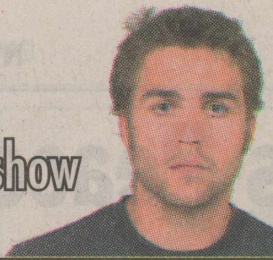


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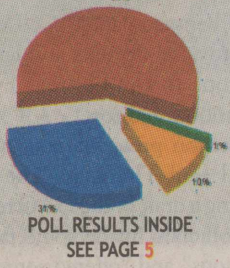
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Coach in videotaped Pee Wee brawl guilty

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A former Pee Wee football coach who was part of videotaped brawl that was downloaded around the world was found guilty Thursday of assaulting a referee.

Robert Watson, 40, faces up to a year in jail and a \$40,000 fine for punching 18-year-old Marc Benavides after Benavides tried to remove him from the final moments of the Pee Wee Super Bowl in November. A jury was determining the sentence.

NATION

Suspect material found in U.N. office

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — U.N. weapons inspectors discovered a potentially hazardous chemical warfare agent that was taken from an Iraqi chemical weapons facility 11 years ago and mistakenly stored in their offices in the heart of midtown Manhattan all that time, officials said Thursday. The material — identified in inventory files as phosgene, a chemical substance used in World War I weapons — was discovered Aug. 24. It was only identified on Wednesday because it was marked simply with an inventory number, and officials had to check the many records in their vast archives, said Ewen Buchanan, a spokesman for the U.N. inspection agency.

WORLD

Train crashes into parked train in Rio suburb

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — A train slammed into a stationary train Thursday near a Rio de Janeiro depot, officials said. A firefighter said there were reports of casualties.

The collision occurred about 200 yards from the Austin station on Rio's poor north side, said a firefighter who gave his name only as Sgt. Goncalves, in line with company policy.

DEATH TOLL

3375

U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began
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U Lofts fails inspection again

By GLENYS BOLLS
STAFF WRITER

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Nearly 150 students waiting to move into U Lofts condominiums were put on hold again Wednesday as the building failed a second inspection with the City of Lubbock.

After his project failed the city's initial inspection Aug. 24, U Lofts owner and developer Dean Minardi said he expected all necessary changes to be completed by Wednesday. Had that happened,

U Lofts would have received its certificate of occupancy, and tenants would have been allowed to move in Thursday.

Still, despite the cost of housing tenants in hotels, aspects of the building's safety system were not up to code.

"They did not have the fire alarm and fire-suppression systems ready yet by the inspection (Wednesday)," said Steve O'Neal, chief building official for the city. "Inspectors from the fire

marshal's office stayed overnight to help them. The fire-suppression system is where it needs to be now, but they're still working on the fire-alarm system, and it's not working properly."

Steven Leoni, one of Minardi's partners on the U Lofts project, said he and Minardi are not too concerned about the inspection failure.

"Inspections happen frequently on a project like this," he said. "There are several different inspections throughout the entire process. It's not uncommon to have more than one

inspection get called in for something that may not pass."

Most aspects of the construction project have been fixed since the last inspection, O'Neal said.

"A number of items were completed from our initial list, but there were 13 items they needed to fix," he said. "Most of those were relatively minor, and they were fixing them as we identified the problems."

Technicians are working to connect all parts of the fire-suppression system into a main computer-operated terminal.

"Software programming is what it is," said Peter Rosen, the third partner in the U Lofts project. "It takes a long time to do the programming process. It has to search for each device — a sensing device — and there are about 800 of them in the building."

Joel Aldrich, a graduate student from Lake Jackson waiting to move into U Lofts, said each delay is more of a nuisance.

"I feel like they're working hard to make the repairs that are necessary,

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- TEXAS A&M AGGIES** @ Jones AT&T, Oct. 13, 2007, Lubbock, Texas
- OKLAHOMA SOONERS** @ Jones AT&T, Nov. 17, 2007, Lubbock, Texas
- IOWA STATE CYCLONES** @ Jones AT&T, Oct. 6, 2007, Lubbock, Texas
- BAYLOR BEARS** @ Baylor, Nov. 3, 2007, Waco, Texas
- MISSOURI TIGERS** @ Missouri, Oct. 20, 2007, Columbia, Missouri
- COLORADO BUFFALOES** @ Jones AT&T, Oct. 27, 2007, Lubbock, Texas



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The Daily Toreador

By BEN MAKI
SPORTS EDITOR

The elusive journey to Louisiana and the national championship game in January, which begins for Mike Leach and his band of pirates Monday, could be a formidable one.

The Texas Tech football team faces a schedule that includes a home game against UTEP, who took the Red Raiders into overtime in 2006 in El Paso; a home game against perennial Big 12 power Oklahoma; and away games against Oklahoma State, Missouri and No. 4 Texas.

Before junior quarterback Graham Harrell can unleash the Air Raid offense on any of those teams, Tech must get past an SMU team, who with Phil Bennett as the coach, has

played close games in Dallas against the Red Raiders. Tech beat the Mustangs 27-13 and 24-14 in 2004 and 2002, respectively, at Gerald J. Ford Stadium.

Stopping quarterback Justin Willis, a freshman All-America and Conference USA Freshman of the Year in 2006, will be key for the Red Raider defense. He threw for more than 2,000 yards and 26 touchdowns, while also rushing for 354 yards and 3 touchdowns.

In the 2006 game against Tech, Willis showed a willingness to tuck the ball and rushed 12 times for 39 yards, including a 22 yard gain, but senior defensive back Chris Parker said Willis is not expected to run as much this year.

"Their quarterback is more mature this year," he said.

"He is staying in the pocket more, but he still has the ability to take off and run and hurt you with his legs."

In a press conference, Bennett said he is just looking for his signal caller to limit his number of fumbles.

"The thing we're looking for is (Willis)," he said. "You know he gave us the ability for the big play, we're looking for him to be more efficient and do a better job of protecting the ball."

Tech also must pay attention to two former Freshmen All Americans in junior running back DeMyron Martin and sophomore

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Iraq report draws criticism from White House, Pentagon

By ANNE FLAHERTY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — An independent assessment concluding that Iraq has made little political progress in recent months despite an influx of U.S. troops drew fierce objections from the White House on Thursday and provided fresh ammunition for Democrats who want to bring troops home.

The political wrangling came

days before the report was to be officially released and while most lawmakers were still out of town for the August recess, reflecting the high stakes involved for both sides in the Iraq war debate. President Bush, who planned to meet Friday at the Pentagon with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is nearing a decision on a way forward in Iraq while Congress planned another round of votes this fall to end the war.

A draft report by the Government

Accountability Office concluded Iraq has satisfied three of 18 benchmarks set by Congress and partially met two others, a senior administration official said Thursday. None of those are the high-profile political issues such as passage of a national oil revenue sharing law that the Bush administration has said are critical to Iraq's future.

The State Department, Pentagon and White House dispute some GAO findings, including the conclusion

that Iraq has only partially met tests involving its budget process and legislation dealing with semiautonomous regions in the large, multiethnic country, two officials said.

Administration officials also disputed that Iraq has failed to provide three trained and ready Iraqi brigades to support Baghdad operations or to ensure that the security plan will not provide a safe haven for outlaws.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to describe internal

deliberations that included lengthy meetings Thursday at the White House. The GAO may alter some of its findings in response to administration arguments, one official said.

Administration officials also said the draft report is unrealistically harsh because it assigned pass-or-fail grades to each benchmark.

The GAO found that Iraq had fully met requirements to:

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New program couples Peace Corps with graduate degree

By ADAM YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

Students who can not decide between traveling overseas or earning a master's degree can have both with a new degree program offered by Texas Tech.

In coordination with the U.S. Peace Corps, Tech's master's degree in agriculture and the master's degree in English can be merged with two years of service with Peace Corps to create the Peace Corps Master's International degree.

"We haven't reinvented the

wheel," said Richard Menard, a senior counselor of international affairs. "We just took degree programs that Tech already has and are giving students credit towards their Texas Tech degree for their Peace Corps service."

The degree will give students the opportunity to earn a master's degree while gaining work experience abroad. To earn the degree, students will take 30 class hours on campus and will receive six hours for two years of Peace Corps service.

"It allows people, who after they're done with their college degrees and

aren't sure what they want to do, a chance to gain some experience working in other countries by helping them gain skills that the U.S. already has," Menard said.

Sandy Crossier, director of international affairs, said the Peace Corps degree could help increase students' marketability.

"Today, I think employers are looking more and more for people who have the skills to deal with people of other cultures," she said. "This degree gives you the academic credentials you need as well as the work credentials you need to be able

to pursue that kind of goal."

Norman Hopper, associate academic dean of Agriculture Science and Natural Resources, said the degree program will have the added benefit of saving students' time.

"By putting these two programs together, we can probably save students at least a semester, or perhaps a year, in getting both of these accomplished," he said.

After serving with the Peace Corps in Thailand, Crossier said she encourages students to get involved.

"It was a life changing experi-

ence," she said. "You have a chance to figure out who you are without the definitions that define who you are in your own culture. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn a lot about yourself."

Menard said another benefit of the Peace Corps is that the organization can have a student's financial aid payments waived or suspended for the two years they are in the program.

The new degree program will be formally announced on Wednesday in coordination with national Peace Corps representatives visiting the

Tech campus.

The representative will present information about opportunities with the Peace Corps Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the University Library's Croslin room.

According to the Peace Corps Web site, www.peacecorps.gov, benefits of being in the corps include medical care, dental care and housing, as well as a monthly stipend, transportation to and from your host country, graduate study benefits, 24 vacation days a year, and a \$6,075 readjustment allowance after two years of service.

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Shrimp cook gives birth 30 miles offshore

FREEPOR (AP) — When the cook on his shrimp boat went into labor 30 miles offshore, captain Ed Kiesel grabbed a new roll of paper towels and a first aid handbook and did the best he could.

He successfully delivered Cindy Preisel's baby boy, even though the baby's feet emerged first.

"I'm no doctor, but even I knew that's not supposed to happen," Kiesel said.

"I reached with my fingers... as

gently as I could and popped out his left shoulder and then his right," he said. "But then the little guy was stuck by his head, being strangled. So I did the only thing I could — I waited for a contraction and then slid my fingers in around the top of his head and scooped him out."

But the newborn wasn't breathing, so Kiesel gently administered CPR.

"I started giving mouth-to-mouth, three short puffs, and then thumping

and rubbing its back," he said.

The baby began to take short breaths, and after 20 to 25 minutes of CPR, gulped in air. His lips turned rosy and he started crying.

"I was so happy and relieved," Cindy Preisel said. "It's hard to put into words."

Kiesel used net twine, sterilized in boiling water, to tie off the umbilical cord and cut the newborn free from his mother.

Friends waited at the dock in Freeport, about 55 miles south of Houston, with bottles and baby clothes. Preisel named the baby Brian Edward Mawhorr, after his father and the captain who delivered him. The baby wasn't due until mid-September.

Kiesel said the boat, which set out from Fort Myers, Fla., on July 15, will head out to the Gulf of Mexico again on Friday. The newborn's father, Brian Mawhorr, will continue on as a deck hand, but Preisel planned to stay with family.

Iraq

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—Establish political, media, economic, and services committees in support of the Baghdad security plan. That plan involves many of the 30,000 U.S. troops Bush sent to Iraq this year.

— Establish joint security stations in neighborhoods across Baghdad.

— Ensure the rights of minority political parties in the Iraqi legislature are protected.

Bush has suggested he intends to stick to his Iraq strategy, but in his meeting Friday at the Pentagon he's expected to hear some of the Joint Chiefs express deep concern at the long-term impact on the military of maintaining a heavy troop presence in Iraq in 2008 and beyond. Now, there are more than 160,000 troops in Iraq, the most since the war began in 2003.

The Army and the Marine Corps have shouldered most of the

burden, creating strains that service leaders fear could hurt their recruiting as well as their preparedness for other military emergencies. The Joint Chiefs are not, however, expected to urge Bush to withdraw from Iraq entirely as many Democrats want.

"It is clear that every objective expert keeps providing the American public with the same facts: that the president's flawed Iraq strategy is failing to deliver what it needs to — a political solution for Iraq," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

GAO officials briefed congressional staff behind closed doors, promising an unvarnished assessment when an unclassified version of the report is publicly released on Sept. 4.

"The real question that people have is: What's going on in Iraq? Are we making progress? Militarily, is the surge having an impact?" said White House spokesman Tony Snow. "The answer is yes. There's no question about it."

But Democrats and even some Republicans say military progress made in recent weeks is not the issue. If Baghdad politicians refuse to reach a lasting political settlement that can influence the sectarian-fueled violence, the increase in troops is useless, they said.

The Pentagon and State Department provided detailed and lengthy objections to the findings by the congressional auditors.

Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell said Thursday that after reviewing a draft of the GAO report, policy officials "made some factual corrections" and "offered some suggestions on a few of the actual grades" assigned by the GAO.

"We have provided the GAO with information which we believe will lead them to conclude that a few of the benchmark grades should be upgraded from 'not met' to 'met,'" Morrell said.

State Department deputy spokesman Tom Casey said the GAO should at least note progress made when ruling that Iraq has failed

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— TONY SNOW
WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN

to meet a specific benchmark.

Democrats are expected to try to use money needed to support the war as leverage to bring troops home. The Pentagon has requested \$147 billion for Iraq and Afghanistan for the 2007 budget year, which begins Oct. 1. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Thursday suggested Bush should not be asking Congress to approve "tens of billions more dollars" when independent voices like GAO find the Iraqis are failing to reach a political accord.

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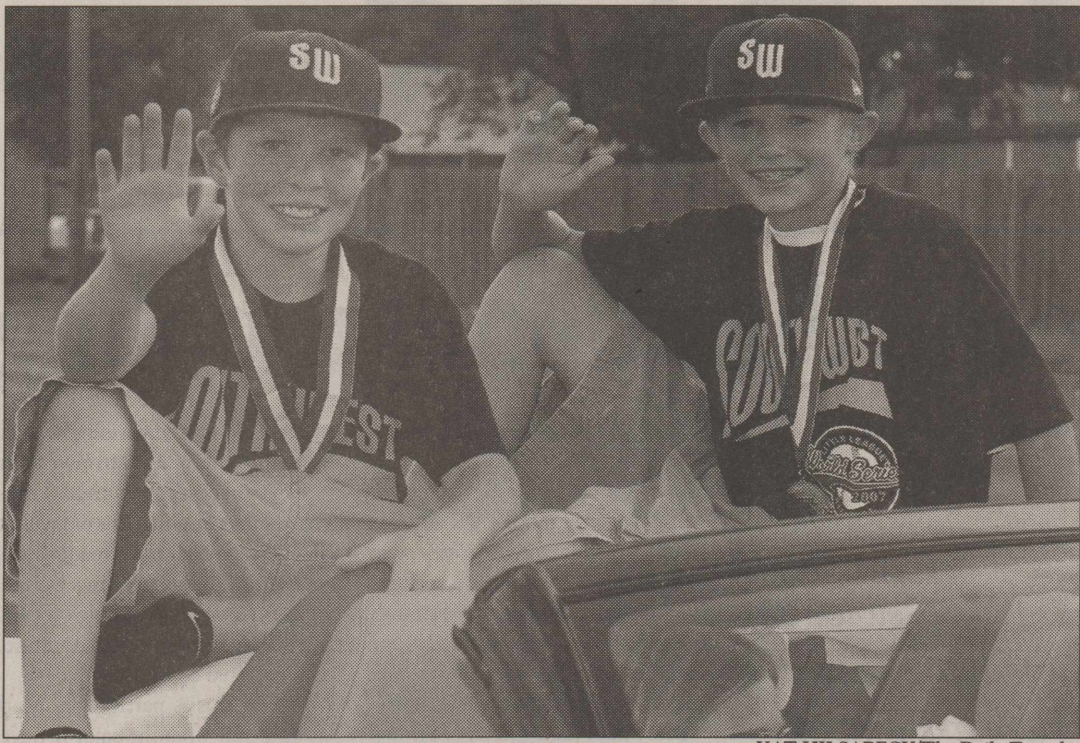
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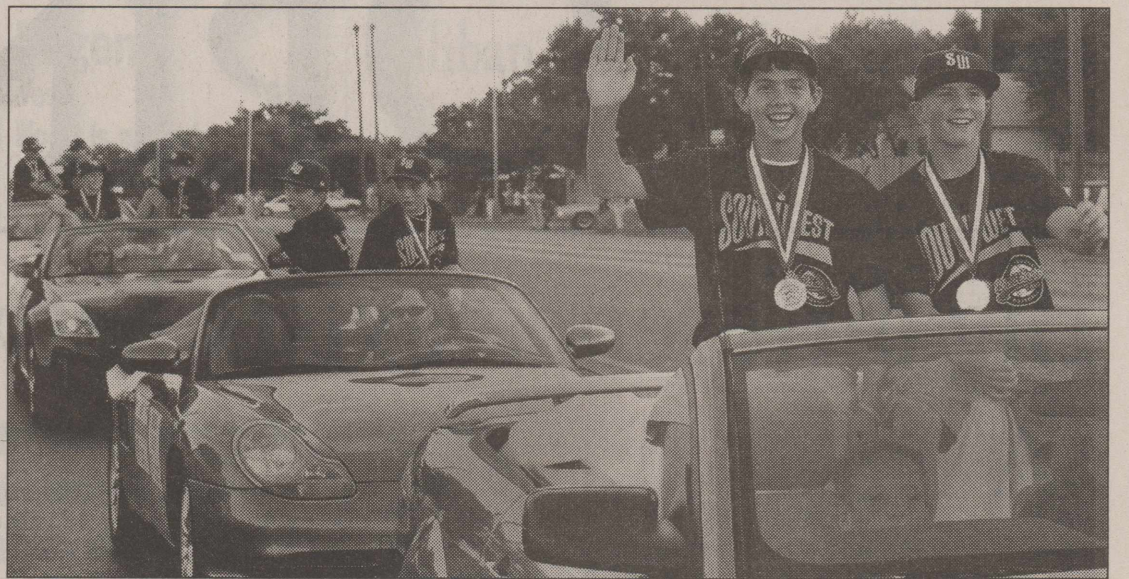

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MAX RANDOLPH AND Bo Ricks of the Lubbock Westerners Little League team wave to crowds lining Slide Road Thursday evening. The team finished the Little League World Series in third place.



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TAYLOR BRIDGES AND Gregory Hewett of the Lubbock Westerners Little League team wave to crowds lining Slide Road during a parade to welcome the all-stars home on Thursday evening.

Boy, 9, charged with beating 11-month-old at day care

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — An 11-month-old boy was fatally beaten at a home day center, and authorities have charged a 9-year-old boy also attending the day care with the death and the center's owner with putting the child in harm's way. Authorities said the older boy repeatedly hit Tahir Francis in the head a week ago, causing skull fractures. Tahir was taken to a hospital and died about six

hours later while undergoing surgery. "I want to know what kind of home the 9-year-old comes from," father Tawfah Francis told The Associated Press on Thursday. "He doesn't understand, you can't do these things to a baby." The child was buried on Wednesday, the Francis said. "Right now, it's still devastating, and I don't know when it will not be devastating," he said. "We're trying to

cope as best we can." Francis said that while he doesn't blame the center's owner, Beverly Bryant, 64, for his son's death, he does think she tried to cover up what happened. "I found out about the bleeding in my son's brain, and I asked her what happened and she wouldn't tell me," Francis said. "She knew and she tried to cover it up."

U Lofts

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but every day that I'm living at the Holiday Inn I get more frustrated," he said. "Honestly, at this point I don't see how they can keep failing. They have a list of what needs done."

O'Neal said he is waiting only for the final OK before issuing the certificate that will allow students to move in.

"We're just waiting to hear from the fire marshal's office," he said. "As soon as we hear from them we'll issue the temporary certificate of occupancy. We don't know how quickly they'll resolve this problem,

but obviously we all want to get those kiddos in there."

As much as he wants to get into his apartment, Aldrich said he wasn't holding his breath that the complex would pass its inspection.

"I was kind of cautiously optimistic, but I was trying not to get my hopes up in case they moved it back again," he said. "I'm not really surprised."

The U-Lofts employees are working diligently to keep the students informed of everything that is happening, the owners said.

"We keep them posted daily, hourly, as information comes in," Leoni said. "We tell everybody what we know up to the moment. Sometimes we just

don't have an answer."

Aldrich said there must be some misinformation along the line, because he checked out of the Holiday Inn after he was told U Lofts passed Wednesday's inspection.

"This is the second time I've checked out and had to check back in," he said.

U Lofts managers said they have extended the hotel rooms through

this morning and have moving crews ready to assist the students.

"We've been doing all we can to accommodate them," Rosen said. "We've been very happy that we haven't had a lot of fallout. They understand the situation we're in, and I don't think they're putting blame on anybody."

Although he said he understands how the students are feeling,

Leoni said he does not want to risk anyone's safety.

"It's not something we want to rush," he said. "Ultimately, the safety of our residents is paramount."

As of press time, the partners were waiting for the fire alarm system to be completed. Rosen said the fire marshals and city inspectors were on call and would

do the inspection as soon as the system was ready. They expected to receive the certificate of occupancy overnight.

U Lofts personnel contacted students to arrange move-in times for today.

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Big difference exists between education, schooling

As the first week of the school year draws to a close, it is a good time to reflect on our purpose as university students. For me, this week is more significant than the first week of January because as a semi-professional student, this is really the start of my New Year.

This year, I'm focusing on distinguishing between schooling and an education. For some, these words might be interchangeable, yet in my mind, they have two entirely different meanings.

Schooling is what happens in the desolate wastelands we call high schools. It is mandatory, compulsory and utterly useless. The goal of schooling is to mold, or even domesticate, people into submission to establish societal norms. Success in these environments reflects obedience and ability to conform rather than any accurate measure of intellectual ability.

If anything, formalized, mandatory

Sarai Brinker



schooling has dumbed us down instead of stimulating our minds. In 1776, Thomas Paine's "Common Sense" sold 600,000 copies to a population of 3,000,000 — 70 percent of which was either enslaved or indentured servants, according to John Taylor Gatto. This was before compulsory education, yet I doubt such a high percentage of today's population possess the ability to truly comprehend the work.

Today's system of schooling is the land of standardized tests, which measure one's ability to regurgitate information in predictable ways. These tests do not require the ability to think independently and creatively, two concepts of incredible importance

to a free society, if it wishes to remain as such.

Schooling conditions people to accept that which is placed in front of them by those in power, resulting in an easily manipulated population that without question accepts what is shown on the evening news.

Good grades, which we have been led to believe are important, are nothing more than a measure of conformity — which itself is only an accurate reflection of whether or not one is able to obey orders.

What truly counts is not the ability to procure 'A' after 'A,' but quality of ideas and ability to perform in real-world situations. These are qualities acquired through educating oneself, and may or may not represent a high grade on a test.

A true education cannot be attained by going through the motions of taking a quota of classes and jumping through appropriate hoops. Education is not given to you, as

schooling is; it must be earned from the inside out.

"It's possible to graduate with a rubber-stamped, cookie-cut degree without a true education."

— SARAI BRINKER
DT COLUMNIST

I believe it is possible, in this day and age of overpopulated classes, "graduate on time" contracts (whatever that means), multiple-choice exams and pressure, to graduate and get a job (any job!).

It's possible to graduate with a rubber-stamped, cookie-cut degree without a true education.

If you want more than a piece of paper to show for the investment of several years of your life spent at a university, and I know I certainly do, it's not enough to go to class and memorize bullet points on PowerPoint slides and bubble in correct answers.

More important than those things is the discourse exchanged freely between peers and professors and the time spent reading and writing about new ideas and concepts.

Thomas Merton went so far as to say, "the least of learning is done in the classroom."

The word "educate" comes from the Latin educere, meaning to "lead or draw out the latent abilities of a person." I love this phrasing — it makes me feel as though by reading and discovering new ideas, I'm becoming a sort of samurai mind-warrior.

This process of "drawing out latent

abilities" requires suspending preconceived thoughts or ideas in favor of intense exploration of new ideas. This is pretty much the antithesis of my high school experience, and it requires a lot more effort than attending lectures and systematically checking off completed classes from a predetermined list of required courses.

I think this is partly what Mark Twain meant when he said, "I never let schooling interfere with my education."

My "new year's resolution," then, is to become able to claim this for myself.

It can be easy to get so caught up with earning a degree that you forget why the degree is important. As for myself, my goal is to make sure my degree is not just a piece of paper, but the symbol of a true education.

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Don't fight discrimination with discrimination

In a world hindered by political correctness, things often arrive cloaked in a name meant to hide their true meaning. One such subject is known by many terms. Some call it a race-based initiative, some call it meeting quotas and yet others refer to it as affirmative action.

Reading these phrases, it might be a bit hard to tell the action they describe. All these are terms used to describe the advancement of certain individuals in educational and employment settings based on their minority status.

These programs are supposed to help groups who, historically, have been discriminated against make their way into society. This sounds like a noble cause, one any civil-rights advocate would strive for.

The problem with programs like these is they trade one form of discrimination for another. In the business world or in college admissions, using race or sex as a factor is discrimination. This takes the form of discrimination against the people who do not meet the right criterion. Moreover, it implies the people meeting these criterion would not be good enough to attain their spots based on their own merit.

Affirmative action can take many forms in the business world. Some state and federal policies force businesses to meet racial and gender quotas. State policies, such

Brian Ridley



as those in Texas and California, require certain percentages of state projects to be contracted to certified minority companies. These kinds of government interventions can lose companies' money and keep qualified candidates out of the work force. They are unnecessary.

Let's take professional sports teams as an example. Minorities are more than fairly represented on fields and courts across America. This has nothing to do with discrimination or affirmative action. It simply shows when owners are given the option, they will hire the best individuals for the job. If team owners discriminated when picking their players, their teams would lose, and revenue would be lost. Who would choose to lose talent and money?

Now let's carry this idea over to the business world. The No. 1 goal in the business world is to make money. If given the opportunity, business owners, just like team owners, would hire the right personnel for the job. Implementing quotas takes away an employer's ability to hire the right people, causing profit loss. This practice is also unfair to the person

who loses that potential job to a less-qualified candidate.

On college campuses, affirmative action is used for two main purposes: to fight discrimination in the admissions process and to increase diversity on the campus. Seeing as women, for the most part, are no longer underrepresented on college campuses, the main target of academic quotas is to admit more minorities. If colleges really wanted to stop racial discrimination in the admission processes, they would get rid of the box where you check what ethnicity you are.

Universities will not do that, though, because they are not looking to stop discrimination, only to change whom they discriminate against. As for diversity, universities also have a very distorted view of what diversity is.

Adding race as a factor in admissions might bring diversity of skin color, but it promises nothing more. Most colleges will say diversity of opinion and background is vital to the educational experience and is what they are striving for.

This is not, however, accomplished by racial-admission policies. What the schools do not tell you, though, is they really do not care about diversity of opinion. According to a recent survey by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, 72 percent of college professors describe themselves as liberal,

and 15 percent describe themselves as conservative. The ACTA also reports not a single institution has taken concrete steps to achieve the goal of intellectual diversity.

Can you name the three undergraduate schools in Texas that use race-based initiatives in their admission processes? In case you are not quite sure, they are Rice University, the University of Texas and, of course, Texas Tech.

In an interview with the Young Conservatives of Texas in the spring, Stephanie Anderson, then with the Office of Admissions at Tech, said, "We are currently working to recruit a more ethnically diverse student body." When asked if she thought the demographics of Tech more should reflect West Texas or Texas graduation rates, Anderson indicated Tech should match Texas' and national graduation rates. The crucial question of why diversity is important also was asked of Anderson. The answer: the university tells admissions it is, so they use it as a factor, Anderson said.

While true diversity and ending discrimination are very worthy goals, affirmative action and quotas will not achieve them. Using discrimination to fight discrimination is not the answer.

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American idle: 2008 presidential campaigns too much like reality TV

BY KATHLEEN WATSON
THE DAILY IOWAN (U. IOWA)

(U-WIRE) IOWA CITY, Iowa — How many of the 2008 presidential candidates can you name?

Whenever I ask that question, the person I'm speaking with usually comes up with two or three names right away. Then there is a pause — followed by an "oh yeah..." and then he or she can generally name one or two candidates from the opposing party. (It's easy to forget the ones you would never even consider voting for.) On average, people come up with around five

candidates, and once they can't think of any more, they become apologetic or embarrassed and say, "I know, I should really pay more attention. I'm going to start as it gets closer."

I'm not trying to make anyone feel bad. My response is, "It's not your fault." The media coverage of politics seems to be catered toward fans of reality television. I've heard the issue of "Is Barack black enough" debated more times than I've heard any policy debates. The media love to talk about the candidates and their campaign funds. It's ironic, really. The candidates

who raise the most money for advertising are effectively given free advertising via the media's constant discussion of how much money they've raised... for advertising. Amazing.

With the presidential election 15 months away, many Iowans are getting burned out by all of the media coverage. They feel that the election seems too far away, and I used to feel the same way. Politics seemed complicated and dull to me, so I never paid much attention until a month or two before the election. I felt that I was making an educated choice after watching two

candidates debate in September or October. Then, 2004 came along, and I realized that my lack of attention was part of the problem.

In November 2004 I, like many other independent voters, walked into the booth having to decide whom to vote against instead of casting a vote with a sense of hope. I felt disgusted as I considered who would do the least amount of damage as my president. As much as I disliked George Bush, I just couldn't figure the Democrats out. John Kerry was the best they could do? Now, before the Democrats out there start to write angry letters us-

ing "Swift Boat" as a verb, just hear me out. In 2004, I was unhappy with the status quo, but when I listened to Kerry, all I could hear was about how badly Bush had screwed everything up. I knew how screwed up everything was; I had no faith in either one of them to fix it. I voted for Nader. Even though I had been living in Iowa, somehow the whole caucus process passed me by.

I think that there are others similar to me who are frustrated with the entire political process. Many people feel that they don't know enough to make an informed decision, so they choose not to participate. In my view, the people who tend to retreat from the political process are exactly the kind of individuals who should be involved. If you're smart enough to know that you're uninformed -- start paying attention now, because I'm taking you to the caucuses!

If you're one of the Iowans who feels that it's too early to pay attention, stop focusing on the election and begin considering the caucuses. As of press time, there are 17 officially declared candidates for president. It is much more likely that one out of the 17 will reflect your views more than the two that will be chosen for you in November.

The Iowa caucuses are currently scheduled for Jan. 14, 2008, but that is subject to change (because of clashes between convoluted traditions and cutthroat modernity.)

In Iowa, we have a unique opportunity to see many of the candidates in person. Many of the candidates will visit the Iowa City area between now and January. If you're new to the state, or if you're new to politics, I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity and participate in the caucuses.

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— KATHLEEN WATSON
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To sum it up for readers accustomed to the reality TV-like political coverage, let me put it to you like this: If you choose not to participate in the Iowa caucuses (or your state's primary) and instead allow others choose the nominees for you, don't be upset when you walk into the ballot box next November and find that your choice is between the Republican Sanjaya and the Democrat William Hung. Don't wait until November 2008.

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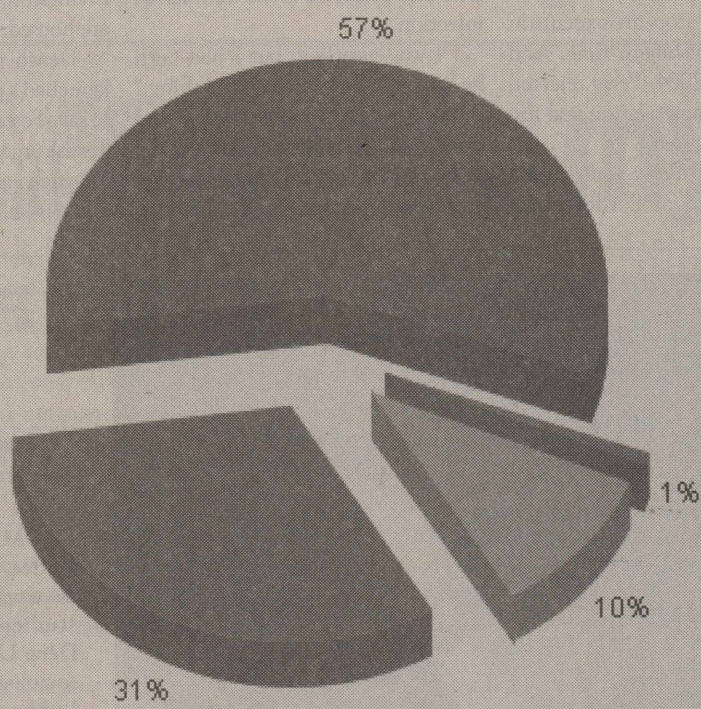
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- A. 0-4
- B. 5-9
- C. 10-12

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Taliban frees S. Korean hostages

JANDA, Afghanistan (AP) — Taliban militants released the last seven South Korean hostages on Thursday under a deal with the government in Seoul, ending a six-week drama that the insurgents claimed as a "great victory for our holy warriors."

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi vowed to abduct more foreigners, reinforcing fears that South Korea's decision to negotiate directly with the militants would embolden them.

"We will do the same thing with the other allies in Afghanistan, because we found this way to be successful," he told the Associated Press via cell phone

from an undisclosed location. The seven hostages were handed over to the International Committee of the Red Cross in two separate exchanges close to the central Afghan city of Ghazni, Red Cross officials and an AP reporter said. The freed hostages did not speak to reporters.

The final three released — two women and a man — were handed over by armed men on a main road in Janda district after apparently walking through the desert for some distance. Covered in dust, they were quickly bundled into a Red Cross vehicle and driven away.

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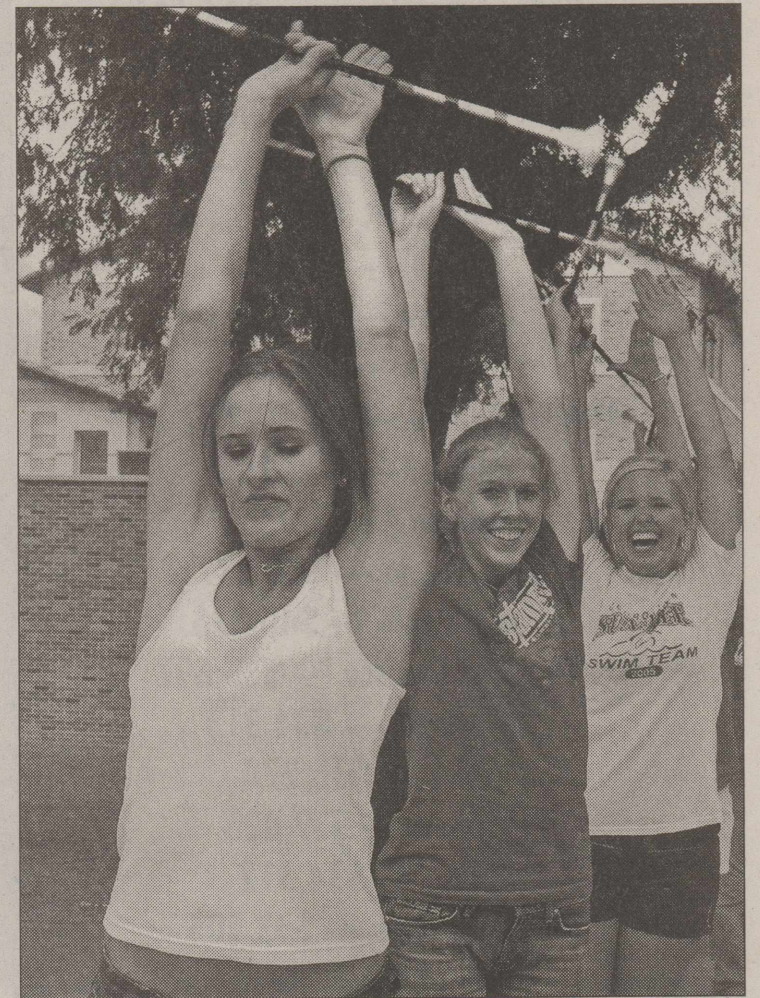


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TWIRLERS LAUREN THOMPSON, a senior human development and family science major from Shallowater, Stacey Grantham, a junior electrical engineering technology from New Braunfels, and Taryn Wier, a sophomore civil engineering major from Georgetown, rehearse outside the Music building Thursday afternoon.

Tech theater auditions keep dancers on their toes

By **ALLISON KOZLOWSKI**
INTERN

Auditions for the Texas Tech Department of Theatre and Dance's three upcoming shows were hosted Thursday in the Charles E. Maedgen Jr. Theatre.

Applicants could audition for all three shows with the possibility of working on the first and third show said Richard Privitt, audience relations specialist. More than 100 people were expected to audition for the shows.

"Prior experience is not required," Privitt said.

Those auditioning had two minutes to deliver a monologue and 16 bars of song, with the option of 16 bars of dance. Privitt said applicants might have a better chance of making "A Chorus Line," if he or she performed a dance.

Students auditioning came to the theater to sign in, where they were assigned to a waiting area before the audition began.

"The hardest part about an audition is controlling my nerves, because it's all on me," said Amanda Miller, a first-year graduate student. "I try not to think too

much about what I'm doing, and I just try to let myself go."

Miller said she practiced her song twice, but has rehearsed her monologue many times since last week.

The main stage shows are "A Chorus Line," which will be performed Oct. 18-21, and "Jitters," on Dec. 1-2. The Lab Theatre Production, "The Solution," will be performed Oct. 29 to Nov. 4.

Tiffany Feller, a freshman dance major from Haltom City, came to the audition to get a role in "A Chorus Line."

"All of the characters are such

amazing dancers and have a lot of talent," she said.

Callback auditions for "A Chorus Line" are Saturday, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the dance studio located in the Sports Studies Center. "The Solution" callbacks are scheduled for Sept. 1 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Lab Theatre. Callbacks for "Jitters" are on Sept. 2 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the Maedgen Theatre main stage.

"I'm very confident in what I did. I think this is the best audition that I ever had," Miller said.

Haditha squad leader charged with murder in Iraq appears in court

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP) — A Marine testified Thursday that he saw a roomful of frightened women and children moments before they were killed by his squad mates in Haditha, Iraq, but said he did not see who killed them.

Lance Cpl. Humberto Mendoza testified as the first witness at military hearing to determine whether Staff Sgt. Frank Wuterich should face a court-martial on murder charges. He was charged with murdering 18 Iraqis in a bloody combat operation that left 24 Iraqi civilians dead, but at the outset of Thursday's hearing prosecutors withdrew one murder count.

Wuterich's case remains the biggest to have emerged against any U.S. service member to have served in Iraq. It centers on whether Wuterich, who had never experienced combat before, acted within Marine rules of engagement when he shot men by a car and then led his squad in a string of house raids.

One of Wuterich's military defense attorneys, Lt. Col. Colby Vokey, said the government was no longer charging Wuterich with murdering an Iraqi man who died in the final house cleared by Marines, leaving him charged with 17 counts of murder.

The charge was withdrawn after the general overseeing the case dismissed charges against another Marine accused of killing three other men in the same room of the house, ruling that they posed a legitimate threat, Vokey said.

Mendoza described the events

of Nov. 19, 2005, as a fast-flowing series of engagements. After a Marine Humvee driver was killed in a roadside bomb, the troops raided

several homes.

In the second house he helped raid, "When I opened the door, the first thing I see is women and kids

laying down on a bed," said Mendoza, who is from Venezuela and has a heavy accent. "I believe they were scared."

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(AP) — According to the Austin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities, the following is the yearly salary needed for a family of four to meet basic needs in various Texas cities. The estimate assumes the families have employer-sponsored health care.

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- Austin-Round Rock — \$43,640
- Beaumont-Port Arthur — \$32,499
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- Bryan-College Station — \$38,557
- Corpus Christi — \$37,429
- Dallas-Plano-Irving — \$43,723
- Fort Worth-Arlington — \$45,770
- El Paso — \$36,508
- Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land — \$43,028
- Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood — \$34,522
- Laredo — \$33,300
- Longview — \$34,466
- Lubbock — \$34,245
- McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr — \$34,624
- Midland — \$33,103
- Odessa — \$32,222
- San Angelo — \$36,527
- San Antonio — \$40,826
- Sherman-Denison — \$38,697
- Texarkana — \$34,313
- Tyler — \$36,274
- Victoria — \$37,026
- Waco — \$34,312
- Wichita Falls — \$33,505

Condemned killer spared by Texas governor

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry, in a rare and uncharacteristic move Thursday, spared the life of condemned prisoner Kenneth Foster, hours before he was to be executed for his role in a San Antonio robbery-shooting. The halt to Thursday's execution marked only the second time

since Texas resumed carrying out executions in 1982 that the parole board voted to stop an execution this close to punishment time. And in that case, in 2004, Perry rejected the board's recommendation and the prisoner was executed.

But this time, Perry agreed with the Texas Board of Pardons and

Paroles' equally unusual recommendation that Foster be saved from lethal injection.

"I was surprised, but I had faith he was going to do the right thing," Foster, 30, said as he was being taken from the Huntsville Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, where executions are carried out, for a

return trip to the Polunsky Unit near Livingston, where death row inmates are housed.

Death-penalty opponents had launched a public-relations campaign to save Foster because they objected to Texas's unique so-called law of parties, in which each participant of a capital crime is held equally responsible.



PRAISE & WORSHIP

FROM THE LEFT: Holly Coffee, senior human development and family studies major from Wylie, Dena Upton, sophomore sociology major from Lubbock, and Keca Lopez, sophomore human development and family studies major from Lamesa, listen to the band Peral Merchant at the Paradigm kick-off party in Urbanovsky Park Thursday.

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JOSH HURST, A junior human development and family science major from Ruston, La., Greg Hannabas, a junior history major from Plainview, and Tim Durham, a senior math major from Victoria, sing praise and worship in front of the Student Union Building Thursday afternoon.

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11 PM	Conquistadors	U.S. Open Tennis Round 10 (Live)	FOX News Sunday	Critter Gitters	Critter Gitters	NSA Access	FOX News Sunday
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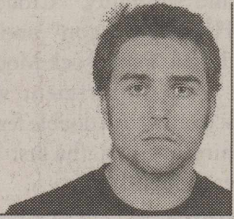
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David Ward



Currently, several organizations have teamed up with iTunesU, and KTXT is one of them. Because of this KTXT is now able to podcast and give listeners free music downloads, and concurrently, a free iPod.

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As for the music, ColourMusic is good friends with the Flaming Lips and will play Indie-pop perfectly designed to keep you in a blissful state — ignoring scholastic responsibilities.

The Black and White Years are Austin residents that recorded its most recent work with Talking Heads guitarist and keyboard-player Jerry Harrison producing the whole deal.

You can feel the new wave influence in songs like "Waking and the Dream," and they will definitely not disappoint.

As for opening act Nouns Group, we will be seeing a more lo-fi, bass-laden rock outfit. Playing a style I'd like to give the moniker of "too-poor-for-a-garage" rock. Listeners new to this scene will gaze in bewilderment or amazement. Yet, I assume it will probably be a bit of both.

So there you have it, your first week of school done. Looking for something to get your hands dirty with such as music and giveaways? It's an ideal way to start this fall semester.

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myTracks are your tracks

Unlimited amounts of independent music arrives at Texas Tech

By ANN LUU
STAFF WRITER

The music industry has brought a new campaign to Texas Tech, and all students are invited to join the beat.

Every semester, the Student Union Building is host to Beyond the Wall, a poster sale found in the ballroom. This year, however, Beyond the Wall added a new item — myTracks Music.

"It's like a combination of Myspace and iTunes in the music world," said John Wanzung, the CEO and co-founder of myTracks, in a phone interview.

With a subscription to the myTracks online service, stu-

dents can listen to and purchase an unlimited amount of independent music easily, legally and for free, he said. MyTracks is for new music and people can post their music on this Web site.

"It's like Myspace in the way that people can post their own music on the site and have other people download it," she said. "It's so great for students because it's all unlimited for the price of about three CDs," said Rachel Bell, the media communications coordinator for myTracks.

A small green card holds the link to a stream of limitless independent music, and students can pay \$7.95 per month or a \$38 annual fee, Bell said.

"They are normally \$59.95," Bell said. "You must be a student

to be able to buy it for the discounted price of \$38."

Wanzung said once a student purchases a card and sets up an account, he or she has unlimited access to download and listen to music.

Over the past 10 years, some mainstream artists have found their way to fame through the use of myTracks.

"Many bands were found on this site before they made it big," Wanzung said. "People like The Fray and Jack Johnson started out on myTracks. Right now, the

bands Slightly Stoopid and Ludo are blowing up the charts."

Jason McNally, a sales representative for myTracks music, said social networks such as www.myspace.com have allowed bands and other artists to promote their music more easily than ever.

"You put your music up on a profile and try to get your name out there," McNally said. "College kids could support this because it's free independent music and smaller names."

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Saturday night feature: English department to hold 12-hour movie marathon

By ELLIOTT COCHRAN
STAFF WRITER

What do you get when you cross a tiger, a devil, a pair of gay cowboys and a wedding banquet with "Sense and Sensibility?" - Pause- Five Ang Lee movies shown consecutively for 12 hours.

The Texas Tech Department of English debuts its free monthly movie viewings Saturday at noon and ends at midnight Sunday in the basement auditorium of the English building.

The focus for this meeting are Lee's works, which have received dozens of awards and multiple nominations across the globe.

This is the fifth consecutive year for the monthly viewings said Sam Draga, chair of the Department of English. The viewings are both educational and entertaining, he said.

"We have a film specialist, usually faculty of the department, introduce the film," he said. "They provide background info, alert viewers to things to pay attention to and lead a discussion after the film."

The film specialists heading the event are Scott Baugh and Mike Schoeneke, film studies professors in the Department of English.

Professor Schoeneke said the introductions and observations

of the films involve students and faculty members, and often yield well-founded, serviceable commentary.

"We take five to 15 minutes to introduce and talk about motifs and themes," he said. "In many cases, students make wonderful observations of film style; it's always collegial and formal."

Draga said a film committee chooses which films to view, and previous selections include films directed by the Coen Brothers, Stanley Kubrick and Spike Lee. Last year, the department exhibited films starring Dustin Hoffman.

When asked what themes and influences are predominant in

Lee's films, Baugh said the differences in each film consolidate independently.

"There's a range and diversity in the selection of the films we've chosen for this year's festival," he said. "Much of Ang Lee's work also embodies an international or a transnational flavor — part-Asian and part-Hollywood especially."

Draga said the English department is hoping this variety in films will yield a large turnout for the event, which gives students and faculty members an opportunity to learn about film as well as examine the comprehension of the art.

"It's a great opportunity for students to come to a better understanding of film," he said. "Ideally, this year viewers will come away with a greater awareness of Ang Lee's contribution to film and a greater appreciation of the rich variety of films that he has made."

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Saturday's 12-hour marathon includes Academy Award nominees and winners such as "Sense and Sensibility," "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" and the 2005 drama "Brokeback Mountain."

The department will host a screening or a double feature beginning at 7 p.m. the first Saturday of each month.

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SCHEDULE OF MOVIE TIMES:

- 12:00 PM: THE WEDDING BANQUET (1993)
- 2:00 PM: SENSE AND SENSIBILITY (1995)
- 4:30 PM: RIDE WITH THE DEVIL (1999)
- 7:15 PM: CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON (2000)
- 9:30 PM: BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (2005)

Tracks

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In 2005, myTracks started its "campus campaign," as Wanzung called it, because "...schools could get sued if their students downloaded music illegally, so my friend and I came up with this idea to make it legal. It's not iTunes, it's not Napster. It is the best music being played and it gives students an easy way to get it. It's a trusted new source."

Wanzung said he and his friend started the campus campaign of independent music by testing it out on other schools, such as Vanderbilt University,

University of Mississippi and the University of Illinois. The idea is for users to connect with each other through similar music tastes.

"MyTracks is like a portal that leads to a music community where people can put their music up and get out there," he said.

Bell, the coordinator for myTracks, said once students subscribe they can start their own page, and through that they can build their own playlists to share music and trade music with family and friends.

Across the country, 650 schools have joined this campaign, Wanzung said, with each school having its own

personalized page.

For example, each myTracks home site has a feature called Top6 Artists and also has a list of the top 20 songs in circulation. On the customized Tech Web site, both features link Tech students with what is popular amongst other Tech users, Wanzung said.

Students also are able to see other schools' pages and see what is popular there.

"The best thing about it is it has unrestricted MP3's," Wanzung said. "That means it is burnable for CDs. You can upload it to your iPod. It is yours. Once you download it, you own it. That's the key to myTracks."

For students who missed myTracks at Beyond the Wall, they can sign up and start downloading by visiting www.mytracks.com and searching for Texas Tech.

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TOP FIVE IN TELEVISION AND FILM

(AP) — TELEVISION

FILM

1. "America's Got Talent," NBC.
 2. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
 3. "Without a Trace," CBS.
 4. "Two and a Half Men," CBS.
 5. NFL Exhibition: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh (Sunday), NBC.
- (From Nielsen Media Research)

1. "Superbad," Sony.
 2. "The Bourne Ultimatum," Universal.
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Ohio high school student suspended for tricking rivals into insulting themselves

HILLIARD, Ohio (AP) — A high school student who tricked football fans from a crosstown rival into holding up signs that together spelled out, "We Suck," was suspended for the prank, stu-

dents said. Kyle Garchar, a senior at Hilliard Davidson High School in suburban Columbus, said he spent about 20 hours over three days plotting the trick, which was captured on video

and posted on the video-sharing Web site YouTube. He said he was inspired by a similar prank pulled by Yale students in 2004, when Harvard fans were duped into holding up cards with the same message.

At the end of the video, Garchar wryly thanks the 800 Hilliard Darby High School supporters who raised the cards at the start of the third quarter during last Friday's football game.

"It couldn't have been done without you," reads the closing frame of the video.

Garchar, 17, created a grid to plan how the message would be spelled out once fans in three sections held up either a black or white piece of construction paper.

Directions left on stadium seats instructed fans to check that the number listed on their papers matched their seat numbers. Darby supporters were told the message would read "Go Darby."

"It was tedious," Garchar said. "I didn't really think it was going to work."

But it did, and everyone at Davidson has been talking it ever since, said Jordan Moore, a junior.

"That was the ultimate in-your-face," he said. "I think it was ingenious."

Davidson Principal John Bandow had told students that he expected them to show sportsmanship at the game, which Darby won 21-10.

Bandow gave Garchar three days of in-school suspension and banned him from extracurricular activities for a semester, the students said. Two Darby students who helped Garchar received the same punishment after the principals from both schools spoke by phone.

Hilliard schools spokeswoman Michelle Wray said she couldn't confirm the punishment because the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act forbids the release of student disciplinary information.

"We weren't expecting it to be such a severe punishment," said Jen Trimmer, 17, one of the students involved. "We just thought it was all in good fun."

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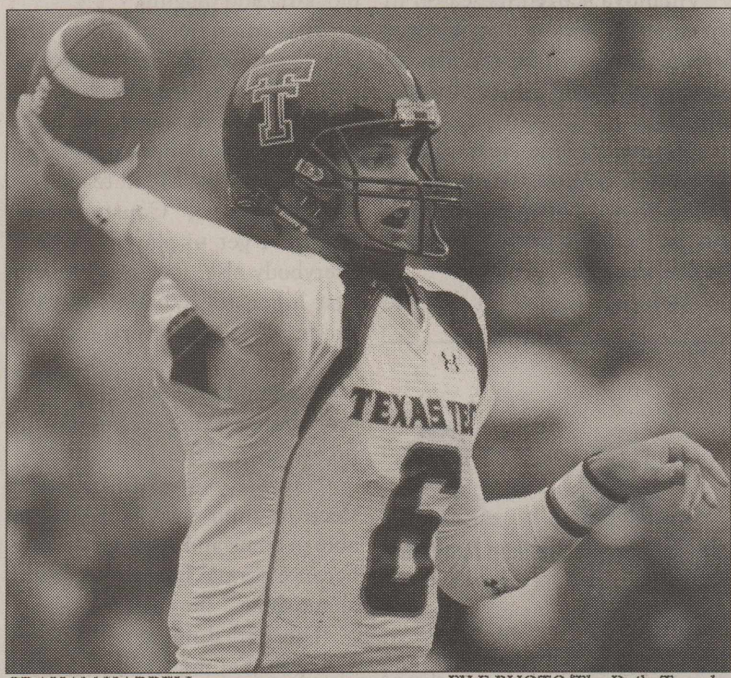
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Ole' stompin' grounds

Tech players return home to Metroplex to start season

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

For some Texas Tech football players the SMU game is not just the first game of 2007, but a homecoming.

Quarterback Graham Harrell and defensive back Chris Parker are two Red Raiders from the Dallas area who are looking forward to returning to the Metroplex.

Parker said he expects family and

friends to support him in his return to Dallas.

"I spent a little money on it to have a couple people there, probably 20," Parker said.

Parker attended Sunset High School in Dallas, where he was a *Dallas Morning News* 10-5A All-District player as a wide receiver. Parker was a versatile player in high school, racking up 20 interceptions in his final three seasons and catching 29 passes for 702 yards his junior season. He

rushed for 737 yards and 11 touchdowns his senior season.

Harrell is from Ennis, where he was 41-3 as a three-year starter. In his senior season, Harrell passed for 4,825 yards and scored 67 total touchdowns. Harrell also was a two-time all-state selection and 4A Offensive Player of the Year by the *Associated Press*. He also holds the state record for most touchdowns passes in a single season with 54.

"It's my own backyard," he said.

"There's (going to) be a lot of family there, a lot of friends from back home. It'll be exciting. More than anything, I'm more excited about it just getting started. I think I'm ready for the season. I think we're all excited for the season, and it'll be exciting to finally get started."

Other Red Raiders returning to the Dallas area will be Kellen Tillman, Michael Crabtree, Shannon Woods and Darcel McBeth.

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Astros beat Cardinals behind Albers' 7 strong innings

HOUSTON (AP) — Matt Albers is showing the Houston Astros how badly he wants to stay in the majors.

The 24-year-old right-hander pitched seven innings of three-hit ball, Lance Berkman homered for the second consecutive game and Houston beat the St. Louis Cardinals 2-1 on Thursday.

"I felt pretty good," Albers said. "My fastball was down in the zone and I mixed my curve in. Things went pretty well for me. I think this is one of my better starts."

Albers (4-6) walked four and struck out three, shutting down the Cardinals' offense for the second time this season. He earned his first major league victory in St. Louis on May 5, giving up three hits in 7 1-3 innings in the Astros' 13-0 win.

But Albers lost his next three decisions after that, and the Astros sent him down to the minor leagues on May 24. He made nine starts at Triple-A Round Rock and impressed the team enough to earn a call-up on June 28.

Albers has made six starts since and learned something from all of them.

"I'm starting to feel more comfortable on the mound," he said. "I'm trying to just trust my stuff and try not to make too good a pitch. I needed to get my brains beat in for a while to force me to get out of some of those things."

Chad Qualls relieved Albers to start the eighth and the Cardinals got two singles, but couldn't score. Brad Lidge pitched a perfect ninth to earn his 14th save.

The Astros won for the fourth time in 11 games and took a series at Minute Maid Park for the first time since sweeping the Cubs from Aug. 6-8. Houston has won two of three since interim manager Cecil Cooper took over for Phil Garner, who was fired Monday.

Astros owner Drayton McLane also fired general manager Tim Purpura, and Cooper thinks the shakeup has rejuvenated the clubhouse.

"I feel some good vibes," Cooper said.

Joel Pineiro (3-2) lost for the first time in five starts. The Cardinals began the day two games behind first-place Chicago in the NL Central. The Cubs played second-place Milwaukee on Thursday night.

Football

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receiver Emmanuel Sanders. Martin will be looking to get back to his 2005 form when he rushed for an average of 4.6 yards per game and scored seven touchdowns. Sanders caught 46 passes for nine touchdowns in 2006.

On offense, the Red Raiders will be facing a young defensive line, which could bode well for the running back tandem of Shannon Woods and Kobey Lewis. In 2006, Woods amassed more than 1,800 all-purpose yards and will be splitting time with sophomore Lewis, who ended spring practices as the starting running back.

Harrell recorded the fourth-best season for a sophomore under center in NCAA history with 4,555 yards and 38 touchdowns. He will be

throwing to several receivers including redshirt freshman Michael Crabtree, junior L.A. Reed, and senior Danny Amendola. Reed, who caught 12 balls for 157 yards and two touchdowns in 2006, will be splitting time with sophomore Edward Britton, who brought in 10 receptions of his own in 2006.

Amendola is the most experienced member of the receiving corps and will look to get back freshman form at punt return, where he averaged more than 10 yards per return and a touchdown.

Bennett said his team will face a tough challenge against a Tech team that averaged more than 32 points per game in 2006.

"They are a team that — and I don't say this just tongue-in-cheek — they are team to contend with

anyone they play," he said in a press conference. "They are never out of a game. (Leach) seems to replace players that fit his system and they just keep on going. I think Graham (Harrell) is probably the best quarterback we've seen them have back there."

Leach said the Mustangs are known for having good pad level and good technique, so the Red Raiders will have to outperform against SMU to be successful.

"I'm gonna say they're gonna run what (Bennett) does and do a great job and I'll think we'll see a few surprises," he said. "A blitz here, a blitz there, and I don't know, shift some guys around. I think they're gonna do what they do best, and go with that."

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NCAA grants waiver for fundraiser for funeral

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — The NCAA granted a waiver Thursday for the University of Oklahoma to set up a fund to assist with funeral expenses for the family of a slain football recruit.

Herman Mitchell, a 6-foot, 200-pound linebacker, verbally committed in June to play for the Sooners, but the 17-year-old from Westfield High School in Houston was shot to death Aug. 24 after getting into a fight at an apartment complex.

Soon after, Oklahoma booster and Houston resident Adam Fineberg began raising money for Mitchell's family to help defray the player's funeral costs. Fineberg had

raised about \$4,500 before university compliance officials told him his actions violated NCAA rules. He has since refunded the money.

Oklahoma officials said they'd been told Tuesday by the NCAA that the money raised by Fineberg would constitute illegal financial assistance under NCAA rules, because Mitchell's brother is a sophomore football player at Westfield and Fineberg is considered to be an Oklahoma booster.

Fineberg said his only intention was to help Mitchell's mother to pay for the funeral. Oklahoma compliance officials requested the waiver on Wednesday.

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Tech volleyball team prepares for trio of games at Red Raider Round Up

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

After starting 2007 on a winning note, the Texas Tech women's volleyball team will begin their second tournament in the Red Raider Round Up today at 7:30 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena.

At the UNLV tournament, the women grabbed wins against UNLV and Arizona State to finish second in the tournament.

"We played really well together," freshman Caroline Courtney said. "All the girls talked really well and communicated. We played defense awesome, and we just returned a lot of balls that most people wouldn't have gotten at."

In the Red Raider Round Up, the women will start the weekend against Villanova Friday and finish with matches against SMU and Lamar.

Similar to Tech, all three teams are coming into the Hub City on a high note.

"They're all going to be good teams," Tech coach Nancy Todd said. "They all played pretty good last weekend, they're all coming off wins. They're going to have the confidence coming in here. All of them are going to be tough, so we have to be ready to play."

Lamar is 3-1 in the season after winning the Mizuno Invitational in Houston, with sophomore Kaci Brewer looking to get her fourth straight double-double for the

Lady Cardinals.

Tech middle blocker Alicia Ostmeier said the team looks forward to facing the Lady Cardinals because of the talent the team poses.

"We're pretty excited about getting to play Lamar because they're probably going to be the best team to face," Ostmeier said. "So, we're pretty excited about that."

SMU will carry its undefeated record into the United Spirit Arena under 12th year coach Lisa

Seifert. The Mustangs are led by C-USA Defensive Player of the Week Candice Davis.

Villanova started its season in winning fashion against George Mason. Tech will be the second opponent of the season for the Wildcats.

Defense was the story against UNLV for Tech as they held the Rebels to a .117 hitting percentage, and it was a focus in practice for the women.

"Defense, (because) defense is going to win the games for us," Ostmeier said. "We have a lot of big hitters, so defense definitely, blocking and digging."

This tournament will be the team's first home appearance of 2007 before it heads back out on the road the next week. This is the first of 11 appearances at home for the women's volleyball team.

"I'm excited," Courtney said. "I hope I get to play in front of everybody else, (because) it's the first home tournament, but I'm excited; I'm sure everybody else is too."

Todd said the team is enthusiastic about playing at home for the first time in 2007.

"They're excited to be home, sleep in their own beds and be able to come and show all the fans because people have been asking about them," she said.

The Red Raiders will play at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and finish the Red Raider Round Up at 7:30 p.m.

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Youth served: Tech, SMU fill voids in lines with inexperience

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech offensive line will enter the SMU game facing a defensive line with similar characteristics.

Tech's offensive line and the defensive line for SMU are beginning 2007 with young talent and inexperience.

"They're really young on the D-line," sophomore center

Shawn Byrnes said. "We've watched a lot of stuff; we've practiced a lot of their blitz. I think we're going to get in the position to just beat them in it. Coach has broken down the film. We notice when they're going to blitz, when they're going to attack, when they come, hot routes and stuff. Of course we have Graham to make great reads and check to get us out of that situation."

SMU is losing three starters from 2006. The Mustangs are starting 2007 with senior defensive tackle Charlie Berry and senior defensive end Cory Muse

up front. M u s e m i s s e d t w o g a m e s i n 2006 because of injuries. The Mustangs have five redshirt freshmen and one true freshman on the roster.

The Tech offensive line returns in 2007 with seniors. Juniors Rylan Reed and Louis Vasquez are the oldest starters

on the offensive line. In 2006, Vasquez started in 11 games and was named to the All-Big 12 Honorable Mention list.

During a press conference S M U coach Phil Bennett said although there are still hurdles his defensive line has overcome, he is impressed with their skills.

"There will be a learning curve for some of these young guys, but I do feel like, there

have been times here when we've started new guys that I questioned whether they were quite ready to play," he said. "I like these guys' talent level, I think they'll play hard. I think they're guys that have the ability to play at this level."

Tech coach Mike Leach said the SMU game will show how much progress the young offensive line has made as a unit.

"It's pretty big for the line," Leach said. "I think the line and the secondary, where people really have to work together, what you do together is always the most important thing. No matter what you do on the secondary, or the offensive line, you have to play together."

Tech's defensive line also will contain several young players including sophomores Richard Jones and Rajon Henley, as well as freshmen Bobby Agoucha and Clint Stoffels.

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Rangers extend Washington's contract through 2009 season

ARLINGTON(AP) — While the Texas Rangers are still a long way from where they want to be, they exercised their 2009 option on rookie manager Ron Washington's contract Thursday.

General manager Jon Daniels said the extension was an "easy decision" that he had been planning for some time.

Even though the Rangers are last in the AL West, they are 37-30 since mid-June and went into Thursday night's series finale against the Chicago White Sox with a season-high four-game winning streak.

"Look what we've done the last three months after an obviously rocky start," Daniels said. "The constant and one of the biggest reasons we turned this thing around and played well in the face of adversity and some changes is (Washington)."

Texas has won even since trading Mark Teixeira, Kenny Lofton and Eric Gagne at the end of July. Plus, reliever Akinori Otsuka hasn't pitched since June and slugger Sammy Sosa has been relegated to a part-time player in the same season he joined the 600-homer club.

Washington got a two-year contract that included two additional option years when he replaced Buck Showalter in November. He was chosen over four other finalists for the job.

A coach the past 11 seasons for the Oakland Athletics, Washington's only managerial experience had been two years in the low minors.

"I'm just as happy today as the first day you offered me the job," Washington said. "This just shows the organization is going in the right direction... What we've accomplished is an excellent attitude, we have accomplished an attitude to make sure we go out and be true to the game."

The Rangers have had only one winning season since last making the playoffs in 1999, when they won their only three division titles in a four-year span. Texas has never won a playoff series.

Since the trades at the deadlines, the Rangers have focused on the evaluation of young players like Nelson Cruz, Jason Botts and David Murphy.

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