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Lubbock alcohol sales could be delayed for months

By JON VANDERLAAN
NEWS EDITOR

Although Lubbock County voters authorized the sale of alcohol in a May vote for Propositions 1 and 2, students will not find any stores selling alcohol for off-premise consumption within Lubbock city limits.

The election for the Propositions 1 and 2, which passed with almost 65 percent of the vote and almost 70 percent of the vote, respectively, was protested to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission by several residents of the county on the basis that past elections in the city overrule the county-wide election.

According to a release by the TABC, the hearing for the protests could take up to several months to be put on the docket and will be heard either by a Lubbock County judge or the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Todd Reno, a member of Lub-

bock County Wins, a political action committee formed to push for the sale of alcohol, said the TABC is overstepping its boundaries by attempting to determine whether Lubbock is wet or dry.

He also said because the permit protests were not targeted at specific companies, they should not be valid.

"In my opinion, and several others, the way they protested was not (done correctly)," Reno said.

Carolyn Beck, public information officer for the TABC, said the organization is not deciding whether the area is wet or dry, but is bringing the complaints before a judge, who then will make a decision on the legality of the election.

The election is being protested and not contested, she said, which means that the TABC is not required to issue permits until the issues are resolved.

"It is unfortunate, and we do recognize the negative impact this has on those businesses to delay issuing

those permits," Beck said.

However, she said, issuing permits in error would cause worse consequences when the permits would have to be revoked.

"I think this is a no-win situation right now for people who have put money into those businesses," Beck said.

The protests to this election are the most recent bump in the road through a long process which has seen the county sign petitions, vote for alcohol, the city has reworked zoning ordinances under threat of lawsuit and still be unable to sell alcohol within Lubbock city limits.

Eddie McBride, the president of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, said he has heard rumblings of possible action from businesses who have put money into stripping shelves of other merchandise for the sale of alcohol, but has not yet heard of any company taking action.

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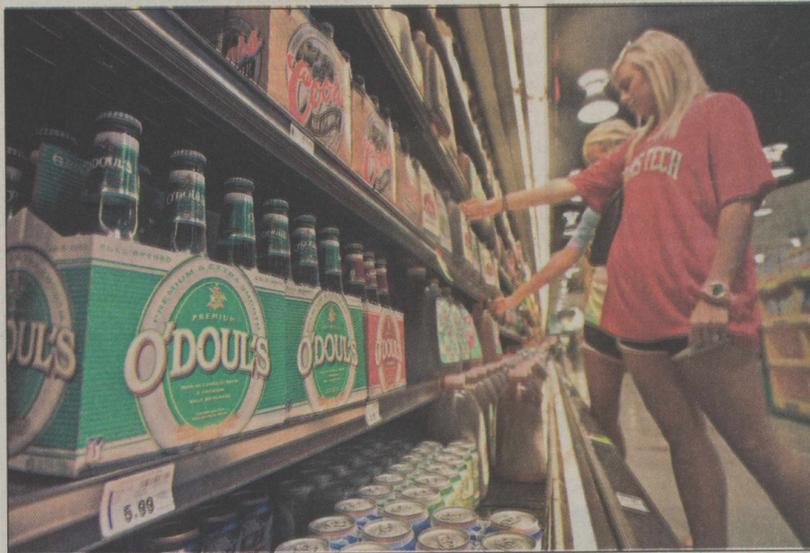


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CARLEE JOHNSTON, A senior RHIM major from San Antonio, looks at tea that occupies the shelves built to accommodate alcohol Wednesday at United Market Street at 50th Street and Indiana Avenue.

Pedestrian bridges open on Marsha Sharp Freeway

By KELSEY HECKEL
STAFF WRITER

Phase 2 of the Marsha Sharp freeway was finished during the summer, and four pedestrian bridges are now open to Texas Tech students and provide easier access to the other side of the overpass.

The first bridge connects the area from west of Indiana Avenue to the main campus of the Health and Sciences Center. The second bridge connects Boston Avenue, north of the freeway, to the northwest corner of Jones AT&T Stadium. The remaining two connect the north side of the freeway to the south side of the freeway at University Avenue and at Avenue U.

"Now that phase 2 is finished, it's made it a lot easier for Texas Tech students to utilize the walkways such as the one at Jones Stadium," said Dianah Ascencio, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Transportation in Lubbock. "Construction on the pedestrian crossways finished earlier this month, the fences went up, and all that remains left to do is some painting."

The TxDOT bought Tech property for \$12.4 million, the largest sale of land in the history of the district from the campus, according to the department's Web site.

The original design plans had the overpass running through the campus, but



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PHASE 2 OF the Marsha Sharp Freeway included the completion of the University Avenue overpass. The construction also includes four pedestrian bridges.

the idea was dismissed by Tech officials. The portion of the bridge that was built on Tech property was constructed to reflect the Spanish colonial design of the rest of the campus.

Plans for construction on the freeway have been developing since the mid-1980s, Ascencio said. The environmental document alone took three years to write and was approved and signed in April 1995, which gave the Lubbock district

the authority to begin development plans and start buying land.

"Construction barrels and cones have been part of the Lubbock landscape for the last seven years," Ascencio said. "But now that more of the freeway is opening up and phases are being completed, we are making a lot more people's commutes easier."

Janice Flemmons, director of administration at the Ronald McDonald House

in Lubbock, said the construction made some aspects of business difficult for the organization.

"The freeway makes it a lot more difficult for families to find out location," she said. "We also had to put in a change of address because they cut off Indiana Avenue, and that ended up taking about a year-and-a-half to be resolved."

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Board of Regents increase tuition, fees by 9.9 percent

By KEVIN CULLEN
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The Texas Tech Board of Regents agreed in June to increase 2009-2010 tuition by 9.9 percent to prevent falling further behind competitors in faculty salaries, which Tech Chancellor Kent Hance said is a primary goal of the university.

The hike, which will amount to an extra \$351 for students

alleviate the problem.

The university's research goals are tied into faculty salaries, Hance said, which also contributed to the raise.

"(The tuition increase) averages out to 5 percent each year," he said. "We wish we didn't have to, but in order for us to be tier one, we've gotta get our faculty salaries up so we recruit the best and we have to have good research facilities."

The reason Tech is so far behind in faculty salaries, Hance said, is because the university did not have proper objectives in place to grow the institution during the last 10 years.

Hance said catching up to other state universities in faculty salaries will take at least five years to accomplish.

"Our plans are those that are teaching and doing well teaching, we want them to get merit pay raises," he said. "Those that are doing research — good solid research — we want them to get additional money. Our goal is that the professors that are producing should be rewarded."

More student scholarships also could be given with funds from the increase in tuition, Hance said.

"One of my big goals is to have more money that will be utilized for more scholarships for students," he said.

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TEXAS TECH
CHANCELLOR

Part of the reason for the increase, he said, was because the university did not receive the amount of money from the Texas Legislature it had hoped to receive after freezing tuition during the 2008-2009 year.

"I didn't think that they gave us a bonus for being such good people," he said. "We got a little extra money — it wasn't a bad session — but there were schools that increased more that didn't hold the line and they did just fine also."

The increase will help Tech be more competitive in terms of faculty salaries, Hance said. The university has fallen behind its Texas competitors, he said, and the increase in funds will help

Administrators give positive enrollment outlook

By JETT THOMPSON
STAFF WRITER

In keeping with the university's goal of increasing enrollment to 40,000 students by the year 2020, applications have increased for the third year in a row and new student admissions increased by 300 students since 2008.

Although the official statistics for total student enrollment will not be available until the 20th school day, Ethan Logan, the managing director of undergraduate recruitment and admissions, said the preliminary numbers of admitted students look promising.

"(I am) very optimistic in what we will see," he said. "All signs point to good enrollment of incoming students."

According to documents provided by the office of undergraduate recruitment and admissions, the number of applications received by the admissions office this year grew by about 3.1 percent to about 16,500, up almost 500 applications from 2008.

The "summer melt," a phenomenon described by Logan, occurs every summer, in which about 3 percent to 5 percent of accepted students decide at the last minute to go somewhere other than Tech.

Many factors go into admissions and enrollment, but in the end it comes down to the student's decision, he said.

An enrollment comparison document obtained through the department of institutional research and information management shows out of 11,643 admitted freshmen students in 2008, only about 37.8 percent actually enrolled in the university.

Logan also stressed the importance of student retention. Between 2004 and 2008, the one-year retention rate of new full-time freshmen hovered between 80 percent and 84 percent.

"When I came here, we had been losing students three years in a row, and I thought we could turn this around," said Tech Chancellor Kent Hance. "It's like turning around a battleship."

He said this year Tech could see its largest enrollment numbers ever on record.

"We've had significant increases in both applications and admissions among freshmen, transfers and graduate students, so we expect to have a very healthy enrollment increase," said Tech President Guy Bailey.

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Student Media

Tech prepares for swine flu season

By LAUREN GLOVER
STAFF WRITER

With an expected increase in the number of H1N1 virus cases as the school year kicks off, Texas Tech has ordered extra flu vaccines as well as updated a Web site designed to help students protect themselves against the flu.

According to a report released by the White House earlier this week, the H1N1 virus will kill between 30,000 and 90,000 Americans in 2009 with the season peaking mid-October.

In preparation, Dr. Kelly Bennett of the Family Medicine department said Tech has ordered 500 additional doses of the regular flu vaccine.

She said no Tech students were infected with H1N1 last year, but the university has been preparing for an outbreak projected to be more severe than last year.

According to Tech's flu Web site, students with the flu or flu-like symptoms are not to attend class or work for at least 24 hours after fever returns to normal and to consider vaccinations as they become available.

This follows the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention swine flu response guidelines for higher education released Aug. 20, which recommends

students and faculty infected with H1N1 be isolated as much as possible.

"Texas Tech has been designated a point of dispensing, by the CDC," said Managing Director of Family Medicine Evelyn McPherson. "This should give students and faculty easy access to the vaccine."

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EVELYN MCPHERSON
MANAGING DIRECTOR OF
FAMILY MEDICINE

The H1N1 vaccine, which must be taken as two separate doses, should be available to students in late September, Bennett said, and does not replace the regular flu vaccine.

"The CDC is setting up a provider registry of doctors and health departments to receive vaccines for H1N1," said

Lubbock Public Health Preparedness Coordinator Sandy Fortenberry. "Of the 45 million expected vaccines, about 4 million will be allocated to Texas which will then go to registered providers."

In addition to getting the H1N1 vaccine, she said, students must take responsibility for their own health so they do not become infected.

"Students should do the same as they would with seasonal flu by practicing good hygiene, staying healthy and getting their seasonal flu shot," Fortenberry said.

The CDC also urges balance, and according to CDC H1N1 response guidelines, strategies employed by organizations should reduce the number of people who become ill or die from the flu while minimizing disruption.

"We are working to follow CDC guidelines which sometimes change from one day to the next depending on the severity of outbreak," McPherson said.

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KEVIN HARP, A freshman with no declared major from Austin, plays ladder golf behind the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house Wednesday during recruitment. Beta Theta Pi opened their house to about 250 potential members Wednesday.

IN BRIEF

STATE

Schieffer gets endorsements from House Dems

AUSTIN (AP) — Democrat Tom Schieffer picked up endorsements Wednesday for his run for governor from Democratic leaders in the Texas House, further solidifying support for the Fort Worth businessman and former ambassador.

The endorsements come after

other prominent candidates decided this summer not to enter the party's 2010 primary. The legislators praised the credentials of Schieffer, a former state lawmaker who served as ambassador to Japan and Australia under Republican President George W. Bush.

NATION

Energy companies want to buy closed Ford plant

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Two alternative energy companies planning to buy a closed Ford Motor Co. factory near Detroit want to convert it into the country's largest renewable energy park, with at least 2,800 workers building storage batteries, solar panels and possibly wind turbines.

The proposed \$725 million project outlined to state lawmakers Wednesday would be a coup for a state in desperate need of jobs. Michigan, with the highest unemployment rate in the nation, hopes to become a major player in the green economy.

WORLD

Karzai widens lead in Afghan vote count

KABUL (AP) — President Hamid Karzai extended his lead over his top challenger in Afghanistan's presidential election, new vote results showed Wednesday, but remains short of the 50 percent threshold that would allow him to avoid a two-man runoff.

Afghan election officials are slowly releasing results from last week's presidential election, and final certified results will not be ready until at least mid-September, after dozens of serious complaints of fraud have been investigated.

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Freeway

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Phase 4, which includes construction of the I-27 interchange, should begin early 2010, Ascencio said, and is estimated to cost \$60 million. Phase 5 will extend the freeway from one mile past the West Loop to past Wolforth but is being delayed because of a lack of funding. Construction will begin in 2012 if funds are acquired. The entire

project is estimated to cost \$256 million but expected to generate \$945 million of economic output, \$755 million of which will remain in Lubbock.

The name for the freeway comes from former Lady Raiders' basketball coach Marsha Sharp who led the team to a national championship in 1993. The Lubbock city council passed an ordinance in 2000 officially naming the freeway in recognition.

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The chamber is now collecting the interests of its members, he said, so when the county hearing is scheduled, they will be prepared to represent the businesses.

"Generally speaking, we're very frustrated at the lack of consistency with the permit issuance from TABC," McBride said. "Everyone in this process is frustrated, but even more so the people that have voted in Lubbock County."

Eddie Owens, the director of corporate communications for United Supermarkets, said although the company has spent money and been prepared to sell alcohol in their stores for some time, it is ready to patiently wait for the legal processes to play out to completion.

"I think it goes without saying that we are ready for the final disposition of the situation to occur as quickly as possible," he said.

The company still is encouraging the process to be expedited as soon as possible, Owens said.

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NON-ALCOHOLIC WINE is one of the drinks United Market Street at 50th Street and Indiana Avenue. is offering because of the ban on packaged alcohol sales inside the city.

Counseling program regains accreditation

By **ALLYSON SCHELL**
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech College of Education received continuing full accreditation in August until 2015 from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Programs.

The accreditation includes the offered programs of a master's degree in community counseling and school counseling and a doctorate in counselor education.

"It is the highest accreditation awarded to a counselor education program," said Coordinator of Counselor Education Loretta Bradley. "It's the only program west of Dallas, east of Albuquerque and north of San Antonio that has this accreditation."

Bradley, who was the 1998-1999 national president of the American Counseling Association program and also a Paul Whitfield Horn Professor at Tech, led the process of regaining accreditation as the CACREP liaison. She was assisted

by counselor education professor Gerald Parr in the effort to compile a report to send into the CACREP for review on the counseling program at Tech.

"Step one was to send in materials, and then the board reviews these materials," Bradley said. "Step two is they send in a site team to review us, and then there is a follow-up study by the board for review."

CACREP reviewed the course syllabi, faculty curriculum and the evidence of more than 300 CACREP standards the Tech College of Education was in compliance with. The decision was made in July, and the letter was sent to Tech President Guy Bailey.

"The College of Education is proud to receive accreditation by CACREP again for all our counselor education programs," said Charles Ruch, interim dean of the college.

With this accreditation, Bradley said, students who receive their master's or their doctorate will have a leg up once entering the job

world.

"A research study reviewed studies conducted on CACREP accreditation perceptions said that more than 90 percent of employers prefer graduates of this prestigious accreditation," she said. "So CACREP is a definite asset to students in the world of work."

Also with this accreditation, she said, students will be attracted to the counselor programs due to its prestige.

"If students are interested in pursuing a degree in counselors education there are step by step procedures available on the Web site," Bradley said, "and if prospective students of a masters in community or school education, or a Ph.D. in counselor education are interested they can contact any of the faculty."

CACREP is a national independent agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation to accredit master's degree programs at the university level.

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Mass. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy dies at age 77 after brain tumor battle

BOSTON (AP) — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, the liberal lion of the Senate and haunted bearer of the Camelot torch after two of his brothers fell to assassins' bullets, has died at his home in Hyannis Port after battling a brain tumor. He was 77.

For nearly a half-century in the Senate, Kennedy was a steadfast champion of the working class and the poor, a powerful voice on health care, civil rights, and war and peace. To the American public, though, he was best known as the last surviving son of America's most glamorous political family, the eulogist of a clan shattered again and again by tragedy.

His family announced his death in a brief statement released early Wednesday.

"We've lost the irreplaceable center of our family and joyous light in our lives, but the inspiration of his faith, optimism, and perseverance will live on in our hearts

forever," the statement said. "We thank everyone who gave him care and support over this last year, and everyone who stood with him for so many years in his tireless march for progress toward justice, fairness and opportunity for all."

Kennedy was elected to the Senate in 1962, when his brother John was president, and served longer than all but two senators in history. Over the decades, he put his imprint on every major piece of social legislation to clear the Congress.

His own hopes of reaching the White House were damaged — perhaps doomed — in 1969 by the scandal that came to be known as Chappaquiddick, an auto accident that left a young woman dead.

Kennedy — known to family, friends and foes simply as Ted — ended his quest for the presidency in 1980 with a stirring valedictory that echoed across the decades: "For all those whose cares have been our concern, the work goes on, the

cause endures, the hope still lives and the dream shall never die."

The third-longest-serving senator in U.S. history, Kennedy was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor in May 2008 and underwent surgery and a grueling regimen of radiation and chemotherapy.

His death late Tuesday comes just weeks after that of his sister Eunice Kennedy Shriver on Aug. 11.

In a recent interview with The Associated Press, Kennedy's son Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., said his father had defied the predictions of doctors by surviving more than a year with his fight against brain cancer.

The younger Kennedy said that gave family members a surprise blessing, as they were able to spend more time with the senator and to tell him how much he had meant to their lives.

The younger Kennedy said his father's legacy was built largely in the Senate.

"He has authored more pieces of major legislation than any other United States senator," Patrick Kennedy said in the interview. "He is the penultimate senator. I don't need to exaggerate when I talk about my father. That's the amazing thing. He breaks all the records himself."

Ted Kennedy fought his way back to Capitol Hill that summer to cast a pivotal vote for the Democrats on Medicare. He made sure he was there again last January to see his former Senate colleague Barack Obama sworn in as the nation's first black president, only to collapse in fatigue at a celebratory luncheon afterward.

He died without seeing his dream of universal health care come true. From his sickbed earlier this summer, he had worked the phones, making a final push for what he called "the cause of my life" in a rousing speech at the Democratic convention last August.

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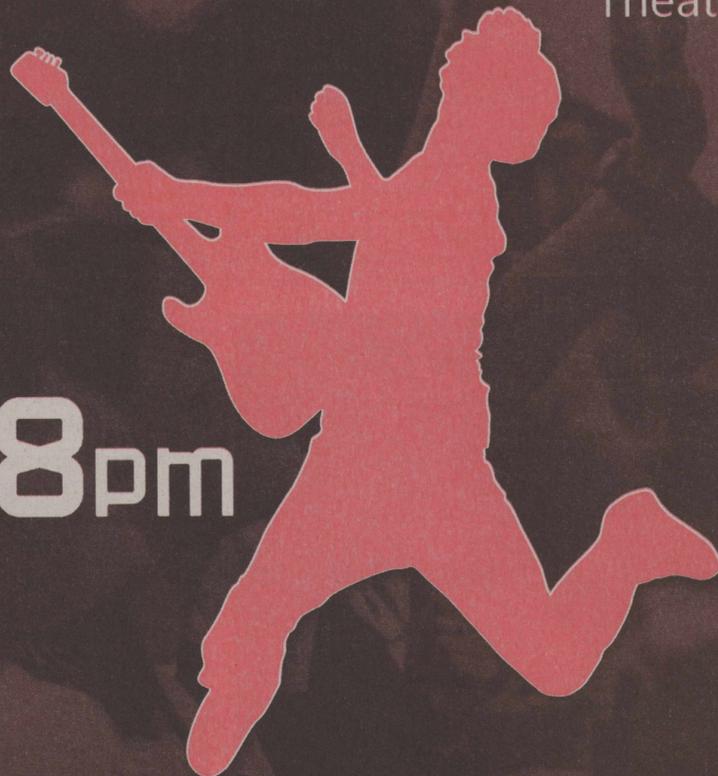
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Death toll removed from our front page

Since 2005 a familiar graphic has been present on the front page of *The Daily Toreador*: the death toll.

As our new publishing year begins for Fall 2009, we, the editorial board, have decided to remove it from the newspaper.

For those unfamiliar with it, the death toll was a running count of U.S. soldier deaths as a result of the War in Iraq. It was created in 2005 amid much controversy, including a resolution passed by the Student Government Association aimed at changing it.

The decision to remove it came after President Barack Obama pledged to withdraw troops from Iraq by 2011 and

focus attention on Afghanistan. The withdrawal began this summer with the removal of soldiers from Iraqi cities.

Joey Kirk, who led the editorial board that decided to publish the death toll in Fall 2005, said the death toll was a way to get factual information to readers when writing an individual story for each death was not practical because of space and time limitations.

"When I say that there wasn't enough room to run a story every single day, every time a soldier died, it's not that we were disrespecting the soldiers and didn't feel as though they shouldn't have the space," he said. "It was just the fact that we wanted that information out there and prominent. That way people

could understand and know that this is going on."

But the move didn't come without criticism.

Letters to the editor, e-mails and complaints poured in. Meanwhile, the editorial board defended its First Amendment rights.

"That was probably the best thing," Kirk said. "We actually got people involved and talking, which was amazing."

Taking it down is in no way meant to be disrespectful to the families and friends of soldiers who died in Iraq.

At a time when the United States is engaged in multiple foreign conflicts, the editorial board feels it no longer serves readers as it once did.

US should be better role model, stop current torture practices

Recently the Obama administration got the ball rolling on investigating CIA interrogation practices during the war on terror. What they have found is very troubling.

Paul Williamson



when fighting on the battlefield, we could easily mistake the innocent with the enemy.

To me, if we torture one innocent person, that is too much. Again, that innocent person would have an incentive to stop the torture or protect their family from the threats of United States officials.

But the most compelling reason why my fellow countrymen should be absolutely appalled by these practices is the fact our country was built on the foundation of freedom, liberty and justice. There should be no exceptions.

If the government has the ability to throw these values to the wind in times of emergencies in one instance, what is stopping them from doing the same to citizens right here in the United States and just claiming that national security is at stake?

We should fear the government in a world where it decides when to follow and not follow the laws designed to contain its power. If we continue to allow this, there can be no end to these practices and all of our rights will be at stake.

Like it or not, the United States is a beacon of light to the rest of the world for freedom. We are the model for new democracies and governments around the world. If we show them there are exceptions to liberty, we lose all credibility to be the protector of the rights of the oppressed around the world.

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The reports, which will be made public on Friday, will contain abuses using things like an electric drill, a gun, threatened execution of the suspect and their children and many other interrogation practices.

This will undoubtedly put yet another black eye on the United States to the rest of the world. The problem with this is the United States has become heavily dependent on its allies in providing intelligence needed. If our allies do not like the way we do things, they may not be so willing to cooperate with us.

This is especially true in a world where the United States has begun opening dialogue with Syria and other Arab countries to help bring peace to the Middle East. This dialogue can be crucial in getting countries to cooperate with the United States in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. If they do not trust our nation, then we lose valuable information and support.

Also, it has been shown these practices are ineffective. Think about it. If you are a parent and you have people threatening to kill your children, would you say anything to save them? Or if you are being tortured and threatened with execution, would you say

anything to get your captors to stop? The answer is yes.

These are already people our intelligence officials already do not trust (for good reasons). What makes us think they will be trustworthy when put under pressure? Torture only gives them more of an incentive to lie.

These torture practices are also illegal, not only in violation of international law but domestic law as well. "But Paul, they are not U.S. citizens and are outside of the United States. Why should our laws apply?" There are a couple of problems with this.

We are the acting agent. We are the ones doing the arresting and interrogating. Why should we not follow our own laws when we act? It only makes sense. Conservatives always argue terrorists hate democracy and want chaos. Why do we provide it to them? We are giving them what they want when we violate our rule of law. We should do everything to maintain freedom, even in the most troubling times.

How can we be sure the individuals we capture are actually our enemies and not people caught in the wrong place at the wrong time? A lot of the fighting occurs in villages in massive civilian populations. Given the fact they wear civilian clothing

Stay sober, have more party fun

The start of a new school semester means a lot of things. It means classes begin, obviously, and for many of us it means moving back to Lubbock from wherever else we may spend our summers. But for a lot of people it means something very important: It's party time again.

Sure, many college-age students are perfectly capable of attending parties and bars no matter what time of the year it is, but you know there are plenty of people — many incoming freshmen among them, I'm guessing — who are forced to make the most out of time away from home and away from parental units.

Regardless of your circumstances, we all know that a lot of us are going to be drinking a lot during the school year, whether we can buy beer at the local Wal-Mart or not.

But I'm going to make a suggestion for you in terms of drinking at any parties you attend: don't.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not here to say, "Drinking is a sin. You're going to ruin your body and probably kill yourself and those around you. Also, beer makes you pregnant." That's not why I'm writing this. If you want to get wasted and pass out at your buddy's place, what do I care? Just try to obey the law and not kill me on the road, and we shouldn't have any

Britton Peele



problems.

What some of you may not realize, though, is that there's another reason not to drink at parties. That reason? Watching drunk people can be extremely entertaining.

I don't drink. It's not a religious choice or anything like that; it's just not something I personally enjoy. So whenever I'm out at a party or other gathering where there is alcohol involved, it's not uncommon for me to be one of the only sober people around once enough time has passed.

Why does that matter? Well, for one thing, I tend to remember everything a bit better than anyone else does. And I'm able to point and laugh when people take things too far and act very foolish.

So that night you always brag about, saying, "My party must have been awesome! I don't remember a thing!" Well, I can remember quite vividly the moment when you and another guy tried to compete in a push-up contest, until you forfeited in order to perform a moving

rendition of "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes."

You might have had fun, and that's great for you. But I had fun for an entirely different reason. And I actually have memories to laugh at for awhile.

No offense to any freshmen reading this, but some of you can often be the funniest. First-time drinkers often know how to overdo things in quite an extraordinary way.

It's also easier to obtain certain bragging rights when you're sober. Do you know how easy it is to beat drunk people at "Guitar Hero"? I would never claim to be all that amazing at the game, but I had people bowing to me like I was a fake guitar god at one party.

Now, keep in mind if you do choose to go to a party and remain sober, it might be best to bring a partner who shares your goal. While laughing at drunken behavior can be fun, it's more fun when you have someone else to laugh with.

Granted, this isn't something for everybody. And heck, if everybody went to parties sober, there wouldn't be drunk people to laugh at in the first place. So I'm not suggesting that everybody make this their routine. I'm only saying that you might want to try it sometime and see what happens.

If you decide later to drink, then drink. I have nothing against it. It gives me more entertainment anyway.

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How to avoid common college pitfalls

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This could be the year that everything goes your way. You finally get that 4.0, save a lot of money and kick some serious butt at life. All you need is a little preparation and some friendly words of advice.

Academics are the most important part of college. After all, that is why we are here — hopefully.

A lot of people set themselves up for failure in class and life. The first mistake people make is signing up for the wrong classes. Like Professor Mad-Eye Moody told Harry in "The Goblet of Fire," "You need to play to your strengths." (Spoiler Alert: Yes, I know technically it wasn't Moody but a death eater impostor, but it was still good advice.)

When you are determining your classes for the semester, it is important to find out who is teaching

them and when. A lot of people sign up for unnecessary classes. If math is your weakness, avoid a math-heavy science class like chemistry and pick something like geology or animal science.

Another common mistake students make is rushing into major-specific classes. Trust me, there is nothing worse than taking three pre-law courses as a freshman only to discover that none of them helped you advance toward your new degree. Until you are certain of your major, avoid taking classes that are not general education requirements. Once you start knocking some of those GERs out of the way and decided on a major, then you can focus on major-specific classes.

Which professor you have also determines your level of success. There are several Web sites that tell you exactly what you need to know about each professor. My personal favorite is www.rateyourprofessor.com.

Knowledge is power. If you tend to miss class, you can find teachers who don't have mandatory attendance policies. If you like going to class, you can find teachers that give participation points for attendance. It certainly helps to know what to

expect before you get to class.

Unless you are good enough to ace the tests without going to lectures, setting yourself up so you can attend class is really important. But for lesser mortals who do better when they attend class, I suggest setting up a schedule to make it as easy as possible to get to class.

Because I live off campus, I enrolled in classes where I only have to go to campus three days a week. Also, I'm more of a night owl, so I avoided early classes. You wouldn't believe how many students think they can make that 7 a.m. class without sleeping through their afternoon courses.

Another mistake students make is buying every single "required" book for a class ahead of time.

During my first semester, I discovered that some professors never use the textbooks. Also, buying books from a university bookstore is easy, but rarely the cheapest choice. I found many of my books at the university libraries. I also recommend browsing Amazon and eBay where books can often be found for a tenth of the price.

Remember what Mad-Eye Moody said, "Constant vigilance!" A little preparation can go a long way.

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U.S. Department of Education awards grant to college of business

By **ZACH QUINONES**
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The U.S. Department of Education awarded Texas Tech's Rawls College of Business a \$186,879 Business and International Education grant titled Supply Chain Resources for International Business Education, or SCRIBE.

SCRIBE's purpose is to help international business programs in the Rawls College of Business and provide undergraduate courses in Global Supply Chain Management, or GSCM, including introduction to production and operations management, introduction to marketing and logistics management.

GSCM is the set of processes in company management that move a good or service of raw material to the end consumer.

According to the GSCM 2009 spring brochure, employers such as Dell, Conoco Phillips and Target consider supply chain management to be a key factor in their success.

James Wilcox, alumnus professor of marketing, and Donna Davis, the

George G. Snyder professor of marketing, will be managing the SCRIBE program.

Davis said the SCRIBE program will develop employment and internship opportunities for students in GSCM, build a stronger relationship with Tech and businesses, and work together with the Council for Supply Chain Management to improve teaching of GSCM courses across the country.

Wilcox said the goal is to set up and arrange these opportunities for the students and monitor their progress.

The SCRIBE program also will incorporate multiple partners, which include industries and U.S. business. The industry partners will be used as

sources to gather and distribute data and the U.S. business partners will be used to sponsor GSCM internships.

Some of these partners include the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition, Council of Supply Chain Management and GVH/Millennium Distribution.

SCRIBE also will internationalize business programs and create a stronger academic focus on GSCM.

Davis said the partners are not only a requirement but also critical to the programs success.

"The program is in great demand and the result should have tremendous job opportunities for the students," Wilcox said.

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USDA: HSC cat testing lawful

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Despite protests from animal rights groups, a USDA spokesperson said in a phone interview Tuesday the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center is within legal boundaries concerning its use of cats for medical research.

A complaint was filed by PETA May 15 debating whether the HSC violated the Animal Welfare Act by allowing students to practice medical techniques on animals.

Ian Smith, a PETA research associate in the laboratory investigation division, said the complaint was filed to the USDA because the Health Sciences Center chose to use cats for training instead of artificial techniques, such as mannequins and simulators, that have become common among most of the nation's universities.

"Our reasoning was that the Animal Welfare Act says that institutions have to seek out alternatives and implement them whenever they are available," Smith said. "It defies (HSC) credibility to suggest that they made a good, safe effort to look for alternatives and could not find them."

Dave Sacks, a representative of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service division of the USDA, said the Health Sciences Center was last investigated in late April.

"The Health Sciences Center was found to be within the legal boundaries when we did our investigation," he said. "They are not violating the Animal Welfare Act as far as we are concerned."

Despite this setback for PETA's complaint, Smith said he believes the Health Sciences Center is keeping information from investigators and will not be able to hide it much longer.

"The university has exhausted all of their legal options to try to resist any additional documents being released to the public," he said. "It seems as though they think that they can continue to do this and eventually it will blow over."

Complaints filed by PETA claimed the HSC was aware of the pain caused to the cats, and the animals suffered before being euthanized. However, Sacks said the USDA agrees with the Health Sciences Center that no real harm was caused.

"General anesthesia is administered to the cats which renders them free of pain and distress during the procedure, and they are closely at-

tended until given humane euthanasia," according to a statement released by the Health Sciences Center.

Sacks said the USDA cannot respond to the ethical consequences of this issue, only how to interpret the law.

Smith believes the issue is primarily one-sided, and the HSC has nothing to support its claim that animal testing is beneficial.

"The science and the common sense both indicate that the use of animals should be phased out because it's bad for education and it harms animals," he said. "They should be eliminating this practice as soon as possible."

Sacks said the USDA reviews each case with the utmost importance and tries to represent each situation fairly. "We take each case that we receive seriously," he said, "and try to conduct our investigation as thoroughly as possible."

Regardless of the USDA's ruling, Smith said PETA still intends to push for a change.

"PETA doesn't always rely on the government to enforce the laws in the way that we interpret them," he said. "I think we will be involved in this issue for as long as we need to be."

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Fears of Shiite-Sunni violence breakout in Lebanon

BEIRUT (AP) — No one knows when an international court will issue its first indictments in the assassination of Lebanon's former prime minister, but Lebanese are already afraid it could spark a wave of violence between its Shiite and Sunni communities.

The Netherlands-based tribunal has kept silent on who it might charge in the 2005 slaying of Rafik Hariri. The fear in Lebanon is that it will accuse members of the powerful Shiite militant group Hezbollah.

Hezbollah has fiercely denied any role in the killing, and the group's leader Hassan Nasrallah has warned of a backlash from the heavily armed guerrillas if the court implicates any of its members. He threatened a repeat of clashes that erupted in May 2008, when Hezbollah fighters trounced pro-government gun-

men in battles that nearly tipped the country into civil war.

"Let everyone know that what we did on May 7 was only a wave of our hand. We are strong enough we can overturn 10 tables, not only one," Nasrallah said in a July meeting with expatriate Lebanese, according to two newspapers close to the group, Al-Akhbar and As-Safir.

The speculation was sparked by a report in May by the German magazine Der Spiegel, which said the court had evidence that members of Syrian- and Iranian-backed Hezbollah were behind the assassination of Hariri, who was Lebanon's most prominent politician since the 1975-1990 civil war ended.

The report did not name its sources, and the court prosecutor's spokeswoman Radhia Achouri refused to comment on it, saying "we don't take into account

reports leaked through the media." Hezbollah called the report a "fabrication." Some in Lebanon believe the report was concocted to discredit Hezbollah ahead of June parliament elections that pitted a Hezbollah-led coalition against a Western-backed bloc.

The speculation may also be fueled by

confusion over what direction the court will take. Many Lebanese accuse Syria of being behind Hariri's slaying, a claim Damascus denies. Four pro-Syrian Lebanese generals were jailed in Lebanon for nearly four years on suspicion of involvement and were widely expected to be the court's first defendants.

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Hutchison announces candidacy at Frazier Alumni Pavilion

By JETT THOMPSON AND JON VANDERLAAN
THE DAILY TOREADOR

Kay Bailey Hutchison announced her candidacy for Texas governor last week and made a stop by Texas Tech to show her support for higher education.

"I think it's time for a new (state) administration that will tackle (state) challenges, and that is what I'm going to do," said Hutchison during her announcement at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

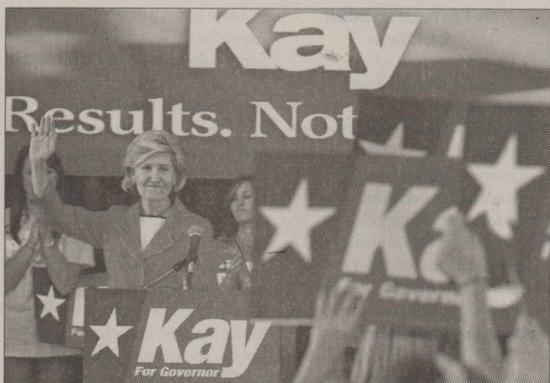
Texas Governor Rick Perry has been the state's governor for almost 10 years, a fact Hutchison criticized. The senator made her announcement at Tech alongside former Lubbock Mayor and former Tech Regent Windy Sitton, who said the U.S. Senator has been attentive to Lubbock and Tech as a congresswoman.

Sitton made clear her support of Hutchison, and praised the Senator for her work toward bringing infrastructure and educational improvements to West Texas.

"She loves education in general and will do whatever it takes to make Texas Tech University a tier-one educational facility," she said.

During her address to the crowd that included members of the Pi Beta Phi sorority, which the senator was a member of at the University of Texas, Hutchison said she was excited to team up with Tech if she is elected governor, and emphasized the importance of both secondary and college education in Texas and said the future depends on it.

"We are going to be a team



PHOTOS BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador
U.S. SEN. KAY Bailey Hutchison speaks at a campaign rally Aug. 19 at the Frazier Alumni Pavillion. Sen Hutchison is seeking the republican party's bid to run for governor in 2011.

working hard to make sure Texas Tech gets everything they need."

Mark Griffin, a member of the Tech Board of Regents, said in troubled economic times, Hutchison would be able to use education, and Tech, to stimulate the economy.

The senator said Lubbock and West Texas are important to her and her campaign, and she hopes she can show the differences between herself and Perry.

A strong gathering of the local

community showed up to support Hutchison and listen to her plans for Texas.

Among them was Stephen Thrash, a local business owner.

Thrash said he came to the rally to hear Hutchison's standpoint on several issues, most notably of which was border security.

Although Hutchison did not comment on border security, she did comment on

several other topics. Among the changes Hutchi-

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TEXAS TECH REGENT
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PHOTOS BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador
U.S. SEN. KAY Bailey Hutchison signs a campaign poster for Jacie Hood, a graduate student from Rising Star, during a campaign rally Aug. 19 at the Frazier Alumni Pavillion.

son said she hopes to make include spending, taxing and borrowing less; improving education and creating programs for those not continuing to secondary education; reforming and expanding the Texas Department of Transportation; improving health care; reforming state government; and creating term limits for the Texas governor.

Hutchison spoke out against governor Perry's increase on business taxes and a subsequent loss of 200,000 jobs in the state.

She also noted the governor had turned down \$500 million from the federal government, and then raised taxes, calling it "irresponsible."

Hutchison also voiced her concerns on transportation in Texas, calling the Texas Department of Transportation "the most arrogant agency in the history of Texas." The senator called for more representation from more areas in Texas, a return to the tradition of free quality roads in Texas, and condemned the

Trans-Texas Corridor project to death.

The senator also spoke out against health care reform.

"As long as I'm in the Senate, I will fight the government takeover of health care with everything I have," Hutchison said.

She was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1993 during a special election, and has represented Texas ever since.

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Russia seeks help probing Arctic Sea investigation

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian authorities said Wednesday they will run the investigation into the alleged Arctic Sea hijacking but will ask other nations to help solve the mystery of the cargo ship's bizarre voyage.

The Maltese-flagged freighter seemed to vanish after sailing from Finland on July 21 with a Russian crew and a load of timber. A Russian warship intercepted the vessel last week in the Atlantic, and eight suspected hijackers are jailed in Moscow, facing charges of kidnapping and piracy.

Sparse information has led to speculation the ship could have been carrying sensitive cargo.

The Foreign Ministry said an initial search conducted shortly after the ship was intercepted revealed no suspicious cargo.

But in an interview published Wednesday in the government daily Rossiiskaya Gazeta, federal Investigative Committee chief Alexander Bastrykin said "we do not rule out the possibility that they were carrying not only timber."

A more thorough search will be conducted after the freighter arrives in the Russian port of Novorossiisk in early September, state-run RIA-Novosti news agency quoted the chief of the Russian military general staff, Gen. Nikolai Makarov, as saying Wednesday. Officials have said the ship is being brought to Russia with a navy escort.

According to Russian media, hijacking suspects say their case should be heard not in Russia but in Malta, or Sweden — in whose Baltic Sea waters the alleged hijacking occurred. But Bastrykin stressed that Russia now has jurisdiction over the ship and the suspects.

"We have the full legal right to conduct investigative activities with both the ship and its crew," he was quoted as saying.

In a statement on its Web site, the Investigative Committee said a Russian court had formally impounded the Arctic Sea and Russia plans to ask authorities in Sweden, Finland, Malta and other nations to "conduct investigative actions" in the case.

The agency also defended the treatment of 11 Arctic Sea crew members, calling them victims but demanding they remain in Moscow for further questioning.

"The rights of the victims are not being violated in any way," the agency said, adding they have been allowed to contact relatives.

US police worried about new drug use laws in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico now has one of the world's most liberal laws for drug users after eliminating jail time for small amounts of marijuana, cocaine and even heroin, LSD and methamphetamine.

"All right!" said a grinning Ivan Rojas, a rail-thin 20-year-old addict who endured police harassment during the decade he has spent sleeping in Mexico City's gritty streets and subway stations.

But stunned police on the U.S. side of the border say the law contradicts President Felipe Calderon's drug war, and some fear it could make Mexico a destination for drug-fueled spring breaks and tourism.

Tens of thousands of American college students flock to Cancun and Acapulco each year to party at beach-side discos offering wet T-shirt contests and all-you-can-drink deals.

"Now they will go because they can get drugs," said San Diego Police Chief William Lansdowne. "For a country that has experienced thousands of deaths from warring drug cartels for many years, it defies logic why they would pass a law that will clearly encourage drug use."

Enacted last week, the Mexican law is part of a growing trend across Latin America to treat drug use as a public health problem and make room in overcrowded prisons for violent traffickers rather than small-time users.

Brazil and Uruguay have already eliminated jail time for people carrying small amounts of drugs for personal use, although possession is still considered a crime in Brazil. Argentina's Supreme Court ruled out prison for pot possession on Tuesday and officials say they plan to propose a law keeping drug consumers out of the justice system.

Colombia has decriminalized marijuana and cocaine for personal use, but kept penalties for other drugs.

Officials in those countries say they are not legalizing drugs — just drawing a line between users, dealers and traffickers amid a fierce drug war. Mexico's law toughens penalties for selling drugs even as it relaxes the law against using them.

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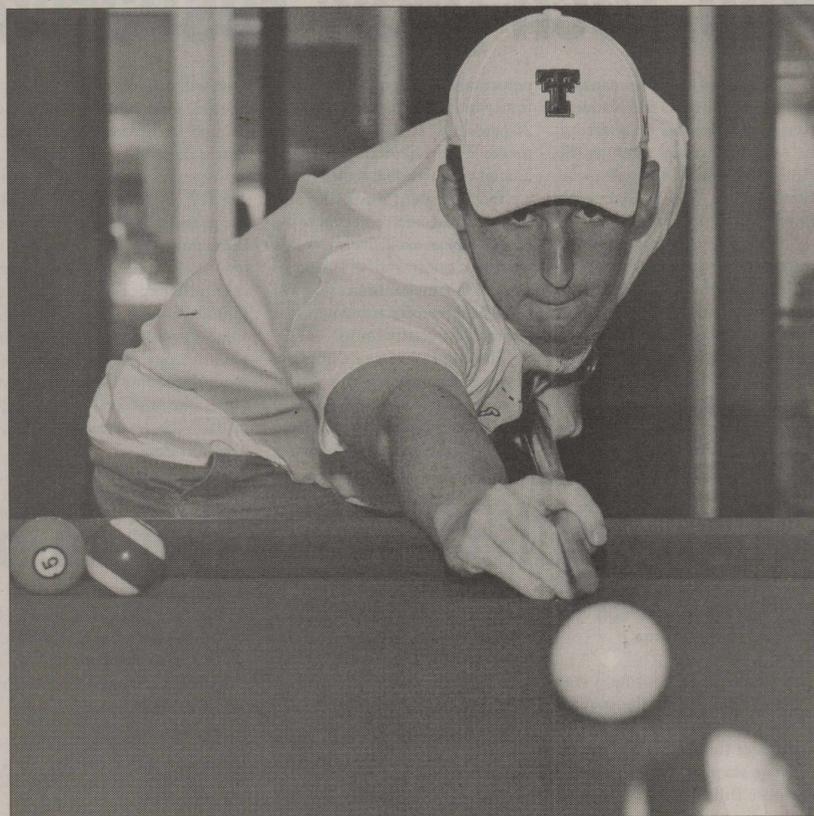


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MATTHEW THOMA, A freshman architecture major from Plano, plays a game of pool Wednesday in the Student Union Building.

Israeli, Palestinian leaders likely to meet soon

BERLIN (AP) — The Israeli and Palestinian leaders are likely to hold their first meeting in the coming weeks, both sides indicated Wednesday, in what would be an important step toward a formal resumption of peace talks and a signal achievement for President Barack Obama.

The indications came as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu held four hours of talks with Obama's Mideast envoy, George Mitchell, in London on Wednesday. Mitchell has been pressing Israel to halt construction of West Bank set-

tlements as a confidence-building gesture toward the Palestinians, and the issue has turned into an unusually public disagreement between the two allies.

Mahmoud Abbas, the Palestinian president, has said he would not resume peace talks until Israel freezes settlements, and reiterated that position in a speech Wednesday. But the Israelis have been strongly hinting that Netanyahu could meet Abbas next month at the U.N. General Assembly, and on Wednesday, Palestinian officials in the West Bank said for the first time that such a meeting

was likely.

The officials said that while Abbas is prepared to talk to Netanyahu, he would not officially reopen negotiations until Israel halts its settlement activities. They spoke on condition of anonymity because nothing has been formally scheduled.

A first meeting between the two leaders, even if it did not include substantive talks, would be an important symbolic step toward the reopening of negotiations that have been suspended since shortly before Netanyahu took office in March.

School grieves for teen killed in awning collapse

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — Friends left flowers, pictures, teddy bears and messages at a makeshift memorial Wednesday inside a Texas high school after one teenager died and another was injured when a storefront awning fell on them.

Counselors were available at the 600-student high school, where classes had started for the year just a day before Tuesday's accident. Superintendent Eddie Bland said he spoke to the staff Wednesday morning.

"I said that I know we're heartbroken, but it's OK to be heartbroken," he told The Associated Press. "I wanted to reassure them that we understand, and we're going to do everything in our power to help the families, the students and the community get through this."

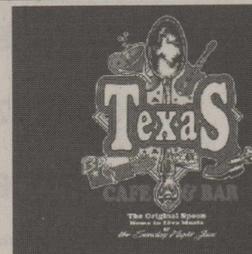
Leslie Denison and Rebekah Logan, both 17 and seniors, were

jogging on the sidewalk in downtown Bridgeport after school when they were hit by a falling 40-foot section of aluminum awning and some concrete and bricks from the building to which it was attached.

Denison died at the scene. Logan, who had severe cuts to her face, was airlifted to a hospital about 45 miles away in Fort Worth and was released early Wednesday.

Authorities suspect that the age of the building, which was built in the 1960s, and structural fatigue may have contributed to the collapse, said city spokeswoman Amber Fogelman. A city engineer inspected the site and was expected to release a preliminary report by Thursday, she said.

The collapse of the awning over Club Barbell left a heap of debris strewn across the parking area and into the road. A separate storefront awning next door to the gym remained intact.



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SC gov will stay after lt. gov asks him to quit

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford rebuffed his lieutenant governor's call to resign Wednesday, two months after he admitted an affair, saying he will not be "railroaded" out of office and plans to finish his term.

Sanford returned from a nearly weeklong disappearance in June to acknowledge the affair with an Argentine woman, a revelation that led to questions about the legality of his travel on state, private and commercial planes.

At a news conference hours after Lt. Gov. Andre Bauer called for him to step down, Sanford said the people of South Carolina want to

move past the scandals.

"I'm not going to be railroaded out of this office by political opponents or folks who were never fans of mine in the first place," Sanford said. "A lot of what is going on now is pure politics, plain and simple."

Bauer and Sanford are Republicans who have served together for two terms but were elected separately and have never been friends.

Some Republicans have been reluctant to seek Sanford's resignation or impeachment because they do not want to give Bauer what would amount to a long-term tryout for the job.

If Sanford steps down before his term ends in January 2011, Bauer

said he will promise not to run in 2010 so that is not an issue. Bauer considered making the same offer in June but never officially did.

"The serious misconduct that has been revealed along with lingering questions and continuing distractions make it virtually impossible for our state to solve the critical problems we're facing without a change in leadership," he said Wednesday.

House Republicans are expected to discuss impeachment this weekend. The House will likely launch impeachment proceedings when lawmakers return for their regular session in January, though they could also hold a special session before then.

Iraqi PM steps up pressure on Syria

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's prime minister on Wednesday stepped up pressure on Syria to hand over two suspects wanted in recent suicide attacks on government ministries in Baghdad.

The rising tension between Iraq and Syria, which led both countries to recall their ambassadors Tuesday, comes a week after blasts tore through the foreign, finance and defense ministries, killing more than 100 people and weakening confidence in the state's security forces.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who has tied his political success to the general improvement in Iraq's security over the past two years, has sought to deflect the blame by focusing on demands that Syria hand over two suspected members of Saddam Hussein's ousted Baath Party.

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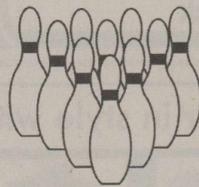
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New project to help Tech grow research funding

By JON VANDERLAAN
NEWS EDITOR

With a national university research fund now established, Texas Tech officials are looking for ways to place the university in a position in terms of research to claim the prize of additional funding and designation as a national research university.

Taylor Eighmy, the new Tech vice president for research, said in an e-mail to *The Daily Toreador* the university is positioned well in several disciplines for research, including energy, basic science

and engineering, biomedicine, and agriculture.

One project that is part of this category and is being conceptualized is a wind farm project, which is headed up by David Miller, the vice chancellor for the commercialization of research.

Miller said while many of the details of the project are not yet available to the public, the university is planning to make the wind farm the largest wind research farm in the nation. The university also plans to team up with national laboratories for a joint institute in wind power.

The project would be managed with groups such as the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, he said, and groups such as the American Wind Energy Association and The Wind Alliance are in support of the project.

"We have this huge mission statement on what we want to accomplish, the key part is what we can execute on," Miller said. "We really don't want it to be a close race. When people think about wind, we want them to think Texas Tech."

The Department of Energy also has issued a goal of bringing up the

percentage of energy that comes from wind power from 2 percent to 20 percent by 2030, he said, which makes wind research even more crucial on a national scale.

Tech President Guy Bailey said the wind research project is being funded almost exclusively through federal money, and it is one of three or four major thrusts that will help the university attain national research university status.

The wind farm is one of many projects that are on the top of Eighmy's list, Miller said, and will help Tech bring in more research. In addition, because the wind

farm will produce power that can be sold, some of the research can be paid for through the research that is done.

In a previous interview with *The DT*, Eighmy said House Bill 51, passed in the legislature over the summer, requires a university reach \$45 million in restricted research expenditures, which include mostly federal funding, some corporate funding, some philanthropy and some restricted funds that come from state agencies. The university is at \$27 million in restricted research expenditures.

One of the major goals for the university over the last year has become to reach \$100 million in research expenditures and thus attain national research university status.

That designation is being sought after by six other major universities in Texas: the University of Texas at Arlington, the University of Texas at Dallas, the University of Texas at El Paso, the University of Texas at San Antonio, the University of Houston and the University of North Texas.

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Tuition

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Hance said because the increase only amounts to about \$400 for most students, it is something administrators "can live with."

Larry Anders, chairman of the board of regents, said the tuition freeze in 2008-2009 did not set the university back, however it did not allow for adequate merit-based pay raises and other university goals.

"Our first priority is to attract good quality students and secondly is to have good quality faculty to educate those students," he said.

Jerry Turner, vice chairman of the board of regents, said meticulous budget research was done before the decision to raise tuition was made.

"I can assure you that this board is committed to providing affordable education for students," he said.

He said university growth is of utmost importance when decisions are made regarding tuition.

"We are so focused on growing the university without compromising our standards, our entrance requirements and that sort of thing," he said. "I think there are few decisions that we make that we're not mindful of what impact that is going to have upon enrollment growth."

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\$3,742.50

2008-2009
\$3,391.55

2007-2008
\$3,391.55

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\$3,229.50

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\$3,075.75

SOURCE: Texas Tech Institutional Research and Information Management

It is the board's belief, Turner said, that the increase in tuition will not hinder enrollment growth, but rather will provide money that can be used to more effectively recruit potential students.

Tuition raises are necessary to accomplish goals that have been set by the board and Tech's administrators, Anders said. However, the board would prefer not to further burden students.

"We'd like not to raise tuition at all," he said, "but regrettably we live in a world where seemingly everything you do costs more and more money to achieve the results that you're looking for."

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House Bill 51 to aid Tech in tier-one goal

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Texas Tech became a step closer to attaining the coveted tier-one research status this summer thanks in large part to the passage of state legislature House Bill 51.

According to the office of the chief clerk of the Texas House of Representatives, HB 51 passed through both the house and senate in early June and was signed by Governor Rick Perry June 17.

"This is probably the most important thing for Texas Tech since the founding of the university," said Tech President Guy Bailey.

Initially proposed in the Texas House of Representatives by Representative Dan Branch, R-Dallas, HB 51 will provide a steady stream of state funding to Tech and several other Texas universities.

Bailey said Senator Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, was one of the key figures in making HB

51 a reality.

"One of the key drivers behind (HB 51) was our state senator Duncan and his role in this," he said. "He is a phenomenal senator. His role in this just can't be overstated. He really was absolutely crucial to the success of this."

In a statement from Duncan's office, the senator said Tech is among one of the several schools that likely will achieve the national research university status within three to five years.

"This historic legislation recognizes the need for Texas to have more than two nationally competitive research institutions," said Duncan. "The criteria we established for entrance into the National Research University Fund is intentionally intense."

Tech is in competition with six other Texas universities to become the next tier-one uni-



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versity; a competition in which Bailey believes Tech will place either first or second.

Gaining tier-one university status would mean more than just increased funding, Bailey said, as it would enhance future job opportunities.

"One thing about a college education is your university continues to improve and continues to become more widely recognized even after you graduate," he said.

Tech graduates already are highly regarded by employers, Bailey said, and that reputation would grow even more with tier-one status.

"I would put us up against any school in the nation; public or private," Tech Chancellor Kent Hance said.

Another piece of legislation, Senate Bill 1443 authored by Senator Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, proposed regulations on tuition increases in state universities. The bill passed through the Senate with bipartisan support but subsequently died in the House Calendars Committee.

Senator Zaffirini said in a statement that the issue will be revisited when the Texas Legislature reconvenes in 2011.

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North, South Korea hold talks on reuniting divided families

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North and South Korean officials held their first talks Wednesday in nearly two years on arranging reunions of families separated by the Korean War more than five decades ago, the latest sign of easing tensions on the divided peninsula.

The three days of talks, being held at North Korea's Diamond Mountain resort, come as the communist regime adopts a more conciliatory stance toward South Korea and the United States after months of provocations including a nuclear test in May and

a barrage of ballistic missile test-launches.

The two delegations, led by Red Cross officials, expressed hope their meeting would help improve inter-Korean relations. Although still at odds over the timing of the family reunions they are expected to announce an agreement on Friday.

Millions of families were separated following the division of the Korean peninsula in 1945 and the 1950-53 Korean War, which ended with a cease-fire, not a peace treaty, leaving the two countries technically at

war. There are no mail, telephone or e-mail exchanges between ordinary citizens across the Korean border.

A landmark inter-Korean summit in 2000 paved the way for more than 16,000 Koreans to reunite with relatives in temporary reunions. The reunions were held annually but suspended in 2008 when South Korean President Lee Myung-bak took office with a hardline policy toward Pyongyang.

The two sides last held Red Cross-brokered reunion talks in November 2007. A South Korean Unification Ministry official said the delegation sent from Seoul Wednesday included two government representatives, but could not confirm the makeup of the North Korean delegation. He re-

quested anonymity, saying he was not authorized to speak to the media.

North Korea's chief Red Cross delegate Choe Song Ik expressed hope the talks were a "good opportunity to help develop North-South relations" and their humanitarian projects. His South Korean counterpart Kim Young-chol also said he has "expectations for big accomplishments."

The two sides, however, still disagreed over when to stage the family reunions. Seoul wants them to be held in two stages late September and in early October, while the North demanded that both stages be held in early October, close to the Chuseok autumn harvest holiday, according to South Korean media pool reports.

Enrollment

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Minority enrollment also has shown improvement during the past two decades. From 1991 to 2008 Tech has seen an almost double in the sizes of black and Hispanic ethnic groups while total university enrollment increased by about 15 percent.

Tech has also seen some flu-

idity in attracting students from specific geo-markets. According to Logan, the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex is the largest geo-market for Tech recruitment, followed by a close second with the West Texas geo-market.

Logan said the enrollment numbers for Fall 2009 look promising, but he will not be able to tell until the students actually show up for classes.

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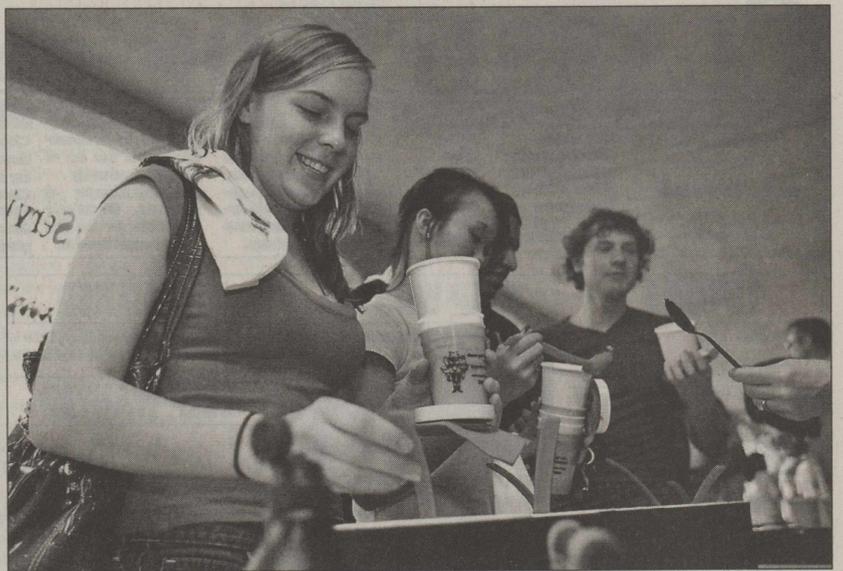


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Stocks eke out small gains, Dow higher for 7th day

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market is running out of reasons to go higher.

After rocking between gains and losses Wednesday, the Dow Jones industrials managed to rise for a seventh straight day, marking another high for the year.

But there was hardly any excitement. The Dow rose just 4 points, while other major indexes gained less than 1 point despite positive reports on home sales and factory orders.

An increasingly cautious mood has gripped the market in recent days, following a period of fervid buying this spring and summer that sent stocks up more than 45 percent since early March. While economic data is showing modest improvement, investors are worried stocks may have overshot the economy's recovery.

"The market jumps and then it sort of fades again," said Keith Walter, portfolio manager at Artio Global Equity Fund. "There's not a lot of commitment here."

With trading volume and news flow tapering down amid Wall Street's annual summer slowdown, analysts say there are few near-term catalysts that could get the market's

rally going again. "We seem to be floating up on air," said Andrew Frankel, co-president of Stuart Frankel & Co.

Stocks seesawed without a clear direction despite a Commerce Department report that said new home sales rose 9.6 percent in July for the fourth straight monthly increase. Sales rose to 433,000, the strongest pace since September and well above the 390,000 figure economists expected.

The latest sign of improvement in housing didn't do much to impress investors, though, who have already factored in a recovery in the long-suffering home industry. Some of the latest gains can be attributed to a federal tax credit for first-time home owners currently set to expire in November, and the industry has been pressing Congress to extend it.

Separately, the Commerce Department said orders for goods expected to last at least three years rose 4.9 percent in July — the biggest jump in two years and more than the 3 percent increase economists had expected.

However the overall increase was driven by a surge in orders for transportation equipment, which benefited from the government's recently expired

Cash for Clunkers program that drove thousands of people to trade in older cars for new ones. Excluding transportation goods, orders rose 0.8 percent, just short of analysts' expectations.

The Dow rose 4.23, or 0.04 percent, to 9,543.52. Over the past seven days, the Dow has risen 408 points, or 4.5 percent. The last time the Dow posted such a long winning streak was on July 21, when its seven-day gain came to 770 points, or 9.4 percent.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 0.12, or 0.01 percent, to 1,028.12, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 0.20, or 0.01 percent, to 2,024.43.

Declining stocks narrowly outnumbered advances on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to a light 5.10 billion shares, down from 5.74 billion shares on Tuesday.

In other trading, the Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 0.80, or 0.1 percent, to 584.02.

Shares of homebuilders surged for a second day after the housing data showed the supply of new homes on the market shrank to the lowest level since April 2007. If supply is decreasing, builders may need to ramp up production.



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Tech officials hope campus growth attracts students

By ZACH QUIÑONES
STAFF WRITER

Students walking through the Texas Tech campus may notice some changes since the spring.

The Tech Facilities Planning and Construction Department created a master plan to expand and advance the university in August 2000, which includes plans to expand the university beyond what traditionally is thought of as the main campus.

Michael Ellicott, vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction, said the master plan involves thinking ahead and preparing for future enrollment growth.

"Know where you want to grow," he said. "Carefully plan where buildings go so you don't back yourself into a facility corner."

He said the philosophy behind the improvement comes from the idea that renovating a one-story building is not feasible when a two-story building will be needed in the future.

More than \$442 million has been spent on projects already completed, some of which include the Pfluger Fountain, The Rawls Course, Animal and Food Sciences building and most recently, the

student leisure pool, according to documents provided by the department.

Project construction for the new Rawls College of Business Administration began with the demolition of Thompson and Gaston halls, which will provide a new parking area for students while the old lot is used for construction. The total projected cost of the development is \$67.8 million.

Before the university could begin funding the project, it had to rethink how it wanted to bring a business education, Ellicott said, adding that this particular approach inspires new facilities.

Some other projects in progress include the softball and soccer team facilities, the Pulse Power Lab, Horn/Knapp window replacements and the Jones AT&T Stadium expansion. Future projects planned include a campus chapel, a Plant and Soil Sciences building, Honors College expansion and a Performing Arts Center.

"Good facilities attract and retain good people, good students, good faculty and good staff," Ellicott said.

To attract the best students, modern teaching techniques need to be provided, Ellicott said.

Despite steady progress, he said, dif-

iculties still arise with large projects such as these.

"In a capital project there's a strategic initiative because you're building facilities that are going to last 50 years," he said.

Not only can the new facilities be used to provide modern education and support to the students, he said, they can be utilized to influence prospective students to attend Tech.

The new soccer and softball facilities present a good image for prospective athletes who are looking for quality support for athletics, Ellicott said.

The Marsha Sharp Freeway also is a key part of the master plan.

It provides a modern high-speed route through the city of Lubbock and helps students living in southwest Lubbock get to school easier, Ellicott said.

Marsha Sharp Freeway also provides more efficient transportation for shuttle buses and better utilizes Texas Tech Parkway.

More than \$113 million in projects are in progress and just under \$400 million in projects are in design or proposed. For more information on the projects, visit the Facilities Planning and Construction Web site at www.fpc.ttu.edu.

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TEXAS TECH'S THOMPSON Hall was demolished to make room for the new Rawls College of Business Administration building.

Student government shifts ways of campus interaction

By ZACH QUIÑONES
STAFF WRITER

Changes within the Student Government Association are on the way for the fall semester, including altering the way students and student organizations interact with SGA.

What once was the Student Organization Advisory Congress will now be known as the Student Organization Representative Council; but the change in name is not the only thing revamped about the organization.

The Student Organization Advisory Congress, or SOAC, was designed by SGA to help inform students of issues and concerns on campus, said SGA President Suzanne Williams, a senior advertising major from Arlington.

The major problem with SOAC, she said, was its lack of one-on-one communication between the organiza-



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tion and the students and student organizations. It was structured to work as one major group attending to all organizations.

According to the SGA Web site, the main priorities for the Student Organization Representative Council, or SORC, was to open doors of communication between student senators and the organizations on campus, bring awareness to every organization about the issues and concerns on campus, and to allow the SGA to have more of an idea of how to assist students and their organizations.

Another change with SORC is a micro-management structure and being more aggressive in terms of supplying information to students and organiza-

tions, Williams said.

Senators will be elected separately from the SGA elections for each college and at-large senators for Greek and student organizations, she said. This will create a more personal level of communication with each student and organization.

Each group also will be able to set the place and time to meet, Williams said, which will make it easier for students and organizations to meet and discuss issues, a change from SOAC, which met once per month with all student organizations at the same time.

Another goal of SORC is to break the stereotype of student government. Williams said the SGA wants students to be aware of who is representing them throughout the entire year, not just during elections.

She said the success of SORC

depends on how well the SGA is able to interact with the students and organizations because "the source of student government is the students."

President's Select President Rex Oliver, a junior agricultural communications major from Lampasas, said he had not heard about the changes to SOAC, but that he believes the organization is going in the right direction.

"I think that will be great," he said. "Anybody who has the opportunity to ask questions in a small group, it gives them more attention."

SORC also will seek student opinions more actively to create a greater awareness of the issues and concerns on campus, Williams said.

A rally will be hosted at 6 p.m. Sept. 22 in the Matador Room in the Student Union Building for SORC, called "Revealing the SORC."

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Chegg offers textbook rentals

IOWA STATE DAILY (IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY)
CHELSEA DAVIS

Every August, Iowa State University students trek back to campus and incoming freshmen begin to adjust to college life. The cost of textbooks is a constant stress on students' minds, but an increasing number of students are finding ways to obtain cheaper textbooks. Online service Chegg Textbook Rentals, www.chegg.com, founded by an ISU alumnus, is one of the resources students use to decrease the costs of their textbook purchases.

Aayush Phumbhra, co-founder of Chegg, graduated from Iowa State in 2004 with an MBA in marketing and accounting. Because he was an international student and had no financial aid, when it came time to buy textbooks every

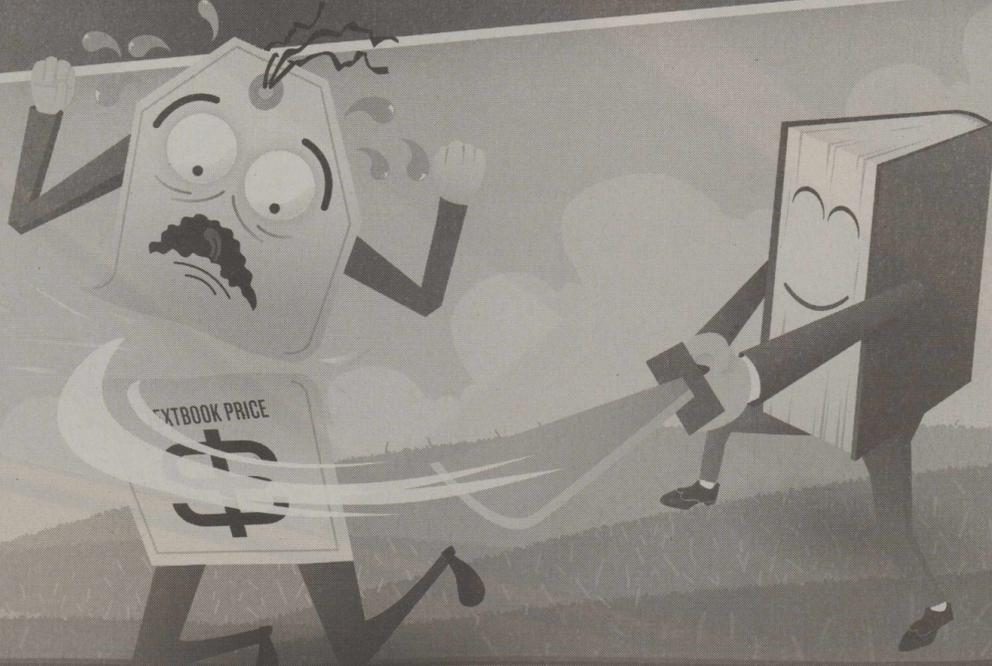
semester he said he found himself wishing there was a cheaper alternative to the campus bookstores.

In 2003, Phumbhra started an online classifieds service for local students. As Phumbhra's service became more well-known, he wondered what could help save students more money. A textbook rental service was his answer, since renting a textbook can be cheaper than buying a used one. Renting has now become the foundation for Chegg's current Web site and its success.

The company's name comes from the combination of the words "chicken and egg," referring to the question, "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" Phumbhra said this is a common problem for graduates who begin to realize that they need experience to get a job but can't get a job without prior experience. This stuck as a short, simple name for the company.

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Stadium expansion creates east-side seats, limits parking

By ZACH QUIÑONES
STAFF WRITER

The expansion of the east and north sides of Jones AT&T Stadium will create additional seating for rowdy Texas Tech fans, but will limit parking for some individuals.

The plans for the north end zone section of the stadium will cost \$6 million.

Michael Ellicott, vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction, said the stadium should have 6,000 seats added by the time Texas A&M University plays Tech Oct. 24. The east section of the stadium, which will cost \$25 million, will add 26 suites and 540 club seats but will not be open until next season.

The east side construction caused the loss of 80 parking spots, which means that donors to the Red Raider Club will have to park in other designated areas.

Relocation of the Double T

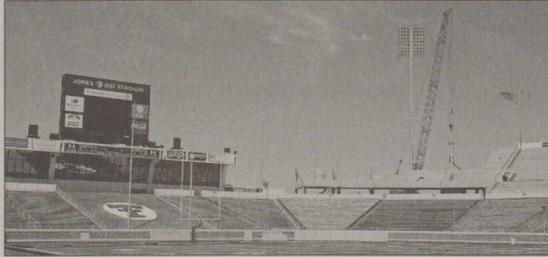


PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador
PROGRESS ON THE Jones AT&T Stadium Expansion project continues.

Shop and utilities were the main reasons behind the inconvenience.

"We're excited about the expansion," said Amy McBride, the assistant athletic director for the Red Raider Club/Development.

The fans have been great in responding to the inconvenience, McBride said, and the organization is doing its best to accommodate the few available spaces.

Despite losing the parking spaces, Ellicott said game days

are the only time the parking issue will be a problem because on non-game days, only one-third of the parking lot is used.

"To build that building, we need a place to mobilize and construct it," he said. "In spring, when the building is enclosed, they can put more in the building."

Other parking areas that can be utilized, Ellicott said, are west of the Health Sciences Center. The spaces are convenient, a good price and a shuttle bus travels to



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador
CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ATTACH new steel beams to the framework of the Jones AT&T Stadium expansion Tuesday, with the Overton Hotel in the background.

and from the stadium every five minutes.

"When it's done, and we complete and get more of a bowl look in the end zone, there's going to

be plenty of opportunity to watch Texas Tech football and when we get the east parking lot, there will be parking there," he said.

The completion of the stadium

construction, Ellicott said, will generate income, sell more seats and provide more places for on-campus activities.

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Sam's Place West opens in Wiggins Complex, features Chick-fil-A, Quiznos

By KELSEY HECKEL
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Sam's Place West opened Saturday, taking the place of the Wiggins Dining Hall in the Wiggins Complex, and is offering new options not available elsewhere on campus.

The renovated dining hall features the same types of snacks and similar style as other Sam's Place locations but also is introducing nine new dining options to keep up with popular choices among students.

"We're extremely excited that it's the first mini-market with national concepts," said Kirk Rodriguez, associate director of retail sales for Hospitality Services. "We have two in this case — a Quiznos and a Chick-fil-A."

The Sam's Place will also include the West-End Grill, The Fire Bowl, The Hot Press, Tio's Fajitas, Green Works, That's a Wrap and the Tuscan Kitchen.

"We hope to be a popular



PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreador
AN EMPLOYEE PREPARES food for a student at Sam's Place West. The new Sam's Place replaces the Wiggins Dining Complex.

concept and have proven so far to be not only with students but with visitors and parents as well," Rodriguez said.

He also said the location will offer Facebook and Twitter pages

for students to keep up with the latest news.

Pricing is higher than other on-campus dining options to an extent but still remains in the same range as other Sam's Place locations.

"I think that it's a lot better than any other Sam's Place," said Joseph Davis, a freshman psychology major from San Antonio. "They still have reasonable prices but more choices."

Chris Williams, a student employee at Sam's Place West, said the dining hall received positive feed-



PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreador
THE FIRE BOWL is among the concepts in Sam's Place West. It also features a Quiznos and Chick-fil-A.

back throughout move-in weekend and the unofficial opening.

According to its Web site, the location will be open from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Saturday

and Sunday, and are subject to change.

There will be a grand opening celebration at Sam's Place West from Sept. 14 through Sept. 18 that will include events such as samplings and several give-aways, one of which will be a mountain bike.

Other Sam's Place locations include Carpenter/Wells, Chitwood/Weymouth, Wall/Gates and Sneed Residence Halls.

The Wiggins Complex has

been opened several times as a dining hall during the last few years but has not stayed open

permanently. Last year, Rodriguez said, the complex opened temporarily because of an overflow of students in the residence halls and the need for another dining hall.

However, this Sam's Place is expected to be a permanent replacement for the Wiggins Dining Hall, he said.

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Study shows 20 percent of drinkers are underage

By **STEVE JOHNSON**
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According to a new study conducted by the University of Florida's Department of Behavioral Science and Community Health, 20 percent of drinkers are underage, and those who are underage stay out later than those who are 21 years old or older.

"Gainesville has a pretty large drinking culture," David Munroe, a UF history senior said. "Students have pretty large social networks so they can find fake IDs and eventually you can find someone to borrow an ID from."

The study, published in the June issue of the Journal of American College Health, outlines the age of drinkers, blood-alcohol levels and drinker's intentions of driving later that evening.

The findings showed that more than half of the participants were intoxicated while being surveyed.

Fifty-five percent of the men and 59 percent of the women had a blood-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher. The underage drinkers were found to have higher amounts of alcohol than those of age.

"I think younger kids would typically drink more in bars," Munroe said. "Once they get inside they can drink to their hearts' content."

305 men and 164 women participated in the study, which was conducted on four nights during July and August between 10 p.m. and 2:30 a.m., according to a release from the UF News Bureau.

Each participant was asked to blow into a Breathalyzer and answer a 15-question survey upon leaving a bar in the midtown bar district.

Other aspects of the study included participants' willingness to drive that evening after leaving the bar.

The study found that between 10

p.m. and 11 p.m., 7.4 percent of the participants intended to drive within the hour, in contrast to the results from 11 p.m. to 12 a.m., in which 18.8 percent intended to drive.

The highest percentages came between 12 a.m. and 2 a.m.

Of the 469 participants, 27.2 percent said they would drive when asked between 12 a.m. and 1 a.m.

Before the bars closed 38.6 percent said they would drive when asked between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. However, after the bars closed, that number dropped to 7.9 percent.

Establishments like The Swamp Restaurant are not surprised to hear the findings of the survey.

"I really think they are using a lot of fake IDs that are very good IDs," said the restaurant's general manager Mike Taphorn. "I wouldn't be surprised if [the results of the study] were accurate."

Taphorn said he has hired 12 people to continually watch for underage drinking at night.

He said that ID scanners have become obsolete due to underage drinkers borrowing real IDs from friends.

"We constantly check IDs and wristbands," he said. "I'd always say that the bars aren't purposely trying to serve these underage kids."

The Underage Prohibition in Alcohol Beverage Establishments Act, a Gainesville City ordinance that went into affect April 1, has had bar and club owners on the defense. The act punishes bars and clubs that have a specific number of underage drinking violations after 9 p.m.

"We've always had protocol and systems in place to keep an eye on underage drinkers," Taphorn said. "Just last week I confiscated 50 IDs to turn into GPD."

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

MAY 9

• Propositions 1 and 2 passed with 64.5 percent and 70 percent in favor, respectively, authorizing the sale of alcohol in Lubbock County.

JUNE 1



• Charles Ruch began as interim dean of College of Education, replacing Sheryl Santos. Santos served as the dean of the college for six years and will be returning in Fall 2010 as a professor.

JUNE 2



• Kyle Miller was sworn in as the fourth Tech student regent, replacing Kelli Stumbo. The student regent does not have the authority to vote with the board but acts as a liaison between the board and students.

JUNE 15



• Jon Strauss began as interim dean of the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering, replacing Pamela Eibeck. Eibeck took the position as president with the University of the Pacific after five years as the dean of the college.

JUNE 17

• House Bill 51, which created a fund for emerging research universities, was signed into law. Tech administrators hope the bill will allow the university to achieve tier-one status and increase research expenditures.

JUNE 25

• Texas Tech Health Sciences Center was granted \$6.77 million from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for a 26-month telemedicine program in West Texas.

JUNE 29

• The Tech Board of Regents authorized a 9.9 percent increase in tuition and fees for the 2009-2010 school year during a special teleconference meeting. The increase comes one year after Tech instituted a tuition freeze.

JULY 2



• Russ Bookbinder, a former San Antonio Spurs executive, began working as vice chancellor and chief marketing officer for the Tech system. Bookbinder worked for 30 years as a marketing operations professional for sports teams, mainly NBA teams.

JULY 7



• Former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales confirmed he will work as a professor and recruiter for the Texas Tech system. While under his one-year term, Gonzales will teach a junior-level seminar course, contemporary issues in the executive branch, in the Department of Political Science and will guest lecture in classes across campus.

AUG. 1

• Former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales began his role as a professor and recruiter for the Tech system.

• TTUHSC El Paso became the first medical school on the U.S.-Mexico border as students began classes. TTUHSC El Paso will specialize in border and Hispanic health and research.

FAFSA changes are boon for students

By **STEPHANIE VALLEJO**
SPARTAN DAILY (SAN JOSE STATE U.)

Students can look forward to an easier way to get money for college.

The Obama administration launched a revamped version of the FAFSA in June to encourage more students to apply for financial aid, according to a press release from the U.S. Education Department.

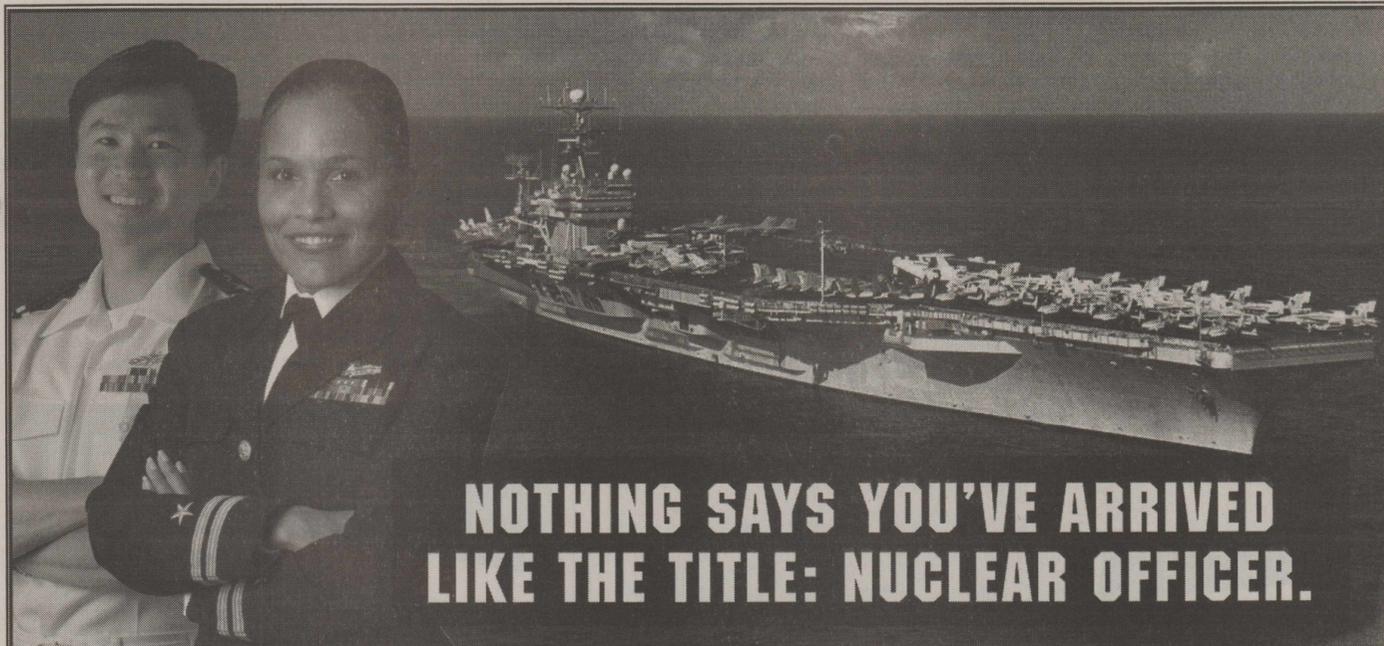
The new form currently features quicker grant estimates, but the majority of the changes, such as a shorter form and an option to insert financial information through the Internet, will be ready for 2010-2011 financial aid applicants.

"There were a lot of questions (on the old form)," said Eriberto Velazquez, a San Jose State University junior computer engineering major. "I wasn't sure how long the actual form was the first time I did it, and it was a hassle to try and find all of the papers that I needed."

Starting January 2010, the online form will have an option for applicants to import their tax information straight from the Internal Revenue Service, according to a press release from the department.

Since May 2009, students have been able to receive instant estimates of Pell Grant and student loan eligibility after completing the FAFSA — a process that previously took weeks — according to the press release.

In the coming months, the Obama administration will ask Congress to remove financial information from the aid calculation formula that is not available from the IRS, according to the education department press release. If approved, 26 financial questions will be removed from the form.



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Tech chess institute founder kicked out of US federation

By **ALLYSON SCHELL**
STAFF WRITER



POLGAR

Former world chess champion Susan Polgar and founder of the Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence at Texas Tech had her membership revoked from the U.S. Chess Federation on Aug. 7 for allegedly accessing another board member's e-mail illegally.

This decision follows a continuing lawsuit Polgar has been waging against the federation for what she believes to be slander. Polgar and her husband, Paul Truong, have been accused of being involved in an e-mail scandal by impersonating USCF member Sam Sloan. Sloan ran against the two for a seat on the executive board of the USCF in July 2007.

"I think that the whole thing was used to take away from the national championship and all of the success we have had at Texas Tech," Polgar said.

According to the complaint the USCF filed against Polgar and Truong, the reason Sloan did not obtain the seat was because Truong allegedly impersonated him and sent messages over the internet defaming members of the USCF and making obscene remarks in more than 2,500 postings on the site. The USCF also is accusing Polgar of hacking into other members' Internet accounts. Polgar has continually denied these claims.

"The USCF is operating in a 19th century mentality," she said. "I've been fighting since I was four against discrimination, so it's not new to me or my husband."

When questioned about corruption within the USCF, Executive Director

Bill Hall said the accusation was patently false.

Hall denied Polgar's and Truong's claims that the organization is attempting to harm the Olympic medal-winning chess player's fame with their decision to take away the executive board seats from the two.

"The inappropriate e-mails were a major factor," he said. "It was taken from the filings in the Illinois action to remove them by and large by the delegates."

"This is an unfortunate situation, and I understand that when people do things that are embarrassing and they get caught, they try to cover it up," he said. "It's sad because she's done a lot of great things for chess."

Polgar filed a lawsuit on Aug. 9, 2008, in Texas state courts against the USCF claiming the organization was defaming her career and slandering her character. Since then, the case has gone to courts in Illinois and California.

"I don't know how it got to California and Illinois," Polgar said. "I don't even think it should be in court in the first place."

The USCF is an Illinois non-profit chess organization based in Crossville, Tenn.

The USCF's complaint in Illinois reads, "Between Nov. 26, 2007, and June 24, 2008, with full knowledge that Polgar and her husband were under investigation by the USCF, Polgar and an accomplice unlawfully accessed the

e-mail account of Executive Board member Randall Hough (hereinafter "Hough") at least 111 times."

Polgar said she believes this claim is false.

"The reason my husband and I wanted to be on the board in the first place was to clean up this type of corruption," she said.

A Hungarian native, Polgar said she believes the e-mail scandal to be in correlation with a long-standing bout of fraudulent activity within the USCF and a discriminatory attack.

Various lawsuits between the two parties have been filed with no settlement yet reached. The USCF is suing for \$1 million and an injunction to keep Polgar from being able to access members' e-mails in the future. Polgar is, in turn, suing for \$10 million and an apology for defamation.

"I always talk about, in my writings and lectures, how a person faces a crossroads of either a challenge or a determination to succeed," she said. "I always pick the second one at the end of the day."

No end to the lawsuit in sight, Polgar said she is going on with her life as normal.

"I'm still working at Tech in the meantime," she said. "The USCF membership has no affect on anything I do here. I'm doing a whole range of things including chess outreach programs, getting women more recognition and teaching children to use chess as a learning tool."

Polgar said she hopes the case settles and believes it to be the most desired outcome for both her and the USCF.

Polgar brought chess to light at Tech with her foundation, the Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence, or SPICE. Each year, a SPICE cup competition in which chess players from all over the world come to compete for titles is hosted at the institute. The festival is co-organized by the school and Polgar's foundation.

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"I've been fighting since I was four against discrimination, so it is not new to me or my husband."

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Calif. man gets 2 more years for posing as lawyer

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — A Southern California man sent to prison for seven years for falsely claiming to be an attorney has been sentenced to two more years for posing as a lawyer again days after he was released.

Prosecutors say 64-year-old

Harold Goldstein got the maximum sentence Monday for violating the terms of his supervised release.

Goldstein was sentenced to seven years in federal prison in 2003 for using the name of a Northern California attorney to represent

clients in court. He was also convicted of mail fraud for sending solicitation letters to inmates.

U.S. Attorney's Office spokesman Thom Mrozek says Goldstein again started claiming he was a lawyer only days after he was released on May 1.

In Brazil, you've got mail — and possibly an STD

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — You've got mail — and possibly an STD.

The Brazilian Health Ministry has created a Web site to let people inform partners they've got a sexually transmitted disease via an e-mailed virtual postcard.

The official in charge of the ministry's STD and AIDs programs notes that many people have a hard time telling partners they're infected.

Mariangela Simao said in a statement this week that the e-mails may help people "to tackle these diseases directly and with minimum

exposure."

One of the cards shows a young man reclining in his underwear. It reads: "Hi! I don't know if this is the best way to tell you, but I've learned that I have an STD."

The card suggests the recipient see a doctor.

Ill. man jailed for yawning freed after 3 weeks

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — An Illinois judge has freed a man who had been in jail for three weeks after letting loose a loud yawn during a sentencing hearing.

Thirty-three-year-old Clifton Williams of Richton Park was found in contempt of court and jailed on July 23

after yawning in Will County Judge Daniel Rozak's court. He could have been jailed for six months.

Williams was in court for his cousin's sentencing on a drug charge. A prosecutor in court at the time described the offending yawn as "loud and

boisterous."

As Williams stood before the bench in shackles on Thursday, the judge gave him a short lecture. He told Williams he wasn't in custody for simply yawning but for making a sound "that was offensive to the court."

Md. judge admits deflating tire over parking spot

LA PLATA, Md. (AP) — A circuit court judge has acknowledged he deflated a tire on a car parked in a restricted area near his courthouse earlier this week. But he isn't apologizing.

Charles County Judge Robert C. Nalley told station WUSA on Wednesday that he let out the air

because leaving notes for those parked illegally isn't effective.

The chief administrative judge for Maryland's 7th Circuit said Nalley told him what he had done on Monday. Judge William D. Missouri suggested to The Washington Post that Nalley might be sanctioned.

The owner of the car, Jean Washington, works part-time at the courthouse in La Plata as part of a cleaning crew and said she didn't know she couldn't park in the restricted area. She said she never received any warnings.

Police are investigating the incident.

Missouri nun chases, helps nab robbery suspect

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — Thou shalt not steal — especially within sight of a convent.

Police in Independence, Mo., are crediting a pair of nuns with helping nab a gun-toting man suspected of burglarizing two homes Thursday morning.

Around 7 a.m., one of the wom-

en glanced out a window of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Eucharist convent and spotted a suspicious man walking through a soybean field. She and another nun headed outside to see if the man was lost or hunting illegally.

They saw the man was carrying a shotgun, boxing gloves and

other items. When they began to question him, the man ran into nearby woods.

One of the nuns gave chase, wearing her ankle-length habit and flip-flops. He got away, but the 49-year-old nun was able to describe him later to police, who made an arrest.

Police: Man wearing Speedo tried to steal vehicles

EAST HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A burglary suspect wearing only a Speedo-style swimsuit has been arrested in Connecticut after a police dog tracked him down and bit him on the leg.

Police say they spotted the suspect in East Hartford on

Thursday wearing the bathing suit and holding a toolbox that had been stolen from a truck. They say he tried to steal several vehicles and also took items from them.

Police say he tried to run from them, but a police dog found him

hiding behind a car.

The Journal Inquirer of Manchester reported that he was being held after his arrest on \$50,000 bail. He was scheduled for arraignment Friday, but the result of that hearing was not immediately available.

CIA interrogation probe irks left, right

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservatives and liberals alike reacted critically, though for different reasons, to Attorney General Eric Holder's decision to appoint a federal prosecutor to investigate possible abuses by CIA interrogators in using harsh tactics on terror detainees.

Conservatives, led by former Vice President Dick Cheney, said the probe wrongly targeted those who helped keep the nation safe after the Sept. 11 attacks and would diminish the ability of the government to safeguard Americans. Civil liberties groups were unhappy that officials from the administration of President George W. Bush were not targeted in the probe.

Holder on Monday appointed federal prosecutor John Durham to look into abuse allegations after the release of an internal CIA inspector general's report that revealed agency interrogators once threatened to kill a Sept. 11 suspect's children and suggested another would be forced to watch his mother be sexually assaulted.

President Barack Obama has said interrogators would not face charges if they followed legal guidelines. However, the report said that some CIA interrogators went beyond Bush administration restrictions that gave them wide latitude to use severe tactics such as waterboarding, a simulated drowning technique. Three high-level suspects underwent waterboarding scores of times.

Obama's caveat has not satisfied Cheney, who claimed earlier this year that the Obama administration is making the nation less secure by dismantling Bush-era initiatives aimed at disrupting terrorist plans. He repeated the assertion Monday, saying the Justice Department probe and a new FBI unit to handle interrogations were "a reminder, if any were needed, of why so many Americans have doubts about this administration's ability to be responsible for our nation's security."

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Former US Marine ready for life as Red Raider

By DANIEL CLAYTON
STAFF WRITER

The reality of war didn't hit Evan Gray until his first time on patrol in Iraq.

"We went on patrol, and we were walking around," Gray said. "There were some nomads on camels that walked right in front of us. That was when I realized I was at war."

Gray, a sophomore wildlife and fisheries management major, said he chose to join the Marines because his grandfathers are veterans and he saw the Marines as a challenge.

"During high school, I thought it was going to be my career," he said. "I thought, 'I'll stay in for 20 years, retire when I'm 40 years old.'"

Evan Gray's father, Dennis Gray, a Texas Tech alumnus, said his son's enlistment came as a complete surprise.

"At first we didn't want him to go," Dennis Gray said. "By the time we saw him at the end of basic training, we saw what they'd made him into; we were fine. We were very proud."

Evan Gray said he served four years with the Marines as an infantry assault man and served one tour of duty in Iraq.

"When Evan came back from Iraq, he came back a sure and confident young man," Dennis Gray said.

Evan Gray said after successfully completing his initial enlistment package contract in 2004, he was honorably discharged from the Marines. He then decided to take advantage of the Montgomery GI Bill, which offers incentives for soldiers

to further their education and enroll in college.

Universities differ in the amount of financial aid they provide from the GI Bill. Tech's program offers full-time students who served more than three years in a military branch \$1,321 in financial aid, not including benefits the veteran may receive under the Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program or Yellow Ribbon Program.

An institution of higher learning must agree to certain requirements regarding the allocation of financial aid to veterans before it is eligible to become a Yellow Ribbon school, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Tech meets all the requirements of the Yellow Ribbon Program and offers \$5,020 in financial aid to a limited number of student veterans who qualify for the program.

"When we were looking at schools it was very important to us that we find a Yellow Ribbon school," Dennis Gray said.

Tech also was named a Military Friendly School of 2010 by GI Jobs magazine. This list recognizes the top 15 percent of colleges that embrace veterans as students.

Debra Crosby, a Tech assistant registrar, attributed the military-friendly atmosphere to about 300 student and faculty veterans on campus.

"That is one thing that highlights Tech — we don't just serve veterans, we are veterans too," Crosby said.

After comparing previous enrollment, Crosby said, Tech had about 450 students last fall semester who received federal and state benefits.



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

EVAN GRAY, LEFT, shown with his father, Dennis Gray, is a former Marine who will attend Texas Tech this fall.

"Having an office on campus dedicated to helping students get their benefits started and work through initial navigation when they first arrive on campus is one thing that makes Tech a military friendly campus," Crosby said.

Evan Gray said he chose to transfer to Tech from Texas A&M University at Galveston after he learned his

marine biology major would not help him in his pursuit to work in the fish hatchery industry.

He said he called a fish hatchery just to see what he degree he needed to have in order to work in the hatchery industry, and the worker he talked with was a Tech graduate who earned a degree in wildlife and fisheries management.

"I didn't exactly know there was a separate major (for fisheries and wildlife management)," Evan Gray said.

After scheduling an interview with an instructor in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, he said he noted the instructor had a familiar personality.

"I could tell when we met him

that he was my kind of teacher," he said. "When we went into the interview, he looked like the kind of guy didn't want to be behind a desk."

Dennis Gray said it was the instructors he and his son met, the help they received and the status of Tech as a Yellow Ribbon school that made Tech the right place for Evan.

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U. Florida senior launches Web site to boost students' social lives

By JENNIFER TORMO
INDEPENDENT FLORIDA ALLIGATOR
(U. FLORIDA)

Moe's or Chipotle? Common Grounds or Balls? Try something new, or stick to the old and familiar?

Figuring out what to do is about to get easier, thanks to University of Florida student Adam Coelho.

Coelho, a marketing senior, just launched a new Web site, CitiSync.com, to help students in college towns find new places to visit.

"A lot of people fall into a rut and do the same things over

and over again, and they don't know about all the social options around," Coelho said.

On the site, users type in their location and can browse categories like restaurants, nightlife, entertainment, outdoors, and most popular.

After the category is selected, a list of options with maps and ratings appears, and users can select a venue to access detailed reviews so trying new places is less risky.

"I absolutely hate making plans with my friends," Coelho said. "I like hanging out but not the actual planning process."

Robotic machines aid patient recovery

By KELLI POLSON
THE ORACLE (U. SOUTH FLORIDA)

After undergoing robot-assisted surgery, University of South Florida graduate Dr. Cheryl Jordan said she plans to encourage her patients to use the same procedure.

The USF Health da Vinci Center for Computer Assisted Surgery, which opened this month, houses the surgical system that Dr. Lennox Hoyte, the medical director of the da Vinci center, used in Jordan's surgery.

USF is one of two centers nationwide that has the da Vinci machines. What sets USF's machines apart are two consoles that allow a doctor and a trainer to use the machine together. Hoyte said the two da Vinci systems

at USF cost \$2 million each.

Jordan had a hysterectomy and tissue grafts July 25 and was released from the hospital after two days.

Jordan, who has her own family medical practice in Stewart, Fla., said patients are normally in the hospital for a total of four days after surgery. She said it is not unusual for a patient to be in the hospital for six days.

Hoyte gave Jordan a six-week recovery time, she said. Usually patients have a recovery time from nine to 12 weeks, Jordan said.

The fast recovery time was one of the main reasons she decided to have the robot-assisted surgery done, Jordan said.

Tech welcomes military and veterans to campus

By SHERREL JONES
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech hosted its first welcome event for military and veterans Tuesday night at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

The event was an information fair for military and veterans and featured guest speakers, including Congressman Randy Neugebauer and Chancellor Kent Hance.

"We love veterans," Hance said. "We're glad you're here. I can think of no group that we salute and are prouder of than you. You have served your country well with dignity and strength. Welcome to Texas Tech, and we're proud of you."

President Guy Bailey also welcomed military and said it is time for Tech to serve military and veterans.

"You have served our country well," Bailey said. "It is our time to serve you. When you come to Texas Tech University, our mission and our goal is to serve you."

Douglass Crabb, professor of aerospace studies, is new to the Tech community and said he feels welcome.

"I really like the military-friendly campus here," he said. "I am looking forward to working with the cadets. It has been a dream of mine to teach air force. I want to teach cadets and help prepare them for their future."

Major Andrew Blair, a new ROTC instructor, said he is

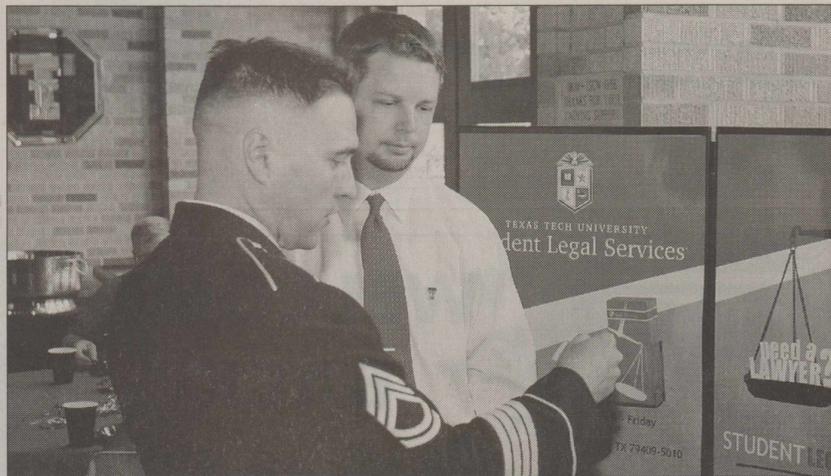


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SGT. 1ST CLASS, Buck Zeller, of the Texas Tech Army Reserve talks with Tech graduate and attorney for Student Legal Services, Jeff Hays, Tuesday at an information fair for military and veteran students in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

looking forward to his three-year assignment at Tech.

"Nothing is blowing up here, no one is trying to shoot at me," Blair said, laughing.

Bailey said the military de-

serve a great education Tech can provide.

"We sincerely appreciate what you've done, and we welcome you to Texas Tech," Bailey said. "The best thing you can

do for people is give them an education. You give a person an education and there really is no limit what you can do in life. We welcome you here today."

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Looking ahead in 2009

"I came to Tech for the country boys and football!"

-Laci Hargrove (with a laugh), a freshman nursing major from Houston



"I am ready to watch some football games and definitely plan on going to the Baylor game."

-Nathan Abbe, a freshman biochemistry major from Panhandle



"I am excited for the football games, tailgating and meeting new people, even though Harrell isn't here, and also for living the whole college experience."

-Ishley Elmore, a freshman agriculture communications major from Decatur



"Tech is awesome because I have noticed some of the best people are in West Texas, everyone here is great. I am excited to play on the tennis team this year and meet new people."

-Mia Matuszak, a freshman architecture major from Katy



"I am excited for all the new stuff on campus like Sam's Place in Wiggins, the leisure pool and all the other new things created."

-Tony Uduh, a junior accounting and energy commerce major from Houston



Compiled by Carrie Thornton

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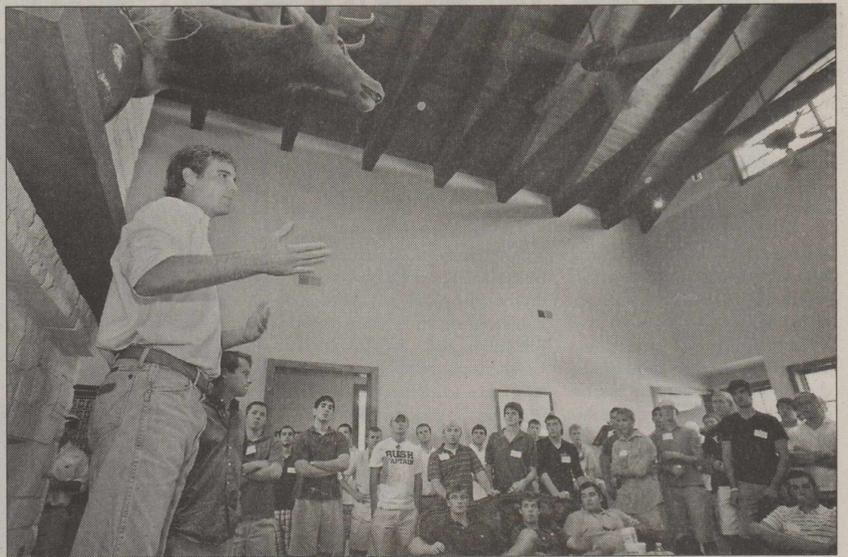


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JASON POTTER, A senior multidisciplinary science major from Lubbock and president of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, describes the fraternity's yearly activities to a group of potential members during rush Tuesday at the Delta Tau Delta house.

Vehicle bombs kill 41 in Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — A cluster of vehicle bombs detonated simultaneously Tuesday near a foreign-owned company that plans to build a road through an insurgent-held area. At least 41 people were killed, all civilians, officials said.

The thundering explosion in the Taliban's spiritual homeland occurred just after nightfall in a district that includes U.N. facilities and an Afghan intelligence office. The force of the blast shattered windows around the city and sent flames shooting into the sky.

So many houses and nearby buildings had collapsed that officials feared the death toll could rise further. At least 66 people were wounded, said Gen. Ghulam Ali Wahabat, a police commander in charge of southern Afghanistan.

"There was big smoke in the sky, and there were many dead bodies," said Mohammad Ismail, a vegetable seller being treated at the hospital for leg and hand injuries from the blast. "Some of the wounded were crying out."

It appeared the main target was the Japanese company that is involved in reconstruction efforts in the southern Afghan city. The company recently took over a contract to build a road that insurgents had

stalled for several months.

An intelligence office is about a quarter mile (400 meters) from the attack site and a U.N. office is located about a half mile (800 meters) away.

"The staff is good, everybody is safe," said Samad Khaydarov, head of the U.N. Assistance Mission in Afghanistan. "Our office, our guest-houses, are safe. ... Unfortunately, security is not so good in Kandahar."

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

The blast in the center of the city was one of the largest since the Taliban were expelled from the country in 2001. It destroyed about 40 shops, including restaurants and bakeries.

"Once again they've killed children, women, innocent Afghans. They are not human. They are animals. You can see for yourself the destruction of this enemy," said deputy provincial police chief Mohammad Sher Shah.

The exact mechanism of the bombing was still being determined.

Provincial council member Haji Agha Lalai said five vehicles filled with explosives detonated together, causing the massive blast. But Shah said the vehicles used were an oil tanker filled with explosives and two car bombs.

Kandahar is the spiritual home of

the Taliban, and the militants have carried out several complex attacks here in the last several years. A large NATO base sits on Kandahar's outskirts, but militants control districts immediately to the city's west.

In other violence, a bomb blast killed four U.S. troops in southern Afghanistan on Tuesday, said military spokeswoman Lt. Cmdr. Christine Sidenstricker. No other information was released pending the notification of family members.

The deaths bring to 41 the number of U.S. troops killed in Afghanistan this month, the second deadliest month in the country since the 2001 U.S. invasion. Last month a record 44 U.S. troops died.

This year has been the deadliest of the war for U.S. troops. Including the latest deaths, at least 172 American forces have died in the Afghan war this year, according to an Associated Press count.

A British soldier also died Tuesday after being wounded in an explosion Aug. 15 while on patrol near Sangin in Helmand Province, Britain's Ministry of Defense said.

The number of overall NATO deaths this year is a record as well: at least 293. Last year 286 died, according to the AP count.

The U.S. has more than 60,000 troops in the country.

UF study finds rudeness blocks productivity

By CHARLOTTE LELAND
INDEPENDENT FLORIDA ALLIGATOR (U. FLORIDA)

A new University of Florida study shows people who witness co-workers being rude to each other experience the same effect as the people toward whom the rude behavior is directed.

Amir Erez, an associate professor of management at UF, and Christine Porath, a professor from the University of Southern California, conducted three experiments that each showed the same result of observers becoming less able to think creatively and solve problems.

In the study, participants observed a fellow student being reprimanded for arriving late to class while participants in the control

group only saw a tardy student be dismissed from class.

Those who witnessed the rude behavior toward a student were less able to recall information and found less creative uses for a brick.

They suggested a brick could be used for violent purposes like beating someone up or throwing through a window, according to the study.

"It's an immediate reaction," Erez said. Because workers have to be more creative and helpful at their jobs, he said, it is important to keep hostile behavior from spreading.

"Managers need to pay attention to that," he said.

The inspiration for the study was similar research indicating that exposure to rude behavior

significantly decreased ability to focus, he said.

Because of this, he and Porath wondered how this same behavior affected workers who simply observed the negative behavior.

After about a year and a half of studying and conducting the experiments, Erez and Porath published their findings.

Janitorial supervisor Katrena Johnson said that conflict between two employees usually escalates to involve more.

"That's why they should do it in private," Johnson said.

Michael Lillie, Weimer Hall building supervisor, said the study is representative of his workplace.

"(Rudeness) puts you in a bad mood," he said. "It's not professional."



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Most red ink ever: \$9 trillion over next decade

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a chilling forecast, the White House is predicting a 10-year federal deficit of \$9 trillion — more than the sum of all previous deficits since America's founding. And it says by the next decade's end the national debt will equal three-quarters of the entire U.S. economy.

But before President Barack Obama can do much about it, he'll have to weather recession aftershocks including unemployment that his advisers said Tuesday is still heading for 10 percent.

Overall, White House and congressional budget analysts said in a brace of new estimates that the economy will shrink by 2.5 to 2.8 percent this year even as it begins to climb out of the recession. Those estimates reflect this year's deeper-than-expected economic plunge.

The grim deficit news presents Obama with both immediate and longer-term challenges. The still fragile economy cannot afford deficit-fighting cures such as spending cuts or tax increases. But nervous holders of U.S. debt, particularly foreign bondholders, could demand interest

rate increases that would quickly be felt in the pocketbooks of American consumers.

Amid the gloomy numbers on Tuesday, Obama signaled his satisfaction with improvements in the economy by announcing he would nominate Republican Ben Bernanke to a second term as chairman of the Federal Reserve. The announcement, welcomed on Wall Street, diverted attention from the budget news and helped neutralize any disturbance in the financial markets from the high deficit projections.

The White House Office of Management and Budget indicated that the president will have to struggle to meet his vow of cutting the deficit in half in 2013 — a promise that earlier budget projections suggested he could accomplish with ease.

"This recession was simply worse than the information that we and other forecasters had back in last fall and early this winter," said Obama economic adviser Christina Romer.

The deficit numbers also could complicate Obama's drive to persuade Congress to enact a major overhaul of the health care system — one that

could cost \$1 trillion or more over 10 years. Obama has said he doesn't want the measure to add to the deficit, but lawmakers have been unable to agree on revenues that would cover the cost.

What's more, the high unemployment is expected to last well into the congressional election campaign next year, turning the contests into a referendum on Obama's economic policies.

Republicans were ready to pounce.

"The alarm bells on our nation's fiscal condition have now become a siren," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. "If anyone had any doubts that this burden on future generations is unsustainable, they're gone — spending, borrowing and debt are out of control."

Even supporters of Obama's economic policies said the long-term outlook places the federal government on an unsustainable path that will force the president and Congress to consider politically unpopular measures, including tax increases and cuts in government programs.

BEAT THE RUSH



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Treador
DANNY CONOVALOFF, A freshman electrical engineering major from Bowie, fills out a fraternity application during rush Tuesday at the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house.

Researchers: Plants could produce power

By KELLY STRICKLAND
Daily Californian (UC-Berkeley)

A process found in plants may contain a new source of electrical energy that could eventually power personal electronics, according to a new study led by UC Berkeley Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering Michel Maharbiz.

The study conducted at UC Berkeley and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor was funded by grants from The National Science Foundation and the U.S. Army for application in robotics. The study found that evaporating water on plant leaves can be harnessed to produce electricity. Though the amount generated is small, the discovery still has big potential for consumers who might eventually use an advanced form in electronic devices, Maharbiz said.

Plants naturally go through a process known as "transpiration" where they draw water from roots and distribute it to the leaves. The water eventually seeps out and evaporates, according to the study.

Maharbiz said that his team utilized transpiration by creating a glass replica of a leaf, complete with veins. Water flowing through the channels carries a bubble to two electrical circuits that transform friction into an electrical charge.

"I was looking at a book about ferns and how ferns have little structures that shoot spores when the season comes," Maharbiz said. "I thought we should build a little machine based on that ... it's a concept that's never been demonstrated before."

But some say that further research is necessary before plant-based technology can feasibly be applied to clocks, flashlights and other small devices as Maharbiz says.

Abraham Stroock, associate professor of chemical and bioengineering at Cornell University who works with plants at the molecular level, said in an e-mail that any

future breakthroughs in the technology must overcome inherent inefficiencies.

"Bubbles are the worst enemy of the transpiration process (in nature)," he said. "They will often completely halt the flow ... most of this energy input will be lost."

But he conceded that the technology was still compelling.

"This is a nice example (of) harvesting energy from a fluctuating process in the environment,"

Stroock said in the e-mail.

Maharbiz said that follow-up

research is already under way, which will deal with more specific obstacles in improving the technique.

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MICHEL MARHARBIZ
UC BERKELEY
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

that time is needed before concrete results are realized.

FALL FIESTA



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Treador
FROM LEFT, ZOE Hall, retired, and Glenda Ferguson, unit coordinator at the Rawls College of Business Administration, hand out school supplies at the Back to School Fiesta in the Student Union Building on Saturday.

SKorea's first rocket launch fails

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's first rocket launch Tuesday failed to push a satellite into its orbit but the flawed mission may still anger rival North Korea, coming just months after the communist nation's own launch drew international condemnation.

The failure dealt a blow to Seoul's quest to become a regional space power. It comes against the complex backdrop of relations on the Korean peninsula — and recent signs that months of heightened tension over the North's nuclear program may be easing.

Also Tuesday, a South Korean newspaper reported that North Korea has invited top envoys of President Barack Obama for the first nuclear negotiations between the two countries under his presidency, but Washington quickly said it has no plans to send the envoys to Pyongyang.

The North gave no immediate reaction to the rocket launch but has said it will watch to see if the U.S. and regional powers refer the matter to the U.N. Security Council. A launch by North Korea in April was suspected to be a disguised test of long-range missile technology and drew a U.N. rebuke.

The North regarded the reaction as discriminatory, saying it fired a satellite into space, although experts say no such satellite has been detected. The North, unlike the South, is banned from any ballistic activity by Security Council resolutions as part of efforts to eliminate its nuclear and long-range missile programs.

U.S. State Department spokesman Ian Kelly spoke in support of South Korea, saying it has pledged to develop rockets for peaceful purposes only, and

that there was no indication the launch was "in any way inconsistent with its international obligations and international commitments."

The launch Tuesday was South Korea's first involving a rocket from its own territory. It was a two-stage Naro rocket whose first stage was designed by Russia. It lifted off from South Korea's space center on Oenaro Island, about 290 miles (465 kilometers) south of Seoul.

The rocket was carrying a domestically built satellite aimed at observing the atmosphere and oceans. A South Korean official said they could not trace the satellite in orbit after it separated from the rocket.

"We could not locate our satellite. It seems that communications with the satellite scheduled on Wednesday are unlikely to happen," Science Ministry official Yum Ki-soo told The Associated Press late Tuesday.

He said South Korean and Russian scientists were analyzing data to try to determine the cause of the failure.

Russia's Interfax-AVN news agency, citing an unidentified Russian space industry source, said the satellite never reached orbit and problems occurred in the South Korean-built second stage of the rocket.

In Moscow, an official at the Russian space agency, Roscosmos, declined to comment on the fate of the satellite. In joint statements, Roscosmos and the state-controlled Khronichev company, which made the rocket's first stage, said that the first stage of the rocket operated as planned.

South Korean President Lee Myung-bak called the launch a "half success."

"We must further strive to realize the dream of becoming a space power,"

Lee said, according to his office. Among Asian countries, China has conducted a manned space flight, and Japan and India have also sent rockets carrying satellites into space.

North Korea said it would be "watching closely" for the international response to Seoul's launch after its own launch drew what it maintains was unfair international condemnation.

South Korean officials said it is inappropriate to compare their launch with the North's because Seoul's is for peaceful purposes, in accordance with its membership in international treaties, and was carried out with transparency.

"We've been doing this openly," Defense Ministry spokesman Won Tae-jae told reporters.

Kim Tae-woo, a senior analyst of the Korea Institute for Defense Analyses, said that despite the North's stance, Tuesday's launch is unlikely to have major implications on inter-Korean relations.

In recent weeks, the North has become markedly more conciliatory toward both the United States and South Korea.

Earlier this month, it freed two American journalists following a trip to Pyongyang by former President Bill Clinton. It has also freed a South Korean detainee, agreed to lift restrictions on border crossings with the South and resume suspended inter-Korean projects in industry and tourism.

Pyeongyang also reportedly invited U.S. envoys for talks on its nuclear program. The invitation was extended to Stephen Bosworth, special envoy to North Korea, and nuclear negotiator Sung Kim, Seoul's JoongAng Ilbo daily reported.

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Viticulture class created with age limit

By **SHERREL JONES**
STAFF WRITER

Three professors in the Department of Plant and Soil Science will be teaching a series of wine-making and viticulture classes.

These classes are requirements for a horticulture degree with an emphasis in viticulture and enology. Texas Tech is the first university in Texas to establish this undergraduate program.

Ed Hellman, professor of viticulture with joint appointment with Texas AgriLife extension, said the Texas wine industry is excited about the new program.

"The Texas wine industry has been asking for some kind of undergraduate program in viticulture and enology for a long time," Hellman said. "The industry is excited and pleased that we have created the program and are looking forward to having some trained graduates come out and join the workforce."

Hellman expects students from other regions of the country to pursue this kind of degree at Tech.

"We expect to bring in students from out in the central United States, because you have to go to either coast to find other programs in viticulture and enology," Hellman said.

Thayne Montague, associate professor of horticulture with joint appointment with Texas AgriLife research, is teaching

viticulture I this semester.

"We will go over fundamental viticulture principles, such as plant physiology, how vines are arranged botanically and how they grow, basic plant systems, and different varieties of grapes," Montague said.

Hellman said one of the objectives for the viticulture class is identifying which grapes are best for the West Texas climate.

"We have had wineries out here for 30 years, and they have been very successful. Some of the varieties they have been growing for a very long time and successfully are cabernet sauvignon and merlot. We do well with those, but we think we might be able to do even better with other varieties. We are experimenting with varieties from Spain, Italy and Southern France."

A class titled wine-making worldwide, which is taught by Brent Trela, assistant professor of enology with joint appointment with Texas AgriLife extension, also is being taught this fall. In the spring, Hellman will teach viticulture II.

Wine-making worldwide is a two-part class which is open to all students. The lecture will be similar to a class previously taught at Tech and will cover wine production and how to sample wine. The wine-tasting lab is the second part and students must be 21 to take the lab.

Both Hellman and Montague said they have established goals



PHOTOS BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador
ABOVE: TEXAS TECH VITICULTURE professor Ed Hellman shown in the vineyard at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center North of Lubbock International Airport. Tech now offers viticulture classes to undergraduate students. BELOW: Hellman holds grapes from the vineyard.

for these classes.

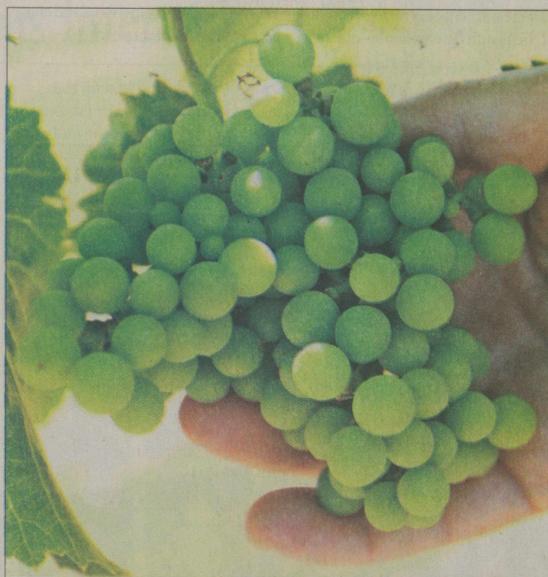
"Our goal is partially to stimulate interest in the program because it is new," Hellman said. "One of the things we hope to do this fall is to establish recognition for the program."

Montague said his goals include getting the class off to a good start.

"After that, I think it is just trying to acquaint the students with the process of producing grapes and making wine," Montague said.

Students who have a horticulture degree with a specialization in viticulture and enology will be fully equipped to manage or open a winery. If individuals have the financial backing they can start their own vineyard or start at a mid-level management position at a winery.

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Sony adopts feature from rival Kindle

NEW YORK (AP) — Sony Corp. plans to offer an e-book reader with the ability to wirelessly download books, injecting more competition in a small but fast-growing market by adopting a key feature of the rival Kindle from Amazon.com.

Sony's \$399 Reader Daily Edition will go on sale by December, Sony executives said Tuesday at an event at the New York Public Library. The device has a 7-inch touch screen and will be able to get books, daily newspapers and other reading material over AT&T Inc.'s cellular network.

Sony has sold e-book reading devices with "electronic ink" displays in the United States since 2006, but has seen most of the attention stolen by Amazon.com Inc., which launched the Kindle with similar e-ink technology a year later. The latest version of the Kindle — which is not controlled by touching the screen — costs \$299 and uses Sprint Nextel Corp.'s wireless network for downloads.

On Tuesday, Sony also began selling a "Pocket Edition" e-book reader with a 5-inch screen, for \$199, and a larger \$299 touch-screen model. Neither has wireless capability, so both have to be connected to a computer to acquire books.

Though Sony is following in Amazon's footsteps by adding wireless capability, its e-book strategy differs in crucial respects.

The only copy-protected books the Kindle can display are from Amazon's store, and the only devices the store supports are the Kindle, the iPhone and the iPod Touch.

Sony, on the other hand, has committed to an open e-book standard, meaning its Readers can show copy-protected books from a variety of stores, and the books can be moved to and read on a variety of devices, including cell phones.

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Leisure pool exceeds expectations in opening months



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ABOVE: NATALIE WILSON, a freshman with no declared major from Round Rock, waits for Amir Ravasipour, a freshman mechanical engineering major from Plano, to set the volleyball Monday at the leisure pool at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

RIGHT: MORGAN PRUITT, a freshman petroleum engineering major from Midland, shields her face from water sprinklers as she floats down the lazy river Monday at the leisure pool at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

By **SHERREL JONES**
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The Texas Tech community cooled off this summer by making a splash into the new leisure pool at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Joe MacLean, director of recreation sports, said the leisure pool was popular among Tech students and staff this summer.

"The pool this summer exceeded our expectations by the number of people who were utilizing it," MacLean said. "To say it was popular is kind of an understatement."

MacLean said the leisure pool might exceed record numbers with students living in the resident halls now.

Melissa Hogle, student recreational sports assistant director for aquatics, said the leisure pool has been busy over the summer months.

"The first month of Summer I through mid-May and mid-June was crazy busy," Hogle said. "On an average day, we have about 200 people on ID and maybe another 200 people as paying guests. On Memorial Day we

took in about 800 people over the seven hours."

Devlin Willingham, a senior psychology and sociology major from Artesia, New Mexico, and a pool employee, said the busiest days are on weekends.

"We have been pretty busy," Willingham said. "On weekends we are usually packed for family hours. On Sundays we have family hours all day."

The leisure pool provides students, faculty and staff a variety of amenities including the lazy river, water volleyball or basketball, a separate pool with a slide and diving board and a Sam's Place. Julie Morales, a school of nursing graduate from Lubbock, said her favorite activity at the pool is floating along the lazy river.

"I like the lazy river because it is

fun and relaxing," Morales said. "It is a nice place to go and relax and take my mind off work."

Hogle said she is excited for students to be back and wants them to come to leisure pool to cool off and have a good time.

"Everybody come and have fun," Hogle said. "Make sure you are in your swim suit and not in work-out clothes. We ask that people be in their swim suits and come have a good time."

Pool hours are Monday

through Friday from noon to 9 p.m., and Saturday through Sunday from noon to 7 p.m. MacLean said the pool is scheduled to go to reduced hours Sept. 27, and the pool is scheduled to close Oct. 12.

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JOE MACLEAN
DIRECTOR
RECREATION SPORTS



Peace, love, not much else in 'Taking Woodstock'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — They aren't words you hear very often: an Ang Lee comedy.

He hasn't really made one since he directed "The Wedding Banquet" and "Eat Drink Man Woman" back-to-back in 1993 and 1994. And so, on the heels of the emotionally heavy "Brokeback Mountain" and "Lust, Caution," Lee lightens up with "Taking Woodstock" — and the result is too lightweight.

He approaches the fabled three-day concert from an outsider's angle, which is admirably innovative; truly, the significance and influence of Woodstock have been chronicled ad nauseam, especially lately with its 40th anniversary having just passed. But in telling the story of the people who inadvertently launched the event, Lee leaves out the substance.

Rather, he ambles amiably among these motley figures, with civic leader Elliot Teichberg (comic Demetri Martin) at the center. When Robert Altman used this structural tactic — and he did it often — it still felt cohesive, like an intricate but subtle dance. "Taking Woodstock," by comparison, feels scattershot and incomplete.

The script from Lee's longtime collaborator James Schamus, based on Elliot Tiber's memoir, traces the pieces that fell into place to make Woodstock happen.

Elliot, a New York City interior designer, happens to have moved back home with his Russian immigrant parents (Henry Goodman and an over-the-top Imelda Staunton) to help them salvage their run-down Catskills motel. An arts and music festival in a neighboring town happens to have lost its permit. As president of the Bethel Chamber of Commerce, Elliot thinks it would boost the economy to play host instead — and he just happens to know a guy named Max Yasgur (Eugene Levy) who owns a 600-acre dairy farm, the perfect place for such an event.

So Elliot reaches out to Woodstock producer Michael Lang, puts him in touch with Max, turns the motel into the concert's headquarters and voila! History is born. It's just that easy in a movie where there seems to be zero conflict. (Jonathan Groff stands out in his first film role as the laid-back but persuasive Lang.) And the always welcome Liev Schreiber stands out — for his sheer size, if nothing else — but also provides both laughs and gravitas in an awesomely bizarre turn as a 6-foot-3 cross-dresser and ex-Marine named Vilma, who serves as a de facto security chief.

Eventually, the hippies get wind of the show's new location and descend on this rural area, the magnitude of which Lee depicts vividly through one

long tracking shot as Elliot winds his way through traffic on the back of a police motorcycle. It's a rare moment that feels organic and alive, as if anything could happen at any time.

There's no real sense of the music, though, which is a bold step — then again, the performances have been so famously documented elsewhere, namely in the Oscar-winning 1970 concert film "Woodstock," it was probably wise of Lee to avoid trying to recreate them and find his own angle into the event. But "Taking Woodstock" also leaves you feeling that something is missing. Instead, we hear some songs from far away, litting over the hills, and at one point during an obligatory acid trip (in a van with Paul Dano and Kelli Garner) Elliot witnesses the teeming masses as waves of humanity undulating in front of the stage.

It's not his only moment of discovery: Elliot comes out as a gay man during this time. Rather than making a big deal out of this in a tortured or clichéd way, "Taking Woodstock" just sort of lets it happen, then drops it. Like Martin's sweet but placid performance — and the film in general — it ends up being forgettable, when it could have taken a little piece of your heart.

"Taking Woodstock," a Focus Features release, is rated R for graphic nudity, some sexual content, drug use and language.

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Texas Tech museum director retires after 25 years

By **SHERREL JONES**
STAFF WRITER

The executive director at the Museum of Texas Tech will be retiring after the fall semester.

Gary Edson said he plans to retire on New Year's Eve.

"At midnight, when we roll over into 2010 I will be unemployed," Edson said while laughing.

After his retirement, Edson said he hopes to write, travel and get back to his art.

"I plan to have a lot of fun," he said. "I plan to go back to Asia. I spent a lot of time in Taiwan. We have a sister institution there, and I expect to spend time there. I plan to go back to Egypt. I plan to go to South America, particularly Ecuador. I want to go to Canada and spend some time."

Edson has been with Tech for 25 years. Before he began his work at the museum, he worked as chairman of the art department for one year. He also has been a professor of museum science and a member of International Council of Museums.

In the summer of 1985, Edson made the transition from the art department to the museum and set out goals for the museum early on.

During his years at the museum, he has seen many changes which benefited the museum. One of his first goals for the museum was to gain accreditation from the American Association of Museums.

"It was one of those things I decided to do from the very beginning," Edson said. "It was a way to bring us together and to move the museum forward."

Under Edson's leadership, the museum has doubled in size. The expansion of the building allowed the museum to have extra square footage and provided a space to do community-related activities. Edson said as of now, they have not yet appointed a search committee to find a new executive director.

Nicky Ladkin, assistant director for the Center for Advanced Studies of Museum Science and Heritage Management, said Edson has done two things which have been wonderful for the museum.

"He developed the museum science

program and introduced the heritage management program," Ladkin said. "He has also taken the museum through a period of a huge amount growth, stability and improvement. We became accredited. He got us to the point where we were ready to do it for the first time, and ever since then we have continued to be accredited."

Ladkin has known Edson for 19 years. She was a student of his for a class and now works for Edson at the museum.

"Gary has been a wonderful professor and a great boss," Ladkin said. "He has such a broad perspective. Internationally, he knows so many people across the U.S. and all around the world. He is kind of like an unofficial ambassador for Texas Tech and the museum."

She said after Edson retires he will have time to get back to other things he is passionate about.

"Museum work is his life and his love," Ladkin said. "He has such an enormous energy and devotion to what he does. He has worked so hard for so long. He needs a chance to do something different."

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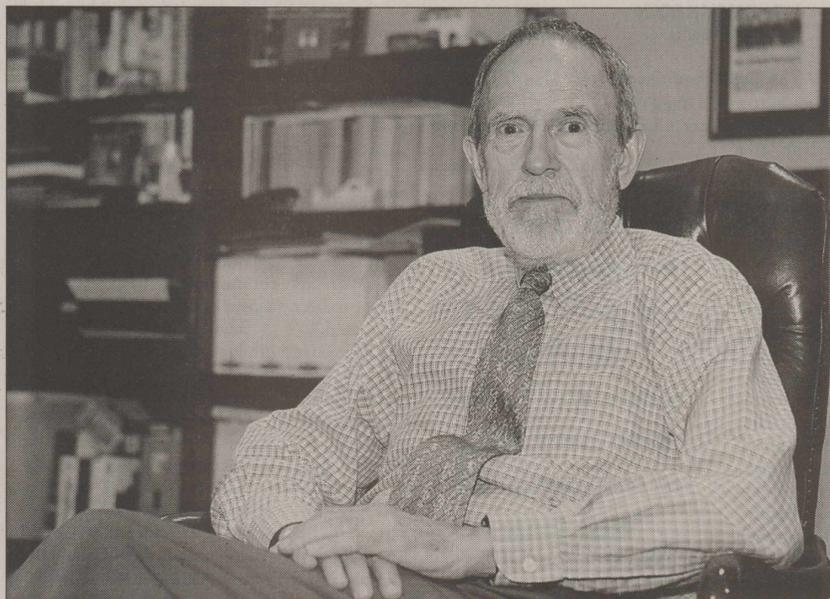


PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Treador
GARY EDSON, DIRECTOR of the Texas Tech Museum, is retiring after serving 24 years in the position. During Edson's retirement, he plans to write, travel and get back to printmaking and ceramic work.

Download now or pay later: Eleven best free iPhone applications

Something I noticed last spring semester as I carted around the new iPhone 3G I received for Christmas: Everybody was carting around the new iPhone 3G they got for Christmas.

During the summer, I know many of my friends and acquaintances were lighting up their Twitter feeds to inform the world they just received an iPhone 3GS. I'm starting to wonder if we can start organizing students into groups. People who have iPhones (or at least iPod touches) and people who don't.

Since Apple's little black box is becoming such a dominant force on campuses across the nation, I felt it apt to provide a list of essential apps you may not want to go into class without.

I'm of the mentality that most college students are poor and would rather save money whenever possible, so all of the following apps are free. However, if you're willing to shell out a few bucks here and there, you can find plenty of good tools, such as RSS readers, homework organizers and flashcard makers.

But since "a few bucks here

Britton Peele



and there" means wasting perfectly good beer and Ramen money, these apps cost nothing:

-Wikipanion: Never cite Wikipedia as a source. That said, Wikipedia can be a great resource for finding information on necessary topics, or just reading about random crap you find interesting. This app is clean, easy to use and free.

-Dictionary: How many of you actually carry a physical dictionary around? Probably quite a few of you these days, considering how easy it is to use dictionaries online when need be. But what if you need to look up a word when you're away from the computer? The Dictionary app is perfect for such occasions.

-AP Mobile: You need to keep up with the news. Since *The Daily Treador* doesn't have an app of

its own, you unfortunately need to turn to other sources. There are plenty of options from the biggest names in publication, such as *The New York Times*, but AP Mobile may boast the most news content.

-Facebook: This is a no-brainer, considering we're college students, but since I notice so many of you checking your Facebook profiles every five minutes in the library anyway, why not check it every two-and-a-half minutes on your phone?

-Twitterific and Tweetdeck: There are a variety of fully capable Twitter apps available for your iPhone, but these are two of the best that come at the ever-appalling cost of free. If you're

not sold on the Twitter phenomenon yet, you may be once you can check feeds on the fly.

-Stanza: A free eBook reader, Stanza is more amazing than I initially expected it to be. You can do expected things, like transfer books from your computer or purchase books from a built-in store so you can read "Twilight" more discretely.

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download. Old "Sherlock Holmes" and "Conan the Barbarian" stories, "Art of War," "Dracula" — there's tons of reading material to keep you busy. Now you can read the "Kama Sutra" between classes!

-Pandora Radio: Internet radio at its finest, Pandora has become a best friend for many of us. This app takes everything you love about the Pandora Web site and puts it on a mobile device. You can even access all of your favorite stations just by logging in.

-FML: While you can access F*** My Life's mobile Web site on the iPhone just fine, there's also an app that makes it possible for you to be even more lazy about laughing over others' misfortunes. Good for killing a few minutes here and there.

-AIM and Skype: You need to stay in touch with your friends and classmates, right? What better ways than these programs that most of us probably already use on our PCs?

-Mafia Wars: Since you're all playing it on Facebook anyway (stop requesting that I join your mob, please), why not play "Mafia Wars" while eating lunch in the Student Union Building as well? Relieve some stress by completing some shady jobs.

-Aurora Feint: One of the best free games for the iPhone, "Aurora Feint: The Beginning" is more than just a "Lite" version of a good puzzle game. It's a fully featured (and quite addictive) puzzle game that might be good to have for downtime.

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Tech alumnus profits from creation of hangover cure

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

For about \$3, Anthony Adams promises to end a hangover.

The Hangover Cure, sold online and in about a dozen stores in Dallas, is a product created by Anthony Adams, a 2006 Texas Tech marketing graduate who claims the product can banish the negative effects of consuming too much alcohol.

"The idea for the product started when I was at Tech," he said. "Believe it or not, I was drinking quite a bit."

Although his college lifestyle contributed to his desire to create the product, he said he at-

tributes his success to his mom, a certified nutritionist who'd seen her son hung over one too many times.

"I would come home to see her and be hung over," he said, "she would give me different medicines that were really just a crude version of the product I created."

"I used it on my birthday and was so glad I had a vile. It was formulated to help with every aspect of overindulgence."

INGA ADAMS
INVENTOR'S MOTHER

From there, he began mixing vitamins and the amino acid L-cysteine to prevent his and his friends' hangovers. After three

years of working as a software salesman for IBM, he put his experience with drinking and his marketing skills to work and created The Hangover Cure.

"The corporate world just

really wasn't for me," he said. "I would much rather go out on my own and sell something I made that I know people will use."

Several people have used the product, including his mom, who said it makes sense for anyone who dreads the morning after too much alcohol.

"I used it on my birthday and was so glad I had a vile," Inga Adams said of the product. "It was formulated to help with every aspect of overindulgence."

Besides being a fan of the product, Inga Adams said she is proud of her son's approach to starting the business.

"I'm delighted that he's following his own path," she said. "He's always been his own man."

Although it has not been evaluated by the FDA, the product has been tested by Anthony Adams and his friends, including Nathan Day, the official spokesman and original tester for the product.

The label hangover cure is a little misleading, he said, because it prevents the hangover rather than cure it.

"It works 100 percent every

time," he said, "and if I forget to take it, I am rudely reminded of it the next morning."

Day said he hopes to be selling The Hangover Cure in Lubbock stores by the end of the year.

"Students and young professionals should be able to live a free lifestyle," he said. "Regardless of if you have deadlines or obligations, the product will allow you to still have a good time."

Anthony Adams said the product has been successful so far because of people's desire to enjoy alcohol without negative side effects.

Although many people are apprehensive about starting their own business, he said he never thought twice about his decision to create the product, and he encourages students to turn their passion into a profession.

"I just knew I didn't want to stay in a cubicle," he said. "I would rather take risks. Tech played a big part in the creation of this product because of the Tech lifestyle and my marketing classes."

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ANTHONY ADAMS, A 2006 Texas Tech marketing graduate, created The Hangover Cure. He claims it does not cure hangovers, but prevents them.

Drinking in the sweet sounds of summer

My first taste of summer school was a bit lonely after the evacuation of Lubbock in June. Luckily there was one friend who not only stayed in town but was always available at the push of button pick me up from my summer blues; good music. In order to thank my "good friend" I decided to review some of the best albums that came out this summer. I want to say a big thank you to everyone who sent me their suggestions and an equally large apology at not being able to review them all. I decided to go with the albums I was most familiar with but strongly encourage any music fan to look up "Beggars" by Thrice, "No One's First" and "Your Next" by Modest Mouse, and "Riceboy Sleeps" by Jonsi and Alex.

Phoenix - "Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix"

"Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix" is the Sonic Cherry Limeade I have been drinking all summer long. After being introduced to the album's first two tracks, "1901" and "Lisztomania," I became an instant, die-hard fan of this relentlessly catchy and energetic band.

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From the first electric pulses of "1901" the hook is set at 0:02 and you cannot let go. It has been a long time since I have found a sound this accessible yet untainted by Disney pop fluff. You can trust this album to keep your toe tapping, your spirits up and your hipster friends at bay (we don't want a repeat of that incident when they found your Jonas Brothers record do we?).

However, this quartet from the suburbs of Versailles proves to be more dimensional than its infectious and playful sound may suggest. "Love Like a Sunset" parts I and II set them apart from any alternative rock group to date. Evolving from an ethereal electronic blend to a driving and almost aboriginal frenzy of well-crafted chaos, part I is what I can only call

the perfect storm before the calm. As the thunderheads dissipate, we are left with a floating and shimmering acoustic haven in part II. Every time I listen to this beautiful contrast I need to remind myself that I did not just watch a three hour movie full of love, sadness and redemption. All I did was bear witness to the masterful orchestration of a French pop group who will forever garner my respect.

Phoenix doesn't let up in the second half of the album either. Please treat yourself to the best thing from France since Daft Punk.

Dave Matthews' Band - "Big Whiskey and the GrooGrux King"

The first studio album from Dave and the boys since 2005 is a tribute to founding member LeRoi Moore who passed away in August of 2008. Moore is the GrooGrux King reference in "Why I Am" and in the album title. As a farewell to their fallen friend, Big Whiskey assumes an overall somber tone that still provides the romping jam tracks we expect from the DMB, but less carefree. We see Dave vulnerable and resolute at the helm of

his friend's funeral barge and no less spot on in his poignant songwriting. "Funny the Way it is" and "Lying in the Hands of God" retain their jam band flavors but navigate the waters of social injustice and desperation more deftly than previous albums like Stand Up (2005).

While Big Whiskey takes a sentimental turn as compared to the many live albums we have seen in recent years, the DMB is still in top form for rambunctious tracks like "Why I Am." After a touching opening saxophone solo from Grammy Award-winning Jeff Coffin in "Gruux" Dave lands what feels like a punch in the face with "Shake Me Like a Monkey." The return of Tim Reynolds is welcome and only does more to recapture the glory of the DMB's mid-'90s reign. "Big Whiskey" halts what may have felt like the decline of the DMB and provides a depth of songwriting and unyielding energy that lets us believe Dave and Co. still have more for the generation they helped define.

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New meth formula avoids anti-drug laws

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — This is the new formula for methamphetamine: a two-liter soda bottle, a few handfuls of cold pills and some noxious chemicals. Shake the bottle and the volatile reaction produces one of the world's most addictive drugs.

Only a few years ago, making meth required an elaborate lab — with filthy containers simmering over open flames, cans of flammable liquids and hundreds of pills. The process gave off foul odors, sometimes sparked explosions and was so hard to conceal that dealers often "cooked" their drugs in rural areas.

But now drug users are making their own meth in small batches using a faster, cheaper and much simpler method with ingredients that can be carried in a knapsack and mixed on the run. The "shake-and-bake" approach has become popular because it requires a relatively small number of pills of the

decongestant pseudoephedrine — an amount easily obtained under even the toughest anti-meth laws that have been adopted across the nation to restrict large purchases of some cold medication.

"Somebody somewhere said 'Wait this requires a lot less pseudoephedrine, and I can fly under the radar,'" said Mark Woodward, spokesman for the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control.

An Associated Press review of lab seizures and interviews with state and federal law enforcement agents found that the new method is rapidly spreading across the nation's midsection and is contributing to a spike in the number of meth cases after years of declining arrests.

The new formula does away with the clutter of typical meth labs, and it can turn the back seat of a car or a bathroom stall into a makeshift drug factory. Some addicts have even made the drug while driving.

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AlcoholEdu course continues to educate, inform

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

Because alcohol and college often go hand-in-hand, Student Health Services is doing its best to encourage safety and responsibility among first-year freshmen.

Since 2006, first-year freshmen have been required by Texas Tech to complete an alcohol education program, and this year, changes to the program have made it more insightful than ever, said Amanda Eldredge, a health educator for Student Health Services.

"We know this is benefiting students," she said, "when I have people coming to me three years after taking the course and saying

they still remember the information."

AlcoholEdu is a two-part program aiming to provide education and resources to students regarding alcohol use.

The program includes information regarding legal ramifications of drinking and resources for students who choose to consume alcohol, as well as opportunities to blog about their thoughts.

"The course is 100 percent confidential and plays a big role in what students know about drinking behaviors," Eldredge said.

Last year's program results showed 55 percent of first year freshmen who took the course chose not to drink, a statistic she said she is proud of.

"We're actually above the national average," she said. "Our students show more responsibility regarding alcohol than those who take this course at other universities."

Besides educating students, the program has other benefits, she said. Individuals who did not take

the required course are turned into Student Judicial Programs and may face different sanctions if they break laws regarding alcohol consumption.

The two-and-a-half-hour course can be daunting to some students, Eldredge said. However, Bobby Holden, a freshman psychology major from Richmond, said it is worth the time.

"I don't drink," he said, "but it's all useful information."

Because his mom is a police officer, he said he already understands the legal ramifications of drinking but found other information useful.

"I have gotten an understanding of how often other college students

drink," he said, "and how much alcohol is actually in each drink."

The course also gave him a variety of resources regarding alcohol consumption, he said, that he may not have known about otherwise.

The Raider Assistance Program, for example, is an educational resource for students with questions concerning drug, tobacco and alcohol use. Former Raider Assistance Program

Manager Bobbi Britton-Stroud said the program is not something all students will use, but it is good for all students to know about.

"We have students on campus with a whole range," she said of alcohol consumption. "Just like on any college campus some students are very responsible, some are not."

Although some students are irresponsible when it comes to alcohol use, Tech students have more resources than most other universities, she said.

"Because of the course and other resources provided," she said, "we are ahead. Those who want to be responsible have a chance to learn what it looks like."

Eldredge said she hopes individuals who have outdated knowledge of alcohol use will take advantage of the Alcohol Edu course.

To get more information about the course or other alcohol resources on campus, visit alcohol.edu.ttu.edu.

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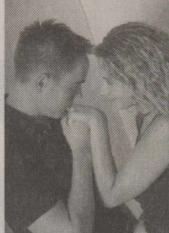
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Artificial parts mimic real-life senses

Neuroprosthetics are untraditional means for treating physical disabilities; they are electro-mechanical devices that bridge the communication between the brain and the central and peripheral nervous systems to restore function to one or more of the body's sensorimotor mechanisms.

One of the most common neuroprosthetic is the cochlear implant. The cochlear implant gives back the ability to hear by using a microphone to collect the sounds (vibrations) that enter the ear then translate them into electrical signals that stimulate the cochlea nerves. The stimulated cochlea nerves send electrical impulses to the brain which are interpreted as sounds.

Going one step further is the Luke Skywalker Arm named after, well, Luke Skywalker. In "Star Wars," Luke Skywalker loses an arm and is given a prosthetic that looks and moves exactly like a real arm.

Although the Luke Skywalker Arm, currently in clinical trials, may not be as precise as the one in the movie, it is dexterous and sensitive enough to allow a user to drink from a glass without crushing it and even eat grapes without making a mess.

The arm is amazing because it

Mark Guerra



literally uses the user's intent to control itself.

Electrodes about the size of a human hair are carefully inserted into the brain to collect the electrical and chemical changes that occur during specific tasks. Once signals are collected, they can be translated by microprocessors and sent to the prosthetic device in order to carry out the user's physical intention.

The sensory feedback, however, is the astonishing aspect of the device. If the user leans forward on his or her toes the arm will slightly raise just as a healthy individual's arm would.

Since the prosthetic device is connected to the nerves that were originally in the arm, which are moved to the chest after amputation, the user can literally feel the arm. If they pick up hot coffee, they will be burned. If they close the mechanical arm in a door, it will definitely hurt.

The aesthetics might not be the greatest, but the freedom the

prosthetic gives to the user is irreplaceable, until we can re-grow limbs that is.

Taking an even further leap from the Luke Skywalker Arm is artificial vision. The human eye is an extremely complex body part that uses light as its stimulus. Since light is, in itself, electrical; electrically stimulating intact visual structures for blind individuals can evoke patterned sensations of light called phosphenes.

However, the task has proven to be a major challenge, to say the least. Intensive research efforts have been conducted for more than 30 years trying to understand how the eye manipulates light in order to communicate with the brain.

Another obstacle is understanding the brain's plasticity — the ability to rewire itself — when an artificial eye is introduced. Since the eyes are the doors to perception, it is unknown how the brain will adapt once it has either reconfigured itself to deal with loss of sight or if one was to be given sight if born without it. Neuroscience will play a huge part if we are to succeed with practical artificial vision. Life is undoubtedly relative; therefore, we will have to find ways of measuring these individual perceptions and infer them to the prosthetic if an artificial vision system is to work as our eyes do.

It is obvious that dealing with sensorimotor disabilities is unfortunate, but scientists, doctors, engineers and patients are all working together to create top-notch prosthetics that will redefine how we use the statement: "Your wish is my command."

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Game On: A summer of Poon's Picks

Another summer has come and gone, which also means another smattering of summer video games has followed suit. This middling offering of entertainment has, as always, brought a few winners, a few hidden surprises and a lot of pain. Let's reflect, shall we?

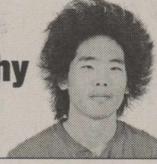
Best game — "inFamous" was touted as a system seller even before development. The end result, however, was a game that barely edged out "Red Faction: Guerrilla" as my favorite game of the summer. It definitely ranks up there as one of the best games out for the PS3, but that's already some pretty slim pickings. "inFamous" looks and plays great and actually has a worthwhile plot, but it just isn't the game it was hyped up to be.

Worst game — Although I'm sure "My Make-Up" for the DS is by far a worse game, I'm not willing to spend any time with it. So, for my money, the worst game I've played this summer is "G.I. Joe: The Rise of the Cobra." It looks like toilet art, plays like Edward Scissorhands on piano and barely redeems its existence with bonus old school PSA videos, albeit not dubbed.

Most pleasant surprise — This may be from way back at the beginning of the summer, but that is still part of the summer nonetheless. I expected the two giant foam claws that I got to be the best part about the game, but "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" was actually a good game. It was brutal, bloody and oddly fun. Look past the bugs and extremely forgiving difficulty of the game to find an enjoyable weekend rental.

Best downloadable game — Sadly enough, I have not played "Shadow Complex," which I hear is absolutely phenomenal, so this

Timothy Poon



category is basically a showdown between "Trine," "Fat Princess" and "Splosion Man."

Due to the lack of replay value in "Trine" and unfortunate co-op choices and "Fat Princess" bevy of network issues, my vote is going to have to go to "Splosion Man." It's original, entertaining and genuinely funny.

Note: I'm only including brand new, download-only games in this category, otherwise "Final Fantasy VII" would have easily taken this one.

Best throwback — Here it comes down to two different kinds of throwbacks: the "Ghostbusters: The Video Game" and "Tales of Monkey Island" sort of throwbacks that are more like continuations of the source material and the "The Secret of Monkey Island: Special Edition" type, which is a straight up remake of the original game.

As much as I loved Ghostbusters and how much I enjoyed the fresh Guybrushness of "Tales of Monkey Island," the nostalgia of "The Secret of Monkey Island" is simply too much to beat. I wish I could include "Punch-Out!" in this category, but I only got to play it for a total of about 10 minutes, not nearly long enough to do any game justice.

Most promising game that is unreleased at the time of my writing this article but will be out by the time you read this — words can only convey so much of my feelings as to how successful I think "Batman: Arkham

Asylum" will be when it comes out.

If you've seen any of the trailers for the game, you'll know what I mean when I say "Arkham Asylum" is the polar opposite of "Lego Batman: The Video Game" and that I mean that in the best way possible. It is dark, brooding and full of intensity, just the way Batman video games (and movies) are meant to be made.

Worst kept secret in the industry — What's that? A PlayStation 3? But slimmer? When did that happen? Oh, wait, that's right, everyone in the world except Sony heard that little tidbit back in January.

Honestly, Sony has to have the worst rumor control in the world. Media outlets all over the world started showing leaked images of the new PS3 and they still simply said "what new PS3?" At least they try, I guess.

If you feel like I shorted a game out of a nod, it's important to remember that 1) games are expensive, and 2) games are really expensive. I wish publishers would send me a never-ending stream of games and swag just for being such a swell fellow, but that's not the case. If you'd like to bankroll my gaming addiction, however, I am more than ready and willing to receive.

And if you feel like I should have more categories, well, too bad. This ain't the Oscars, sugar pie, not to mention editors get super duper cranky at the sight of 3,000-word articles.

I've got about five more categories ready to be juiced from my mind grapes, and I'm already cutting it close. Track me down, and I'd be happy to hear you refute, agree wholeheartedly, or go Switzerland-neutral on anything from this article. BYO controllers and cookies if you though.

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Comedy show to encourage diversity

The Texas Tech Activities Board hopes to bring live music, laughs and an appreciation of diversity to the new school year.

D.J. Walch, graduate assistant for Student Union and Activities said TAB will host a comedy night at 8 p.m. in the Red Raider Ballroom of the Student Union Building.

He said the free event, which is sponsored by TAB, the Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center, and Student Union and Activities, will feature Azhar Usman and Preacher Moss, members of the comedy troupe Allah Made Me Funny.

"A lot of their humor is based on what's it's like to be a Muslim in the post 9/11 world," Walch said. "From what I've seen I thought that it was really funny. They get racially profiled in airports and they talk about those experiences in a humorous way."

The performance of the Muslim comics also will be followed by live music from the Spanish-Gypsy fusion band Passion and food from across the globe, he said.

Walch also said he hopes the comedy night also will be an educational event that incorporates diversity into Raider Welcome Week. International student organizations will provide information about the cultures they represent and Moss will hold a diversity discussion after the performance.

"Our goal is to provide an opportunity for students to learn about different cultures other members of the student population come from," Walch said.

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Three of a kind: Third-generation twirler takes field

By HANNAH BOEN
STAFF WRITER

Approaching the field in her first Cotton Bowl appearance, Benni Dunn Evans knew her skirtless solo performance was transforming the traditional twirling line at Texas Tech.

However, she did not realize her passion for twirling would continue to affect Tech traditions two generations later.

"It was very exciting," Evans said of being Tech's first feature twirler, "being on the line and having people decide to feature me."

More than two decades after her first feature performance, Evans watched her daughter follow in her footsteps as Tech's feature twirler from 1980 to 1984.

This year, Evans is preparing to watch her granddaughter, Amanda Tolley, on the football field as a third generation feature twirler at the university. The three share a common passion for twirling, she said.

Amanda Tolley, a freshman interior design major from Lubbock, has dreams of winning national collegiate championships, she said, as her mother and grandmother have done before her.

"My first routine was done with a pacifier in my mouth," she said. "My mom would want me to take it out to twirl."

Since her first performance, Amanda Tolley has won a variety of twirling titles, including Miss Majorette of West Texas in January.

"It's really exciting," she said of being feature twirler, "but it's also a lot of pressure, being after them. It's hard to fill their shoes, but it's going to be interesting."

Amanda Tolley said she believes she would be a successful twirler regardless of being part of a legacy, but being a third-generation feature twirler at Tech is exciting.

"It's never been a question in my mind," she said. "This is what I enjoy doing, and it makes me proud to do it after them."

Amanda Tolley isn't the only one who feels proud. Her mom, Bethany Tolley, said she is proud to be part of the three-generation legacy of twirlers at Tech.

Her twirling career began much the same as Amanda Tolley's, at a young age. She grew to be a competitive performer and currently holds a place in the baton twirling hall of fame, along with her mother.

Her role as feature twirler ended 25 years ago; however, she has been coaching the Tech twirlers for three years, and the twirling line has won the Southwest Regional Collegiate Championship the past two years under her guidance.

She attributes the success of the team to hard work and practice and said while the twirlers have worked harder than ever, they are finally being noticed for their hard work.

"My goal was to bring the line into the 21st century," she said, "and to really utilize all the talent on the line."

Although she strives to bring the line up to date, she and Amanda Tolley also remember the traditional line and recognize the role Evans played in the twirling team during the late 1950s.

Evans recalled one of her favorite performances on the football field and said she hoped her boldness had a hand in modernizing Tech twirling.

"I stepped onto the field at the Cotton Bowl in a new costume," she said. "It was all black, long sleeved with a Double T on the front and no skirt. That was the first time anyone had seen a costume without a skirt on a football field."

Today, Amanda Tolley said, twirlers rarely have skirts as part of their costume, proving Evans opened the doors to more opportunities for university twirlers.

"It was a little scary, but thrilling because I love to entertain," Evans said of her solo performances. "I love twirling. I have twirled all my life."

Along with her daughter, Evans continues to give twirling lessons and looks

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AMANDA TOLLEY
TEXAS TECH TWIRLER



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FEATURE TWIRLER AMANDA Tolley, a freshman interior design major from Lubbock, shown with her mother and coach, Bethany Tolley, and her grandmother, Benni Evans, in the practice gym at Art's Theatrical Supply.

forward to more honors and recognition for her family. One of the first baton twirling hall of fame inductees, her hope is to see her granddaughter receive the honor as well.

"She is a great twirler," she said, "and she will make a good teacher and a good judge. She has the compassion and the joy of teaching, just like her mom."

She considers herself lucky to be a

part of the three-generation twirling legacy and hopes to remind the Tech community of her talent at this year's alumni football game.

"I am just thrilled to death about

Amanda and about all three of us," she said. "This is just one of those things that happens once in a lifetime."

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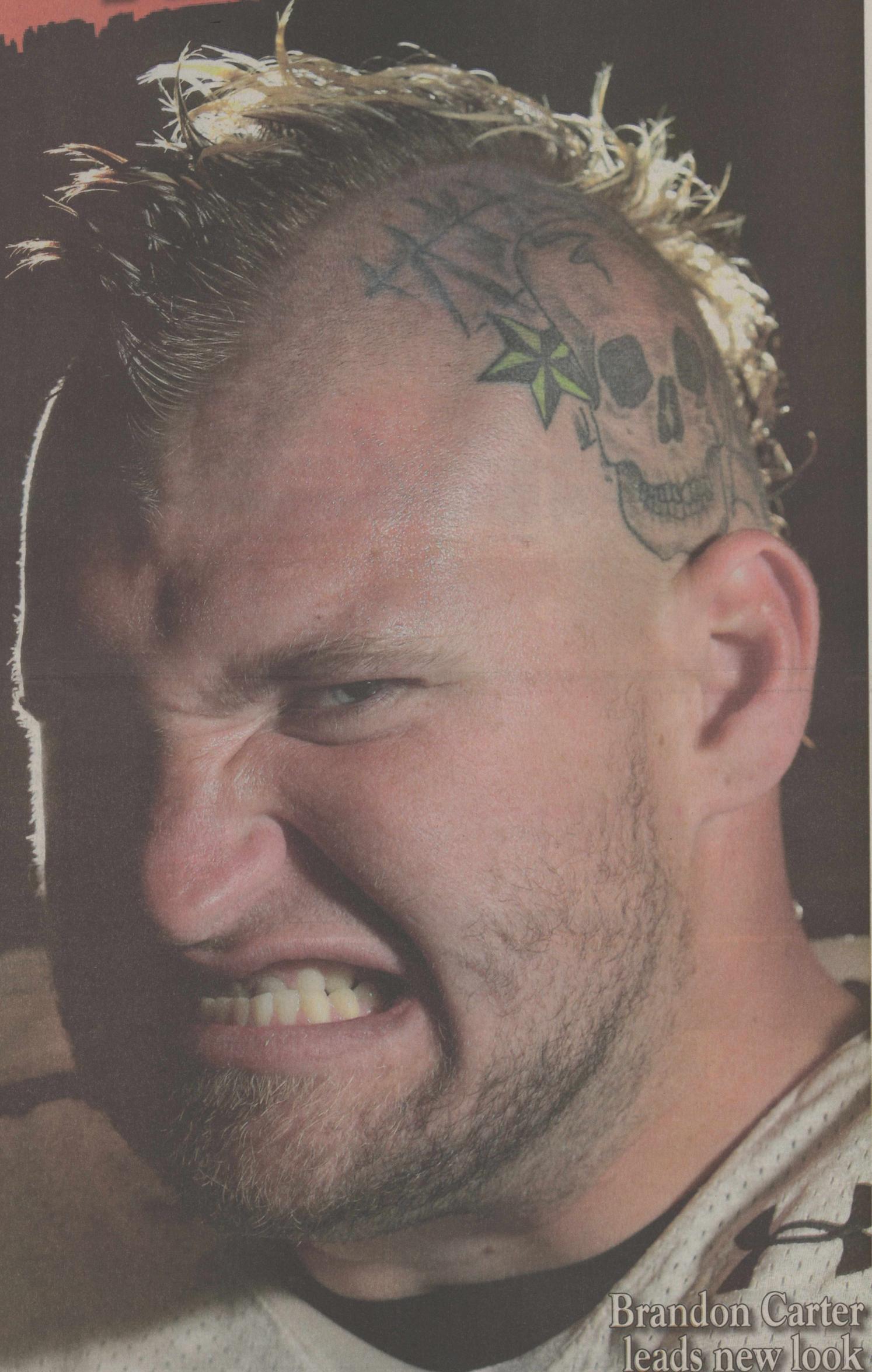
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Tech players enjoy Leach on cover of Texas Monthly

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Red Raiders may not be receiving the praise of college football experts this fall like last season, but the program still is getting its face time.

Texas Tech coach Mike Leach is featured on the cover of the September issue of Texas Monthly. The picture shows Leach with an eye patch, referencing his well-known interest in pirates. The September issue of Texas Monthly also features an article on Leach written by S.C. Gwynne.

Leach said he did not realize he would be on the cover of the magazine until Gwynne started making more visits for interviews.

"Didn't think much about it," Leach said. "Sam Gwynne came and interviewed me. I didn't think much about that. I thought it was going to be a quick, short thing. Second time he came out I thought 'Well maybe he just put off his article.' Then about the fourth time, I figured 'Well this is pretty good. It's going to be a longer article than I thought.' When they start talking about photographers, then I realize that it's going to be good. He was a fascinating guy. Really interesting to talk to. Good historian on some cool stuff. It was good."

Leach's players are enjoying seeing their coach on the cover of the magazine as well.

Tech linebacker Brian Duncan said he first saw the cover of the magazine at the Tech Football Kickoff Luncheon on

Aug. 20—the day the magazine hit the bookstores.

"This dude is crazy," Duncan said. "I know coach Leach loves the publicity, man. He acts like he doesn't, but I know he does. He looked pretty good on there. I think that's pretty good for our school too. Getting a lot of publicity for our school and recruitment and stuff like that."

Duncan said he does not usually read Texas Monthly, but he might have to

pick up the latest issue in hopes of learning something new about his coach.

Tech quarterback Taylor Potts agreed with Duncan, as he said Leach being on the cover is something his teammates have enjoyed.

The article depicts Leach's interest in pirates, opponents in the Big 12 Conference, his style of offense, and anything else concerned with the head coach.

Matt Saldana, a manager at the Hastings bookstore on 8209 Slide Road, said the issue sold out within 30 minutes of it hitting the bookshelves.

Tech receiver Alexander Torres said Leach making the cover of Texas Monthly is simply a result of his success at Tech.

"He's obviously done a tremendous job here," Torres said. "Really turned around this program. He's just kept it going, really been able to build this program into what it is right now. So that's real exciting to see, to have him get something like that. He definitely deserves it."

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MIKE LEACH, WHO is featured in the September issue of Texas Monthly, is in his 10th year as the Red Raiders' head coach.

How to enjoy fantasy football

Landry Locker



For years fantasy football has added to the popularity of the National Football League.

Fantasy football attracts non-football fans to the sport and allows people the opportunity to be involved in the game, but some football fans are getting out of control with fantasy football.

People are sacrificing their fanhood, overrating their intelligence and losing appreciation for the game of football itself.

Below is the list of tips that can help you enjoy your fantasy football season without losing appreciation for the greatest sport in the world.

-Tip #1: Nobody is a fantasy-football expert.

Success in fantasy football is not proportional to sports knowledge. Don't let ESPN fool you. There is no such thing as a fantasy football expert. A lot of fantasy players do not want to admit it, but there is a lot of luck involved in fantasy football.

It is hard enough to predict and analyze NFL games. Predicting the statistics that a player will put up each week is impossible. If you don't believe me just look at ESPN fantasy "expert" Matthew Berry's predictions each week and compare them after the weekend games.

-Tip #2: Don't let the league jackass win it all.

Every league has a league jackass. You know the guy I'm talking about. The guy who criticizes every pick at the draft that isn't his, breaks down all of his picks as if he has a Bill Parcells-like ability to evaluate talent and the guy that everybody in the league roots against each week.

If your team is out of contention, then make a trade to prevent the league jackass from winning it all. Do whatever it takes to make sure that this guy doesn't win the league. If the league jackass wins, you will never hear the end of it. Don't let it happen.

-Tip #3: Don't be sexist, let the girls play.

There is no reason to not allow girls to play in your fantasy football league. Most of the guys who play fantasy football are reading from magazines anyway, so let the girls play in the league. More money in the league pot is never a bad thing.

At the very least it is a fun and effective way to get your girlfriend interested in football.

-Tip #4: Limit the pick-ups in your league.

There is always going to be someone in the league who spends all day on the computer and is always the first to make the roster acquisitions. Don't allow the guy without a life to have an advantage by putting a limit to the amount of roster pick-ups in your league.

-Tip #5: Having multiple teams is pushing it.

Didn't your mom ever tell you that too much of a good thing can be bad? Just like ice cream and beer, too much fantasy football isn't a good thing.

I personally limit the amount of leagues that I am in per season, but I understand that fantasy football is entertaining, which is why this is the most common and understandable fantasy law violation.

-Tip #6: If you violate tip #5, please don't brag.

Everyone has that obnoxious friend who pats himself on the back after he makes a good pick on one of his 20 fantasy teams. That is the same guy who will ruin your daily SportsCenter watching experience by cheering for every single player that scores a touchdown. Common sense will tell you that if you have multiple teams you will eventually make a good selection.

-Tip #7: Don't be a Homer.

It's easy to root for the players on your favorite team, but don't be the Cowboys fan who drafts Felix Jones in the second round or the Texans fan who takes Owen Daniels in the third and Kevin Walter in the fifth.

-Tip #8: Don't sacrifice your fanhood.

If you are a Houston Texans fan and you have Andre Johnson on your team, don't be upset when Steve Slaton scores a touchdown. Rooting for your favorite team should never take a backseat to your fantasy team.

I cannot count the times I have watched my hometown team lose a game and heard one of my friends say, "At least my fantasy team won." If you are a true fan, then a fantasy win shouldn't make a loss by your team any less painful.

-Tip #9: Don't lose perspective; this is fantasy football.

Fantasy football is more popular than ever, but it is meant to be fun. I have seen friendships ruined over fantasy football. Trust me, it isn't that serious.

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Detron Lewis aims to make name for himself in 2009

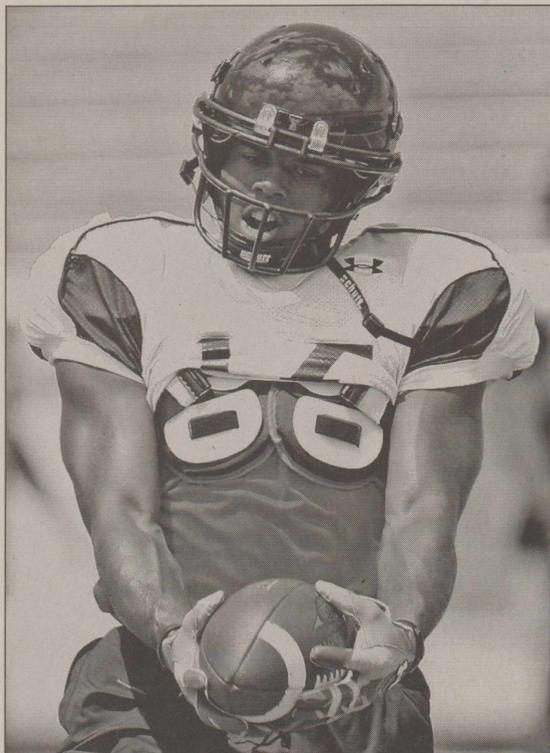


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JUNIOR WIDE RECEIVER Detron Lewis catches the ball during a passing drill Saturday at practice at Jones AT&T Stadium.

By ALEX YBARRA
MANAGING EDITOR

Texas Tech receiver Detron Lewis has heard the comparisons plenty of times, maybe too many times.

He catches like Michael Crabtree, breaks tackles like Crabtree, gets up field like Crabtree.

He views it as a compliment, after all, who wouldn't? But he makes sure to clarify one thing when the topic comes up.

"I'm not Crab. I'm Detron," he said. "I'm my own man. I'm just looking forward to everybody comparing somebody to me, instead of somebody comparing Crabtree to myself."

That may happen soon enough. The junior, who was second on the team last season in receptions (76) and yards (913), is one of the leaders on the 2009 receiving core expected to cushion the blow left by Crabtree's departure to the NFL.

Lewis was included in ESPN's pre-season watch list for the Biletnikoff award — given to the nation's best receiver — that Crabtree received the past two years.

"Crabtree is Crabtree," said quarterback Taylor Potts. "He was a good receiver here, but he's gone. We can't deal with him anymore. We can't throw to him anymore. We can't talk about him. There's nothing we can do with

him anymore. We got the guys we got now."

Lewis is not the speediest receiver, but he's explosive after the catch, displaying a controlled shiftiness with the vision to use the open field.

Ever since last season ended, Lewis' connection with Potts — who has taken over for Graham Harrell — has been a work in progress.

"We both knew we needed to get our timing down," Potts said. "It was something we both knew. It was one of those unspoken things like, 'Hey we gotta work on this.' We both recognized it. It wasn't either one of our faults, it was just we haven't had the experience together."

This summer, the pair worked on Fridays and Saturdays with Lewis running routes for hours at a time to work out any kinks and develop

timing.

"Figuring out the steps in my drop for each one of his routes," Potts said. "Figuring out how many steps he takes on his

routes and at what point and how he runs a route in each coverage."

With Crabtree amassing 41 touchdowns — 19 last year — in two seasons at Tech, someone will be getting a few more catches in the end zone this year.

Lewis isn't fretting about scoring more touchdowns, but he said he is conscious of it. He has three in each of his two seasons as a Red Raider.

"I know that's gonna come more this

year," he said. Lewis wasn't the only receiver working with Potts this summer. Others get-

ting in some work were inside receivers Tramain Swindall and Austin Zouzalik — Lewis' back up.

The leadership among the receivers is coming by committee this season, Lewis said, and not putting any added pressure on senior Ed Britton is key.

"We're all putting emphasis in leading the group as a whole," he said. "It's not hard because all the guys help out, and we just pick each other up when we're down."

With Lyle Leong, Cornelius Douglas, Adam James and Alexander Torres in the mix, this year's group of receivers is deeper than those in the past.

"I think we have better athletes at every position," Lewis said. "We just have to get on the same page even though we're a younger group. Once that happens, the sky is the limit for us."

The attention has increased too. Lewis and Potts are featured on a billboard in Lubbock as well as a local commercial.

But inside receivers coach Lincoln Riley said Lewis succeeds at blocking out those kinds of distractions, including the comparisons to Crabtree.

"He's done a good job of not worrying about all that," he said, "just focusing on getting better, focusing on what he can control. He can't control what people say or who he's compared to or anything like that."

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Offensive line continues to thrive despite key departures from last season

By ALEX YBARRA
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After three starters departed from an offensive line that became one of the country's best last season and spent the past two years together, many thought the chemistry would suffer.

Not so fast. It seems not much has changed with the big men in the trenches. The humor is still there. Oh, and the nicknames, too.

Right guard Mickey Okafor doesn't agree with his alias, Beetlejuice, because "the dude was ugly."

He has a suggestion for a new moniker though.

"I'm gonna fight that one because I don't approve of it," he said. "I like the Nutty Professor. What happened to that one? We had that at first. I can't get Nutty Professor? I'm smart and fat and black. I have a 3.4 (GPA), why can't I get the Nutty Professor?"

All kidding aside, the line has made plenty of changes since center Stephen Hamby, guard Louis Vasquez and left tackle Rylan Reed graduated.

In the spring, eccentric lineman Brandon Carter put in work at left tackle, but is positioned at left guard now.

A 2007 starter, Shawn Byrnes is back at center, flanked by Okafor to his right, and senior Marlon Winn is a dependable starter at right tackle.

Now left tackle is a little trickier.

As of Saturday, junior Chris Olson and redshirt freshman Terry McDaniel were locked in a close battle for the starting nod.

Offensive line coach Matt Moore said the 6-foot-5, 300-pound Olson has more athleticism and experience than McDaniel.

McDaniel, however, has size on his side. He stands at 6-foot-7 and weighs just north of 330 pounds, and he can move well for someone that size.

"He's got super long arms, like a gorilla or something," Olson said of McDaniel. "It's ridiculous. His arms are probably a couple inches longer than mine, so he can get his hands out there a lot quicker where I'll have to let the guy get a little closer to me to make my move."

McDaniel said he doesn't consider himself a young guy anymore after stepping up in the spring and earning meaningful reps. While he trumps Olson in size, he understands Olson has been around longer — a valuable advantage.

"He's got more experience," McDaniel said. "He knows what's going on out there. I'm still learning. I'm getting it down."

Lining up next to McDaniel and Olson, who alternate practicing with the first team, Carter said whoever wins the battle will be deserving of the position.

"I trust them both," he said.

"Communication is great between both of them and all three of us. I don't really tell a difference, which is actually a really good thing because if I need to pass off a twist I can trust those guys, which is what we need on the offensive line."

Carter, a preseason All-American who was named to the nation's top interior lineman, has everything an experienced senior needs to lead the offensive line.

"He's not gonna stand up and give any speeches by any means," Moore said of Carter. "You can tell the whole line follows his lead as far as if he's up, everybody is up, if he's down, everybody is down."

But the question remains if this offensive line can do better than last year's, which gave up 13 sacks all season — fourth best in the nation.

Moore said this particular group is faster and more athletic than 2008's offensive line; however, replacing a unit that was together for two years is tough.

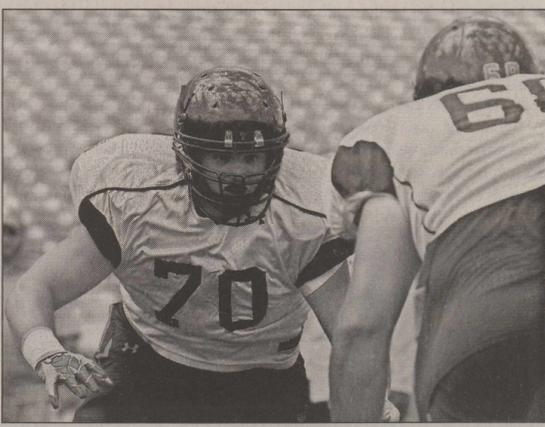
"It's just when you have a group that's played together for two years like I had last year,

that's just a lot of reps, that's a lot of snaps, that's a lot of situations, a lot of time on the field together," he said. "That's what's the hardest thing to overcome. This group, we're gonna see where they go. They definitely got the potential. Now, whether they reach that potential, that's my job and their job."

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OFFENSIVE LINEMEN CHRIS OLSON, left, and Terry McDaniel square off during practice Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.



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Cumbie's career comes full circle as newest graduate assistant

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Learning the quarterback position from Texas Tech coach Mike Leach may be one of the best ways to rack up 4,000 passing yards in no time.

While he may be a good teacher of the game, Leach has never had to throw a fade route to the corner of the endzone or had a 270-pound defensive lineman running after him.

Former Tech quarterback Sonny Cumbie has experienced those things and more, and the new graduate assistant's arrival this summer could be the move that helps the Red Raiders' young quarterbacks for years to come.

Cumbie is not trying to change the way quarterbacks learn the position at Tech, but he said he is there to be a reference for the signal-callers.

"I just want to be a sounding board for them," Cumbie said. "Anytime they have a question, a problem comes up, anything I can help them with. Also help the younger guys learn the offense, learn the reads the progressions and just learn how to prepare, how to work."

Previously letting Leach know he wanted to join the staff at some point, Cumbie said he joined with the departure of former Tech graduate assistant Brandon Jones.

He arrives as one of the more accomplished Tech quarterbacks in recent memory. Cumbie made the best of the one season he started. In 2005, he led the nation in passing with 4,742 yards—sixth most all-time in NCAA history.

Leach said what really stands out about Cumbie is his knowledge of the game, and bringing him in this summer should prove to be a great move for young Tech quarterbacks learning the offense.

"I think our young group's come on better than they would have because he's got plenty of time with them, a very thorough knowledge of things," Leach

said. "At one point, he learned it all from scratch himself."

Cumbie has been a bit of a journeyman since he left Tech. The quarterback had small stints in the NFL with the Baltimore Ravens and Indianapolis Colts.

Where he is probably most known is Los Angeles.

Cumbie played for the Arena Football League's Los Angeles Avengers from 2006 to 2008, leading the team to a playoff berth in 2007.

Cumbie said this particular style of football suited him the best and it was the closest thing to "sandlot" football.

The numbers he put up may be the best proof.

The year he led the Avengers to the playoffs, Cumbie threw 83 touchdown passes for 4,370 yards.

While he enjoyed playing in the AFL, what he did not enjoy was the uncertainty of whether the league would be around long enough.

Cumbie still found a way to stay around Tech, coming back after the AFL season to do color commentary for the Texas Tech Sports Network for four years.

"It was good to see the different side of it," Cumbie said. "The opportunity to work on the radio broadcast just kind of came and fell in my lap and I jumped at it, and I'm glad I did."

Ultimately, the demise of the AFL in 2008 led Cumbie back to Tech and to a career he has wanted to pursue.

Cumbie said being a graduate assistant should open doors for a coaching career. Besides working with Leach and the quarterbacks, he said his duties include helping Ty Linder run defensive scout team. Linder is also a graduate assistant and former Tech player.

As a quarterback who was not here in the spring, Tech freshman quarterback Jacob Karam said Cumbie has been the most help when it comes to learning Tech's offense.

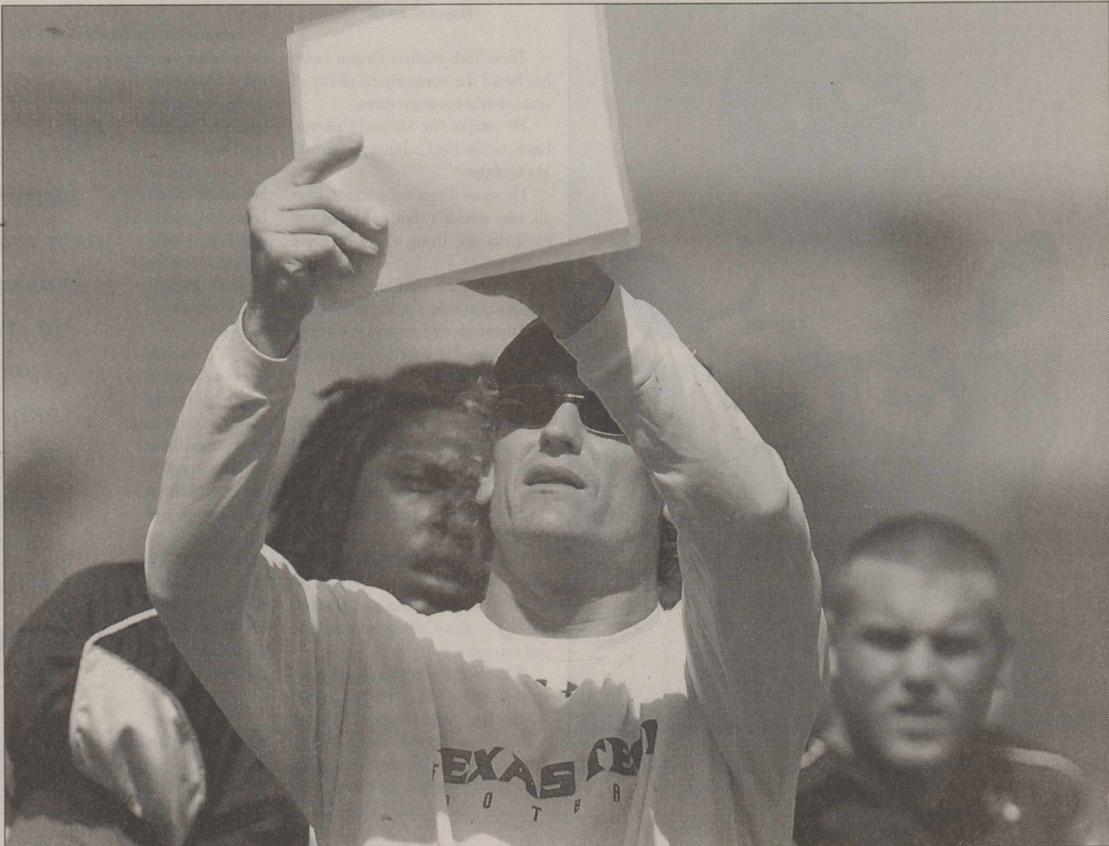


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DEFENSIVE END Kerry Hyder, left, and linebacker Riley Harvey look at coach Sonny Cumbie's playbook during football practice Aug. 20 at the Athletic Training Facility.

"He just cares so much, which is just so awesome," Karam said. "He just cares about everyone's personal progress. He played here and has given us his little secrets about the offense and what helps him be so successful here."

Quarterback Seth Doege said Cumbie stresses footwork with the quarterbacks

and tries to incorporate those drills while they run plays.

After every practice, the quarterbacks usually stay a few extra minutes working on more drills with Leach and Cumbie.

"He's really smart for a couple reasons: No. 1, he's been out here before," quarterback Taylor Potts said. "When he has

something to say, you really listen and have confidence that he knows exactly what he's talking about."

Since he is only about a year removed from professional football, Cumbie said he does miss taking snaps and throwing touchdowns.

The 28-year-old knows when to call

it quits, however.

"I figured I've played my last football, and I've enjoyed it," Cumbie said. "It's taken me a long ways and it's taken me a lot of different places and I had fun with it. Hopefully, coaching will do the same for me."

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Petty's summer moves has Tech women's tennis in right position

By ZANE TURNER
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech women's tennis coach Todd Petty's goal is to put Lady Raider tennis on the map.

Now that he has his interim tag removed, it's been a little bit easier to do so.

Petty has been busy bringing in top recruits ever since his interim tag was removed in April. He also brought in a new coach to the staff in hopes his players can get another perspective.

Last season, the Texas Tech women's tennis team defeated its highest ranked opponent in school history, then-No. 21 TCU, advanced to the second round of the Big 12 Conference Tournament and saw Samantha van der Drift break the record for career singles wins.

Now the Lady Raiders have to do all that with a few new faces.

"I feel very fortunate and very honored to stay on here at Tech," he said. "It's always nice to get that security

and really start trying to put my stamp on the program. Last year was real special to me to kind of take the reins a little bit and start doing some things."



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With Petty at the helm, Tech began its 2009 spring non-conference schedule with a 6-1 victory against North Texas. The Lady Raiders entered Big 12 play with a 4-4 record including their historic 4-3 win against TCU. Tech finished Big 12 play as the No. 7 seed with a 4-7 record in its conference. Tech had hopes of reaching the NCAA Tournament, but after defeating Oklahoma in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament, 4-3, the Lady Raiders could not topple then-No. 32 Texas losing, 4-0.

Ever since the end of the season, Petty has been busy adding to this

team.

During the summer, he recruited Sandra Dynka from Ontario, Canada. Dynka is an Under-18 Singles Outdoor Provincial Champion and was No. 2 among the Ontario Under-18 Single players. She joins Caroline Starck and Maria Aviles as the 2009-2010 recruiting class.

Elizabeth Ullathorne from the United Kingdom also was added to the class Aug. 20. Ullathorne has won the Under-18 National Junior Club-League.

Part of Petty's plan to put Tech

tennis on the map is the hiring of assistant coach Todd Chapman. Petty and Chapman may have great chemistry, as the two were Wichita Falls cross-town

rivals.

Chapman said Petty with the interim tag removed will continue to bring success to the program.

"Obviously it can't do anything but help," said Chapman, who came to Tech after leading Wichita Falls High School to 4A state quarterfinal appearances in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

"I think the players worked as hard as they did for him because they wanted him to be the head coach."

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Tech volleyball begins rebuilding phase with new coach

By **ADAM COLEMAN**
SPORTS EDITOR

The Texas Tech volleyball team does not have to search hard for motivation this season.

All the Red Raiders have to do is think of 0-20.

"It was horrible," Tech outside hitter Amanda Dowdy said. "I'm not going to lie. It was the worst experience I've ever had as a volleyball player for sure. Nobody likes to go 0-20-something in conference."

With new coach Trish Knight at the helm and a few junior college transfers in place, the rebuilding project for Tech volleyball is in full effect.

Tech has made a few additions, moved some players around the floor and scheduled some tough non-conference opponents, in hopes of turning its losing culture into a winning one.

According to the players, it starts with Knight.

Knight replaced Nancy Todd as head coach Dec. 23, 2008. The hire came after Tech had the worst season in school history at 0-20 in Big 12 Conference play, 5-26 overall.

Knight said rebuilding is not the

daunting task it seems to be.

"That's the thing that is so much fun to do is to build," she said. "Once you get there, maintaining is pretty tough. These kids are tired of losing. They want to do better. They work hard every single day. I can't fault them on work ethic. I can tell you that."

Knight has experience building a powerhouse team from scratch.

At West Plains High School in Missouri, she turned a 1-12 team into state champions for four consecutive years. She started the volleyball program at Missouri State-West Plains and led that team to 11 NJCAA Tournament appearances.

What Knight has not done is coach on the Division-I level, or in a conference such as the Big 12.

The Big 12 is loaded with some of the best talent in the nation, led by Texas and Nebraska. Both of those teams made the Final Four last season. Knight said that is no reason to be afraid, but it is reason to be excited.

Being new to the Division-I ranks does include its rookie bumps, however.

Knight said she is new to the compliance rules coaches have to follow in relation to their players.

"I ask about everything," Knight said. "There are so many little bitty crazy rules that are just out there that can get you. Junior college, we have our rules, but there's really no line of enforcement. So it's all self-reported or you get turned in."

As far as what will be on the court this season, Knight stressed the importance of bringing in junior college transfers who have a little bit of experience.

This season, the transfers consist of three middle blockers: Michelle Kuester and Barbara Conceicao from Iowa Western and Alexxa Roberts from Frank Phillips Community College. Kuester is hurt with a shoulder injury, but Knight said the staff aims to rehab the injury as much as possible before the season starts.

Knight does have a few players to build around, most notably Dowdy.

Although the team did not win much last year, Dowdy earned an All-Big 12 Freshman team selection. She led the team with 301 kills and chipped in on defense with 16 solo blocks. Dowdy, who was primarily a middle blocker last season, will play at outside hitter as well, giving her a chance at more kills.

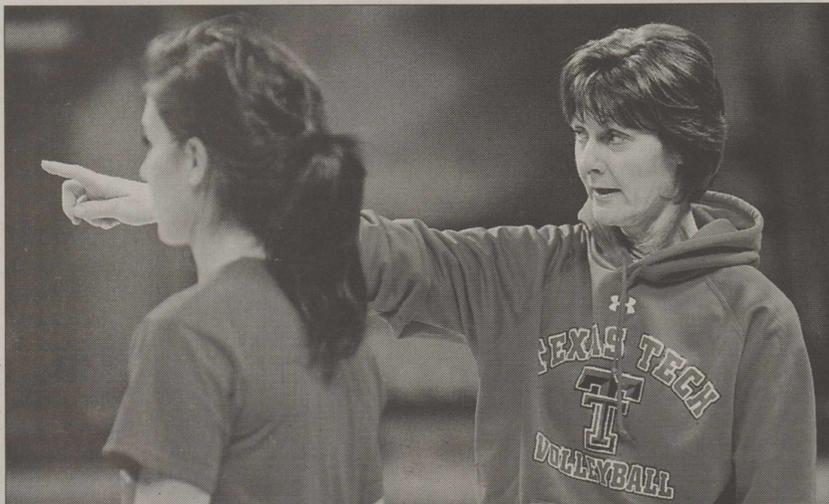


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FIRST-YEAR COACH Trish Knight instructs players during practice Thursday in the United Spirit Arena.

Other standouts include Jackie Vincent, Karlyn Meyers and Jenn Goehry.

Tech's schedule should help prepare them for the Big 12, with No. 10 Illinois looming during the first weekend of the season.

Goehry, who has played on the last three Tech teams, said ending her senior season better than the previous three ended would be a plus.

She also said Knight is a key reason why that can happen.

"Most of the time, change is for

the best," Goehry said. "Changes in life are usually really good. She's brought in a whole new attitude of just really expecting to win and demanding to win. That in itself goes a long way."

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New facilities at John Walker Soccer Complex expected to boost program

By **MIKE GRAHAM**
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In order to attract the best players to a program, the facilities have to be among the best.

The Texas Tech Athletics department and soccer team understand this lesson well and have put it into action.

The Red Raiders moved from the R.P. Fuller Stadium to the John Walker Soccer Complex on the west side of campus in 2008. However, the complex is gathering a second round of accolades with the completion of an all-in-house fieldhouse facility.

Tech has turned some heads in the Big 12 Conference, making the conference tournament the last two

seasons after missing the previous eight. Tech coach Tom Stone and his players believe the program will rise even higher with the 1-year-old soccer facility they consider to have achieved elite status with the addition of the fieldhouse.

"There are a lot of nice stadiums out there and nice fields, and we have a very nice one," he said. "But from a professional standpoint of our fieldhouse, there is no question it is the nicest in the country."

The completion of the Red Raider's fieldhouse shows everyone in the collegiate soccer community Tech is committing itself to winning in women's soccer, Stone said.

The fieldhouse — architecturally styled in the familiar Spanish Renaissance theme reflected across campus — includes basic amenities such as the Red Raider and visiting team's locker rooms, a team meeting room and a training room.

In addition, the facility houses things many soccer teams don't exclusively own outright, such as a weight room, multiple coaches offices and the finishing touches are being put on a lounge that will host visiting recruits, their families and other VIPs.

Tech didn't hold back when it came to the latest technology either.

The facility also includes a high definition video projector, a screen in the meeting room similar to one

in a home movie theater, several high-end high definition televisions and a few sets of motion censored lights.

"I looked at other school's and they were nothing like this," freshman forward Sarah Ellison said. "I haven't been to any schools I can imagine have something we don't have. We have it all."

The building also serves fans, housing the soccer complex's concession stand and restrooms.

Texas-San Antonio coach Steve Ballard said the new fieldhouse is going to be a major factor in Tech's recruitment of top talents and increasingly talented rosters in the future.

"With the training room, weight room, everything, it was

well thought of and well thought out," said Ballard, whose team visited the facility for Tech's season opener Aug. 21. "It's one of the better facilities I've been in, what we're looking to put into UTSA. It can only help to recruit top players here."

In addition to fans seeing the new upgrades, Tech christened its new facility with a 5-0 win against UTSA in the season opener Aug. 21.

Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers said the complex, as a whole, was a much-needed improvement capped off with the addition of the fieldhouse.

"Prior to coach Stone, we had three or four coaches over 10 or 12 years complain that (R.P. Fuller Sta-

dium) was too small," he said. "We were fortunate that John Walker, one of our alums in Houston, gave us the \$2.25 million needed, so we were able to build a new soccer complex."

Stone said John Walker deserves all the praise in the world but it is Myers who is responsible for the final product — a facility that could be considered one of the best in the nation.

"(Myers) decided he wanted to win in women's soccer," Stone said. "Ultimately, it's the athletic director who pushes these things through, or they don't. He knew that to get into that race, there had to be a facility that would show recruits that we're serious about soccer here."

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The attention was coming from all angles for Texas Tech last season.

Even during the offseason, with coach Mike Leach's contract situation being dissected publicly, it was obvious last season's climb to No. 2 and historic win against then-No. 1 Texas changed people's view of Tech.

One offseason later — without receiver Michael Crabtree, quarterback Graham Harrell, three offensive linemen, four safeties and the top two sack leaders — the media hype is no more.

"We've never been a big fan favorite from everybody," said receiver Detron Lewis. "Nobody likes Texas Tech, but last year we made people like us because how we played."

Tech is not included in the Top 25 of the Associated Press poll or the USA Today coaches' poll.

"I don't think we're really worried about that around here," Tech offensive lineman Brandon Carter said. "I think everyone within the family here at Texas Tech, we all believe in ourselves and we all believe we can win every time we step out on that field."

Under Leach, a lack of production on the offensive side of the ball is rare.

Quarterback Taylor Potts went 23-for-36 with 260 yards and two touchdowns last season as backup to Harrell. Since spring began, his confidence has grown with each snap.

With the return of running back Baron Batch, the emergence of Harrison Jeffers and 2007 starter Aaron Crawford, Tech's running game could be even better than last year's production. Running back Shannon Woods, who exhausted his eligibility, and Batch combined for more than 1,400 rushing yards in 2008.

On the offensive line, tackle Rylan Reed, left guard Louis Vasquez and center Stephen Hamby are gone. They are replaced by Carter at left guard, 2007 starter Shawn Byrnes at center and a battle is ongoing for left tackle between junior Chris Olson and redshirt freshman Terry McDaniel.

On the right side, Mickey Okafor has stepped in at guard and senior Marlon

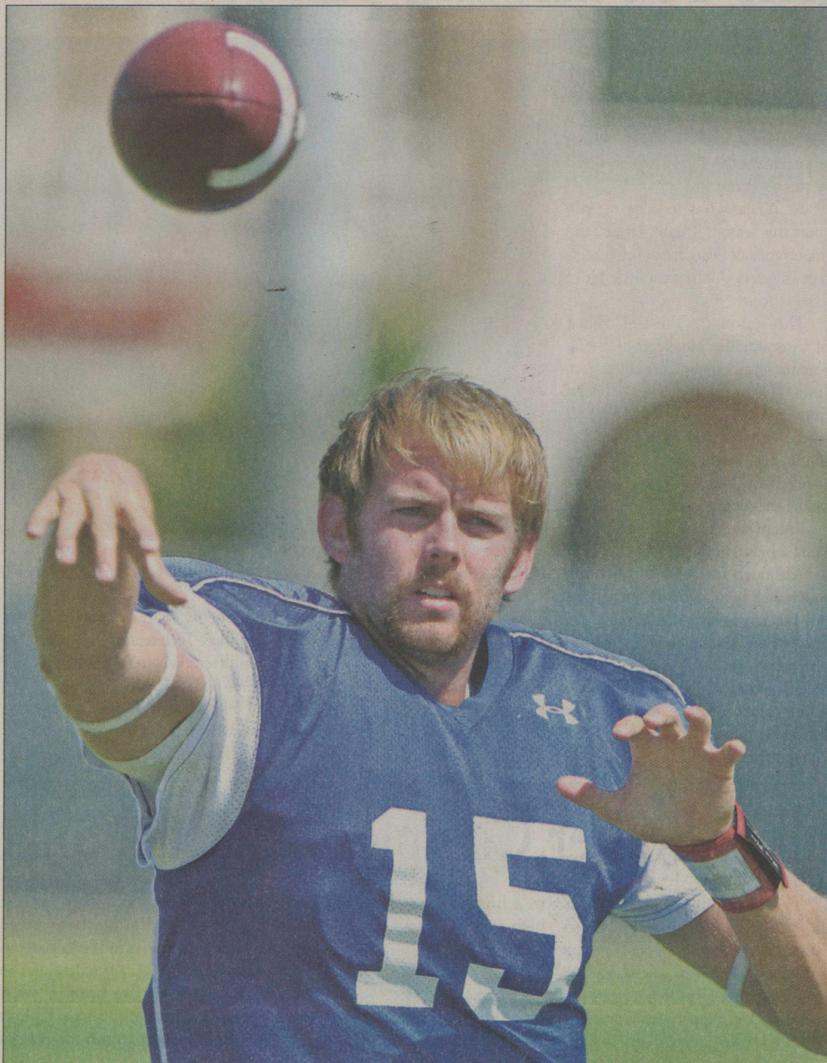


PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador
QUARTERBACK TAYLOR POTTS throws a pass during football practice Aug. 20 at the Athletic Training Facility.

Winn remains at tackle.

"I think we can be better (than last year's offensive line)," Carter said. "I think everyone has worked really hard since the bowl game. We were in the weight room and out there on the field the week afterwards trying to get better and everything. I think we got these young guys as prepared as we possibly

can."

Defensively, there are some questions. In the last three games of 2008, Tech allowed a total of 751 rushing yards.

"As a whole, we are most definitely going to stop the run," middle linebacker Brian Duncan said. "We're most definitely taking pride in the run. We're taking it personal when teams score on

us. We're trying to get shut outs every game. The intensity and the running on our defense, swarming to the ball every time, we're gonna pick that up."

On the defensive line, Brandon Williams, the Big 12 Conference sack leader in 2008, left early for the NFL. McKinner Dixon, who had nine sacks last year, is no longer with the program and tried



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador
WIDE RECEIVER ALEXANDER Torres catches a pass during football practice Aug. 18 at the Athletic Training Facility.

his hand in the NFL's supplemental draft this summer but was not taken. Defensive end Brandon Sesay has not been in fall practices.

Defensive end Rajon Henley has slimmed down and made the transition from defensive tackle. He had two touch sacks in the first scrimmage of fall practice, showing off his speed on the edge.

Inside, there's Colby Whitlock, who offensive line coach Matt Moore said garners a lot of attention from the offensive line, and deservedly so.

"Colby Whitlock is just a force, he's a really, really good tackle," he said. "He's one of the best tackles we've seen in the Big 12. He kind of anchors that front and

those other edge guys are really stepping it up."

Respect or no respect, Tech will be tested early with a Sept. 19 match up against rival Texas, who will be wanting to exact revenge for last year's 39-33 loss in Lubbock.

"This year it's gonna be different," Lewis said. "I see it as we have to earn our respect rather than everybody giving us respect like last year. We're just gonna have to prove the doubters wrong this year. I'm just looking forward to proving everybody wrong and just having a good season. We gotta make believers out of them."

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