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## July, August deadliest months of Afghan war for US

By JASON STRAZIUSO  
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KABUL (AP) — A roadside bomb and gunfire attack killed a U.S. service member in southern Afghanistan on Thursday, a death that pushed August into a tie with July as the deadliest months of the eight-year war.

The death brought to 44 the number of U.S. troops who have died in Afghanistan this month with four days left in August.

More than 60,000 U.S. troops are in the country — a record number — to fight rising insurgent violence. The number of roadside bombs deployed

by militants across the country has skyrocketed, and U.S. forces have moved into new and deadlier areas this summer, in part to help secure the country's Aug. 20 presidential election.

The top U.S. commander in Afghanistan released his new counterinsurgency strategy Thursday, telling troops that the supply of militants is "effectively endless" and that U.S. and NATO forces need to see the country through the eyes of its villagers.

Gen. Stanley McChrystal said troops "must change the way that we think, act and operate." McChrystal hopes to install a new approach to

counterinsurgency where troops will make the safety of villagers the top priority, above killing an endless supply of militants.

"An insurgency cannot be defeated by attrition; its supply of fighters, and even leadership, is effectively endless," the new guidelines said.

When U.S. and NATO troops battle a group of 10 militants and kill two of them, the relatives of the two dead insurgents will want revenge and will likely join the insurgency, the guidelines say, spelling out the formula: "10 minus 2 equals 20 (or more) rather than 8."

"This is part of the reason why eight years of individually successful

kinetic actions have resulted in more violence," McChrystal said.

He called on troops to think of how they would expect a foreign army to operate in their home countries, "among your families and your children, and act accordingly," to try to win over the Afghan population.

Violence is on the rise in Afghanistan even as it falls in Iraq, where nearly twice as many U.S. troops are still based. Five U.S. troops have died in Iraq this month, three fewer than in July.

A statement from the NATO-led force in Kabul said the U.S. service member died in southern Afghanistan when a patrol responded to the

bombing and gunfire attack. No other details were released. Militants unleashed a wave of attacks in southern Afghanistan last week that helped suppress voter turnout there.

Afghan election officials have released two batches of vote tallies that show President Hamid Karzai with 44.8 percent of the vote and top challenger Abdullah Abdullah with 35.1 percent, based on returns from 17 percent of polling stations. The next partial results are expected Saturday.

Meanwhile, U.S. and Afghan forces battled Taliban militants at a medical center in eastern Af-

ghanistan after a Taliban commander sought treatment there, and a U.S. helicopter gunship fired on the clinic after militants put up resistance.

Reports of the militant death toll from Wednesday's firefight varied widely. The spokesman of the governor of Paktika province said 12 militants died, while police said two were killed. It wasn't clear why the tolls differed.

The fighting began after a wounded Taliban commander sought treatment at a clinic in the Sar Hawza district of Paktika. Afghan forces went to the center and got in a firefight with militants. U.S. forces later provided backup.

### BID DAY BLISS



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ALYSSA ATKINS, A sophomore education major from Brenham and chaplain for the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, places a crown on the head of Zeta pledge Caroline Cox, a sophomore pre-nursing major from Euless, during bid day Thursday on the lawn of the Zeta house. Fifty-nine Zetas were picked to join the sorority out of about 800 girls who went through recruitment.

### Economy's small drop in 2Q hints recession ending

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Further evidence the recession is ending came in a report Thursday confirming that the economy shrank at an annual rate of just 1 percent in the spring.

Many analysts say growth likely returned in the current quarter. Smaller dips in consumer spending and other areas during the April-June period led some economists to raise their forecasts for the July-September quarter.

But with unemployment aid claims stubbornly high, Americans may benefit little from a recovery if jobs remain scarce and spending stays too low to fuel a strong rebound.

The Commerce Department estimated that the U.S. gross domestic product, the broadest gauge of economic health, shrank at an annual rate of 1 percent in the second quarter. The new estimate of the nation's output of goods and services was the same as an earlier estimate released last month.

The negative figure marks a record fourth consecutive quarterly decline. But it was far smaller than the nosedive the economy had taken during the previous two quarters.

Businesses did slash inventories at an even greater rate than had been expected in the spring. But economists were encouraged by upward revisions to consumer spending, exports and housing construction. Analysts had expected the second-quarter economic figure to show a drop of 1.5 percent.

"The big surprise in this report was that there was enough spending in the consumer sector and elsewhere to offset all the loss from inventory reductions," said Nigel Gault, chief U.S. economist at IHS Global Insight.

Consumer spending, which accounts for about 70 percent of total economic activity, fell at an annual rate of 1 percent in second quarter. It was a slight improvement from the 1.2 percent decline reported last month.

Gault predicted the economy will gain momentum in the current quarter and final three months of this year as businesses switch from trimming stockpiles to rebuilding inventories. He expects the GDP to jump to above 3 percent in the July-September quarter, boosted by the Cash from Clunkers auto program.

Growth likely will remain around 3 percent in the fourth quarter, Gault said. But then it could slip in the first half of next year as the support from inventory rebuilding begins to fade. Consumers, faced with bleak job prospects, won't likely be able to take up the slack, he said.

Unemployment is not expected to peak until next spring, probably somewhere above 10 percent. The jobless rate is now 9.4 percent.

### Position created to improve bicycle programs on campus

By ALLYSON SCHELL  
STAFF WRITER

Recently-appointed Transportation Demand Manager Craig Cotton already has begun mapping out preparations for adding more bicycle parking and creating more pathways and a bicycle rental program to increase bicycle riding on campus.

"I'm the green guy on campus," Cotton said. "Getting more people to ride buses and bikes is my main goal."

Cotton traveled this summer to the University of Arizona with Student Government Association External Vice President Dee Jay Wilde to gain ideas to implement into the Tech campus. Arizona has been working on its bicycle program for the past 19 years, whereas Tech's program is relatively new.

"I work with the funding provided by the SGA to get the program kicked off," Cotton

said. "A lot of other campuses are already doing this, so we are playing catch-up."

The SGA utilizes the funding provided from transportation fees students pay every year to help further improve plans, Wilde said.

"We don't want to push students into biking, but we do want them to see that they have options of alternative transportation," he said.

Cotton and Wilde meet once a week to discuss furthering plans. A Bike Coordinating Committee also has been created and contains faculty and student representatives from across campus to spread the responsibility and come together with one unified goal.

"The Bicycle Committee meets and then they tell me what they decided and what needs to be tackled," Cotton said. "I take it from there and then we present it as a proposal."

An idea that is in the works is to take the leftover bicycles that students leave after the

school year is over and to recycle the them into a rental system.

"This would promote bike riding because people are more willing to pay \$10 to rent a bike than \$100 for one at Wal-Mart," Cotton said.

Other projects in the works are adding more pathways along campus that would be out of the way from traffic and easily accessible for bike riders to get around. The university will break ground for a new parking garage at 15th Street and University Avenue in May. The garage is an 18-month project that will have a bicycle storage area in a safe and cool environment. This would allow students to ride the off-campus buses to the garage, pick up their bicycles and then be on their way. Cotton said he hopes this would be an appealing alternative to driving.



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador  
TECH'S BICYCLE STORAGE is among the improvements being considered on campus.

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**POLICE BLOTTER**

# Missing student found in California

**Aug. 14**  
4:08 p.m., an officer documented a medical emergency in the Human Sciences building. A faculty member was transported to the Lubbock Heart Hospital because of chest pain complaints.

6:22 p.m., an officer investigated debit card abuse at Murray Residence Hall in which a student's debit card information was used to purchase items on the Internet.

10:45 p.m., an officer investigated assault at Murray Residence Hall in which an unknown black male struck a white female student in the face and left the scene.

**Aug. 15**  
10:42 a.m., an officer documented information about a missing person report filed with the Lubbock Police Department. The student was located in California.

9:50 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Academic Classroom Building. A glass door was shattered by an unknown object.

**Aug. 17**  
11:47 a.m., an officer investigated an accident in the 2600

block of 15th Street. No injuries were reported.

8:14 p.m., an officer investigated theft of a license plate from a vehicle in the C-11 parking lot.

**Aug. 18**  
3:46 p.m., an officer investigated theft of a Nikon camera on the second floor of the University Library.

**Aug. 19**  
2:35 a.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in the C-1N parking lot in which an unknown person shattered a vehicle window.

**Aug. 20**  
12:13 a.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief and a terroristic threat in the R-2 parking lot in which two staff members' vehicles were damaged and the staff members had received threatening correspondences from non-students.

4:20 p.m., an officer investigated theft of \$360 from Doak Hall.

**Aug. 21**  
8:15 a.m., an officer investigated burglary of a motor vehicle in the R-3 parking lot. A parking permit was reported stolen.

12:16 p.m., an officer investigated an accident in the 700 block of Joliet Avenue. No injuries were reported.

2:09 p.m., an officer investigated a hit-and-run accident in the C-11 parking lot in which a vehicle struck an unattended vehicle. No injuries were reported.

**Aug. 22**  
2:39 a.m., an officer arrested a non-student for public intoxication in the 2900 block of Fourth Street. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

11:17 a.m., an officer investigated an accident involving a vehicle and a bicycle. The bicyclist refused emergency medical treatment.

**Aug. 23**  
10:56 p.m., an officer investigated an accident without injuries at the intersection of Texas Tech Parkway and 10th Street.

**Aug. 24**  
1:12 p.m., an officer investigated burglary of a vehicle in the R-18 parking lot in which a parking permit was reported stolen from a vehicle.

7:23 p.m., an officer responded to a medical emergency in Clement Residence Hall in which a student became disoriented and fell. The Lubbock Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services responded and transported the student to the Univer-

sity Medical Center emergency room for further treatment.

10 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief at the Texas Tech Plaza building in which six doors were reported to have pry marks on them.

**Aug. 25**  
12:51 a.m., an officer documented unwanted phone calls made to a Tech student. The caller was unknown.

**Aug. 26**  
2:04 a.m., an officer arrested a student for public intoxication in the Z-2B parking lot. The student was released pending the filing of charges.

3:14 a.m., an officer arrested a non-student for driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana in the R-15 parking lot. The non-student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

11:40 a.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in the R-34 parking lot in which the rear driver-side window was broken on a Honda Accord. Nothing was reported stolen from the vehicle.

11:30 p.m., an officer investigated theft in the Wiggins Sam's Place West in which a person reportedly stole \$25 from an employee's purse.

**IN BRIEF**

**STATE**

**Texas sheriff among those sentenced in drug ring**

McALLEN (AP) — A former South Texas sheriff and a Houston elementary school teacher were among 11 people sentenced to prison Thursday for their role in a conspiracy that moved marijuana and cocaine from Mexico, through Houston and as far as Delaware. The sheriff's involvement illustrated how intertwined public corruption and drug trafficking are even on the U.S. side of the border. Since late 2006, more than 80 law enforcement officers working on the U.S.-Mexico border at the local, state and federal level have been convicted of corruption-related charges, according to an Associated Press tally.

**NATION**

**Calif. firefighters battle wilderness blazes**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California firefighters working in withering heat battled wildfires Thursday in rugged mountains above the foothill suburbs of Los Angeles, in the central coast region and on the outskirts of Yosemite National Park. Weather plagued fire crews as temperatures in some areas rose toward triple digits and humidity levels headed downward. For a second day, the National Weather Service issued a red flag warning of extreme fire conditions for many of California's central and southern mountain ranges.

**WORLD**

**Bomber hits key Pakistani border crossing: 19 dead**

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — A suicide bomber attacked the main border crossing for convoys ferrying supplies to U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan on Thursday, killing at least 19 security officers, officials said. The strike will raise fears the Pakistani Taliban is regrouping and making good on its word to carry out revenge attacks following the slaying of its leader, Baitullah Mehsud, in a CIA missile strike earlier this month. Also in the border region, two U.S. missiles hit a suspected militant compound, killing six people, the latest in a string of such attacks, intelligence officials said.

**Corrections**

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**Bicycle**

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"It's important because it would cut down traffic congestion since Tech is mainly a walking campus," Cotton said. "It also promotes the health of the student body and faculty, reduces emission, and reduces demand for parking." Since the project is set for the future, Wilde said, for now focus is on moving the bicycle racks around campus to more user friendly areas. "We are seeing where bike racks would be more needed around campus and then adding more to those areas," he said. For the past three years, Cotton has been working as an employee of the University Parking Services as the day shift enforcement supervisor. He said he is elated to be able to break ground on the new plans on campus to get more people interested in riding bikes. "It's exciting to see things you have worked hard on come to fruition," Cotton said. allyson.schell@ttu.edu

## Sen. Kennedy's body begins final poignant tour

BOSTON (AP) — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy began his final journey Thursday, first past landmark after landmark bearing his family's famous name and then to his slain brother's presidential library where mourners lined up by the thousands to bid farewell to him and an American political dynasty. Crowds assembled along the 70-mile route that snaked from the family's compound in Hyannis Port, along the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway, past the John F. Kennedy

Federal Building and by the JFK stop on the city's subway system. Finally it came to the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, where his body lay in repose. As many as 12,000 people waited in line to file past his closed casket and mark the end of a national political chapter that was equal parts triumph and tragedy. For many, it was hard to untangle Kennedy's larger-than-life role as statesman from his role as neighbor and local celebrity, whether he

was taking a turn conducting the Boston Pops or throwing out the first pitch for the Red Sox. "It was Teddy's home team. It just seemed appropriate to leave him the cap," said James Jenner, 28, placing a Sox cap he was wearing near the entrance to the library. "It symbolizes everything that he loved about his home state and everything he was outside the Senate." The motorcade started its trip in Hyannis Port, at the Cape Cod home where Kennedy's family held

a private Mass. Eighty-five Kennedy relatives traveled with the senator's body to the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, where the Senate's third-longest-serving member will lie in repose. Among those accompanying Kennedy were nieces Caroline, daughter of former President John F. Kennedy, and Maria Shriver, daughter of his late sister Eunice; and his son Patrick Kennedy, a Rhode Island congressman.

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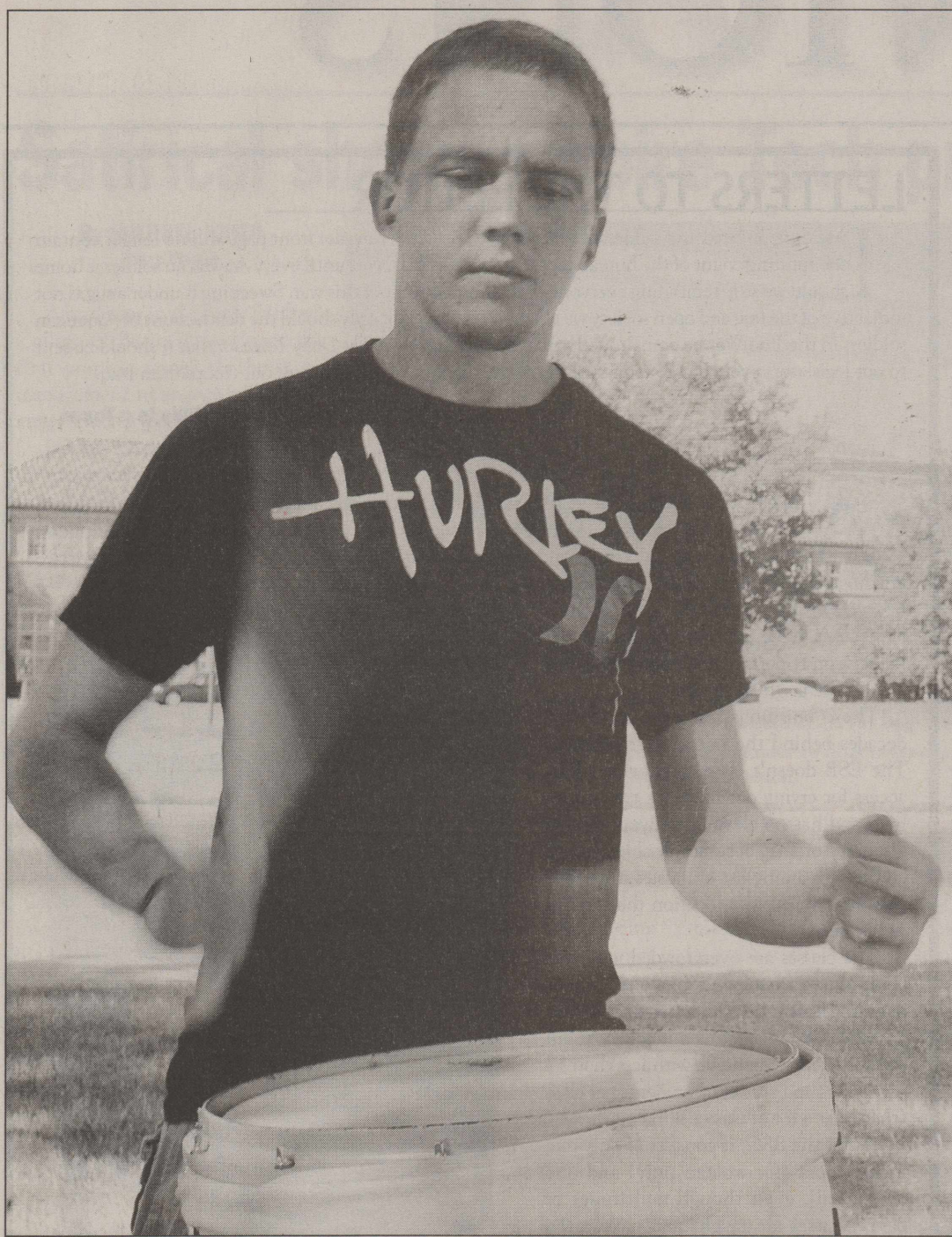


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**JAMES PEUDELL**, A junior music education major from El Paso, practices a drum cadence outside of the Music building Thursday.

**Napolitano: Politics didn't push stimulus projects**

DALLAS (AP) — Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said Thursday that politics did not influence the decision to spend millions of dollars in stimulus money on little-used border checkpoints while passing over higher-priority projects.

Members of Congress have asked for answers after The Associated Press showed that the Obama administration did not follow its internal priority list when handing out money to repair border stations nationwide.

Two Montana senators have taken credit for securing money for projects in their state, including \$15 million for a border crossing that sees about three travelers a day. Democratic Sen. John Tester said he and colleague Max Baucus personally appealed to Napolitano to make that and other Montana projects happen.

At a Dallas news conference Thursday, Napolitano said the AP story "was just wrong and I'll say that because there was no kind of political issues involved there."

The AP reviewed the department's priority list, which showed that some low-priority projects were being funded ahead of more pressing needs. On Thursday, the AP renewed its request for the department to release its justification for deviating from the list, which Congress requires to be updated annually.

A House oversight committee has added the checkpoint projects to its investigation into how the stimulus money is being spent. The top Republican on that committee, California Rep. Darrell Issa, sent Napolitano a letter Wednesday, questioning why some projects leapfrogged others.

In promoting the stimulus, President Barack Obama banned "earmarks," which lawmakers routinely slip into bills to pay for pet projects, and he told agencies to "develop transparent, merit-based selection criteria" for spending.

But Customs and Border Protection, which sets the priorities for all border station projects nationwide, said it would not provide the priority list. Officials

said the list was just a starting point and would be too easily misunderstood. Officials said they could select projects out of order for any number of reasons.

Napolitano has acknowledged that politicians can influence an administration's spending plans. A busy border station in her home state, for instance, was ranked No. 34 on the master priority list. But as governor of Arizona, she lobbied hard to get it at the top of the Bush administration's spending plan.

Under the stimulus, the Nogales, Ariz., checkpoint will receive \$199 million, five times more than any other project.

"I cannot claim credit totally for the \$200 million for Nogales," Napolitano said in April, adding, "The governor of Arizona may have had something to do with it, but the secretary did not."

**WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF**

**US-Columbia bases deal could fuels arms purchases**

BARILOCHE, Argentina (AP) — Venezuela's Hugo Chavez has raised the stakes for Friday's meeting of South American presidents by threatening to break relations with Colombia over plans to give U.S. troops a 10-year lease on its bases.

Chavez says the U.S. has loosed "winds of war" on the continent — a

position few diplomats share following tours by U.S. and Colombian officials seeking to calm fears of neighboring nations.

Even so, the bases deal has created uncertainty about regional stability and provided yet another justification for nations to spend big on their militaries.

Venezuela has poured about \$4 billion into Russian weapons to counter the threat Chavez sees from the billions in U.S. military aid to Colombia. Ecuador is buying 24 Brazilian warplanes and six Israeli drones to keep a closer watch on its borders. Bolivia has opened a \$100 million line of credit with Russia to buy weapons.

**US seen easing Israeli settlement demands**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration appears to be backing down on its insistence that Israel halt all settlement activity as a condition for restarting peace talks with the Palestinians.

While U.S. officials insist their position on the matter has not changed, they are now hinting that a less blanket moratorium would be acceptable provided the Palestinians and Arab

states agree.

State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said Thursday that the U.S. "position in these discussions remains unchanged," but he added that the U.S. would be flexible on pre-negotiation conditions for all the parties involved.

"We put forward our ideas, publicly and privately, about what it will take for negotiations to be restarted, but ultimately it'll be up to the parties

themselves, with our help, to determine whether that threshold has been met," Crowley said.

"Ultimately," he added, "this is not a process by which the United States will impose conditions on Israel, on the Palestinian Authority, on other countries," he added.

The White House said Thursday it had nothing to add to Crowley's comments.

**In southern Afghan city, fears of Taliban takeover**

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — Southern Afghanistan's largest city, Kandahar, is slipping back under Taliban control as overstretched U.S. troops focus on clearing insurgents from the countryside — a potentially alarming setback for President Barack Obama's war strategy.

Afghan authorities promise a counteroffensive against the militants in Kandahar — a pledge that appears aimed primarily at boosting public morale after a devastating bombing killed 43 people on Tuesday.

Losing Kandahar, a city of nearly 1 million and the Taliban's former headquarters, would be a huge symbolic blow

because it is effectively the capital of the ethnic Pashtun-dominated south, the main battlefield of the Afghan war.

It is difficult to measure the extent of Taliban control, and NATO officials publicly discount the possibility that Kandahar is about to fall to the militants.

Thousands of U.S. and Canadian troops are deployed throughout the province and around the city, which includes a major NATO base. NATO officials say the U.S. troop buildup in Afghanistan will enable them to send more troops into Kandahar.

"Because there's one bombing, it doesn't mean the situation is going

down the tubes," said Maj. Mario Couture, a spokesman for NATO in Kandahar province.

**Death camp blueprints given to Israel**

BERLIN (AP) — Sketched on yellow parchment, the 29 blueprints presented to Israel's prime minister Thursday lay out the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz in chilling detail, with gas chambers, crematoria, delousing facilities and watch towers drawn to scale.

"There are those who deny that the Holocaust happened," Benjamin Netanyahu said as he accepted the documents as a gift to Israel's Holocaust memorial, where they will go on

display next year.

"Let them come to Jerusalem and look at these plans, these plans for the factory of death."

Netanyahu lingered over the large sheets spread on a table. Stamped with the Nazi abbreviation for concentration camp "K.L. Auschwitz," one of the largest featured multi-colored sketches, with barracks and even latrines drawn in detail. Other smaller sheets showed architectural designs of individual buildings, drawn from various angles.

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# OPINIONS

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## Sour grapes delay alcohol sales in Lubbock County

Normally, I don't mind being the harbinger of bad news, but new updates on implementing the voters' wishes when it comes to alcohol sales in Lubbock County don't leave much room for good news very quickly.

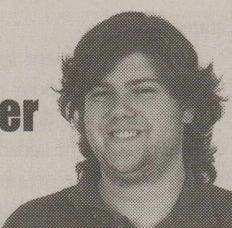
In the May 9 election, Lubbock County voters approved Proposition 1 with 64.5 percent of the vote, which would allow the legal sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption. While it seems that the Truth About Alcohol Sales crowd largely has disbanded, a small group of people unhappy with the will of the voting public are contesting the effect the election will have.

A few protests have been filed with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission claiming the county-wide election doesn't have any effect on the cities themselves. According to an Aug. 20 press release from TABC, "there is some disagreement among the citizens of Lubbock County (including within the city of Lubbock) over how to interpret a law that says that the wet/dry status resulting from a city or Justice of the Peace (JP) precinct election prevails against the status resulting from a county-wide election."

The release also stated the issue must be settled in a court of law by a judge, but "because of the complexity of the issues, it could be several weeks before a hearing is scheduled. Because of full court dockets, it could be several months before any hearings take place."

Their argument is a result of a 2008 Texas Attorney General's opinion on a similar alcohol election in Brazoria County, which stated a county-wide election can't override a local election. The local election in question for Lubbock County was possibly held in the early 1950s, but according to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, the ballot and results could not be located.

**Cole Shooter**



Despite the attorney general's ruling, the TABC has continued to issue permits after similar elections in places such as Pearland, San Angelo, Brownfield and others, but decided to halt the issuance of the permits after the protests from Lubbock came in.

Even though nobody can prove the results of the possible original election, the question must be asked why anyone would attempt to contest an election in which voters approved the issue nearly two-to-one, especially when one of the complainants wasn't even allowed to vote in the May 9 election they're protesting?

This brings us to Don Workman, a former Hockley County resident who registered to vote in Lubbock County in early July. While those against alcohol sales had a full 10 months to make their points known, Workman stated in his protest, "during the May 9, 2009 election in Lubbock County, the point was made to the wet side, but they refused to acknowledge the attorney general's point of view."

Workman told KCBD News he "thinks that it's good to have a hearing. I think it's good to have the positive side discussed and the negative side discussed." Later on in the interview however, Workman revealed he's not interested in the voice of Lubbock County voters and said, "I wouldn't mind them having to vote again. I do think there would be a different vote this next time."

Not only do Workman and his fellow petitioners want to nullify the votes of the 32,322 voters who voted to approve Proposition 1, but he's deluded himself to believe the result might change if left up to the voters of the city of Lubbock. Workman is one of three who decided to file general protests with the TABC.

This unnecessary delay is causing major hardships for businesses that have already prepared their facilities to sell the alcohol an overwhelming majority of Lubbock voters said they want on the shelves. The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce has filed a counter-protest with the TABC.

Eddie McBride, President and CEO of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce said in an interview with KCBD "the Alcoholic Beverage code states specifically that TABC is not the one to decide whether or not a municipality is wet or dry, so we don't think TABC should be slowing up this process at all especially when 65 percent of the county voted in favor of this and 70 percent of the folks in the city of Lubbock."

It is remarkably pathetic that a tiny group of nanny-statists angry about the will of the voting public is able to hold up the wishes of more than 30,000 people, and feel like they're protecting the citizens of Lubbock from themselves. They've got no regard for the voters or the taxpayer money that goes to pay for these elections.

In the end, I do believe Lubbock will be able to sell beer and wine legally in stores, but only after a prolonged battle to do so. I hope Mr. Workman can sleep more soundly at night knowing he's impeded an election due to his crusade against personal freedoms and responsibilities. Even one he couldn't vote in.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I was disappointed and saddened to read that *The Daily Toreador* front page will no longer contain the running count of the human cost of the war in Iraq. Not until every American soldier is home should we stop reminding everyone of the horrible cost of this war. Sweeping it under a rug is not indicative of the free and open society we claim to espouse. Not only should the death count of American soldiers in the Iraq War be emblazoned across the front page of *The Daily Toreador*, but it should be sent to our legislators every day to remind them of the urgency of removing all our troops from Iraq.

**Kathleen Ellis is a Texas Tech alumna.**

All I can say is "Wow." It's great Texas Tech is renovating and planning on doing so much to keep up with the campus. But I seem to remember something about Tech's largest department, the Department of Exercise and Sports Sciences. It seems in this department, they have two buildings; The Sports Studies Center (SSC) just off to the side of Horn/Knapp Residence Hall behind the music building and the Exercise and Sports Science building (ESB) behind the Engineering Key.

These buildings are more than two decades behind the need for renovation. The ESB doesn't even have wheelchair access for crying out loud. It's two stories high and has no elevator. Anyone with a disability or that becomes disabled has to go through a long list of hassles to get the class rearranged to a location that fits his or her needs.

The classes are overcrowded with students almost sitting on top of one another or on the floor. The A/C systems are a joke, and the computer lab is a mockery to all Tech is trying to achieve with less than 12 computers and almost 60 students per class (they offer a lot of classes mind you).

As for the SSC, it consists of only one locker room (for women only) and one dance hall, even though multitudes of dance classes are taught and have to be transferred to the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center. Sure it has some faculty offices, but it only has one classroom. Also, it has one male restroom that I dare anyone with a disability to attempt to use.

I'm not saying everything else Tech has done was wrong. I'm just asking why a campus that is now renowned for its sports and athletes (and what major do you think these super athletes are going into? They become coaches and instructors to facilitate the next generation of superstars to come to Tech.) is not providing for the very science that can make them better in the long run.

This department is crucial to Tech's future. It is also Tech's largest enrolled field but most definitely the most underpaid. Just ask any of the professors or take a walk through either of the facilities.

**JD Raymond is a Texas Tech alumnus from San Antonio.**



## While attractive, e-textbooks not yet ready for prime time

\$577.43. I almost couldn't believe my eyes when I saw that figure on my screen under "Total." Surely it was a typo. I added up the prices manually ... nope, it was right. I sighed heavily and completed the purchase. I'd just bought a semester's worth of college textbooks for the first time.

That was three long years ago, back when I was still a starry-eyed freshman. One of my stars went out that night. But what choice did I have? What choice do any of us have? Exorbitantly priced textbooks are just one of those typical college things, right along with 2 a.m., Wal-Mart runs and endless packs of Ramen.

The system is dead simple. Publishers need money, students need knowledge, publishers sell students textbooks with the knowledge, resell them to new students over and over until the value drops far enough, then flip

**Stephen Torrence**



a chapter or two, create a new edition and start the cycle all over again.

The process makes perfect sense from a business perspective, but it's not exactly a hit among students (especially those majoring in science or engineering). Besides the cost, textbooks are generally heavy, clumsy, degradable and useful for only a short time to any given person.

What if there were a better way? What if buying and using your class textbooks could be done entirely in the digital realm?

E-books in general have experienced a revolution over the past several years. The first catalyst was E-Ink, a super low-power

method of generating pixels that can electrically flip through various shades of gray and then stay static — closely resembling a piece of actual paper.

The second was a conscious effort to produce mass-market e-book readers. Sony led the way with a few early models, but Amazon made the biggest headway when it launched the Kindle in 2007. Priced competitively and including the ability to purchase e-books wirelessly over Sprint's Whispernet, the Kindle was really the first "hit" of the e-book reader market.

Dedicated readers are not the only option either. The iPhone, Windows Mobile devices and even the Nintendo DS Lite have e-book reading software available. Though e-book file formats vary greatly across the market, chances are you can get popular books in some form on whatever device you happen to own.

So where is the box to check

"E-book" next to the "New" and "Used" options in the campus bookstore?

Unfortunately, e-textbooks are a whole different animal. For one, because there are so many different competing eBook formats, chances are the biology brick your professor wants is not available in a format compatible with your device.

This hasn't stopped a couple of universities from experimenting with them anyway. The University of Texas and Ohio State have launched pilot programs with a subset of their students. Texas' e-textbook prices have ranged anywhere from \$25 to \$40, whereas Ohio State's are generally 50 percent to 55 percent cheaper than the paper versions.

While e-textbooks might initially sound like a good idea, they are clearly not ready for prime time. First, usability is simply not comparable. There is not a single e-book reader on the market that

has extensive document mark-up capability. Common study aids like highlighting or underlining are difficult if not impossible.

Second, e-textbooks offer the potential for even more egregious price gauging. Half price might sound like a bargain, but considering you cannot sell back an e-textbook, you will end up spending about the same and possibly more money in the end compared to paper textbooks.

Third, e-book readers are simply too expensive still. The Kindle 2 sells for around \$300, which right now is on the low end of the e-book reader price spectrum. Until readers drop below \$100 or even \$50, the barrier to entry will be too high for students looking to go the digital route.

Fourth, e-book digital rights management is simply not flexible enough. Sharing books is virtually impossible on most formats, universities cannot legally lend devices already loaded with e-

books and publishers who lose their distribution rights retain the ability to delete any e-book of theirs you purchase without any means of recovery.

Frustrating as it may be, paper textbooks are here to stay for the near future. Internet vendors and paper textbook sharing are making headway into driving down prices, but the most convenient and quickest option — the brick and mortar textbook store — will remain the effective, painfully expensive status quo.

So the next time you balk at the bottom line on your textbook order, just remind yourself that it really is the best you can do right now. Technology often evolves much slower than we would prefer. Keep those stars in your eyes though. The future's coming soon enough.

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## Satirical shows inspire Tech professor's graphic-novel textbook

By **SHERREL JONES**  
STAFF WRITER

A professor in the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business developed the first graphic-novel textbook on management to engage students in a new kind of learning.

Jeremy Short, Rawls professor of management, spent the last four years developing "Atlas Black: Managing to Succeed."

"I have always felt that textbooks left something to be desired for students in my classes," Short said. "Part of creating 'Atlas Black' was to provide them with a more interesting book students would be able to use to more effectively learn key management concepts while thoroughly enjoying the material."

Short said the textbook contains dialogue, art and humor. He said TV shows with satirical humor like "The Office" and movies like "Office Space" provided a source of inspiration. Short also incorporated his own experiences in the text through the book's main character, Atlas Black.

"A theme I really enjoy is Atlas's struggle to deal with many of the jobs college students have to do while thinking about their potential future career," Short said. "For



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THE TEXTBOOK USES dialogue, art and humor to illustrate concepts of business management in an entertaining fashion.

example, Atlas has to wear a pilgrim outfit as a delivery driver for Pilgrim Pizza. I had to wait tables in college, and I wasn't that great at the job."

In addition to the textbook being comical, it is inexpensive. A copy of the book costs about \$15.

"Textbooks are so expensive," Short said. "They're too expensive."

He chose to publish the book through Flat World Knowledge, which is known for making tradi-

tional textbooks free online.

Short is not the only professor to assign this text to his strategic management class. Tyge Payne, associate professor of strategic management, also saw potential of the textbook.

"I recognized that it is hard to keep student attention these days," Payne said. "Any kind of thing that is a little bit different really stands out and captures their attention a little easier."

The text already has been well-



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador

JEREMY SHORT, AN associate professor at the Rawls College of Business Administration, wrote the first graphic-novel textbook.

received by students in the business college. The first chapter was used last year in one of Short's undergraduate classes.

"They were instantly able to connect with the characters," Short said. "They could remember charac-

ters' names. They could remember characters' personalities. The kind of things you would never normally associate with remembering that quickly while reading a textbook."

Short has two more graphic-novel textbooks underway. The next

book is to come out toward the end of the year, which is "Atlas Black: Management Guru." His third book is "Atlas Black: Franchise Player," which is scheduled to come out next summer.

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## 17-year-old British youth sails around the world

LONDON (AP) — Freeze-dried food. Autopilot failures. Brutal storms. Accidental dunkings.

A 17-year-old British sailor endured all those trials and more to become the youngest person to sail solo around the world.

Mike Perham grabbed the record Thursday after sailing 28,000 miles (45,000 kilometers) to cross the finish line off the coast of Cornwall, in southern England, after a mere nine months.

Perham is a few months younger than Zac Sunderland, from Thousand Oaks, Calif., who claimed the youngest solo crown in July when he completed a similar trip in 13 months.

Perham's boat, a 50-foot racing yacht called Totallymoney.com in honor of his sponsor, completed the trip at 9:55 a.m. Thursday morning. He sailed with

assistance — which means he was alone but stopped for repairs.

The teenager was then joined by his father Peter, who told The Associated Press that they "were just enjoying each other's company" en route to the coastal city of Portsmouth, where a party was planned for their arrival Saturday.

Perham, who set off in Nov. 18, celebrated his 17th birthday deep in the Indian Ocean. His grueling trip was blighted by autopilot failures, rudder problems and wild weather that repeatedly forced him

to stop for repairs.

During a stop in Cape Town, South Africa, Perham got a chance to meet up with Sunderland, as well as 75-year-old Japanese yachtsman and serial circumnavigator Minoru Saito, the oldest man

to finish a solo, nonstop around-the-world voyage.

While waiting for parts to repair his rudder in Tasmania, Perham took a brief trip to Brisbane, Australia, to meet Jessica Watson, the 16-year-old girl who also hopes to make it around the world.

After sailing above New Zealand and across the Pacific, Perham was towed through the Panama Canal and then cut across the Atlantic, heading for home.

Well-wishers tracked Perham's progress through his blog, where he chronicled his many mishaps — one entry is entitled "an unexpected swim" — and his impatience with what seemed to be an unending diet of freeze-dried food.

In an entry dated Thursday, Perham said the final leg of his trip "does feel a bit weird."

"I feel like I just want it to keep going, so I can have many more adventures," he wrote. On the other hand, he couldn't wait to see his father again.

"I'm very much looking forward to the reunion and his cheesy smile and all the rubbish jokes he brings along," Perham wrote.

Guinness World Records spokeswoman Amarilis Espinoza said, pending some verification, Perham would be certified as the "youngest sailor to circumnavigate the globe solo and unsupported."

## Malaysia bars Muslims from Black Eyed Peas concert

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Malaysia's government has barred Muslims from a concert by U.S. hip-hop stars the Black Eyed Peas next month because the event is organized by Irish beer giant Guinness, an official said Thursday.

The prohibition comes amid a clampdown on alcohol consumption among Malaysia's Muslim majority. A Muslim woman who drank beer in public was sentenced to caning by an Islamic court last

month, though authorities this week agreed to review the penalty. Officials also recently curbed retail sales of liquor in a central state.

In family and personal matters, Muslims in Malaysia are governed by Shariah or Islamic law, which forbids the consumption of alcohol.

The Black Eyed Peas will perform at a theme park near Kuala Lumpur on Sept. 25 as part of worldwide celebrations marking the 250th anniversary of Guinness' flagship brewery in Dublin. Malaysia's largest city is

one of five places hosting Guinness' concerts.

The Malaysian show's official Web site said "the party is only open to non-Muslims aged 18 years and above." Previous major pop concerts in Malaysia, including one by the Black Eyed Peas in 2007, have always been open to Muslims.

"Muslims cannot attend. Non-Muslims can go and have fun," an official at the Ministry of Information, Communication and Culture told The Associated Press.



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# Bob Dylan concert profitable for Texas Tech

By HANNAH BOEN AND DANIEL CLAYTON  
THE DAILY TOREADOR

Three hall-of-fame musicians and the sale of alcohol proved to be a profitable occasion for Texas Tech.

The Bob Dylan Show, a music event featuring Bob Dylan, John Mellencamp and Willie Nelson, marked the first occasion alcohol was sold at Jones AT&T Stadium.

The Aug. 8 concert achieved a reasonable profit, said Deputy Athletic Director Bobby Gleason.

"We're hopeful to get more events in the future," he said. "I thought it went very well."

The university was given \$25,000 for the rental of the stadium, he said, and made considerable profits from the sale of alcohol.

Selling alcohol in the stadium was a challenge, he said, because of Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission laws regarding alco-

hol sales to the general public.

"As in any first event," he said, "you have to be sure everything is done well. We didn't have the luxury of prior experience."

The sale of alcohol was approved by the chancellor and the president's office, Gleason said, and a condition of having the concert at the stadium.

Llano Estacado Music Inc. President Gary Boren had a hand in bringing the event to Lubbock and has the same desire for the use of the stadium.

"We are trying to book major national acts now that Lubbock is on the radar," he said.

Tech students and Lubbock residents should not have to travel to see big-name entertainers, he said, but rather have them brought to the city.

"We were very grateful for the opportunity to have two legendary icons to play at the Jones AT&T Stadium," he said. "It was quite a gathering of stars from the music industry."

Although Boren was happy with the turnout of the concert, he said there is always room for improvement.

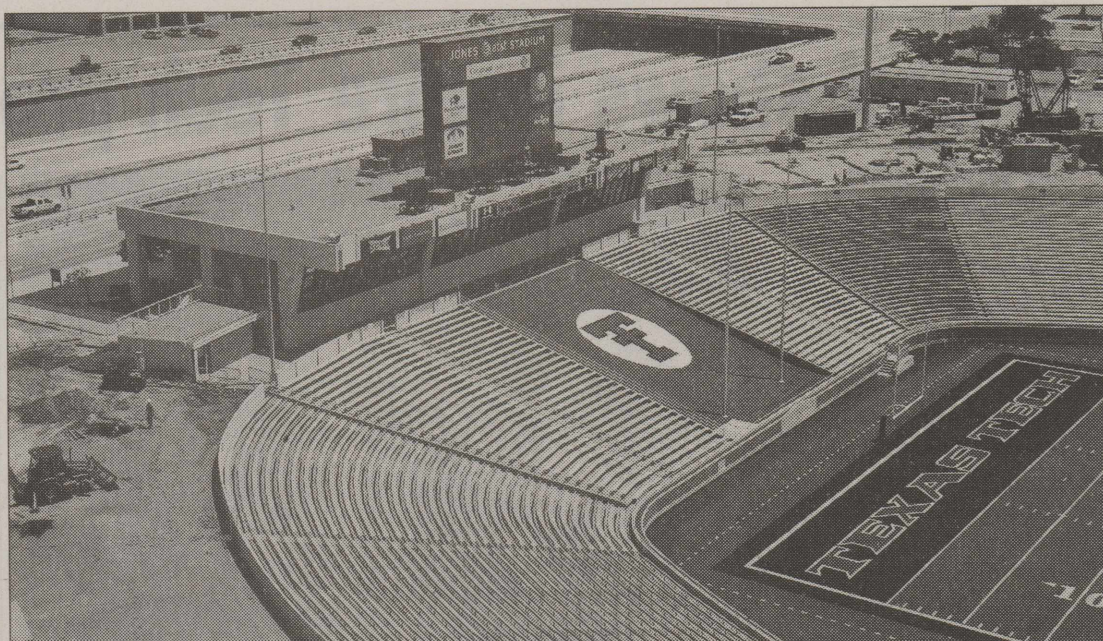
"We are just one of the small people in Lubbock trying to make things happen," he said. "Music is such a part of our fabric, of Lubbock and Texas."

Ralph Dewitt is another individual trying to make things happen when it comes to music.

As owner of Ralph's Records, he said he was disappointed with ticket sales, which were sold at the store.

"I think Llano Estacado was counting on Tech students to drive ticket sales," he said of the music company responsible for bringing the entertainers to Lubbock. "The concert did not sell out, despite the rumors that had been going around saying that they had."

Although Dewitt found ticket sales to be underwhelming, Bobby Gleason said he felt the event was an overall success.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

THE JONES AT&T Stadium served as the venue for the Bob Dylan Show Aug. 8. The concert marked the first time alcohol has been served at a Jones AT&T event.

Between 11,000 and 12,000 tickets were sold for the event, increasing revenues earned from merchandise, food and beverage

sales. "It was well-managed," he said, "and went very smoothly for an event of that size. We

hope it opens the doors for future concerts."

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## iPhone app to save money on textbooks

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Looking for a way to save money on college textbooks? There's an app for that.

A new iPhone application claims to help students save money on textbooks, according to Jeff Sherwood, CEO of BIGWORDS.com.

BIGWORDS, a free iPhone application, can help students find the best deals on their textbooks from Multi-Item Price Optimization which calculates the cheapest combination of textbooks from stores with multi-item orders and finds the best deals available, Sherwood said.

Sherwood said people using the site and the app save \$225 on average on multi-item orders.

"BIGWORDS is 35 to 40 percent cheaper than other Web sites," he said.

Students search for textbooks on BIGWORDS by plugging in the title,

author or ISBN code and drop the books into a virtual book bag. It searches from over 20 different sources, like Amazon, Textbooks.com, and Barnes & Noble, to find the best deals by factoring in shipping cost and promotions.

"Our site or software runs every combination of all of the books at all of the stores that we cover and comes up with the cheapest combination of stores from which to buy your books," Sherwood said.

The BIGWORDS app already has a few thousand users. It even won The New York Times' App of the Week on Aug. 18, he said.

Sherwood said he got the idea to start BIGWORDS from his time as a college student.

"At that time there were no online alternatives to the college bookstore," he said. "We would wait in line for three hours to check out and there was virtually no availability for used books and half the time they didn't even have the inventory for new books."

More than 750,000 people visit

the Web site at the beginning of the semester and it generates \$13.5 million in textbook sales and the Web site is constantly updated with the latest coupons and promotions, he said. BIGWORDS also supports textbook rentals, international editions and guaranteed buyback, he said.

Samantha Stroud, a freshman criminal justice major, said she would use the app in the future to help her find the best deals. For now, she uses the university bookstore's Web site.

"I went to the bookstore Web site and got my books off of there," Stroud said.

Katie Bain, a senior psychology major, said she gets her books from the bookstore, but has sold her books online.

"I thought I could get a better price from them than I could get from the bookstore," she said.

Sherwood said that BIGWORDS plans to update the app in November and plans to add the service to other devices like BlackBerry phones.

## 9/11 could become single largest day of service

NEW YORK (AP) — President Barack Obama is asking Americans to volunteer on Sept. 11, making this year's anniversary of the terror attacks the first National Day of Service and Remembrance, organizers announced Thursday.

"Our ultimate goal is to leave a positive legacy that honors the victims and those who rose in service," said David Paine, the president of MyGoodDeed, one of the organizations responsible for the event.

"We hope to rekindle the spirit of unity and compassion that followed the terrorist attacks," he told a news conference near the site of the World Trade Center.

Paine joined other members of the 9/11 community to unveil a national campaign to build support for the privately funded effort. They urged volunteers to use a Web site launched Thursday that shares service projects and opportunities throughout the

country. Volunteers may choose any kind of activity, from working in a Harlem community garden and mentoring school children to performing music.

Organizers said they hope the 10th anniversary of the attacks in 2011 will mark the single largest day of service in U.S. history.

This year's volunteers include prominent musicians staging a tribute concert on Sept. 11. Gavin DeGraw, The Roots and others will perform at Manhattan's Beacon Theatre, with free tickets going to relatives of victims, recovery workers, volunteers and those who served tours in the military after the attacks. The rest of the tickets are being distributed by lottery.

The show will also feature actor Gary Sinise, talk-show host Jimmy Fallon, the Harlem Boys and Girls Choir and singer Anjulie.

The lineup of nationwide volunteer events will be "spontaneous,"

organizers said. "Families are invested in creating living legacies for their loved ones," said Mary Fetcher, whose son Brad died in one of the towers.

The idea of establishing 9/11 as a National Day of Service was first conceived in 2001 by the founders of MyGoodDeed, a nonprofit started by friends and relatives of 9/11 victims. They are working with ServiceNation, the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, the Corporation for National and Community Service, and New York Cares.

In April, Obama authorized the establishment of 9/11 as a National Day of Service when he signed into law the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act.

Thursday's news conference was held just hours before the late senator's body left his Hyannisport, Mass., home for a series of memorial rites followed by his funeral Saturday. Kennedy, who died Tuesday of a brain tumor, had co-sponsored the bill.

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## Researchers worried about Pacific Ocean garbage patch

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A tawny stuffed puppy bobs in cold sea water, his four stiff legs tangled in the green net of some nameless fisherman.

It's one of the bigger pieces of trash in a giant patch of garbage-littered water — one that's bigger than Texas — where most of the plastic looks like snowy confetti against the deep blue of the north Pacific Ocean.

But most of the trash in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch has broken into bite-sized plastic bits, and scientists want to know whether it's sickening or killing the small fish, plankton and birds that ingest it.

During their August fact-finding expedition, a group of University of California scientists found much more debris than they expected. The team announced their observations at a San Diego press conference Thursday.

"It's pretty shocking — it's unusual to find exactly what you're looking for," said Miriam Goldstein, who led fellow researchers from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego on the three-week voyage.

While scientists have documented trash's harmful effects for coastal marine life, there's little research

on garbage patches, which were first explored extensively by self-trained ocean researcher Charles Moore just a decade ago. There's also scant research on the marine life at the bottom of the food chain that inhabit the patch.

But even the weather-beaten, sunbleached plastic flakes that are smaller than a thumbnail can be alarming.

"They're the right size to be interacting with the food chain out there," Goldstein said.

The team also netted occasional water bottles with barnacles clinging to the side. Some of the trash had labels written in Chinese and English, hints of the long journeys garbage takes to arrive mid-ocean.

Plastic sea trash does not biodegrade and often floats at the surface. Bottlecaps, bags and wrappers that end up in the ocean from the wind or through overflowing sewage systems can then drift thousands of miles.

The sheer quantity of plastic that accumulates in the North Pacific Gyre, a vortex formed by ocean and wind currents and located 1,000 miles off the California coast, has the scientists worried about how it might harm the sea creatures there.

The Scripps team hopes the sam-

ples they gathered during the trip nail down answers to questions of the trash's environmental impact. Does eating plastic poison plankton? Is the ecosystem in trouble when new sea creatures hitchhike on the side of a water bottle?

Plastics have entangled birds and turned up in the bellies of fish, and one paper cited by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration estimates 100,000 marine mammals die trash-related deaths each year.

The scientists hope their data gives clues as to the density and extent of marine debris, especially since the Great Pacific Garbage Patch may have company in the Southern Hemisphere, where scientists say the gyre is four times bigger.

"We're afraid at what we're going to find in the South Gyre, but we've got to go there," said Tony Haymet, director of the Scripps Institution.

Only humans are to blame for ocean debris, Goldstein said. In a blog entry posted a day before the science ship arrived in Newport, Ore., she wrote the research showed her the consequences of humanity's footprint on nature.

## Sure-fire tips for dating in college

By JOHNNY HARPER  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK  
(U. SOUTH CAROLINA)

I know you're in trouble, but don't worry. The love doctor is here. Consider class in session. You're trying to impress the sweetie from lab, but not sure exactly how to go about it because you're a southern boy from North Augusta and she's a hot indie chick from Canton, Ohio. Here are some sure-fire rules to make sure your first date is a success, because after all - all girls are the same.

Rule Number One: Show up late. Girls love nothing more than a guy who shows no respect for their time. In the wild, female panda bears wait up to three months for a suitor. Night after night, and not in hibernation season mind you, they are consistently ignored by their male counterparts. They may be an endangered species, but that's only because these guys know what they're doing. These fellas don't like baggage, and that's something we can all learn from the wild.

Rule Number Two: Talk about yourself. I'm serious. Girls talk about each other with their friends all the time and the last thing that they want to deal with is their personal problems. Give her a break and let her know all the stuff you've accomplished. If you were a football player in high school, spend at least the first 30 minutes of the date talking about it, and don't forget to exaggerate.

Rule Number Three: You are always pre-law. This rule speaks for itself. Pre-med is a good second option, but under no circumstances are you a philosophy student.

Rule Number Five: I don't have time for a rule number four. This is serious business we're talking about. Rule number five is not to talk about what you want to do with your life and not to be confused with what you are probably going to be doing with your life.

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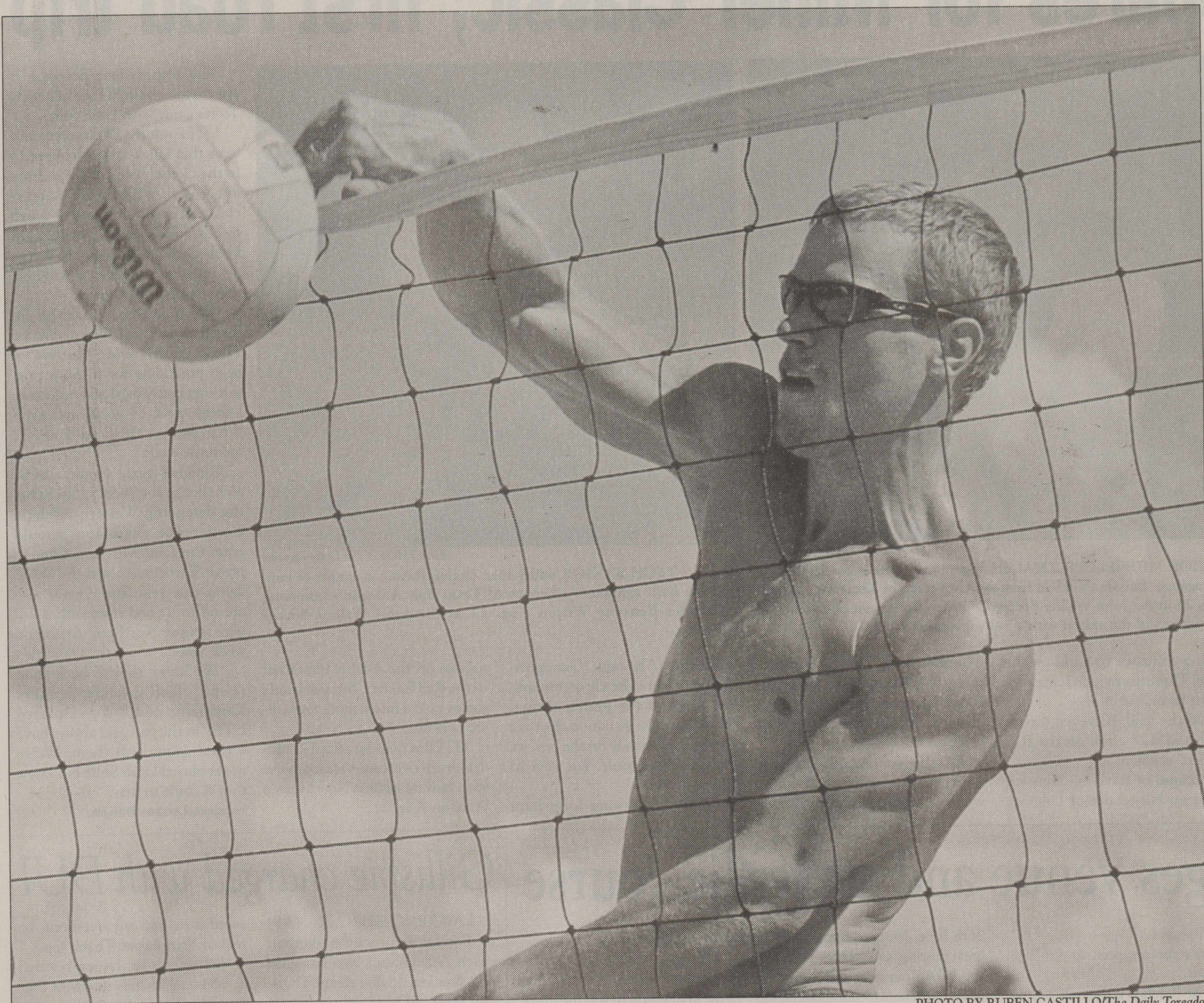
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PREVIEW

Local christian organizations to gather, inform

Students will have an opportunity to learn about the different Christian college ministries represented at Texas Tech by attending the Foundation Camp Ministry Fair 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday inside meeting room 2 of the United Spirit Arena.

Foundation is a camp for incoming Red Raiders, which takes place a week before fall semester begins. According to its Web site, the camp's mission is to point new students to God and start their semester at Tech in a Christian environment.

Ministry fair is another way to plug students in, said Zach Esgar, director of Foundation 2009. The fair is open to students of any age.

"We just want to unite the body here at Texas Tech," said the junior management information systems major from Wiley, Colo. "Ministry fair is a way to just bring all the college ministries together and show all the incoming freshmen and all the students, really, about all the ministries here at Tech."

Ministries from all ends of the Christian spectrum will be present, Esgar said, from Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Catholic and so on.

Micheal Fida, ministry chair of Foundation 2009, said he is expecting at least 60 organizations to be present.

Each ministry will have its own booth with student representatives, said the senior general business major from Plano, who will be handing out pamphlets as well as other pieces of information instructing students how they can become more involved in each organization.

"It's all about getting plugged into the community," Fida said. "As well as meeting friends and ultimately growing in a relationship with Christ."

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Plus-size model Crystal Renn fits in her skin

NEW YORK (AP) — Crystal Renn was miserable as a super-thin model who had heart palpitations when she'd worry that there might be calories in Diet Coke.

Her moment of epiphany came when "I couldn't walk another step without being exhausted, or having hair clumps falling out." She knew she needed to live in the body she was supposed to have — specifically a curvy size 12.

In a new memoir "Hungry," Renn, now a plus-size model, exposes her struggles with weight, health and self-esteem, fueled by the industry she says she still loves.

That is, she loves it now that she has been accepted — even embraced — by the fashion world.

"I got to my lowest point, when I couldn't go lower, and it was either, 'I'm going to die and not accomplish the dream,' or, 'I can become a plus-size model and keep the dream,'" she said in an interview. "I am healthy now, the healthiest I've ever been in my life — both physically and mentally."

Writing "Hungry" with Marjorie Ingall for Simon & Schuster was an important part of the healing process, said Renn, 23.

She had told her story before, but always in a quick hit for some magazine celebrating the novelty of an hourglass shape on its pages. The book is her attempt to move the needle on how people — everyone from wide-eyed young girls to jaded fashion insiders —

perceive beauty. "I'd like to see everyone take on the attitude that there are women of all different shapes and sizes as 'the beauty ideal,' and that it's not one type or another. There are women who are naturally a size 2 — you can't forget them, and that's discrimination the other way," Renn said. "All women bring something different to the table and we have to appreciate them all."

Some in the fashion, modeling and magazine industries have been receptive to the idea, she said, noting that she's still working with her fuller figure in Vogue, Glamour, on the runway with Jean Paul Gaultier and in ads for Dolce & Gabbana.

Colorado State U. sorority booted for hazing

UWIRE — A Colorado State University sorority was quietly ousted from the university in the spring as a result of a campus police investigation that found numerous alleged incidents of hazing, harassment and cruelty that one whistle-blower victim called "torture."

CSU's Omicron Omicron chapter of Zeta Phi Beta, a nationally chartered black sorority, allegedly routinely harassed potential members, or pledges, depriving them of sleep and food for days at a time, forcing them to eat cat food and to perform "strenuous physical activity" that prompted one student to seek medical attention.

One student also said she was forced to write the sorority president's academic papers, a violation of the school's honor code and grounds for expulsion for both parties.

In a 54-page police incident report obtained by the Collegian Wednesday, a CSU Police Department detective over the course of several months unraveled a culture of abuse and fear under the leadership of former sorority President Adesuwa Elaiho.

The nutrition and food science major was also an active member of student government during the time of the allegations in February.

"She had us at her apartment for three days straight. No sleep, no food. I threw (up) because I was so hungry," said one alleged victim in a statement to police.

CSUPD Detective Adam Smith wrote in his final report that "Elaiho committed hazing on several occasions," which the university, the national Zeta Phi Beta sorority and the Pan-Hellenic council, the national council of sororities, strictly forbid.

But sorority member Green denied impropriety in her statement, saying, "I am so confused as to the origin (of the complaints) because no one was harmed."

Microsoft cutting price of high-end Xbox 360 console

NEW YORK (AP) — Microsoft Corp. is slashing the price of the high-end Xbox 360 console by \$100, matching Sony's \$100 price cut for the PlayStation 3 last week.

Now, both the Xbox 360 Elite and the PS3 will cost \$299. The price cuts in both cases are worldwide, though the exact amounts vary by region depending on currencies.

Microsoft, which has had three versions of its Xbox 360 available at three different prices, also was to announce Thursday it is phasing out the mid-range, Pro, version of the console. It will be available for \$249, down from \$299, while supplies last.

The cheapest Xbox, the Arcade, which comes without a hard drive, will still cost \$199.

The price cuts are effective Friday, said David Dennis, a spokesman for Microsoft.

Video game companies hope the price cuts will re-ignite sales in time for the holiday rush. For the bulk of this year, the industry has suffered from weak sales — hurt by the recession and lackluster game releases, which have kept consumers waiting to spend money on new titles.

The announcement from Microsoft leaves only Nintendo Co. without a price cut for the fall, at least for now. The Wii has cost \$250 since its launch nearly three years ago.

Redmond, Wash.-based Microsoft has sold more than 31.4 million of the Xbox 360 machines globally, compared with 23.7 million PS3 machines sold by Sony Corp. and 52.6 million Wii's.

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# Tech prepares for Miner Classic, first road trip

By MIKE GRAHAM  
STAFF WRITER

For the first time this season, the Texas Tech soccer team will have to deal with the road and all the woes that come with it.

Beginning Sept. 18, the Tech soccer team will have a six-game, three-weekend homestand to enjoy, but until then, it is all road all the time.

After getting the season started on the right note last week with a 5-0 win against Texas-San Antonio, Tech will spend this particular weekend in El Paso taking on Utah State (1-0-0) at 6 p.m. today and Texas-El Paso (1-0-0) at 1 p.m. Sunday, in the 12th Annual Miner Classic. It begins a stretch of three weekends and six consecutive games on the road.

"You feel like a pro when you're on the road," Tech coach Tom Stone said. "A pro with study hall."

Stone and his players believe playing on the road will have obvious disadvantages. The team, however, hopes to capitalize on less obvious vulnerabilities their home opponents will have.

"Sometimes there's more pressure at home," Stone said. "Maybe the other team has been in classes all day then has to make a break for their training room, not really



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

SENIOR MIDFIELDER ZHALEH Rezaie jostles for possession of the ball against Bonnie Caulfield from the University of Texas San Antonio Aug. 21 at the John Walker Soccer Complex. Tech went on to claim its first victory of the season with a 5-0 win against UTSA.

having a chance to focus on the game. Those distractions can work in our favor."

Off the field, however, traveling could take a toll on the Red Raiders' academics.

Because of traveling logistics, the team bussed out of Lubbock

Thursday to El Paso and consequently will miss classes again today, but Stone believes his players have the discipline to do their work on the road.

"As the No. 1 academic female sports team on campus, we know we have a great commitment (to



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH SENIOR midfielder ZHALEH Rezaie attempts to control the ball against University of Texas San Antonio sophomore midfielder Brittany Wilson Aug. 21 at the John Walker Soccer Complex.

academics)," he said. "Our upperclassmen have already gotten into the heads of the freshmen that, 'Hey, when we go out on the road we study. We study on the bus, we study at the airport. We work to get ready.'"

While achieving long-term

success on the road is important to the Red Raiders, this weekend's games pose a much more immediate concern.

UTEP is coming off a 1-0 sudden death overtime victory in the 95th minute against New Mexico State on Aug. 21.

The Miners face Stephen F. Austin tonight in El Paso following Tech's game with Utah State.

UTEP returns 13 players from a team that finished fourth out of 13 in the Conference USA standings last season. While UTEP's upperclassmen experience may be tough to beat, Tech believes arriving in Lubbock as a team a month before organized practice began will help them outlast the Miners.

"We might be a little bit fatigued on Sunday," Tech midfielder Tiffini Smith said. "But we've been practicing for it. Sprinting, working really hard on our fitness. I think we'll be good, and even if our legs get tired, we'll still be mentally ready."

Tonight's game should also be a challenge for Tech. Utah State, the defending Western Athletic Conference champion, should enter the game with something to prove. Favorites to win the WAC again this year, the Aggies also are off to a good start with a 2-0 win against Northern Arizona a week ago.

"We know they're both good teams," Tech defender Jennifer Kammerer said. "We've played UTEP in the past and always have a good game with them. We've never played Utah State but know they'll come to play."

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## Garcia changes venue and stays the course

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP) — Seven days ago, Sergio Garcia wasn't even sure if he would be eligible to play in The Barclays for the start of the PGA Tour Playoffs for the FedEx Cup.

Suddenly, he has a splendid view from the top.

Garcia took another important step toward recovering from a troublesome season Thursday with a 6-under 65 at Liberty National for a share of the lead with Paul Goydos and Steve Marino.

"We are getting back into it," Garcia said. "Last week was nice. It was good to see ourselves ... getting that feeling of being out there trying to win a tournament and getting the juices flowing a little bit. We're just looking forward to hopefully finishing the year well here, keep this good momentum going."

At a different venue, Garcia stayed the course. He is a two-time winner of this tournament, both times at tree-lined Westchester. On a track with intimidating views inside the ropes and gorgeous vistas of Manhattan, he wound up in a

familiar spot.

In some respects, so did Tiger Woods.

The Barclays is the only tournament Woods has played at least three times without finishing in the top 10. He shot a 70.

Most players would have taken such a score when they first saw Liberty National. The course played significantly shorter, however, with five tees moved forward, and it showed in the scoring. Nearly half the field was at par or better, and some two dozen players shot in the 60s.

Goydos ran off five birdies in a six-hole stretch starting with the

16th hole, which he attributed to great putting, solid wedge play, and the PGA Tour rules staff for being gentle with hole locations and some forward tees.

*"You don't get too many opportunities around this place, and I only made one birdie on the par 5s."*

**TIGER WOODS**  
PROFESSIONAL GOLFER

"In theory, you have 125 of the best players on the PGA Tour here this week, someone is going to shoot a low round every day," Goydos said. "Today was my chance."

Marino seized on his opportunity, too, getting to 7 under until a bogey on his last hole.

They were one shot ahead of a group that included Charley Hoffman, who stumbled in by missing a 4-foot birdie putt on No. 8 and having to save bogey with an 8-foot putt

on his final hole.

Y.E. Yang, in his first tournament since taking down Woods in the final round to win the PGA Championship, had a 71.

Woods looked solid in his return to The Barclays for the first time in six years, until he lost some control toward the end. Poor tee shots took away easy birdie chances on a pair of par 5s late in his round, and another one led to his lone bogey at No. 7.

Woods declined interview requests, telling PGA Tour officials he was going to the chipping area.

"You've got to make hay on the par 5s here," Woods said in a brief interview with XM Radio. "You don't get too many opportunities around this place, and I only made one birdie on the par 5s."

He probably would have taken a 70 after his first time around Liberty National, a course that has received scant praise from the players this week. The best anyone has said about the course designed by Tom Kite and Bob Cupp is that it is hard.

## Gillispie charged with DUI

LAWRENCEBURG, Ky. (AP) — Former Kentucky basketball coach Billy Gillispie was arraigned on a drunken driving charge Thursday after refusing sobriety tests during an early morning traffic stop in which officers said they smelled alcohol on his breath.

Police say they arrested Gillispie at 2:47 a.m. along a highway in Lawrenceburg about 30 miles from Lexington, where Gillispie coached the Wildcats until he was fired in March. Charles E. O'Connor, a passenger in the car, also was arrested on a charge of alcohol intoxication in a public place.

Gillispie was jailed overnight in neighboring Franklin County and wore an orange prison jumpsuit at his video arraignment later that morning, a copy of which The Associated Press obtained. Attorney William L. Patrick entered a not guilty plea on Gillispie's behalf.

Judge Linda Armstrong also told Gillispie his right to drive in Kentucky was being suspended for up to 120 days and set his next court appearance for Sept. 23.

Gillispie talked little during the brief hearing. When Armstrong

asked if he had any questions, he replied: "No ma'am. Thank you."

Jail records say he was released at 9:33 a.m. to the custody of Darran Winslow, a Louisville attorney. O'Connor was not arraigned Thursday.

Police responded after dispatchers received complaints of an intoxicated driver. Gillispie was driving a white Mercedes with Texas plates.

Lawrenceburg police officer Michael Corley clocked Gillispie doing 63 mph in a 45 mph zone and pulled up behind him at a red light. When the light turned green, Gillispie's car stayed motionless for one or two minutes before continuing down the road, Corley wrote in his report.

Corley eventually pulled Gillispie over in a school parking lot.

"Billy had a strong fruity smell coming from his person (possibly wine) and had red, glassy eyes and slow, slurred speech," Corley wrote.

Corley asked Gillispie for his license. Gillispie said it was in the trunk. The coach appeared to be unsteady on his feet, Corley wrote. When Corley asked Gillispie if he had been drinking, Gillispie replied no, that he had been golfing all

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Vick tossed short completion on second play

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Michael Vick zipped a few passes, ran around a bit and even lined up at wide receiver.

In his first action in nearly 32 months, Vick has a new role: do-it-all quarterback.

Vick completed a key pass to set up a field goal on his fourth play in Philadelphia's game against Jacksonville on Thursday night. He was 3 for 3 for 17 yards through the first three series.

Vick entered to a standing ovation and completed a 4-yard shovel pass on the Eagles' second play from scrimmage with Donovan McNabb lined up at wide receiver.

On Philadelphia's second possession, Vick was on the field for three plays, two at quarterback and one as a slot receiver.

Vick ran for 1 yard on his second play and was a decoy as a wideout on his third play. With McNabb standing on the sideline, Vick then completed a 13-yard pass to Hank Baskett to the Jaguars 11. David Akers kicked a 31-yard field goal a few plays later.

Vick got a nice reception from the half-empty crowd at Lincoln Financial Field when he jogged onto the field. McNabb threw an incomplete pass on first down and was split wide on the next play.

Vick, standing in a shotgun formation, tossed a short pass to LeSean McCoy who was quickly swarmed by Jacksonville's defense.

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# Tech volleyball starts season with Creighton, No. 10 Illinois

By ADAM COLEMAN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Bluejay Invitational that will begin the 2009 Texas Tech volleyball season took a hit late Wednesday night, when it was announced Tulane would drop from the tournament.

As far as the game plan is concerned, that probably does not concern Tech coach Trish Knight too much, considering her message to her team.

"It doesn't matter who it is," she said before she found out the news of Tulane dropping from the tourney. "We've got to go out there and try to do the best we can."

So instead of facing three teams this weekend, the Red Raiders

start the season against Creighton at 6:30 p.m. and No. 10 Illinois at 10 a.m. Saturday in Omaha, Neb.

Creighton coach Kirsten Bernthal Booth said Tulane dropped from the tournament because some of the players on the team are too ill to travel. Four of Tulane's players have the H1N1 virus.

Booth said she does not believe Tulane's absence will hinder the tournament at Creighton, with a new-look Tech team and one of the best squads in the nation in Illinois coming to town. Instead,

she hopes the best for the Tulane players' health.

"All of us coaches are disappointed that you lose a match out of it, but our thoughts are with the Tulane team," she said. "This isn't a situation that any of us are upset. I always say sports is a reflection of life. You have to handle adversity, move on and make the best of it."

Booth is fully aware of the season Tech had last year — five wins all year and no Big 12 Conference wins. She also said she is familiar with Knight's accomplishments at Missouri State-West Plains, which poises Tech for the turnaround.

"I think we will see a new team," Booth said of

Tech. "My staff and I took over a team that had won three matches the year prior. The next year they won substantially more. I think it was just because they were so excited for a change that they played harder."

Booth also pointed at All-Big 12 Freshman Team selection Amanda Dowdy as one player her team will have to look out for.

There still is one standout both Creighton and Tech have to face this weekend: No. 10 Illinois.

The Fighting Illini advanced to

the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament last year and return seven starters from that team. Illinois' middle blocker, Johannah Bangert, is an important part of the Illini's defense, getting 1.60 blocks per set in 2008 — best in the country.

Illinois has a player coming off a standout freshman campaign of its own. Michelle Bartsch was named Big Ten and Midwest Freshman of the Year in 2008.

Dowdy said matches similar to the one against Illinois will benefit Tech when tougher opponents come up on the schedule — such as the conference opener against No. 3 Nebraska Sept. 16.

"Compared to last year, our preseason is a lot tougher," she said. "I'm really excited about that. It'll give us an idea of what Big 12 will be like especially with the new girls. We have a lot of them."

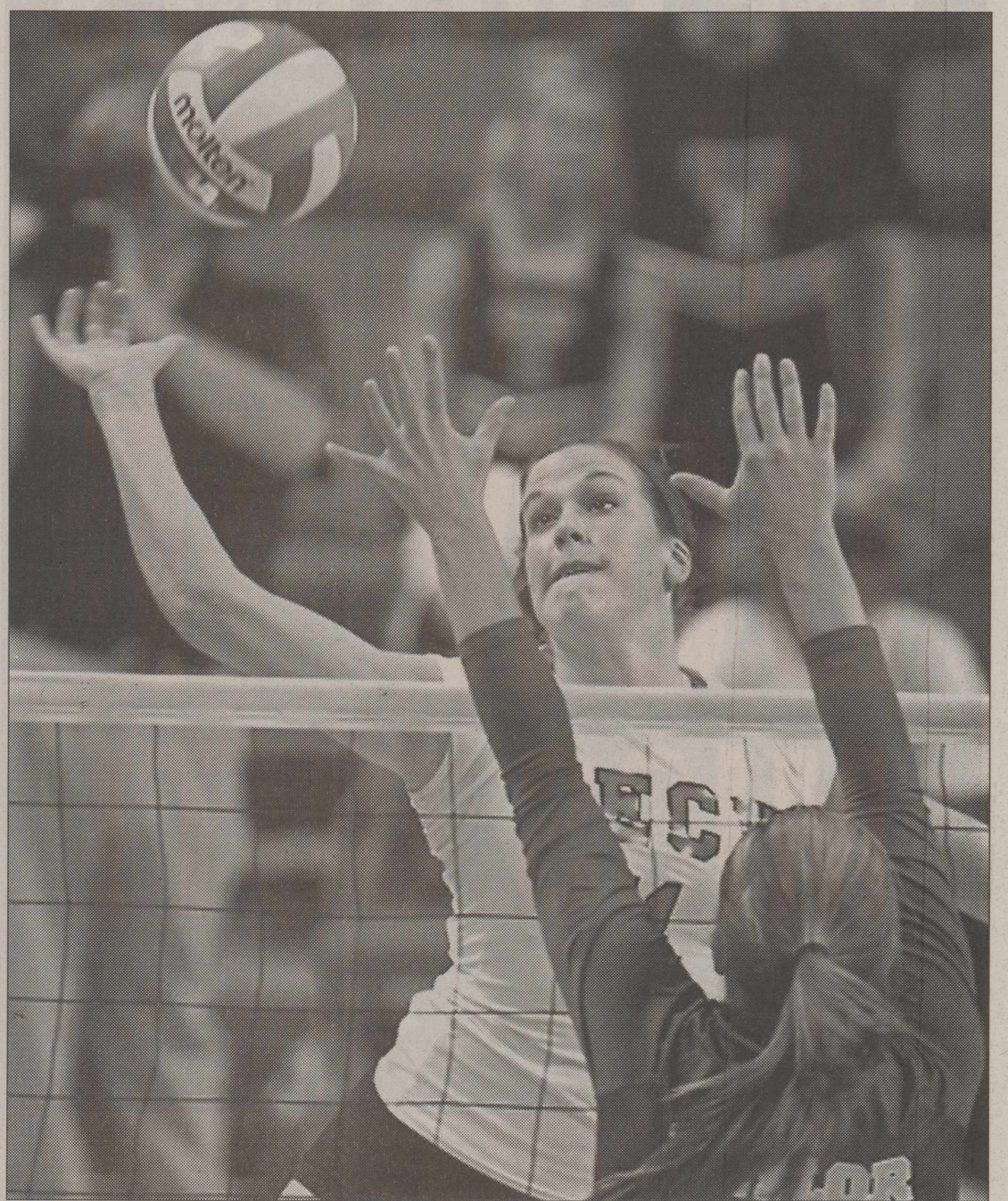
With the non-conference schedule being a little tougher this season, the Red Raiders got what they asked for.

Knight said her players insisted they face tougher teams this year in hopes it will prepare them for the Big 12 schedule to come — one that includes eight matches against four teams ranked in the CBS College Sports Network/AVCA Division I Coaches Top 25 Preseason Poll.

That's just fine with Knight.

"They really, really want to play well," she said. "They are definitely wanting to step up to the challenge. They want to do a lot better. They want to take on as much competition as they can. I respect that, and that's a good thing."

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TEXAS TECH OUTSIDE hitter Amanda Dowdy leads the Red Raiders into the 2009 season. FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador

*Compared to last year, our preseason is a lot tougher. I'm really excited about that.*

AMANDA DOWDY  
TEXAS TECH OUTSIDE  
HITTER

## Kinsler homers twice, Texas relievers stop Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) — Ian Kinsler and Chris Davis launched the loudest shots of the afternoon. The way Jason Grilli and his bullpen pals kept things quiet, that tilted this game to Texas.

Kinsler homered twice, a trio of relievers pitched shutout ball and the Rangers became the first visitors to win a series at Yankee Stadium since mid-June, beating New York 7-2 Thursday.

"This sends a statement that we can play with anyone out there," Grilli said.

Davis also had a three-run homer for Texas, which took two of three from the team with the best record in the majors.

Grilli, C.J. Wilson and Frank Francisco combined for 5 1-3 innings of two-hit relief. The Rangers remain in the thick of the pennant race, trying for their first playoff spot since 1999.

"We're treading into territory we've never been in before," Texas manager Ron Washington said.

Cut by Colorado this season and activated from the disabled list over the weekend, Grilli (2-2) entered in the fourth with Texas ahead 3-2. He escaped a first-and-third jam by getting Alex Rodriguez on an easy comebacker and pitched 2 1-3 innings.

Grilli was aware he'd done well against Rodriguez — the Yankees'

cleanup man is 0 for 5 facing him. Grilli also realized his early relief appearance was an important one.

"It's not always so glamorous, but sometimes it's the tipping point," he said.

Neither starter let the other side hit the ball much, either — for different reasons.

A.J. Burnett (10-8) lost despite striking out a season-high 12 in six innings. Texas' Dustin Nippert was pulled after walking seven in 3 2-3 innings.

Through 7½ innings, in fact, only 33 of 66 hitters overall managed to put the ball in play. By the end, the teams combined for 25 strikeouts and 11 walks.

"Obviously, I had a good breaking ball today," Burnett said. "Everything was there."

Kinsler got Texas' first hit, a three-run homer in the fourth. Burnett retired the first 11 batters before walking Josh Hamilton and Nelson Cruz on full counts, bringing up Kinsler.

Catcher Jose Molina went to the mound to talk with Burnett, and Kinsler lined the next pitch over the left-field wall.

"Just be ready for a strike. You can't give him anything," Kinsler said. "You can't sit on one pitch."

Kinsler said he "got lucky and ran into a heater." Burnett said it was a slider in the wrong spot.

Kinsler also connected for a solo shot in the eighth off David Robertson, giving him a career-high 28 home runs.

Burnett fell to 0-4 in six starts this month. He was tagged for a career-high nine runs by Boston in his last outing and shook off catcher Jorge Posada several times, leading to talk they weren't on the same page.

Posada missed this game, a day after a foul tip bruised his left ring finger. The Yankees thought the injury might sideline him for a few days.

"He's still day to day. Hopefully he'll be better tomorrow," manager Joe Girardi said.

Davis hit a three-run homer in the seventh off Phil Coke. He also made a nifty play at first base to end the sixth after Derek Jeter's hard grounder bounced off his glove — Davis retrieved the ball and made a blind, backhanded flip to Grilli covering the bag.

## Keppinger homers, Astros beat Cardinals 4-3

ST. LOUIS (AP) — One big swing from Jeff Keppinger, hardly a long-ball threat, eased the Houston Astros' frustrations after getting worked over by St. Louis Cardinals pitchers.

Keppinger hit a tiebreaking homer with two out in the ninth inning and Houston rallied to beat the Cardinals 4-3 on Thursday, avoiding a three-game sweep.

Keppinger's shot to left on a 2-2 pitch from Kyle McClellan (4-3) was his fourth of the season and first since June 19. He has only 17 homers in 1,116 career at-bats, so he was running when the drive barely cleared the wall.

"It was kind of nice to see the outcome," Keppinger said. "You ever look up at the scoreboard and see my totals?"

Jose Valverde (2-2) pitched two scoreless innings for the Astros, who scored all four runs with two

outs and won for only the fifth time in their last 19 road games. They avoided a second three-game sweep in St. Louis this season by taking the final game of a series that featured only 13 runs in three one-run contests.

The Astros rallied a day after Roy Oswalt complained of a "dead" team atmosphere. The Cardinals won the first two games 1-0 and 3-2.

"This was real big," Keppinger said. "You don't give up just because you're 10 games or 11 games back. You know, you play it all the way out to the end."

Matt Holliday homered for the NL Central-leading Cardinals, who lost for only the fourth time in 19 games. St. Louis, which had won four straight overall, went 1 for 10 with runners in scoring position and missed chances to score in each of the last three innings.

"We all want to come in here and high five and play music and have fun," Brendan Ryan said. "But we can't do that."

The Astros tied it on Darin Erstad's RBI double off McClellan in the eighth, spoiling Chris Carpenter's bid for his 15th win. Keppinger's first homer in 116 at-bats barely cleared the left-field wall. Holliday made a try for it but the ball appeared to sneak under his outstretched glove.

"It was close," Holliday said. "I felt I had a chance at it and timed it pretty well. Those are hit or miss plays."

Ryan Ludwick's two-run single off Brian Moehler in the sixth, only his third hit in 17 at-bats against the right-hander, put the Cardinals ahead 3-2. Holliday's 18th homer came in the second and was his seventh in 31 games with St. Louis.

### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

- NBA stats
- Mecan, e.g.
- Silver fish
- The Rams of the NCAA's Atlantic 10 Conf.
- Popular place to go downhill
- Something not done
- Insect's working hours?
- Peace goddess
- Tools with teeth
- Where users meet
- Composer Stravinsky
- Seaman who saw it all?
- Moines
- Scout's concern
- Site of bedlam
- One-named model on many romance novel covers
- Attention-getting sounds
- Split end?
- Young Aussie hoppers
- Plumbing outlet
- 911 response org.
- Tiny African threat
- Gael
- London museum's hidden camera locations?
- Alto
- Mist
- Malice
- Former #1 woman pool player
- Where two-wheelers aren't allowed?
- Corning, maker of Fiberglas
- Gave in
- Israeli weapon
- Do figures, in a way
- Doglike scavenger

**DOWN**

- Rotten
- "M\*A\*S\*H" system
- Perverted types
- Impudence
- Burning issue?
- News letters
- Rapper Mos Def
- Back from a trip, say
- Clown's accessory
- Sausalito's county
- Charles's miser
- Like the road in a classic ballad
- the line
- Floppy lead-in
- Little louse
- Bills for drinks
- First Arabic letter
- Ask for more
- Scrubbing brand
- Soviet news agency
- Five-time Emmy winner Tina
- End in
- Atilla, notably
- Western weapon
- Interstate
- Olympics contest, e.g.
- Horse
- Dispensable candy
- Hindu sacred text
- It's often served with soda
- Light line
- been meaning to tell you ...
- "Jeopardy!" great

By Elizabeth A. Long

8/28/09

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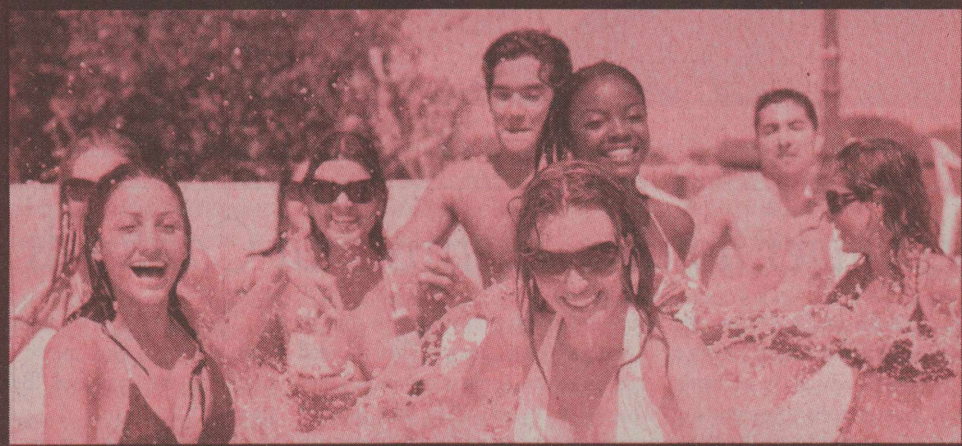
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## Busy summer in Tech cross country prepares team for life after Kipyego

By ZANE TURNER  
STAFF WRITER

Long hours of training and preparation in the summer sun are what prepare a cross country team for success.

The Texas Tech cross country team has done just that this summer, working on its base mileage and overall conditioning as well as bringing in new faces — moves that could keep the team among the top in the Big 12 Conference.

The Lady Raiders lose perennial All-American Sally Kipyego from the squad; however, Tech coach Jon Murray said his team may be more talented.

"I think we might have more depth this year than we did last year," said Murray, the reigning Big 12 Coach of the Year and NCAA Mountain Region Women's Coach of the Year. "We had a great recruiting year with several transfers coming in and I think one through six we're going to be as good as Tech has ever been."

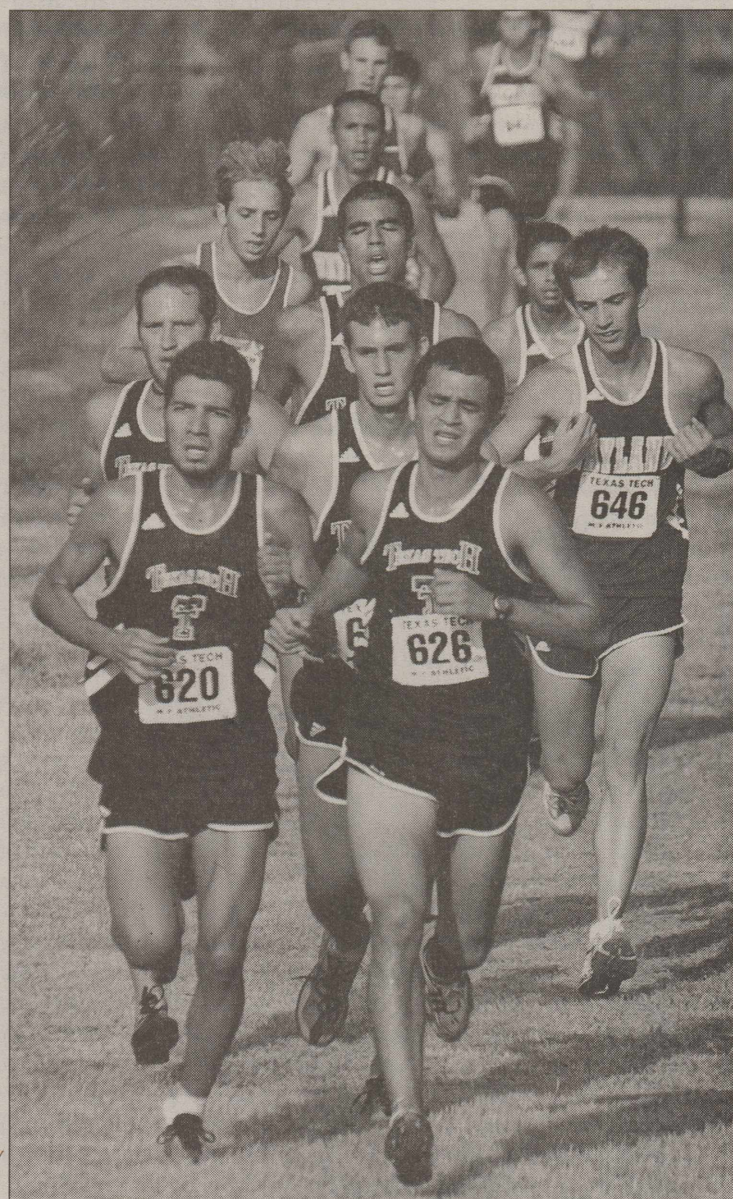
Some of the additions Murray made to the Tech men's side include Andrew Goldstein, Samuel Bushong, Zach Smith and Julien Valentino. Goldstein was a three-sport athlete at Clear Lake High School in Houston and Bushong finished third in the Texas State UIL meet last year.

The Lady Raiders lose Kipyego, but gain runners with an abundance of junior college experience.

The Lady Raiders added four runners to the roster consisting of twin sisters Caroline Karunde and Winrose Karunde from Nyeri, Kenya. Purity Biwott and Meagan Willingham from Wayland Baptist also joined the roster. Caroline Karunde is a nine-time NAIA All-American in cross country and track, while her sister, Winrose Karunde, won the Division II championship in the 10,000 meter run for Abilene Christian.

The men and women's teams have been training all summer and continue to increase daily mileage because in cross country endurance and fitness are key.

"We lift weights, we run everyday,



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THE TEXAS TECH men's cross country team hopes its work this summer will pay off in the 2009 season. Tech begins the year with the Texas Tech Ruidoso on Sept. 4.

we try to get a lot of mileage in," said Michelle Guzman, who earned All-Big 12 honors after finishing 14th at the Big 12 Championships.

"During the summer when most people are taking off, we're running and either training in the morning or at night because it's so hot."

The Red Raiders, unlike the Lady Raiders, return every runner to the squad this season and have had a positive summer.

The Tech men are looking forward to improving on their ninth-place finish at the Big 12 Championships last season. Before

that, however, Tech has five meets before it gets another chance at the conference championships.

Right now, the Red Raiders are running anywhere from 70 to 80 miles a week and the Lady Raiders are running 60 to 70 miles throughout the week.

The intensity and length the team runs gradually increases from the summer to the middle of the season, which helps with endurance.

"Our base mileage is very important right now," said Cory Higgins. "If you don't do it you can't get in shape for November when it counts it's a necessity. That is where it differs from some other sports because you can kind of relax during the summer, but summer is where we put in our work."

Tech begins the 2009 season with the Texas Tech Ruidoso Open Sept. 4.

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"... I think one through six we're going to be as good as Tech has ever been."

JON MURRAY  
TECH CROSS COUNTRY  
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## Meeting Favre gives Texans chance at redemption

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texans were expecting former Houston backup Sage Rosenfels to visit.

Instead, Brett Favre will be dropping by as Houston tries to rebound from a loss to the Saints.

Coach Gary Kubiak said he believes his team will benefit from dealing with the combination of Favre and running back Adrian Peterson.

"He's one of the greatest to ever play the game and then you put one of the best running backs to come around in a long time with him; that's very, very difficult," he said. "They're as good as we'll face all year long with what they're capable of doing to you. It's a good test, and we need it after the other night."

Houston defensive players said meeting Favre in prime time is a good chance to redeem themselves after that 38-14 defeat against New Orleans.

Defensive tackle Amobi Okoye said the days leading up to seeing the twice-retired, almost 40-year-old Favre have been filled with interesting requests from people.

"A lot of people have been telling me, 'why don't you get a hit on Favre for me, send him back through time,' that kind of thing," he said. "It's from friends, fans, people who have gotten fed up with everything on the news about him."

Linebacker DeMeco Ryans is disappointed the first team defense won't get to see Rosenfels, who spent the last three seasons in Houston before signing with Minnesota in hopes of becoming the starter. But he's focused on Peterson, not Favre.

Houston's run defense is one of the team's biggest worries after Mike Bell, who is fighting for a roster spot with the Saints, had 10 carries for 100 yards mostly against the first team.

"I don't think a lot of us are too concerned with Favre and his passing game. We're really concerned with how we can stop the run," he said. "It's our opportunity to showcase our talent. If we really are a good team, we have to show people that, and this is a great opportunity to do it."

Mario Williams has played his best in the two prime time games

he's appeared in, combining for 6 1/2 sacks and forcing a fumble. The top overall pick in 2006 said he'll approach this game the same way, even though it's preseason.

And he's looking forward to getting a "crack" at Favre.

"To me a sack is a sack," he said. "But I guess if everybody's going to be watching him, hopefully if I'm closer to him, I guess they'll be watching me. I'll take it that way and see what happens."

Houston is still waiting to see first-round pick Brian Cushing in a game after the linebacker injured his knee early in training camp. Cushing did individual drills in practice Thursday, and Kubiak hopes he starts working with the team later this week.

Cushing said it's unlikely that he'll play Monday, but Kubiak is more optimistic.

"I hope that he's begging to play on Monday night," Kubiak said. "I'm hoping he makes that much progress. ... He's awfully close, but we've just got to be careful with what we're doing with him."

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## Injury-riddled spring poises Wall for breakout 2009

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Athletes' worst fear is probably having their sport taken away from them because of an inevitable injury.

Some fold and regress because of the injury and some make the best of their situation.

Texas Tech cornerback Jamar Wall chose the latter.

The All-Big 12 Conference defensive back missed the majority of spring training with a toe injury, requiring surgery and a lot of time off.

The senior has made big plays before, including the interception in the Nebraska game last season that sealed an overtime win for Tech. This season, Wall believes he is poised to make even bigger plays in a conference loaded with top-notch wideouts.

What helped Wall stay on track during his injury was time in the film room, which he said can be underrated when a player is out of action.

"Tried to break down different things everyday," Wall said. "Looking at myself, how I performed my sophomore year starting to my junior year starting. What I did good, what I did bad. Things that could help me be a better player."

In addition to the usual lifting and weight training, Wall said studying film not only helped him keep pace during the spring, but it made him a smarter player.

This was his plan all along, however. He said it was his decision to have surgery, in hopes it would prevent the injury from nagging him. So Wall seemed prepared to go a few months without being on the field.

"It helped me develop a better aspect of the game," Wall said. "I couldn't practice, so I had to get it mental. By getting it mental and being able to put it on the field, may as



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TEXAS TECH DEFENSIVE back Jamar Wall intercepts a pass from Nebraska quarterback Joe Ganz in Tech's 37-31 overtime win in 2008.

well make me a better player."

Wall's experience as a player also helped facilitate the process.

Tech cornerbacks coach Brian Mitchell said any changes the defense made were easier for Wall to learn during the spring because he could relate from past experience.

So missing his star corner was not on Mitchell's mind, as he was confident in Wall's abilities.

"When you're a three-year starter, everything's osmosis," Mitchell said. "Everything that's new to you, you can soak it up a lot faster. You've probably had a scenario that has come up somewhere in the game or practice that is very relative to that one play. He's fine-tuning some skills a lot of guys take a lot of years to get. He's going to be fine."

Wall also has his teammates to thank, with his fellow corners updating him on changes made to the defense and for encouragement.

Wall said having supportive people like his parents — who have showed up to watch him in practice this summer — around him was key during his injury.

Usually at left cornerback, Wall also has been working on the right side this summer. Mitchell said he works all his cornerbacks on both sides, and moving Wall to the right side helps him square up and keep his technique in check.

The time Wall missed in the spring did leave the other cornerbacks with a chance to shine.

A handful of cornerbacks rotate at right corner. Taylor Charbonnet, Brent Nickerson, Nate Stone and LaRon Moore are a few vying for a starting spot opposite Wall. Freshman defensive back D.J. Johnson has made plays at corner as well. As of Thursday, a starter has yet to be named.

"In a way, it was weird to look over



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JAMAR WALL INTERCEPTS a pass intended for SMU's Terrance Wilkerson in 2008. Wall missed most of spring practice with an injury, but has bounced back this summer.

to the left side and not see Jamar," Nickerson said. "It was an opportunity for a corner to step up and get noticed who might not have gotten a lot of reps in the spring."

With the Red Raiders' first game looming, Wall said being back on the field this summer showed him

what he missed.

He said he is excited about what the secondary can do this year, especially with safeties Franklin Mitchem and Cody Davis slated to take over for the departed Darcel McBath and Daniel Charbonnet.

Still, there were a few lessons to

learn from being away from football.

"Makes you respect it," Wall said. "Makes you respect it a whole lot. Because when it's gone, it's gone."

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