never.

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ATLANTA (-1.5) over Carolina

Carolina looks great at 8-2, but the Panthers' past two wins have come against Oakland and Detroit with a combined margin of victory of 20 points and record of 2-18. Add to that the fact that starting Carolina quarterback Jake Delhomme has been the team's leading passer with less than 100 yards through the air in each of those games, and the Panthers 8-2 mark does not look nearly as good.

TENNESSEE (-5.5) over New York Jets

New England (+1.5) over MIAMI

Miami has not swept the season series with the Patriots since 2000, and the Dolphins are 6-10 in the eight seasons since then. Matt Cassel has improved dramatically since Miami's win over New England in September, and his arm should be the difference against Miami's 20th-ranked pass defense.

BALTIMORE (-1.5) over Philadelphia

Baltimore's losses have come against Tennessee, Pittsburgh, Indianapolis and the New York Giants. Those are three of the four best teams in the league in the Titans, Steelers and Giants. Indianapolis also is a contender. At home, Baltimore should be able to handle a Philadelphia team that had five quarters to beat the Bengals and could not pull out a win.

ARIZONA (+3.5) over New York Giants

Eli Manning is not that good, at least not good enough to receive credit for being the reason the Giants are 9-1. Manning has not thrown for over 200 yards in any of his past six games. Instead, Brandon Jacobs and Derrick Ward should receive that credit for combining to make the Giants the top-ranked rushing offense in the league. But the Giants travel to Arizona on

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Men's golf announces '09 recruiting class featuring 3 Top 25 players

By KEVIN CULLEN
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech men's golf team announced one of the most talented recruiting classes in program history Thursday.

The class includes three of the Top 25 players in the country, according to a press release.

Tech coach Greg Sands said the relationships between the three Top 25 players are what helped to secure the commitments.

"The first guy we got committed was Drew Dorsey and that kinda gave us some momentum for the

other guys," he said. "Drew kinda helped us out with two other guys: Logan McCracken and Chandler Rusk."

Dorsey, from Edmond Santa Fe High School in Edmond, Okla., is the kind of player Sands said he looks for while recruiting to build his program.

"(He) has played well in the (American Junior Golf Association) tournaments," he said. "(He is) just a really good kid — a kid that you want on your golf team. He's got a lot of national experience. We feel like that he has the chance to play right away."

McCracken, from Putnam City High School in Oklahoma City, played well in the summer, Sands said, which has led to his high ranking.

"He won the Big 'I' Tournament, which is a national tournament and done some other really nice things," he

"We feel like we are getting some guys that have already had some chemistry together..."

GREG SANDS
TEXAS TECH
GOLF COACH

said. "He is probably ranked the highest in some rankings right now."

Sands said the three Oklahoma recruits are friends, which is a unique situation and may prove to be valuable as they come in as freshmen next season.

"We feel like

we are getting some guys that have already had some chemistry together," he said, "and we really feel like that is gonna help us out just having those guys know each other and they're all kinda cut out of the same mold. They're good kids; 'yes sir, no sir' type guys and (they) work hard. We feel like that they are really good fits for what we are looking for."

The fourth of the class, Aaron Fitzpatrick, was the first to commit to Tech as Sands said he committed after a solid sophomore season in high school.

While Sands said Tech has had better individual recruits in the past,

this class is probably the best overall.

Sands said he hopes to carry the momentum of such a great recruiting class into future recruiting ventures.

"I think it's kinda been a perfect storm for us recruiting," he said. "With the football team doing good and then we've had some success the last few years; so we are getting more and more recognition. These kids know a lot of people in the area and they made friendships and they're good kids; so we feel like that will give us some momentum too for the 2010 class."

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By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Being able to adjust could be an overlooked skill.

The Lady Raiders believe it could be a skill that will prepare them for the tougher opponents down the road.

Coming off an 82-69 win over Washington State on Nov. 16, the Texas Tech women's basketball team prepares to take on Lamar at 7 p.m. today and Texas Arlington at 2 p.m. Sunday in the United Spirit Arena.

The Washington State game provided many lessons the Lady Raiders could use for the rest of the season.

Being down 37-36 at halftime, Tech found a way to adjust to the aggressive play of the Cougars — who forced 17 turnovers — and walked away with the 13-point win.

Even though they were down, the Lady Raiders found an offensive spark in the second half with a 24-11 run to close out the game.

Tech also turned Washington State's aggressive play into a positive, as the Cougars committed 31 fouls, sending the Lady Raider to the free-throw line 37 times.

Tech coach Kristy Curry said last year's team may not have been able to accomplish what this year's team did last weekend.

"I think that's one of the things I was pleased with, with our kids on Sunday," she said, "was that they were able to make some adjustments as the game went. We weren't that good of a team with that situation last year."

But Tech was given a warning about Washington State that they may take into consideration when the Lady Raiders face any team this season.

Tech guard Tiny Henderson said games like the one against Washington State will prepare this team for the rigors of Big Conference play later in the season.

"I don't think it surprised us, 'cause coach kept telling us (Wash-

ington State is) a better team," she said. "They're really aggressive. They're going to get after us on defense. Just have to adjust to it in the second half. I just think that was good for us because it's gonna be like that every night in the Big 12."

Being able to adjust to anything a team throws at them is something Henderson said may be put to the test more than often this season.

"I just feel like you have to learn how to adjust because every game's gonna be different," she said. "They're going to have different players. Just have to be ready for the Big 12 and I think that prepares us for the Big 12."

This weekend's opponents could be the test Tech is looking for.

The Lady Raiders welcome two opponents from the Southland Conference — a conference the team is familiar with considering an 84-51 win against Sam Houston last season and an 82-49 win against Texas State in the Women's Nation Invitational Tournament.

Both Lamar and UTA won 19 games last season. While the Cardinals finished first in the Southland's East Division, Texas-Arlington finished second behind Texas State in the conference's West Division.

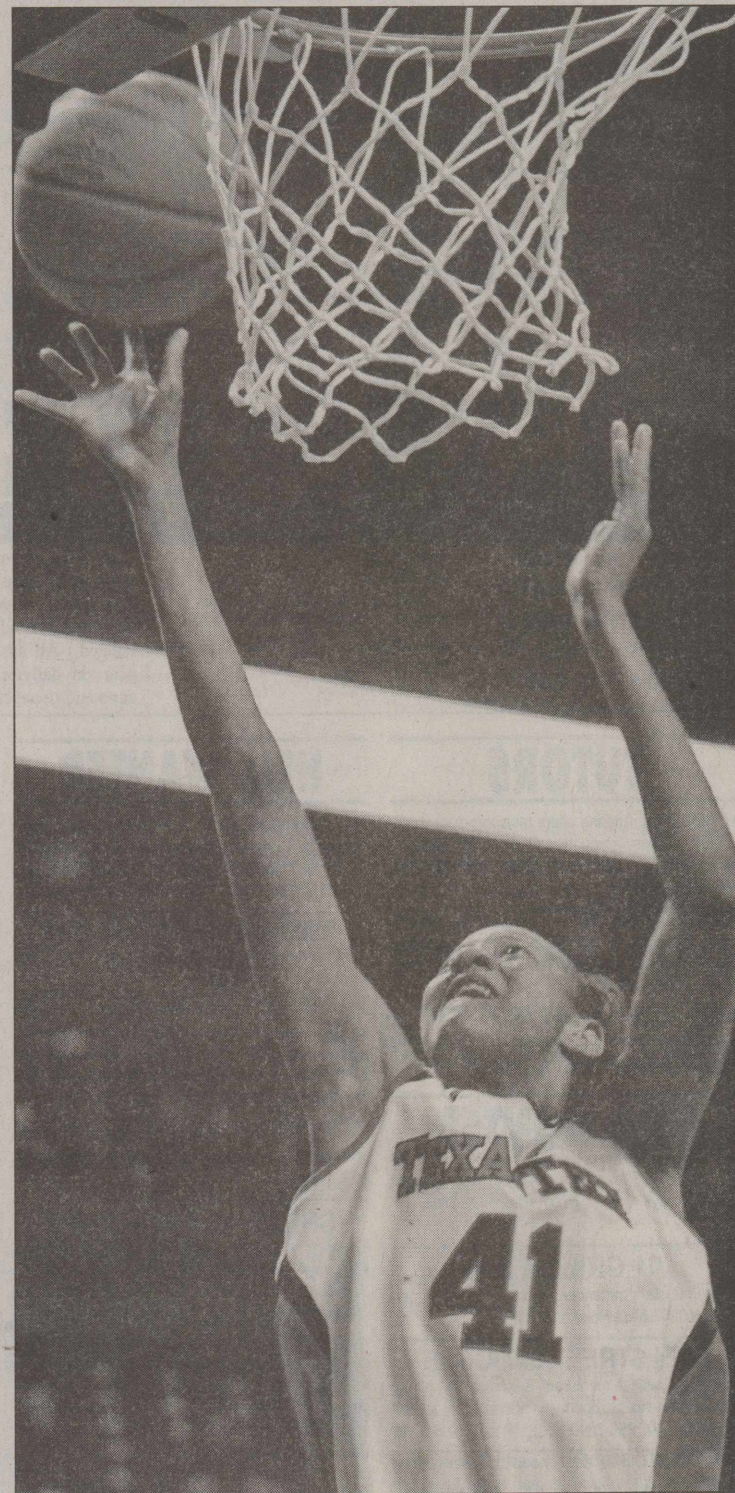
Curry said this week's practice had a rough start without film on their opponent Friday. Whereas some teams are a few games into the season, Lamar just had its season opener on Wednesday, making it difficult for the Lady Raiders to scout this year's version of Lamar.

The Cardinals ended up taking care of Grambling State Wednesday 58-49.

But Curry said she adjusted as she reviewed the Cardinals' tendencies with her players and a little bit of what the team did last season.

"Our coaches helped us with their offense and how to play against them," Tech forward Kierra Mallard said, "so they've been helping us without the film."

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DOMINIC SEALS AND the Lady Raiders will face Lamar today and University of Texas-Arlington Sunday. So far this season the Lady Raiders are 2-0. They are coming off an 82-69 over Washington State.

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