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Meat Team wins national championship

BY GLENYS BOLLS
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's Meat Science Academic Team is bringing home the bacon.

The team won the 2007 national championship at the 60th annual Reciprocal Meats Conference at South Dakota State University, according to a press release from the Office of Communications and Marketing. This is the team's third national championship in six years.

The competition was a quiz show format where a moderator asked questions and then the teams buzzed in to answer. Despite the fact that questions ranged from meat quality to USDA regulations, biochemistry to imports and exports, and everything in between, team coach Heather Rogers said the questions were mostly about topics the students had learned at Tech.

"All of the students are involved in Meat Science," she said. "Most of them are in the Meat Science track, so they've taken classes on the material the questions covered. We also read journals, textbooks and studied current events."

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The team members were extremely confident going into the competition, said Travis O'Quinn, a senior animal and food sciences major from League City.

"We worked about two and a half months at probably 10 hours a week," he said, "and then we did a lot of studying on our own over the summer. We were so prepared that when the competition started, we actually felt even more confident than we had before."

Tech's two three-person teams began the competition strong, neither losing a round until they faced each other. The team of Megan Mitchell, Travis Chapin and Austin Voyles came out on top, with O'Quinn, Landi Woolley and Matt Sellers falling into the consolation bracket. Because it was a double-elimination competition, each team had to lose twice to be out of the contest.

The Mitchell, Chapin and Voyles team lost one of their rounds later, leaving both teams in the consolation bracket. Winning their way through the consolation bracket, the two teams eventually faced each other once again, and this time O'Quinn, Woolley and Sellers won. They ended up competing against Angelo State University in the finals

and emerged victorious.

"It wasn't really like two teams," O'Quinn said. "It wasn't like one Tech team won and the other Tech team lost. It's just a matter of formality. If all six of us could have been on one team, we would have. We consider ourselves all one team. The Tech team won."

Rogers noted that combined the teams only lost three rounds.

"Two of our losses were to our own team," she said. "It really was a group win."

In the six-year history of the competition, Tech has won three national titles — in 2003, 2005, and now 2007.

"It felt really good," O'Quinn



The Texas Tech Meat Judging Team

said. "It means a lot that Tech has a commitment to excellence. It's good to be at a school that wants to succeed."

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THE FRONT PAGE: The Masked Rider statue beside the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

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U.N. reaches agreement for nuclear talks with Iran

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The U.N. nuclear watchdog has reached an agreement with Iran on how to conduct negotiations over Tehran's contentious nuclear program, the delegation's chief said Thursday.

The International Atomic Energy Agency and Iran have "reached an agreement on the modality for resolving the remaining outstanding issues" regarding Tehran's nuclear program, said Olli Heinonen, the IAEA's chief of delegation, after talks with his Iranian counterpart.

Deputy nuclear negotiator Javad Vaeedi, who headed the Iranian team, called the discussions "constructive" and said the three rounds of talks made "good progress."

He said the talks had moved beyond the preparatory discussions on resolving the standoff.

"We specifically reached an agreement on the modality for resolving the remaining issues," Vaeedi told reporters.

Neither negotiator elaborated on what "modality" had been agreed upon, although Heinonen said the parties had "agreed on four, five steps."

"We will continue our dialogue within the next few weeks so that we can tackle all outstanding issues," Heinonen told a joint news conference.

Talks between the five-member IAEA delegation and Iran began Wednesday, hours after President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad again stated that the West should not expect Tehran to suspend uranium enrichment

State-run television said the IAEA delegation was not due to inspect nuclear facilities during its two-day visit.

IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei said earlier this week that Iran has scaled back its uranium enrichment program, suggesting there was a new willingness from the government to resolve the international deadlock over its nuclear stance.

House panel closer to contempt charges against former Bush aide

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House panel cleared the way Thursday for contempt proceedings against former White House counsel Harriet Miers after she obeyed President Bush and skipped a hearing on the firings of federal prosecutors.

Addressing the empty chair where Miers had been subpoenaed to testify, Rep. Linda Sanchez ruled out of order Bush's executive privilege claim that his former advisers are immune from being summoned before Congress.

The House Judiciary subcommittee that Sanchez chairs voted 7-5 to sustain her ruling. The next step would be for the full Judiciary Committee to issue a finding that Miers, Bush's longtime friend and former Supreme Court nominee, was in contempt. Ultimately, the full House would have to vote on any contempt citation.

"Those claims are not legally valid," Sanchez, D-Calif., said of Bush's declaration, made Monday. "Ms. Miers is required pursuant to the subpoena to be here now."

The White House showed no signs of backing down, pointing out that Bush was willing to make Miers and other administration officials available for interviews, but only behind closed doors and without a transcript. Democrats have rejected the offer.

"If the House Judiciary Committee wants to avoid confrontation, it should withdraw its subpoenas," said White House spokesman Tony Fratto. "The committee is rejecting accommodation because they prefer just the kind of political spectacle they're engaged in now."

The question grew more pressing when Bush ordered Miers to defy the committee's subpoena, unlike a lower-ranking former White House aide, Sara Taylor, who took a different approach Wednesday.

Acting under her own subpoena, Taylor appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee in an attempt to satisfy both Congress and the White House and thereby avoid a contempt citation.

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"Links" to global warming a shot in the dark

You know what bothers me most of all about global warming (or climate change, it really all depends on who you talk to) is exactly that. Back in the late 1990s, the big threat to the world was "global warming," a phrase that persists until now.

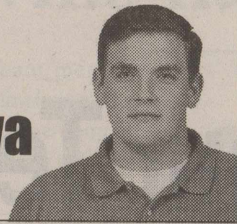
However, proponents of the theory insist it's also "climate change" as well. While global warming — if it were actually occurring — would be considered climate change, the door doesn't swing both ways. In order for the theory to be valid, it must remain steadfast in its claim that, as a whole, the Earth is getting warmer. Yet, when events such as tremendously heavy snowfall or colder than expected temperatures occur, it should be a negation of the theory of global warming.

But not so fast, says Al Gore and Leonardo DiCaprio — whose extent of weather knowledge comes from the fake icebergs he witnessed while shooting "Titanic." That's climate change they say. Their argument creates a wonderfully pre-packaged defense to their theory. Essentially, anything can take the form of climate change (or global warming).

Hence, news outlets were in overdrive during the weekend and early parts of this week in an attempt to make their case for global warming (or climate change). Forest fires, heat waves, dwindling lake levels and floods all spurred news segments over the weekend.

Footage of these various "freak" weather events appeared in conjunction with coverage of Al Gore's "Live Earth" music event, including the heat wave in the desert southwest. For the past week, record temperatures have inundated parts of Arizona and Nevada. Showing footage of these areas with "Live Earth" coverage creates the perception in the viewers mind that, yes, global warming (or climate change) is to blame. Yet, how out of the ordinary is a heat wave

Trey Caliva



in the desert? Even with No Child Left Behind, your average third grader could answer that question.

Stories also appeared in the media about the dropping lake levels at Lake Mead in Arizona and Nevada. Let us remember, it took one of man's greatest engineering achievements, the Hoover Dam, to create the lake. The United States government created a lake in the middle of the desert — a lake that wasn't supposed to be there in the first place — and environmentalists now try to pass the blame on declining lake levels to global warming (or climate change). Perhaps environmentalists should take a page out of their own book. If "Mother Earth" is truly alive, then perhaps she's just reclaiming what should rightfully be hers.

Another of the most covered stories of the past week was the wildfires ravaging the Western United States. Particular focus has gone towards the 300,000-acre wildfire raging in central Utah. Firefighters and forestry experts stated that a majority of these fires, and the speed with which they are spreading, are the result of too effective fire fighting.

Fires are a natural process. The destruction and subsequent reclamation of forests is effective fire management. Natural burning allows the clearing of undergrowth and fuel for potential fires.

When trees are over controlled, they begin to gain a surplus of dry fuel, which then can feed future fires. As more people move into fire-prone areas, homes and property must be protected

by fire fighting. However, it's these poor practices that are to blame for the fires, not global warming (or climate change).

But, still, don't tell Al or Leo that. To them, global warming (or climate change) is just as real as ever.

Never mind that Gore was absolutely wrong — and I would say reckless — in his contention that global warming caused Hurricane Katrina. In "An Inconvenient Truth," Gore stated that global warming (or climate change) would contribute to more frequent and powerful hurricanes. The 2006 hurricane season was a dud, and it wouldn't surprise me one bit if this year was the same. Predictions like the one he made in "An Inconvenient Truth" make Gore look more like Miss Cleo than a climate expert. The real climate "experts" now argue global warming (or climate change) is actually causing wind shear in the Atlantic, which is preventing powerful storms from forming.

When you have to consistently modify your theory it's not a theory, it's a shot in the dark. With the theory of global warming (or climate change) crashing to earth, these people will do anything to scare or manipulate you into believing their crackpot theory. Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. even told an audience at "Live Earth" that denying global warming (or climate change), "is treason, and we need to start treating them as traitors." If that statement were true, I would henceforth like to be known as Benedict Caliva. I'd rather be a traitor than an idiot. The greatest danger to the planet Earth is not global warming (or climate change) it's these nut jobs that, in order to maintain their credibility, will go to any lengths, and tell any lie, to make their belief a reality.

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Time to practice safe text

BY JULIE LORD

Western Courier (Western Illinois U.)

(U-WIRE) MACOMB, Ill. — Hi, my name is Julie, and I am a textaholic.

It has taken me a while to get into the cell phone craze, but within the last year or so I have finally started to embrace it. There is only one thing to blame for this transformation: text messaging.

When it comes to talking on the phone, I can take it or leave it. Without facial expressions and body language, conversation just isn't all that interesting. The text message, however, is quick, to-the-point and much less invasive than a phone call. When it came time to buy a new phone, I bought one with a QWERTY keyboard and a plan that allows me plenty of talk-free communication.

Of course, text messaging isn't new, nor is my obsession with it. What is new, however, is the increasing prevalence of text messaging in our society. You can catch people doing it in class, in church, in a movie theater: Texting goes where phone calls can't. In some cities, such as Chicago, this includes the car.

A recent study conducted by a Fox affiliate in Minnesota showed more and more people are texting behind the wheel. The most disturbing part of the results: The vast majority of the texters were teens.

That's right, folks. Young drivers, many of whom have been behind the wheel for fewer than two years, are routinely taking their eyes off the road to stare at their Razrs and turn numbers into words.

I mentioned my texting problem, and in the interest of full disclosure, I will admit I have texted behind the wheel. I am not proud of it, but I can admit when I am wrong, and texting while driving is very, very wrong.

Hopefully most drivers know devastating things can happen in an instant. Horrible accidents can occur in the time it takes to flip open a phone, let alone punch in a message. The study showed that, at times, some of the drivers were taking their eyes off the road for a full three seconds. Three one thousands. Three Mississippis. Imagine you are driving at 60 mph in normal traffic, then close your eyes for a full three seconds. Now that is scary.

Of course, there are many distractions on the road. Everything from fast food to loud friends has been shown to cause accidents at some point. But at least when munching on french fries or joking with friends, the eyes can usually remain engaged with the act of driving.

It is nearly impossible to text without looking, so text messaging would have to become the driver's primary occupation. The driver's primary occupation should probably be, well, driving.

It seems like an obviously stupid thing to do, but why are so many young drivers partaking of this dangerous activity? I guess it is for the same reason people continue to smoke, drive drunk and opt out of using condoms: Whether we want to admit it or not, we young people are prone to thinking we are invincible.

How much harm could one little text message possibly do? I don't know about you, but I don't want to be the one to find out. Let's all do everyone on the road a favor and practice safe text.

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Investigator says FAA covers up controller errors at DFW

DALLAS (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration has covered up mistakes and created dangerous conditions such as letting planes fly too close at one of the nation's busiest airports, according to a government investigator.

The investigator says the FAA shifted blame to pilots for some incidents at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and downgraded the severity of other events.

The report from the U.S. Office of Special Counsel relies heavily

on two whistle-blowers who work for FAA, including a supervisor. It raises anew charges that were made in 2005 but, according to the official, never fixed.

The special counsel, Scott Bloch, made the accusations in a letter and report sent to Transportation Secretary Mary Peters late Monday. Bloch directed the Transportation Department to investigate and make recommendations for action within 60 days.

Bloch said the FAA manipulated

the reporting of errors to whitewash its safety record and rewarded employees for fewer errors, which he said promoted financial gain over flight safety.

In an interview Thursday, Bloch said he was shocked by what he learned from the whistle-blowers, interviews with other employees and review of radar replays. He accused the FAA of a cover-up and said there was a "culture of laxness" at both the FAA and the air traffic controllers' union.

"The message needs to get out that we have a cavalier attitude about safety ... and a possible national cover-up of safety issues," Bloch said. "If you persistently ignore safety violations, you could continue to commit them and eventually you're going to have an air crash."

"Heads need to roll here," Bloch said.

The FAA said in a statement that it ensures and double-checks that all controller errors are reported correctly. It said representatives from

the Transportation Department's inspector general visited the Dallas-Fort Worth facility within the past six months.

"The flying public can rest assured that the FAA thoroughly investigates every safety deviation, whether it was the result of controller or pilot error and closely tracks and addresses any pattern of errors," the FAA said.

The air traffic controllers' union has long complained about what it considers a shortage of workers at DFW Airport. The union says there are 68 controllers and about 20 trainees in a center that should have 100 workers to manage flights in and out of DFW, Dallas Love Field and smaller area airports.

Doug Church, a spokesman for the union, said any failure to accurately report errors is the fault of managers, not controllers. He said the FAA last month changed the way it classifies some events — letting planes get within 2.8 miles instead of three from each other, for example — to make safety statistics look better.

In his report, Bloch cited an incident two months ago in which a small American Eagle plane cleared for landing came within two miles of a large American Airlines Boeing 757 that was taking off.

In another case, a tower controller cleared an American Eagle flight for takeoff without telling another controller whose job was to release planes for takeoff. The first controller can be heard on tape acknowledging the error.

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Against Me! album falls short of expectations

"Our arenas, are just basements, and bookstores across an underground America..." —Against Me!, from the song Reinventing Axl Rose.

This...this was hard.

In every band's life, there comes a point where one may reach an eventual point of successfulness that they will get courted by a major label.

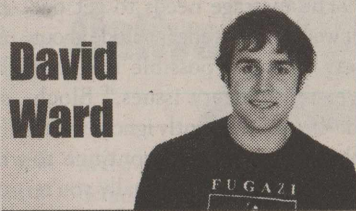
In Against Me!'s life, this came when they were touring for their first album on Fat Wreck Chords, As the Eternal Cowboy, by Universal Records.

Ironically, their first major label representative came to the show I first saw them at and booked.

They then wrote a response record to their fans and the music industry with Searching for a Former Clarity, debunking(somewhat) any ideas they had about signing to the evil empire known as major labels.

"That a way to get them guys," I said. "Show them you aren't anybody's music puppet."

David Ward



This record, New Wave, has come out, on Sire Records, amidst huge backlash from many of their long supporting fans, including myself.

Yet I had hope, I wrote the band the day I found out and three days later received an e-mail from lead singer Tom Gabel with a detailed list of reasons why the band made their move. So I held hope for their integrity and the song writing prowess they have maintained fairly steadily throughout their career.

When I first heard their debut LP, Reinventing Axl Rose, I can safely say they changed my life, my outlook on music, and the community that I was so adamantly ready to defend and fight for.

This latest album is, well, it's bland.

That isn't to say you, the curious reader wouldn't enjoy the album, especially since this will be the first time many of you have actually heard mention of this folk-blazed torch via Gainesville, Fla.

But if you are like me and have been keeping track of this band since they have tried to relight the boiler in the heart of every punk, rocker, despondent, apathetic, wandering youth trying to find their heart and put it in a place they feel it is secure.

There are few bands you can feel an intimate relationship with by just seeing them in concert and listening to their records.

With New Wave, there seems to be a detachment. The feeling that comes across me is bewilderment. "Is this it?" I asked myself. This is the hyped album I couldn't wait to tell people about?

Really, what this is about though, is looking for answers. When you invest so much time

and effort into any endeavor, you hope you will eventually receive some compensation, some guidance if you will. And in this reviewer's opinion, there are some coherent thoughts and catchy songs, but nothing as brazen as previous work.

These songs are loud, they have the

with their own identity.

"Americans Abroad" and "White People for Peace" are the outcries to politics and ironic jabs I thought they were.

Hell, even the duet with Tegan and Sarah is somewhat endearing, but 10 songs? Where is the epic I needed, longed for, and still desire to this day?

Perhaps music is finally jading this callous music critic. Perhaps my staple go-to guys are fading away, but with any intense and passionate relationship, there will always be hope for a revival, and the answers I am so fraught for.

Hopefully they are yelling at me and the like in "Thrash Unreal" when they say, "They don't know nothing about redemption." I



AGAINST ME! NEW WAVE

brazen anger, they have the hooks, but I still can't find what I feel is missing.

Tracks like "Thrash Unreal" and "Piss and Vinegar" are without a doubt, the old outcries from a band struggling

hope so, but I'm not so sure.

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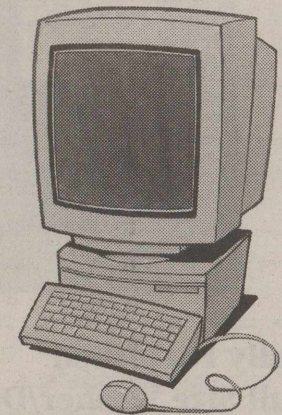
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Daniel Radcliffe not going wild when he turns 18

NEW YORK (AP) — Don't get your hopes up, gossip hounds. Daniel Radcliffe, who turns 18 later this month, isn't planning any trips to rehab or jail.

"What everybody would love to see is me having ditched school and then just going wild," says Radcliffe, star of the "Harry Potter" movies, in the latest issue of Entertainment Weekly magazine, on newsstands Friday. "That's what I'm determined not to give them."

Radcliffe was 11 when he was first cast as the bespectacled schoolboy wizard.

Warner Bros.' "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," the fifth movie in the series based on J.K. Rowling's novels, opened Wednesday.

"I actually don't mind watch-

ing myself, for sort of the first time in five films," Radcliffe says. "I have got better. Thank God! I still see a lot of room for improvement, obviously. But I've started to see Harry rather than myself."

Radcliffe's racy role in the London stage production of "Equus," in which he played a troubled stableboy who mutilates horses, was a departure from his wholesome image.

"There probably will be some people that never quite separate me from Harry," he says of a post-Potter career. "I'm just going to get on with it."

Rowling's much anticipated seventh and final book — "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" — arrives July 21. Radcliffe will celebrate his 18th birthday two days later.

BBC apologizes for remarks about Queen

LONDON (AP) — The British Broadcasting Corp. apologized to Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday for saying she had walked out of portrait sitting with photographer Annie Leibovitz.

The BBC said a promotional trailer released Wednesday from the upcoming documentary, "A Year With the Queen," showed the monarch arriving, not departing.

That scene showed the queen walking down a Buckingham Palace corridor, wearing a crown and her Order of the Garter robes, and telling her lady-in-waiting: "I'm not changing anything. I've had enough dressing like this, thank you very much."

"In this trailer, there is a sequence that implies that the queen left a sitting prematurely," the BBC said.

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I have made close relationships here that I would not have forged if I had not chosen to live on campus. I also believe that living on campus has helped me stay out of many typically dangerous college situations, since the environment here is so naturally conducive to safe activities and group recreation.

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Oklahoma to appeal NCAA decision

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The University of Oklahoma plans to appeal the NCAA's ruling that the school was guilty of a "failure to monitor" the employment of players and must erase eight football victories from the 2005 season.

The NCAA also said Wednesday that the Sooners must cut two scholarships for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 school years in the case involving two players kicked off the team last August for being paid for work they didn't perform at a Norman car dealership.

Oklahoma president David Boren said the university will appeal the NCAA's "failure to monitor" finding and the ruling that Oklahoma must erase the 2005 wins. As of Thursday, Oklahoma had 14 days to notify the NCAA in writing of any such appeal.

"We do not believe that erasing the 2005 season from the record books is fair to the over 100 student athletes and coaches who played by the rules and worked their hearts out for a successful season that year," Boren said.

The Sooners went 8-4 and beat Oregon in the Holiday Bowl to end the 2005 season. Records from that season involving quarterback Rhett Bomar and offensive lineman J.D. Quinn must be erased, the NCAA said, and coach Bob Stoops' career record will be amended, dropping it from 86-19 in eight seasons to 78-19.

Oklahoma also will have two years of probation added to an earlier penalty, extending the Sooners' probation to May 23, 2010.

Those sanctions are in addition to those already self-imposed by Oklahoma, which has banned athletes from working at the car dealership until at least the 2008-09 academic year and moved to prevent the athletes' supervisor at the dealership, Brad McRae, from being involved with the program until at least August 2011.

Oklahoma also will reduce the number of football coaches who are allowed to recruit off campus this fall. The Sooners also dismissed Bomar, Quinn and walk-on Jermaine Hardison from the team.

Q&A with Jay Jackson: Life after college and trying to further his basketball career

Jay Jackson recently agreed to play for the Atlanta Hawks' summer league team, in an effort to extend his playing career into the professional ranks.

How's the summer league coming together?

"Right now we've just been practicing. It's looking pretty good. Everybody is still getting used to it, but it's coming along pretty good I think."

Anything in particular you are trying to work on?

"Just the pace of play you know it's much faster. It's a 24 second shot clock and so you have to basically get the ball up the court a lot quicker and get into the offense a lot quicker. So I'm just trying to get adjusted to the pace of play."

What's been the most refreshing moment for you in the last few weeks after getting passed up in the draft?

"Well really I still get offers from over seas and stuff like that. I still have three or four offers on

the table from over seas, so I guess it's just good that I know I'll be playing somewhere if this doesn't work out."

What's a normal day for you right now?

"I get up and we have practice from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and then we have another one from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. That's basically it. I just come back to my hotel room and just basically stay here."

What are you looking most forward to in the summer league?

"Honestly just gelling with all the teammates. Coach said he wanted to see how people play unselfishly and how we fit together. That's basically it just trying to get a feel for all the teammates and stuff like that."

What's it like transitioning from being the go to guy at Tech to the summer league?

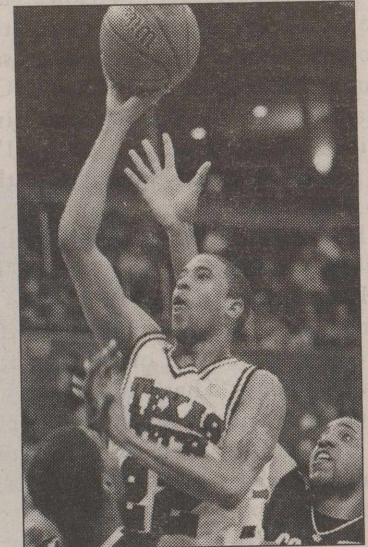
"I think it hasn't been difficult for me at all. It's a lot of pressure off of me; you don't have that much pressure on you. You just basically play the game, and if your shots not there, at this level everybody can play so you can kick it out to someone else, and they can make a play too."

Coming from Bobby Knight's coaching system, does that help you with the coaching style in the NBA?

"Oh yeah definitely a lot, we're pretty much doing the same stuff that (Coach Knight) taught us, and that's one thing I was already used to. That made the transition a lot easier because how he coached us. Now this assistant coach for Atlanta is basically doing the same things. It worked out very good."

What'd you learn from the draft process?

"That nothing is definite unless you have a guaranteed commitment



Jackson

from a team. With the free agency you could still make somebody's team. Just because you don't get drafted doesn't mean you can't be in the NBA. You can still make the NBA with the summer leagues."

Why do you think you were passed up in the draft?

"I think it's undefined what position I am, like a point guard or a shooting guard. I would say some teams look for a pure point guard and some teams look for more of a combo guard. It goes back and forth so with some teams they were looking for a pure point guard. I consider myself more of a combo guard."

What's your ultimate goal right now?

"My ultimate goal right now is try to do good in the summer league and hopefully sign with an NBA team. If that doesn't work I still have offers from good over-seas teams in Europe."

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Tech baseball team announces 2 new assistant coaches

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Shortly after the 2007 season, Tech baseball coach Larry Hays announced a reorganization of the team's coaching staff. However, he did not announce until July 2 that former Red Raider Dan Spencer, "one of the most qualified coaching assistants in years", was part of that reorganization.

After building a program over the last 11 years that has won back-to-back national championships at Oregon State, Spencer said he left a situation that most coaches would be content to stay and soak in.

"It was time for me to do something different," he said. "I had been at Oregon State long enough, it was time. If you're not the head coach it's hard to be at one place for that long. I like new challenges and there was

always something special about Lubbock for me. Plus I have tremendous respect for Larry Hays."

Spencer, becomes the associate head coach and recruiting coordinator for Tech. He will coach the same positions at Tech, pitching and catching, that he coached at Oregon State for the last four years. Spencer played three years at Tech with one season under Hays.

Hays said during the press conference that he would like Spencer to replace him when he retires, but no date has been set for Hays' retirement.

"I don't think I'm exaggerating if I said that Dan Spencer is the best pitching coach in America," Hays said during the press conference. "We've been playing Oregon State for years. Every time we faced them you could see them getting a little better every year. Then they turn the pitching over to this guy and they make

three trips in a row (to the College World Series)."

Spencer's coaching in 2006 and 2007 led Oregon State's pitchers to compile a cumulative 3.41 ERA and a 3.48 ERA, respectively.

Trent Petrie, another assistant coach named alongside Spencer, spent last season as an assistant coach at the University of New Mexico. Petrie worked under former Tech assistants Frank Anderson and Greg Evans as director of baseball operations at Oklahoma State University.

Petrie was recruited by Anderson and played under coach Hays for one season at Tech in 1992 but finished his playing career at Lubbock Christian University. Petrie said the amount of attention the hiring received during the last couple weeks is due to Spencer's impressive track record, but he remains excited.

"It is an exciting time, not only

for me, but for my family," Petrie said. "My wife went to Tech. It's a great opportunity to come back to Lubbock and hopefully get this program jump started and get it back to where Coach Hays, the university, and the city of Lubbock want the program to be."

Petrie will assist Spencer with recruiting efforts and coach infield.

Spencer said pitching needs to be the first priority while recruiting for next year.

"(Pitching) was one of the things we had at Oregon State, we're known as a pitching school," Spencer said. "So we were able to attract those (recruits) these last couple of years. I think that's what we got to convince guys at Texas Tech to do, come to Lubbock and pitch."

Chad Bettis, a recruit from Monterey High School, was drafted in the eighth round of the 2007 MLB

draft by the Houston Astros but passed on the offer and decided to pitch at Tech.

"I wish we had about three more like him," Petrie said about Bettis. "I've seen Chad throw and feel like he will be an impact guy for us as a freshman. You can't put into words what that means for our program."

Spencer said the publicity for the re-tooling of the coaching staff came out of right field, but he intends to give fans and the community what they want.

"I'm honored to come to Texas Tech," Spencer said. "I'm flattered by the response. I feel like I owe it to (fans) to make sure I stay and don't lose my edge and go find players, recruit aggressively and see if we can't get this thing going. I don't have a Big 12 championship ring, and I'd like to have one."

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Bonds record-breaker could draw interesting reaction on the road

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — If Barry Bonds doesn't splash his 756th home run into the bay, the record-breaker could come in Hank Aaron's old hometown. Or at the home of the Giants' biggest rival. Or maybe a ballpark where fans usually throw back balls.

And that could be pretty awkward. Picture a major moment in sports taking place in front of a crowd that didn't want to see it happen.

"I can't imagine they wouldn't want that to happen at home anyway,"

Milwaukee pitcher Ben Sheets said at the All-Star game. "That's a big record. You almost need to give it its due. The only place you can really give it its due is at home. Make sure you tell him that, too."

Bonds enters a three-game weekend series at home against the Los Angeles Dodgers with 751 homers, four shy of tying Aaron. After this week, the Giants visit Wrigley Field for four games against the Chicago Cubs, then travel to Milwaukee to play the Brewers three times.

Milwaukee is the hometown of commissioner Bud Selig, a close friend of Aaron's. Selig still hasn't said whether he'll be in attendance when Bonds breaks the record. There are also plenty of Aaron fans left in the city where Hammerin' Hank began and ended his career.

While Bonds gets booed at almost every opposing ballpark because of his prickly personality and allegations

of steroid use, a celebration could be particularly strange in Milwaukee.

"Obviously he's a lightning rod," Sheets said. "It's an honor that should be celebrated not taken away from. I'm not sure people will appreciate what just happened. At least you know in San Francisco that people will be there to honor what just happened. I don't know what would happen in Milwaukee. It's Hank Aaron's record. I just

don't think it would be a good idea."

Brewers shortstop J.J. Hardy admitted he wouldn't mind witnessing history, provided his team won the game.

"I think it would be unbelievable to see it," Hardy said.

If the past is any indication, Hardy's best chance might not be until the Brewers come to San Francisco on Aug. 24.

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