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Oil company promises money if UT wins suit

AUSTIN (AP) — A lawsuit Moncrief Oil International has filed over its interests in one of Russia's largest natural gas fields could benefit the University of Texas.

The Fort Worth company has promised the university 25 percent of the net proceeds of the case if it wins. That could be up to \$500 million. If Moncrief loses, then the university wouldn't get anything.

The pledge announced by the university on Tuesday is tied to the outcome of the company's lawsuit over interests in the Yuzhno-Russkoye gas field in Siberia. Moncrief Oil says it owns 40 percent of the gas field, with an estimated value of \$16 billion.

NATION

Bloomberg could breeze to 3rd term

NEW YORK (AP) — In order to seek a third term, Mayor Michael Bloomberg has to circumvent a term-limits law, convince a previously wary public that such limits are negotiable and then win what could be a three-way race.

But the about-face may not prove as difficult as it sounds for the mayor, who has billions of dollars in the bank and the support of former foes, and could soothe New

"It's going to happen," Baruch College public affairs professor Doug Muzzio said Wednesday about a possible third term for Bloomberg. "He's going to spend whatever it takes to make it happen. ... It's pocket change to him."

WORLD

EU monitors begin patrols in Georgian territory

KARALETI, Georgia (AP) — European Union monitors in white shirts and bright blue berets began patrolling a buffer zone Wednesday outside the breakaway region of South Ossetia that has been controlled by Russian troops and separatists since an August war in Georgia.

The deployment paves the way for a promised Russian pullback of its remaining troops from areas they occupied outside South Ossetia and another separatist region in Georgia.

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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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PAC, hired firm initiate alcohol petition drive

By JON VANDERLAAN
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Let Lubbock Vote, a volunteer specific purpose Political Action Committee, announced the start of the petition-signing process 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce.

The PAC, which supports the ability of citizens to vote whether to legalize alcohol sales in Lubbock, hired Texas Petition Strategies to help fill the petitions with

the 18,747 signatures it needs to place the issues on the ballot.

The two petitions include the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption and the legal sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders, and each must receive 18,747 signatures.

Texas Petition Strategies has a 100 percent success rate in filling petitions since 2003, when the company was founded, and has an 85 percent success rate in the voting

following the petitions.

John Hatch, a partner in the company, said Lubbock is one of the most alcohol-sensitized areas he has worked with because the majority of residents in the area are aware of the situation of alcohol sales, and many are frustrated about it.

One of the reasons the signatures will be easier to compile than in the past, he said, is the shift in views towards voting on issues. In the past, he said, groups and individuals discouraged residents, but at the risk

of being labeled as an organization not willing to let an issue come to a vote, organizations will not openly oppose the petitions.

"I think you've got way too many people that feel that it's their constitutional right to get a vote on it, that they want to be able to vote on it," he said. "I think it's very dicey for anyone to basically say, 'You shouldn't have the right to vote on this.'"

Hatch said the bigger issue is time, as the petitions may be circulated for 60 days. Weather also could

become an issue because he said he has participated in petitions that did not receive enough signatures due to extreme weather conditions.

More than 20 people, most of whom are professionals, will work on the Texas Petition Strategies team in Lubbock. The team will start at places such as Wal-Mart and Sam's wearing yellow T-shirts, and will eventually go to other places to circulate the petitions. Locations can

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Elements of energy

Study: Most energy drink ingredients not dangerous



By TINA L. ARONS
STAFF WRITER

Caffeine and sugar may be the only components of energy drinks that cause adverse health effects.

A review published in the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association studied energy drink brands such as Red Bull, Spike Shooter and Pimp Juice and found that ingredients such as taurine, ginseng and guarana — supplements promoted as natural products that improve energy — did not cause adverse side effects in single-serving amounts.

"Most of the stuff in supplements for energy are not harmful," said Dr. Kelly Bennett, medical director of Texas Tech's Student Health Services, "but I couldn't guarantee how well they work."

In the review, Kevin Clauson, a pharmacist and associate professor at Nova Southeastern University in Florida, and researchers from other universities drew from studies published between 1980 and 2007.

The review reported the biggest concern with energy drinks is the consumption of caffeine and

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PHOTO BY KAT HILSABECK/The Daily Treador

SEAN BUCKLEY, A business management major from Hobbs, N.M. picks out an energy drink Wednesday afternoon at the Sam's Place in the Student Union Building.

Cornyn to visit Tech wind research facilities

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-TX, is scheduled to visit with Texas Tech Wind Science and Engineering Center researchers from 3:15 to 4 p.m. today at the Reese Technology Center.

Upon arrival in Lubbock, Cornyn will be taken on a driving tour of the research facilities, according to a press release. Cornyn will then tour the Tornado Research building featuring a tornado cannon. Also, the senator will tour the Wind Power/Hurricane/Water Desal Research building before addressing the media at 3:45 p.m.

"Sen. Cornyn loves to touch base with the faculty members at Tech," said Jessica Sandlin, Cornyn's press secretary. "He is a big proponent of alternative energy and is interested in what Tech has done with the \$1 million grant they received from the Texas Workforce Commission."

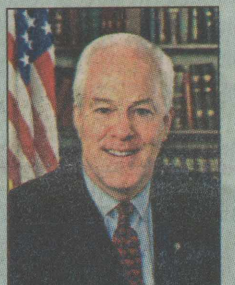
Sandlin confirmed that Cornyn will fly from Washington, D.C. to Lubbock today after a possible U.S. Senate morning vote on the financial bailout plan.

"He might be a little late because of a vote," Jessica said. "But he'll be there."

Sandlin said Cornyn, cancelled his plans to visit Amarillo earlier in the day in preparation for the potential vote.

Cornyn will head back to Washington, D.C. after visiting with the Tech researchers, Sandlin said.

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CORNYN

Bailout bill passes Senate, House of Representatives foes soften

By JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS
and CHARLES BABINGTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — After one spectacular failure, the \$700 billion financial industry bailout found a second life Wednesday, winning lopsided passage in the Senate and gaining ground in the House, where Republicans opposition softened.

Senators loaded the economic rescue bill with tax breaks and other sweeteners before passing it by a wide margin, 74-25, a month before the presidential and congressional elections.

In the House, leaders were working feverishly to convert enough opponents of the bill to push it through by Friday, just days after lawmakers there

stunningly rejected an earlier version and sent markets plunging around the globe.

The measure didn't cause the same uproar in the Senate, where both parties' presidential candidates, Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama, made rare appearances to cast "aye" votes.

In the final vote, 40 Democrats, 33 Republicans and independent Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut voted "yes." Nine Democrats, 15 Republicans and independent Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont voted "no."

The rescue package lets the government spend billions of dollars to buy bad mortgage-related securities and other devalued assets held by troubled financial institutions. If successful, advocates say, that would allow frozen

credit to begin flowing again and prevent a deep recession.

Even as the Senate voted, House leaders were hunting for the 12 votes they would need to turn around Monday's 228-205 defeat. They were especially targeting the 133 Republicans who voted "no."

Their opposition appeared to be easing after the Senate added \$110 billion in tax breaks for businesses and the middle class, plus a provision to raise, from \$100,000 to \$250,000, the cap on federal deposit insurance.

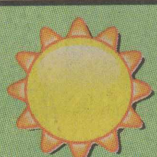
They were also cheering a decision Tuesday by the Securities and Exchange Commission to ease rules that force companies to devalue assets on their balance sheets to reflect the price they can get on the market.

There were worries, though, that the tax breaks would cause some conservative-leaning Democrats who voted for the rescue Monday to abandon it because it would swell the federal deficit.

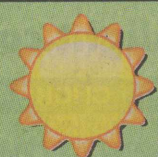
"I'm concerned about that," said Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., the majority leader.

As revised by the Senate, the package extends several tax breaks popular with businesses. It would keep the alternative minimum tax from hitting 20 million middle-income Americans and provide \$8 billion in tax relief for those hit by natural disasters in the Midwest, Texas and Louisiana.

It doesn't designate a way to pay for many of the tax cuts, though, angering the House's band of conservative "Blue Dog" Democrats.



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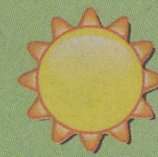
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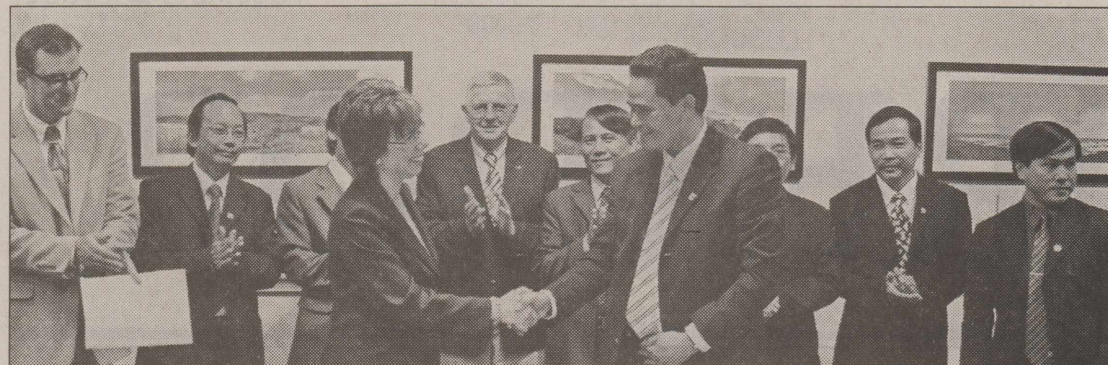
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Tech, Danang University sign memorandum of understanding



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PAMELA EIBECK, DEAN of the Texas Tech College of Engineering, and Hoang Duong Hung, vice rector of The University of Da Nang's Da Nang University of Technology, shake hands as administration from the The University of Da Nang, the Tech College of Engineering, and the Tech Vietnam Center and Archive look on.

By JON VANDERLAAN
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech University and University of Danang officials signed a memorandum of understanding Wednesday afternoon, stating that the two universities agreed to explore exchanging students, faculty members and research between the two universities.

Several officials from the University of Danang, which is located in Vietnam, visited the Tech campus to sign the memorandum.

Pamela Eibeck, dean of the College of Engineering, said the memorandum will encourage international exchanges between the two universities, helping already solid relationships with Vietnam and Tech grow stronger.

She said the Vietnam Center and Archive at Tech and other agreements between the university and universities in Vietnam have led to strong relations with the country and Tech.

"It contributes to our mission of wanting to attract some of the very best students from around the world to Texas Tech," Eibeck said, "and it's clear that the students that would be coming from the University of Danang would be exceptionally qualified and would be a true asset to have in our graduate classrooms and doing research with our faculty."

One project Eibeck said she was interested in pursuing is the establishment of a master's degree in engineering, which would allow students to complete one year of requirements in Vietnam.

Allowing students and faculty to visit the country, she said, would allow for shared research projects as well as a cultural exchange between the United States and Vietnam.

Soon, Eibeck said, she hopes undergraduate students will have the opportunity to study in Vietnam, as the first priority is to allow graduate students to study in Vietnam.

Hoang Duong Hung, vice rector of the Danang University of Technology at the University of Danang, said through a translator that the university already had information about Tech and said it was a quality university.

"We believe that the cooperation between Texas Tech University and Danang University will help us enhance the quality of education at the Danang University of Technology," he said.

Hung said the memorandum hopefully will enhance research exchanges between the universities as well as teaching experiences. He also said the agreement will produce a better mutual understanding between Vietnam and the United States.

Besides educational and research

benefits, he said, the two universities should learn about the culture and society of the other country from the researchers, professors and students that visit.

James Reckner, executive director of the Institute for Modern Conflict, Diplomacy and Reconciliation at Tech, said his department has worked on relations with Vietnam and universities in the country for 10 years.

The university has a similar agreement with Can Tho University, he said, which is near the Mekong Delta in Vietnam.

Tech proposed an HIV/AIDS intervention project with Can Tho University, he said, which is still seeking funding.

Stephen Maxner, director of the Vietnam Center, said the relationship between Tech and Vietnam universities has been established through previous projects, and as administrators, students and officials meet, that relationship grows.

The signing of the memorandum was only the first step in this most recent relationship, he said, as the two universities still must draft specific agreements for the exchange of students, faculty and research.

"Given (Eibeck's) enthusiasm, I suspect that will happen pretty quickly," Maxner said.

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Bailey to deliver State of the University address

President Guy Bailey and Chancellor Kent Hance will speak at Texas Tech's State of the University address 4 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union Building Allen Theatre.

The State of the University Address will be delivered by Bailey, according to a university news release. This will be Bailey's first address since he became Tech's 15th president on Aug. 1.

Hance also will speak at the event. He will discuss his priorities for the new academic year, according to the release.

The event is open to the public. A reception will be hosted following the address.

AP Poll: Barack Obama pulls away to 7-point lead

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barack Obama has surged to a seven-point lead over John McCain one month before the presidential election, lifted by voters who think the Democrat is better suited to lead the nation through its sudden financial crisis, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll that underscores the mounting concerns of some McCain backers.

Likely voters now back Obama 48-41 percent over McCain, a dramatic shift from an AP-GfK survey that gave the Republican a slight edge nearly three weeks ago, before Wall Street collapsed and sent ripples across worldwide markets. On top of that, unrelated surveys show Obama beating McCain in

several battlegrounds, including Ohio, Florida and Pennsylvania — three states critical in the state-by-state fight for the presidency.

Several GOP strategists close to McCain's campaign privately fret that his chances for victory are starting to slip away.

These Republicans, speaking on condition of anonymity to avoid angering the campaign, point to several factors: Obama's gains nationally and in traditionally GOP states, no McCain gain from the first debate, McCain's struggles with economic issues as the financial crisis has unfolded and deepening public skepticism about his running mate, Sarah Palin.

They said McCain's options

for shaking up the race are essentially limited to game-changing performances in the final presidential debates or in Palin's vice presidential debate with Joe Biden Thursday night. Short of that, they said, McCain can do little but hope Obama stumbles or an outside event breaks the GOP nominee's way.

Democrats hope Obama is starting to build a lasting lead.

"We have a light optimism," said David Redlawsk, a delegate to the Democratic National Convention who teaches political science at the University of Iowa. "We've already learned in the last several weeks that we can be whipsawed back very, very quickly."

US combat hospital saving more wounded Iraqis

BALAD, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. military's main combat hospital in Iraq has increasingly switched to helping Iraqis. As the numbers of wounded American soldiers have fallen, the hospital is now saving the lives of a remarkable 93 percent of Iraqis who come with devastating injuries.

It's another sign of the radical improvements in health care made at combat trauma care units in war time — especially because unlike U.S. soldiers, most Iraqi patients at the Air Force Theater Hospital don't wear body armor and helmets or drive in vehicles designed to withstand roadside bombs.

"There are people with injuries that are brought here, and I say this with confidence, if they went anywhere else in the world, they would not survive," said Col. Mark Mavity, the commander of the hospital.

On one recent day, 5-year-old Sajad Lafta lay in his bed crying for his father while his older half brother, Abdul Wahid, tried to comfort him by holding up a picture of a puppy that Sajad colored while recovering at the hospital.

The boy didn't know yet that Wahid, 25, came to visit him because his father was attending the funerals for two of his other young sons. They were killed by a car bomb that blew off Sajad's lower left leg and left tiny pieces of metal scattered over his body.

"Thank God, we are positive he is going to live," said Wahid, who planned to bring the puppy picture home to their mother as proof that Sajad was alive.

Over the years, the hospital on Balad Air Base has become synonymous with combat trauma care. It is best known for saving countless

U.S. soldiers with catastrophic battle injuries — more than 96 percent on average over the six-month period ending in August.

But even more astonishing: during that same time, about 93 percent of Iraqis left the hospital alive — up from an average of 89.7 percent during the previous six months.

Their injuries are devastating — shredded limbs, penetrating shrapnel fragments, massive internal bleeding and gaping head wounds.

The car bomb that wounded Sajad exploded during the evening of Sept. 12 in the town of Dujail, killing at least 32 people including his 7- and 6-year-old brothers as the three walked home after buying a few pieces of candy.

When Sajad's father heard the explosion, he raced over to his sons. Sajad was the only one still breathing.

Petition

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be found at the PAC's Web site, www.letlubbockvote.org.

Although no charge for the service has been disclosed, he said Fort Worth — which also had two petitions and a campaign for the vote — was charged \$400,000 for the service. Hatch said Lubbock would rank in the top 10 in cost of cities the company has worked with, the least of which was about \$15,000 and the most was \$500,000.

Signatures may only be given if a person has been registered to vote in Lubbock since Sept. 1, but those

who did not get to sign the petitions may vote for the issue in May if the petitions gain the correct amount of signatures.

David George, chairman of the PAC, said if the petitions are unsuccessful there would be no further attempts at this time or by this specific PAC.

George said he believes the petitions will gain enough signatures because the time period the petitions are allowed to circulate was extended from 30 to 60 days in recent years. The petition will stop circulating Dec. 1.

The PAC is fundraising to pay the company for services, he said, although no exact figure was released.

The areas around Lubbock that recently have approved alcohol sales, such as Wolfforth and Plainview, he said, also provide an example that Lubbock residents may be willing to vote on the issue.

Brad Phillips, a student member of the PAC, said while the PAC is not relying on student signatures on the petitions, tables still will be set up outside the Student Union Building if students are registered to vote in Lubbock County.

He said he has spoken with a few Tech students who, although they do not drink, said they would sign the petitions in favor of the democratic process.

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Renowned pinhole photographer shares her art with Tech students

By BRIDGET DE STEFANO
STAFF WRITER

A book without pages, shutter holes and film are all one needs to create a pinhole camera.

Photographer Pinky Bass shared her inventive pinhole camera creations with Texas Tech students and faculty Wednesday in the Art building.

Conventional cameras are not the only way to capture photographs.

As Bass demonstrated, a Bible, purse and trailer also work as a camera.

Pinhole photography, Bass said, creates an element of surprise and spontaneity in the development of images.

"I really see my work as a performance," she said. "I dance around to see what happens."

A pinhole camera may be as simple as it sounds; it involves a "light-tight box," light-sensitive materials — such as film or photo paper — and one or more pinholes,

according to the Web site for Pinhole Resource, a non-profit organization that preserves 3,000 pinhole photograph collections from photographers around the world.

The camera is an inexpensive alternative to contemporary cameras, according to the site, and can be made from virtually anything.

Mysterious images and unusual perspectives, Bass said, are a few of the unique effects of pinhole cameras.

They also serve as spy cameras, she said, because photographers can take pictures slyly, without disturbing others.

For Bass, she said, pinhole and Polaroid photography are mediums for her to capture artwork as her own life's story.

Each picture has its own means for interpretation, she said, and she prefers people determine what they see without her needing to tell them.

The themes of Bass's photographs

include religious iconography and the human body, she said, which stems from her college education in Bible study.

In her graduate thesis exhibition, Bass said, she focused on the theme of heroes and on issues related to faith and journey.

Afterward, she said, she became interested in exploring the human body — specifically female bodies — while comparing the relationship of female figures to female toys.

Photographing her own body in the nude, while adding uncommon effects such as stitching thread around body parts to show their function, she said, was a way to "incorporate" her love of science.

The juxtapositions and manipulations of her images, Bass said, display the potential for duality within the content of a photo.

The thematic element of stitching thread on female bodies is a reflection of female points of view, said Joe Arredondo, director of

Landmark Arts for The Galleries of The School of Art.

"You're combining a stitchery, which is traditionally recognized as a woman's work," he said, "and then she's putting it in photography, which has not always been recognized as women's work. I like the subject matter, and it's also from a completely different point of view."

It varies the elements of conventional photography in a unique manner, Arredondo said.

The lecture was successful, he said, because of her enthusiasm about photography, which she shared with students.

Bass's creativity was appreciated by a fellow photographer, Chisum Pierce, a graduate student from Austin, who said he enjoyed the ways in which she combined music and stitchery with visual art.

"I think it's interesting the way she makes her own cameras," he said, "and they kind of become a piece of art as well."

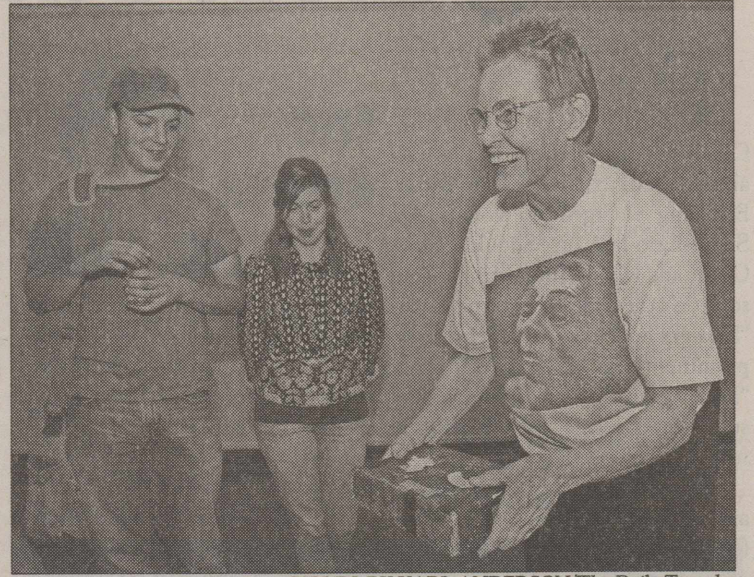


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ZACH NADER, A graduate student from Dallas and Sarah Jamison, a graduate student from Chicago, watch as Pinky Bass shows off a camera she made out of a Bible in the Art building.

Bass was the first speaker of the School of Art's Fall Speakers Series. The series' next speaker will be Buzz Spector, an artist and printmaker from Cornell University who will speak at Tech on Oct. 14.

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Energy drinks

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sugar, which could lead to serious problems.

The review identified the ingredients most commonly found in energy drinks as ginseng, taurine, bitter orange, sugar and guarana, which contains caffeine.

Bennett said large amounts of sugar can cause a "crash," but many students are already aware of this.

She said that aspect of energy drinks or any other sugary substance is "not necessarily dangerous, just unpleasant," and it is the caffeine in energy drinks about which students need to be most wary.

"It doesn't matter what form it's in," Bennett said. "If you drink several energy drinks, you'd have a bad reaction to caffeine the same as if you drink several espressos from Starbucks."

As much as 80 milligrams to 300 milligrams of caffeine and 35 grams of processed sugar per eight-ounce serving are commonly present in energy drinks, according to the review.

Commonly reported side effects to caffeine in the quantities present in most energy drinks include insomnia, nervousness, headache and a rapid beating of the heart.

Researchers also found four documented cases of caffeine-associated deaths and four separate cases of seizures associated with the consumption of energy drinks.

Bennett said she has only seen one "really bad" reaction to caffeine.

A student once consumed six Red Bull energy drinks to study through the previous night and walked into the health center at 8 a.m. She said consuming that many energy drinks in one night caused him to have an irregular heartbeat, high blood pressure and anxiety.

"We kept him here at student health for about six hours until he was better," she said. "Needless to say, he missed the test he was so worried about."

She said students infrequently

experience side effects as adverse as these unless they combine stimulant

medications — medications such as Ritalin and Adderall — with energy drinks.

"Being on a college campus," Clauson said, "it's obvious that the use of (energy drinks) is pretty rampant."

Energy drink makers promote ginseng, which they claim stimulates the human body's immune

function and improves physical stamina, according to the review, but one study within the review concluded that a consumer would have to drink a minimum of two to four cans of

SoBe Adrenaline Rush, Full Throttle or Rockstar Juiced to benefit from the supplement.

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KEVIN CLAUSON
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
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with deaths among athletes in Europe, and some countries have banned or limited sales of the supplement.

Another ingredient, bitter orange, is used to treat chronic fatigue syndrome and to stimulate the heart, according to the review, and is similar to ephedra, which the U.S. Food and Drug Administration removed from the market.

The review reported that few energy drinks contain bitter orange, and the average amount of bitter-orange extract in energy drinks is 200 milligrams, which is below the amount required for possible health benefits when used alone. However, in combination with guarana and caffeine, it may produce other stimulating effects.

Generally, the review's researchers concluded, energy drinks rarely contain sufficient amounts of dietary supplements to achieve any beneficial or adverse effects.

Clauson said his personal interest in the study "stemmed from

long-standing interest" in dietary supplements and the observations he made.

He said one goal he and his colleagues hoped to inform the public through their study.

"One of the things we wanted to do," he said, "is allow people — whether it's college students or health care professionals — to be informed consumers."

There are a lot of energy drinks that are not much different than a cup of coffee, he said, but there are also some drinks that are the equivalent to drinking between 10 and 20 caffeinated soft drinks.

Clauson said if there is one message he could convey to students it would be to read the labels.

"Make sure you realize what you're drinking," he said, "and do everything in moderation."

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Caring about true music at Lubbock Music Festival

First of all, Joe Ely is a badass.

He was there when the Clash recorded their last great album, "Combat Rock," in 1982. Ely sang background vocals, in Spanish no less, on "Should I Stay Or Should I Go." (Interestingly, the song on the other side of that single was "Straight to Hell," which features prominently in M.I.A.'s 2007 song "Paper Planes" — you know, the super-catchy one with gunshots in it.)

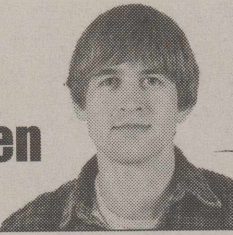
Ely, who was born in Amarillo and moved to Lubbock at 12, had found his way to England after years of rambling. He brought the Clash back with him and they played together in Texas and Mexico. Try to imagine how insane that tour was. You get drunk just thinking about it.

Years earlier, back in Lubbock in 1972, he had recorded the first (and until 1998, when they got together to do songs for "The Horse Whisperer," the only) record by the Flatlanders, "More A Legend Than A Band," with fellow singer/songwriters Jimmie Dale Gilmore and Butch Hancock.

That first record, called "All-American Music," was a failure, released only on 8-track. It would eventually be re-released in slightly different form after all three singers achieved solo success, and is now a cult classic. If anything, its original obscurity adds to its appeal.

Ely has, for over 30 years, been the Texan answer to Bruce Spring-

Eric Braden



steen, as a songwriter, in that he writes good songs about bad people. Character portraits that find sympathy for, and in, the devil. He writes rock-and-roll songs mostly with a country wash to his voice that is not full-on, but hinted at.

He was back in Lubbock Saturday at the Cactus Theatre, accompanied by accordionist Joel (rhymes with Noel, like the Christmas song) Guzman. Ely wore shiny red cowboy boots, black pants, a black T-shirt and a gray suit vest. Under the vest he wore a thin gold chain.

At 61, he still looked like he could deck half the college dudes down the street in the Depot District bars. Like Springsteen, he has aged well, his voice picking up a suitable amount of grit, though his tenor voice is still strong and clear. He also sings like Springsteen, with a furrowed brow and either a grimace or a thin, mischievous grin.

Ely leans into the microphone as he sings, his thin black acoustic guitar always on hand, rollicking along. His voice comes out the side of his mouth, like Paul Newman in the movie "Hud." His cheeks have drawn inward with age like Lyle Lovett, and he wears his hair in a Johnny Cash wave.

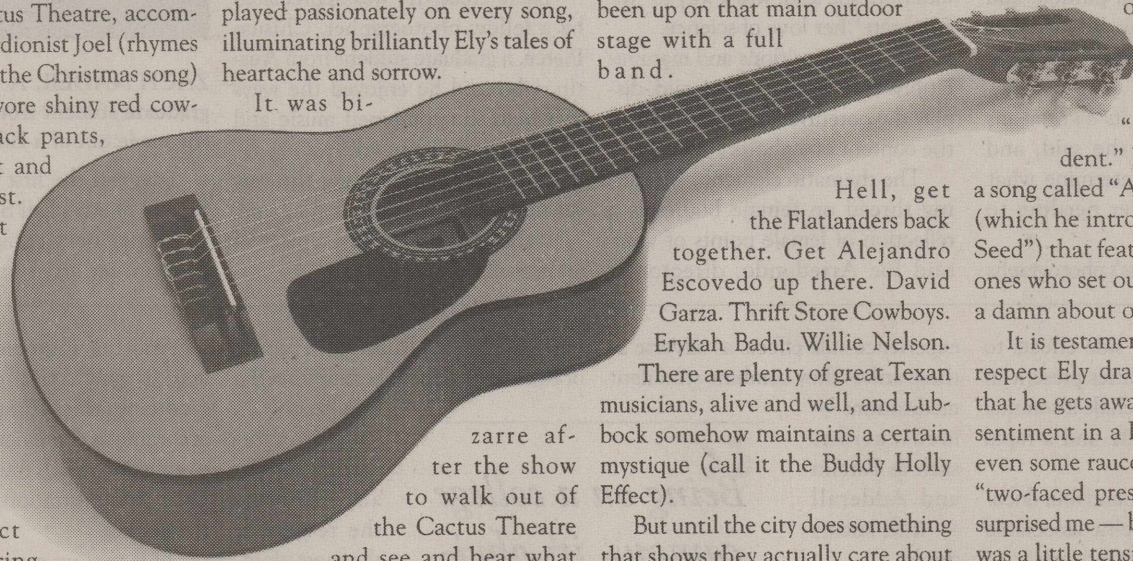
"I like to play songs Joel has never heard before," he said after one song, as Joel, his grinning straight-man sidekick, shook his head in mock bewilderment. Guzman, a Tex-Mex accordion hero, had no trouble keeping up. He played passionately on every song, illuminating brilliantly Ely's tales of heartache and sorrow.

It was bizarre after the show to walk out of the Cactus Theatre and see and hear what seemed like a non-descript band playing cover songs on a large stage down at the end of Texas Ave. Officially, the Joe Ely concert was part of the Lubbock Music Festival; I had to buy a festival bracelet to get to the show. I presume that what I

saw on that outdoor stage was one of the main acts of the night.

The Lubbock Music Festival is not well known or popular, and appropriately so. It is especially awful every year, it seems. It looked this year as if a few of the corn dog stands from the South Plains Fair were brought over, as well as a guy to keep yelling "Get your T-shirts!" Lubbock is a city with lots of musical history, and one of the festival's headliners was KC and the Sunshine Band. That's criminal.

I loved the intimate performance I saw, but really, Joe Ely should have been up on that main outdoor stage with a full band.



Hell, get the Flatlanders back together. Get Alejandro Escovedo up there. David Garza. Thrift Store Cowboys. Erykah Badu. Willie Nelson.

There are plenty of great Texan musicians, alive and well, and Lubbock somehow maintains a certain mystique (call it the Buddy Holly Effect).

But until the city does something that shows they actually care about music — and by this I mean live music — then Lubbock will remain in musical purgatory. (I am of course not talking about the many terrific efforts in the underground Lubbock music scene. The city of Lubbock, however, remains the most powerful

opportunity around, meaning the wealthiest with the kind of dough needed to truly put the tractor beam on great music and bring it here.)

There's an interesting dynamic between Lubbock citizens and Lubbock musicians (or at least the members of the Flatlanders, and other artists that define Lubbock music post Holly), mostly because the former tend to be wealthy conservative farmers, and the latter tend to write songs about poor liberal farmers — populists, really.

Case in point: Joe Ely performed a Butch Hancock song on Saturday called "Dry Land Farm," which includes a lyric about a "two-faced president." He also performed

a song called "All That You Need" (which he introduced as "Sow the Seed") that features the lyric "The ones who set our policy don't give a damn about our needs."

It is testament to the emotional respect Ely draws as a songwriter that he gets away with that kind of sentiment in a Lubbock gig — and even some raucous applause on the "two-faced president" line, which surprised me — but then again, there was a little tension, too.

I was sitting in the second row, and in front of me sat two platinum blonde women who chatted throughout the show, especially the quiet moments at the beginning of songs. One of them even tipped her head back and cackled. Their

husbands, I guess, were sitting off to the side. After Ely sang from the perspective of a down-but-not-out dry land farmer and that the president should be put out on a "dry land farm" to see how he likes it, one of the husbands grew irritable.

"Well he lives in (expletive) Austin," the man grumbled. Within a few minutes, however, he was saying, "Oh, this one's good," and clapping loudly for a new song.

Mostly the crowd got into "The Road Goes On Forever (And the Party Never Ends)," a romantic tale about a fated love, but more importantly a dose of nostalgia, with the scene about a woman driving her truck through the countryside, the windows open, a beer can between her legs. About a hundred middle-aged ladies with country roots lit up with recognition and hooted, and sang along. The men, in colorful button-up short-sleeves, shouted, "And the party never ends!" and held up their cans of Coors Light.

"It's hard to see you guys," said Guzman, at one point in the show, squinting into the crowd. "Do you guys have lighters?" He grinned at the joke. Ely looked back at him, one arm resting on his guitar, and shook his head.

"No, they all use iPhones now," he quipped.

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Selective vocabulary makes crisis worse

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Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me. So goes the tune we were all taught as 7-year-olds to

make ourselves feel better after getting mercilessly teased by the school bully. But flash forward to 2008 and it seems like the pen has come back with a mighty vengeance.

With Congress failing to pass the \$700 billion bailout Monday, media outlets across the country have been cautioned to carefully choose how to describe the financial crisis, so as not to create a general state of panic and fear. According to Newsweek columnist and former Cornell student Daniel Gross, conservative media owner Rupert Murdoch has

banished The Wall Street Journal from using words like "pandemonium" and "crash" to describe the financial crisis.

Along the same lines, Gross also reports that CNN correspondent Ali Velshi told The New York Times, "We're very careful not to throw words around like 'meltdown' and 'free fall'."

Gross argues while these tactics of describing events in watered-down terms are certainly useful for assuaging peoples' fears for a short time, ultimately, it does disservice to everyone when something terrible does happen and people clamor about its unexpectedness.

Under a market system, there are bound to be booms and busts in the business cycle. We have enjoyed an unprecedented amount of growth and prosperity in recent years and a market failure was inevitable. It was just a matter of how wide and how deep. Unfortunately, what makes this crisis so shocking is that people seem to have forgotten this notion and have let minor market hiccups accumulate over time, so now we basically need the equivalent of a gastric bypass procedure. Perhaps if we called things as they are, the surprise wouldn't be as shocking and efforts could have been taken to mitigate the

effects earlier.

Though the Dow Jones index plunged 778 points causing an unprecedented \$1.2 trillion loss of equity funds on Monday, Tuesday's stocks ticked up by 4.5 percent, the largest percentage increase in over 6 years. MSNBC headlined this event as, "Stunning day for Dow: Closes up more than 450." The second headline of the article reads: "Previous day's carnage attracts bargain hunters that bolster markets."

The significance of these headlines lies in the hunter terminology they use to describe the market. Generally, the markets are described as running on a bull when investor confidence is high. Markets are described as being on the bear when investor confidence is down. It is definitely a bear market right now, Elmer

Fudd. But as has been repeated over the past few weeks, the markets need to be convinced that problems can be resolved in order to restore investor confidence and that it is okay to lend again. By describing the uptick as bargain hunters who have beaten yesterday's carnage, this plays heavily into the psyche of investors that the stock market might be okay in the long run.

Similarly, some suggest that we need to label the bailout as something else in order to get more Congressional backing. "Bailout" is a loaded term that signifies to the main street Americans that they are bailing out the greedy investment bankers on Wall Street. Instead, another more successful way to push the bill would have been to label it as an economic stimulus package or something along those lines. There are no doubt flaws with the bill that was voted on yesterday but it seems like the House will have another go at it again this Wednesday. But for any bill to be successfully passed it will need to be retooled as a proposal that main street Americans can get behind.

One thing is sure though: When it comes down to it, talk ain't cheap. These words are definitely going to hurt.

Where to place blame for current economic troubles

The latest economic turmoil has cast a giant spotlight on Washington D.C. and Wall Street.

Certain political leaders have been happy to jump in front of cameras, not to offer a solution, but rather to cast the blame. With all the mud slinging, finger pointing, and name calling going around, it is easy to simply believe whoever is yelling the loudest. Yet, this gullible nature of people gets them no closer to the truth. It's time to dig deep and look for the root of this problem, because before a problem can be resolved it must be researched.

Contrary to popular belief the current crisis isn't a result of anything recent. In fact, the basis of this problem goes all the way back to the largest economic disaster in the history of the country, The Great Depression.

As a part of the New Deal, Franklin Roosevelt created the lending institution Fannie Mae. Perhaps you've heard of it? This creation of a partly socialized mortgage company was the beginning of the current debacle.

The next person in line for the blame would have to be Jimmy Carter, with his establishment of the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) in 1977. This began the trend of compelling companies to give loans and mortgages to people who will have trouble paying them back. This caused the Savings and Loans Crisis in 1989 where the government "fixed" the problem by buying out failing companies in an at-

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tempt to achieve stability.

Next comes President Clinton. He revised the aforementioned CRA so that bad mortgages can be repackaged and sold to other banks — you will see how this ties in later.

Following Clinton on the list is Franklin Rains. He was the head of Fannie Mae for four years, and in this short period of time Fannie Mae used Clinton's revisions to buy up billions of dollars of bad mortgages that other banks wanted to get rid of.

Why, you ask? The best I can figure is that it had something to do with the fact

that he got a bonus for increasing the assets of the company, no matter how risky or dangerous buying the mass amounts of debt was. On a side note: four years ago when Rains resigned as CEO of the Washington Post reported Mae was involved in a \$6.3 billion ac-

counting error investigation.

Congressional Republicans should bear some of the guilt also. They had a majority in the house for 12 years and held numerous sub-committee hearings while all this was going on but never made any substantive act to stop the downward spiral.

Where was a repeal or revision of the CRA? They had the pulpit and could have passed a bill along partisan lines — but it never happened.

President Bush and John McCain both saw the current crisis coming. In fact in 2005 McCain foresaw our current situation almost to a T. But why wasn't there a McCain Sub-Prime Mortgage Reform Act introduced in the Senate?

Also, the President called numerous times for revision of the way these companies were regulated, but until I found the transcripts of the

small press briefings where it was mentioned I had never heard of this. Why didn't he call a national press conference and say that we were headed down a dark path and we needed to fix the problem before it is too late?

Chris Dodd, Barack Obama

and the numerous other senators and representatives who received sweetheart deals and campaign contributions from Fannie Mae in exchange for not pursuing reform are also to blame.

As is Nancy Pelosi, who went on a book tour to sell a worthless bundle of papers that no one wanted to buy instead of addressing the problems we are facing.

And of course I can't forget Barney Frank — the chairman of the House Financial Services Committee. In 2003, Frank said "These two entities, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, are not facing any kind of financial crisis." Well I hate to break it to him, but boy did he miss that by a mile.

The list of those at fault goes on and on.

The point is there are so many people to blame that we have to realize that just about everyone contributed to the current state we are in, and we shouldn't trust them to get us out of it.

Ronald Reagan said, "Government tends not to solve problems, only rearrange them." That is what congress is doing with their big bailouts. They did it in 1989 and here we again have to address the same problem. If they do choose to bailout these companies, then in 15 or 20 more years our generation will face the same problems we are now.

It's time to end this cycle and allow the free markets to work and to get these corrupt, do-nothing politicians out of Washington.

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October will bring Cubs-Angels World Series

It is officially October, and if you have watched TBS commercials anytime in the last month then you know "There's Only One October." With such talented teams in the postseason it should be one highly entertaining October. But as you know, October only happens once so enjoy baseball season while you can.

Brett Talley



probably will have to take it back to the West Coast to move on to the ALCS. Prediction: Angels in five.

ALDS: Boston Red Sox vs. Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim

It's a shame that this is a divisional series because this would be a fantastic seven-game series to watch. Even though it will not go to seven, this series should definitely go the full five games. Boston is the defending champion, but the Angels match up better in every single category of the game. The only reason this series makes it to five instead of only four, is because the Red Sox are almost impossible to close out at home. The Fenway crowd will not let the Sox be eliminated at that ballpark. L.A.

ALDS: Chicago White Sox vs. Tampa Bay Rays

Chicago squeaked into the playoffs Tuesday, but it lost a significant amount of confidence and momentum because of poor play during the final week of the season. All year, we have been waiting for Tampa Bay to be the losing Rays we have known for so many years, but Tampa has just kept winning. Tampa is a more talented squad, so there should be no reason why the Rays cannot continue their newfound winning

ways. Prediction: Rays in four.

NLDS: Milwaukee Brewers vs. Philadelphia Phillies

If C.C. Sabathia had a bionic arm and could pitch everyday then the feel-good Brewers (although slightly less feel-good than the Rays) might have a shot at winning their first postseason series since 1982. As you might have guessed, Sabathia will not be pitching every game. Advantage: Philadelphia. Both of these teams can mash and neither has a solid starting rotation, but the difference lies out beyond the fence in the bullpen. I never thought I would say this, but Brad Lidge may be the key to winning a series in the postseason. Prediction: Phillies in four.

NLDS: Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Chicago Cubs

If you know anyone not picking the Cubs in this series, or to win the National League for that matter, this is a person you want to

wager money against because that person is an idiot. The Cubs are so much better than anyone one else in the NL in every facet of the game. This is easily the least interesting of the four divisional series. Prediction: Cubs in three.

ALCS: Tampa Bay Rays vs. Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim

Both teams boast starting rotations in which all five members have 10 or more wins, but the L.A. bullpen is far superior. Francisco Rodriguez and Scot Shields should be major factors in this series. Tampa, on the other hand, has a shakier bullpen to go along with some injuries and an irrefutable lack of experience. All these little things add up and, in the end, will be the end of Tampa Bay's magical season. Prediction: Angels in five.

NLCS: Philadelphia Phillies vs. Chicago Cubs

Again, Chicago just has so much more talent than the Phil-

lies. Carlos Zambrano, Ted Lilly, and Ryan Dempster should handle Cole Hamels and Jamie Moyer on the hill. Philadelphia's bullpen edge over Milwaukee does not exist in this series. Jeff Samardzija, Carlos Marmol, and Kerry Wood will lock games down late for Chicago. If the Cubs have a lead after six innings the game will be as good as over. Prediction: Cubs in five.

World Series: Chicago Cubs vs. Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim

The World Series has been disappointing the past four seasons as no series has lasted more than five games, but this World Series would put the "classic" back into the Fall Classic. Both of these teams have deep pitching rotations, solid bullpens, and

plenty of offense to entertain even the most lukewarm baseball fans. This one could go either way but L.A. is the pick for two reasons. First, the curse that has haunted Chicago for 100 years is a factor. No, I do not believe the curse actually exists, but you have to wonder how much the thought of one might weigh on the Cubs in tense situations.

Curse aside, my pride is the real reason for this pick. In April, I thought the Angels would win it all in this very space so I see no reason to bail on that pick now. I could not live with myself if I backed out on the right decision. Prediction: Angels in seven.

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Defense rests in OJ Simpson's armed robbery trial in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — O.J. Simpson's defense rested its case Wednesday without calling the former football star to the stand. Instead, his lawyers wrapped up with a voice mail from a key prosecution witness offering to tailor his testimony if he was paid enough.

Lawyers for Simpson's co-defendant, Clarence "C.J." Stewart, called only one witness before resting their case. Stewart's cousin, Linda Lockheart, said Stewart was elsewhere, entertaining friends, when Simpson and others gathered to plan a hotel room confrontation with two sports

memorabilia dealers.

Simpson and Stewart have pleaded not guilty to 12 criminal charges, including armed robbery and kidnapping. Each man could face five years to life in prison if convicted in the Sept. 13, 2007, confrontation.

The prosecution began calling rebuttal witnesses after the defense testimony. The voicemail left for Simpson's friend, Tom Scotto, was a last-minute surprise by the defense.

"If I get some help, I'll do whatever I can," said Walter Alexander,

whose message was played for jurors in a hushed courtroom.

"I can do quite a bit," said Alexander, one of four former co-defendants who pleaded guilty to reduced charges in return for their testimony against Simpson.

Scotto was asked what he thought after hearing the message and responded: "Basically, he was selling his testimony."

The call came to Scotto about a month after Simpson and a group of men, including Alexander, were arrested on allegations of robbing two sports memorabilia dealers in a

casino hotel room at gunpoint. The confrontation involved Simpson's effort to reclaim mementos of his storied career from two dealers peddling the items.

Scotto, 46, a North Miami Beach, Fla., auto repair shop owner who became a close friend of Simpson's over the past eight years, provided a dramatic account that played out against the backdrop of his impending wedding, which brought Simpson and others to Las Vegas.

His account was interspersed with details of trips to the marriage license bureau, the bakery and the florist.

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Tech soccer earning respect in Big 12

By **STEVEN RYAN**
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This is not your dad's Texas Tech women's soccer team.

Since the hiring of Tech coach Tom Stone in 2007, opposing schools have gained more respect for the Red Raiders' program, including this weekend's opposing coaches Kansas coach Mark Francis and Missouri coach Bryan Blitz.

"Tom has done a great job," Francis said. "He has obviously brought in better players. They are very organized and he has them really committed."

In the seven seasons prior to Stone's arrival in Lubbock, Tech was an abysmal 6-63-1 in Big 12 Conference play. In the year and a half since Stone took over, the Red Raiders have matched that win total in Big 12 games, going 6-5-1.

The recruiting job over the past few years has improved Tech's record. According to soccerbuzz.com, Stone's 2008 class was ranked 66th in the nation. This was the fifth straight season Tech had a class ranked in the Top 100, going back to classes signed by previous Tech coaches Neil McGuire and Felix Oskam.

In 2007, Tech signed one of its best recruits in school history when they signed midfielder Taylor Lytle out of Las Cruces, N.M. Lytle was named to the all-state team all four years of high school and was the New Mexico District 5A Player of the Year her junior and senior seasons.

This season she has been one of Tech's biggest contributors, scoring four goals and four assists in 10 starts.

Although there are better players in the program than there were in the past, Francis said that is not the only reason why Tech is a tougher opponent.

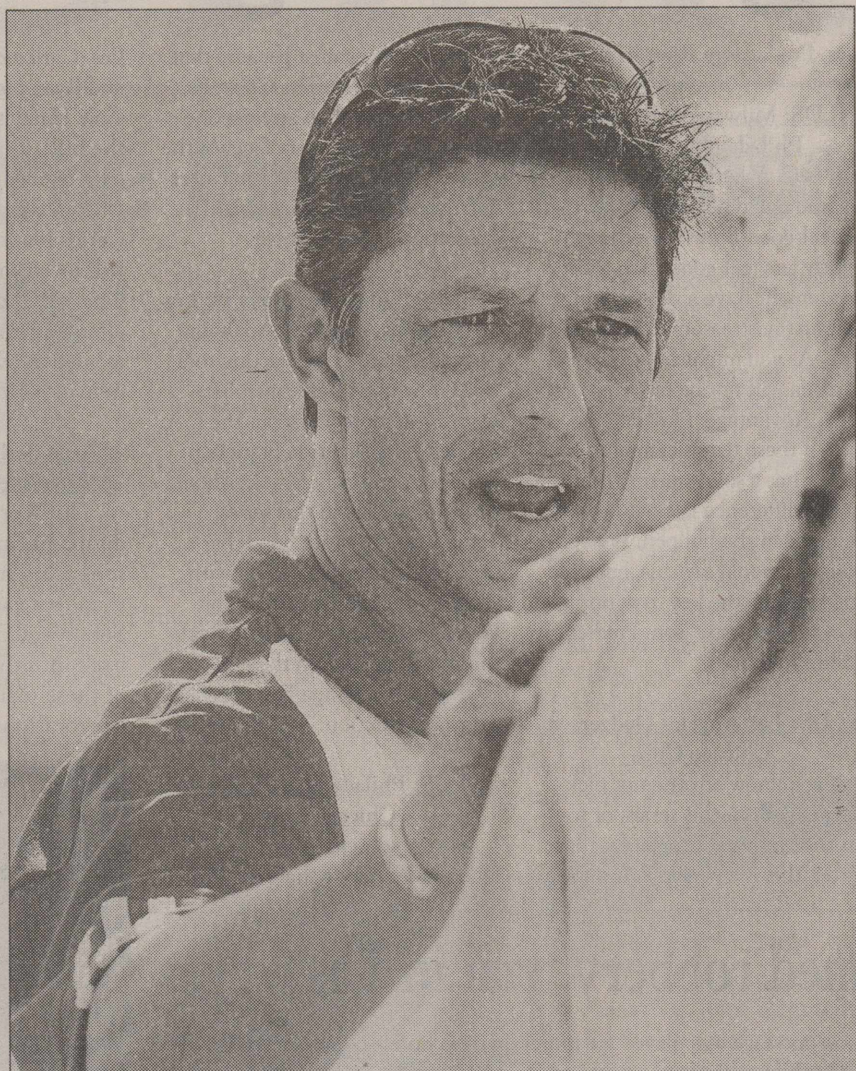
"It is more difficult to play them now because they compete so hard," Francis said. "I think Tom has them competing harder than teams in the past who didn't always do that consistently."

Blitz has known Stone since he was a player and said he has always been very intense. He said it seems Stone has translated his relentlessness to every one of the players in his program.

Missouri played Tech twice last season, one game being in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament last year. The Tigers won the regular season and the tournament games, but Blitz said those two matches were a couple of the toughest they played all season, which says a lot considering they played a difficult schedule.

"There is no give up in any of the players on that program," Blitz said. "It is still a continuation of what they are trying to build on from last year. Every ball contested, everything is a competition."

With its first winning Big 12 season since 1996, Tech is now starting to get more financial backing from the school to bring in better recruits and keep the winning seasons coming.



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KANSAS' MARK FRANCIS and his Jayhawks will take on the Red Raiders at 4 p.m. Saturday in Lawrence, Kan.

This season, the Red Raiders moved into their new soccer stadium, the John Walker Soccer Complex, and construction for a fieldhouse, which will include state-of-the-art locker rooms and training facilities, is just under way.

"I think the school is more committed financially," Blitz said. "The facilities are different now so I think they have really stepped up in a big way. It gives the coaches an opportunity to make their mark in the Big 12."

Going into their match this weekend, Blitz said his team has as much respect as they could possibly have for Tech.

"We have to be ready to compete on every possession," Blitz said. "We have to bring that part of the game against Texas Tech."

Tech will take on Kansas 4 p.m. Friday in Lawrence, Kan. before continuing on the road to face Missouri at noon Sunday in Columbia, Mo.

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Cross country transfers making impact in more ways than one



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TEXAS TECH'S LILLIAN Badaru transferred from South Plains College to Tech this season. She took first place at the Red Raider Invitational on Sept. 19.

By **KAYLA PARHAM**
STAFF WRITER

Transfers can bring more success than one may think.

A handful of Texas Tech cross country athletes on this season's roster started their careers at smaller universities and junior colleges. Attracting transfers to Tech not only helps ease recruiting battles for coaches, but aids the team with much-needed experience.

Tech coach Jon Murray said transfer athletes can have immediate impacts on a team since they already have competed at the college level.

"People transfer for different reasons," he said. "They are not satisfied where they are, major, a lot of reasons. You just recruit the person. Transfers, they come on their own. They come because their friends are here or they have a major or something like that. You don't go out and recruit transfers as much as transfers come to you."

Tech currently has two transfer athletes on 2008's roster. In 2007, Gilbert Limo transferred from Cameron University in Lawton, Okla. and this year Nathan Milles transferred from Alabama-Huntsville.

Milles said joining the Red Raiders was a natural choice for him since he already had friends at Tech.

The Lewisville native said in high school Tech was his top pick, but decided to try life outside of Texas.

"After a year in there (Alabama) it just wasn't what I wanted in a school," Milles said. "The program was fine, but it was a little too small for me. I kind of wanted to get the whole Big 12, big college feel."

Logan Culotta, who has known Milles since his high school days, said the Red Raiders benefit from having experienced runners transfer into Tech.

"I think it has helped out tremendously," he said. "Nathan and

I ran together in high school and we need all the good runners we can get. So it is really helpful, I'm glad he is here."

Other cross country athletes that join the Red Raiders finish junior college and then transfer into Tech. Two-time cross country national champion Sally Kipyego came to Tech after finishing school at South Plains in 2006. This year Lillian Badaru came to Tech after finishing at South Plains. Chase Wade came to Tech in 2007 also transferring from South Plains.

Murray said transfers from junior colleges are different because these athletes only have two years at that school.

"(We) possibly continue recruiting and trying to get talent from the junior college ranks because that is a good place to get it," he said. "They get two years of experience underneath them, then they come here a little more experienced making an impact right away."

Junior college athletes, Murray said, are recruited just like any other regular athlete compared to transfers from four year schools.

Kipyego won the NCAA national championship her first and second year at Tech and has won every race since she has been a Red Raider.

Badaru said she was headed to Ohio State, but after the coach who recruited her went to Georgia, Tech served as an alternative.

"I just loved the place and the athletes also," she said. "And the place is just so close by to where I come from, which is from Levelland. Sally, the way how she's sounding out there just made me (want) to come and the people around here — they are so social and I'm used to the people around here at Texas Tech, especially the athletes."

The Red Raiders will compete in the Notre Dame Invitational at 1 p.m. Friday in South Bend, Ind. and the Cowboy Jamboree Saturday in Stillwater, Okla.

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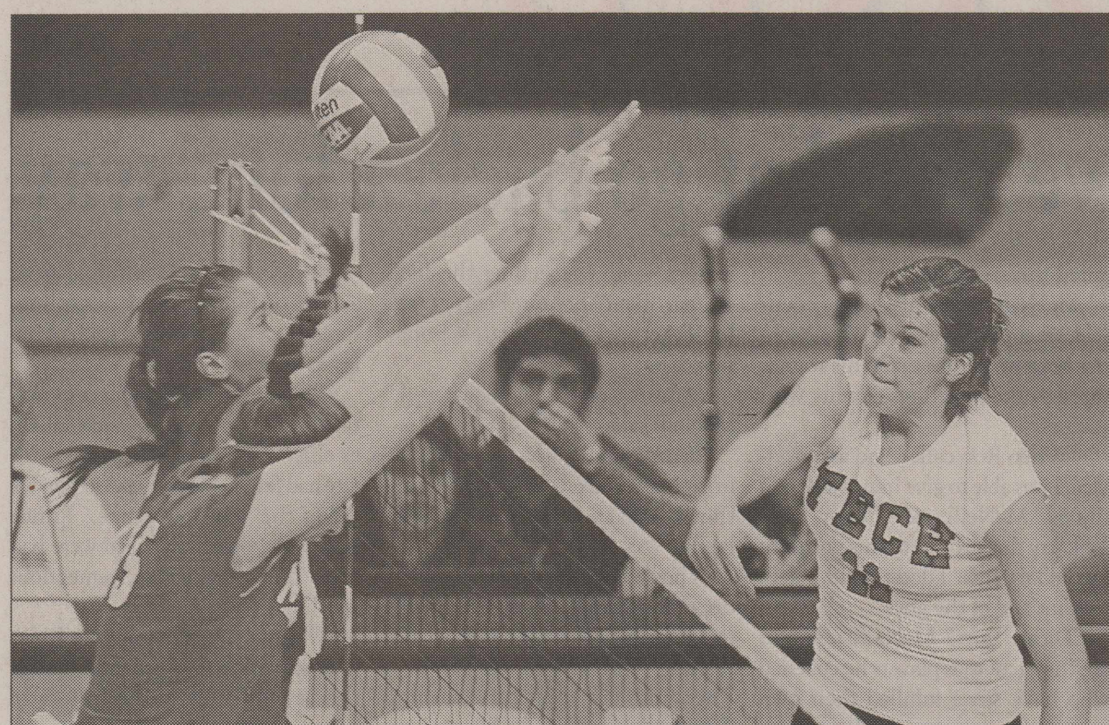


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FRESHMAN MIDDLE BLOCKER Amanda Dowdy spikes the ball during Texas Tech's loss in straight sets to Nebraska Wednesday evening at the United Spirit Arena.

BY KEVIN CULLEN
STAFF WRITER

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Wednesday brought no surprises for the Texas Tech volleyball team.

No. 2 Nebraska (13-0, 5-0 in Big 12 Conference) defeated Tech in straight sets (25-13, 25-23, 25-13) in the United

Spirit Arena.

The loss extended the Red Raiders' (5-11, 0-5 in Big 12) Big 12 losing streak to 24 dating back to last season.

Tech middle blocker Becca Baldwin, who with fellow middle Amanda Dowdy led the team with five kills, said even though it ultimately marks another loss, Tech saw many positives come from the match.

"I think we worked really hard," she said. "I think that we are pushing and we are really coming together as a team and working together as one unit instead of six individual players on the court and it's a really nice thing to see."

In the first set, the Cornhuskers took a 1-0 lead and, with the exception of three ties, never let the Red Raiders see daylight.

The closest Tech was able to get to the No. 2 team in the country was within three points at 8-11. Nebraska, helped by a five-point run and a four-point run, proceeded to run away with the first set by a final score of 25-13.

After not putting up much of a fight in the first set, Tech rebounded to play a tight second. The set went back and forth and was tied as late as 23-23. After taking a timeout, Nebraska scored the next two points with kills by outside hitters Jordan Larson and Tara Mueller to take the match 25-23.

"It's always disappointing to not take the win," Baldwin said, "but it was a lot of fun and it was just so intense and I feel like we literally left all we had on the court, so it was very good."

Nebraska coach John Cook said the score in the set was a combination of his team's play and Tech taking advantage of an opportunity presented to it.

"Anytime in sports, (if) you win a 25-13 game, for example, tonight, there's just a natural let-down," he said. "Everything started kinda coming apart for us a little bit, but Texas Tech took advantage of it and that was a great job by them."

The third set proved to be a stark contrast to the previous set.

After falling behind 6-0 early, Tech was barely able to keep its head above water, eventually stumbling to a 13-25 loss.

The Red Raiders never got within less than five points as the Cornhuskers bombarded them with point after point.

"We started off 5 or 6-0 — right off, we got a big run," Cook said, "and then that took the wind out of Texas Tech, I think. We only got five kills in that game. We were serving really tough and they were having a hard time passing it."

Nebraska was carried throughout the match by Mueller and middle blocker Amanda Gates, who tallied 13 and 10 kills, respectively.

Outside hitter Lindsey Licht was on a roll for Nebraska in the third set, which helped to finish off Tech in the decisive fashion that it did. Licht ended the match with nine kills.

Tech libero Jenn Harrell said facing Nebraska will prove to be valuable for the team as it continues Big 12 play.

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Kansas State coach, McNeill have ties that go back a long way



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KANSAS STATE COACH Ron Prince was an offensive tackle when Texas Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill was an assistant coach at Appalachian State in the 1990s.

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Ron Prince occasionally needed pointers as he ascended through the coaching hierarchy on his way to being named head coach at Kansas State in 2006. The coach he sought advice from is the same one Texas Tech football players call 'Pops' — Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill.

When Prince was an offensive tackle at Appalachian State in 1990-1991, McNeill served as the assistant and linebackers coach, and the two were part of a Southern Conference Championship in 1991.

"We obviously go back quite a way for a lot of moments during my formation as a coach coming up through the ranks," said Prince, whose Wildcats play No. 7 Texas Tech at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Manhattan, Kan. "He was there for me in guidance and counseling. When I need a sounding board to bounce things off of, he is one of the great people in this business. I appreciate all those things, and I know that he'll have his team very well pre-

pared this weekend."

McNeill said its his duty to counsel former players who turn to coaching because he has made his rounds through the coaching circuits with success.

"When Ron called and asked advice, I was able to give him some good things," McNeill said. "I'd say, 'Hey, look, try this way, or in this position, I would try this.' I don't mind, I'll do that for any of the guys."

Those "guys" McNeill refers to are the numerous players he coached who have since fulfilled their own responsibilities on a sideline, however, it does seem to have a hidden meaning, he said.

"I'm proud of all of the ex-players I've been a part of," McNeill said. "I've got two of my guys coaching in the (NFL), and Ron is a head coach, and we've got guys (at Tech) on staff, so I guess I'm getting old."

McNeill, who was offered the defensive coordinator position at Kansas State when Prince was assembling his staff, compared Prince's task of following former Kansas State coach Bill Snyder — the winningest coach in KSU

history — to succeeding the likes of Paul "Bear" Bryant, Penn State's Joe Paterno Florida State's Bobby Bowden.

"I think Ron has handled it well," McNeill said.

Prince could use some advice from his former coach considering the Wildcat's defensive struggles lately.

The damage has occurred mostly on the ground, with Louisville racking up 577 total yards — 303 rushing — in a 38-29 loss Sept. 17. Then just last week, the rushing defense showed little improvement, allowing 335 rushing yards in a narrow 45-37 win over Louisiana-Lafayette. If it was not for quarterback Josh Freeman throwing for three touchdowns and running for two, the Wildcats may have lost the game.

Prince said the Ragin Cajuns' veer formation, a powerful running attack, proves difficult to contain, so he expected to give up some yards on the ground. ULL has ranked among the nation's leaders in total rushing offense throughout the past three seasons.

However, the mistakes he saw

while watching film resulted from a lack of fundamental discipline, something he has seen in each of the last two games.

"Looking at the number of missed tackles that we had (against ULL), as crazy as it might sound, we actually had fewer missed tackles than we did in the Louisville game," Prince said. "The ones we missed were bad ones, they hurt us in a tremendous way."

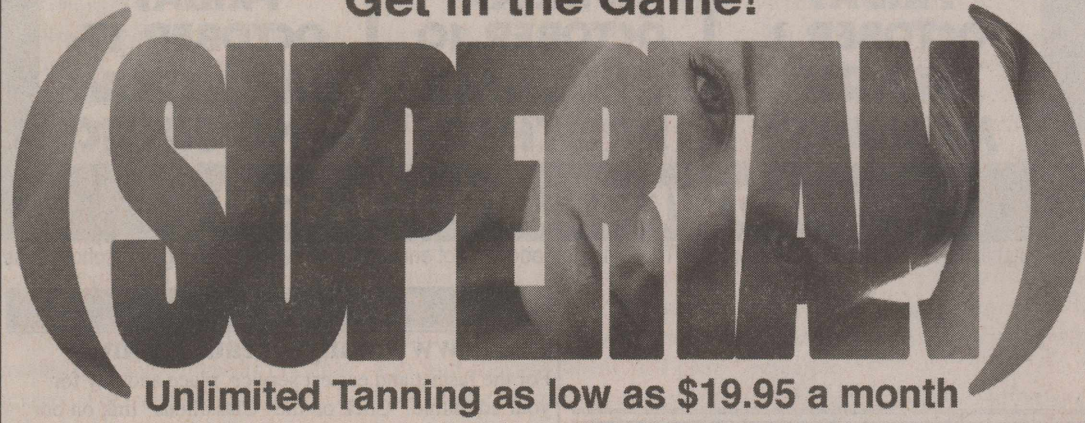
When it comes to stopping Tech's offense, which Prince called "one of the best offenses in the history of college football," he said his team will need to be disruptive as much as possible to limit Tech's successful possessions.

Allowing 206.5 yards per game, KSU's rushing defense ranks 104th in the nation, while forcing only four turnovers in four games, which ranks 107th.

"Right now its a defense where we're not getting many turnovers, and we're not applying a lot of pressure on the quarterback," Prince said. "But really we haven't played our very best football yet."

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Rockets expect new, improved offense under Adelman

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets won 55 games in Rick Adelman's first season and still felt as if they never quite mastered the coach's offense.

Houston acquired Ron Artest and Brent Barry in the offseason, and the returning players say those additions plus their familiarity with Adelman will make the Rockets a much more potent offensive team.

"We know what coach is really all about," said Tracy McGrady, who averaged 21.6 points last season.

"And having that season under his belt, we can throw a little bit more in our offense. Last season, there was so much we couldn't throw in, because guys couldn't really adapt to the system that quickly."

The Rockets averaged 96.7 points last season, 22nd in the NBA. In Adelman's first three seasons coaching Sacramento (1998-2001), the Kings were the league's highest scoring team.

Houston held its second day of training camp on Wednesday, and Adelman said the Rockets need to

work on their "obedience" within his offense, making the correct reads, cuts and passes. Now, Adelman said players are trying to do too much individually.

"You've got to know what's in your offense, you've got to know what your strength is in that offense, and you've got to use that strength," Adelman said after the team's third practice on Wednesday. "You can't try to do things you're not capable of doing. Patience is probably the key. We're not very patient right now."

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