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Feds seize millions worth of cocaine

PENITAS (AP) — Border Patrol agents seized \$5.5 million worth of cocaine on Tuesday from a vehicle that was driven into the Rio Grande as they approached, U.S. Customs and Border Protection said.

No one was arrested. The agents were responding to two vehicles that were engaged in suspicious activity near the banks of the Rio Grande. As the agents approached, the vehicles split up — one heading north, the other south toward the river. The first vehicle was abandoned at a nearby street.

NATION

Nation remembers Sept. 11 anniversary

NEW YORK (AP) — Victims' families huddled under umbrellas Tuesday in a park to mark the sixth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks in the first remembrance ceremony not held at ground zero, an event that failed to evoke the same emotions as the hallowed ground of the World Trade Center site.

"I guess they mean well, but I really wasn't happy," said Sal Romagnolo, whose son, Joseph Romagnolo, worked in the trade center's north tower. "I never got my son back. That's the only place we have."

WORLD

Bin Laden video raises health questions

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Two messages from Osama bin Laden in a matter of days have revived the game of questions over his health and whereabouts, but they also made clear he is al-Qaida's propaganda "top gun," able to draw attention in the West and strike a chord among sympathizers.

In a new video released Tuesday, bin Laden's voice was heard commemorating one of the Sept. 11 suicide hijackers and calling on young Muslims to follow his example in martyring themselves in attacks.

DEATH TOLL

3773

U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began
SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Officials say Bush will reduce troops

By MATTHEW LEE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush will tell the nation Thursday evening that he plans to reduce the American troop presence in Iraq by as many as 30,000 by next summer but will condition those and further cuts on continued progress, The Associated Press has learned.

In a 15-minute address from the White House at 9 p.m. EDT, Bush will endorse the recommendations of his top general and top diplomat in Iraq, following their appearance at two days of hearings in Congress, administration officials said. The White House plans to issue a written status report on the troop buildup on Friday, they said.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because Bush's speech

is not yet final. Bush was rehearsing and polishing his remarks even as the U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, and U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker were presenting their arguments for a second day on Capitol Hill.

In the speech, the president will say he understands Americans' deep concerns about U.S. involvement in Iraq and their desire to bring the troops home, they said. Bush will say

that, after hearing from Petraeus and Crocker, he has decided on a way forward that will reduce the U.S. military presence but not abandon Iraq to chaos, according to the officials.

The address will stake out a conciliatory tone toward Congress. But while mirroring Petraeus' strategy, Bush will place more conditions on reductions than his general did, insisting that conditions on the

ground must warrant cuts and that now-unforeseen events could change the plan.

Petraeus recommended that a 2,000-member Marine unit return home this month without replacement. That would be followed in mid-December with the departure of an Army brigade numbering 3,500 to 4,000 soldiers. Under the general's

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SHELTER FROM THE STORM

One man's tale of life in Lubbock after Hurricane Katrina

PART TWO OF A THREE-PART SERIES HIGHLIGHTING LIFE IN LUBBOCK AFTER HURRICANE KATRINA



PHOTO BY CAITY COLVARD/The Daily Toreador

KATRINA SURVIVOR ARTHUR Martin talks about the things he misses about New Orleans in his apartment Monday afternoon. Martin came to Lubbock after the hurricane with nothing and says his life has changed dramatically in the last two years.

By ELLIOTT COCHRAN
STAFF WRITER

The night Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans was almost business as usual for Arthur Martin, having survived five or six hurricanes already. He said he had no idea the storm would take him to Lubbock.

Martin said Hurricane Katrina hit late in the night, cutting off electrical power to his neighborhood and bringing powerful winds to the fray.

"That hurricane hit late at night; it took like five and a half hours to pass over — it was that large," he

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Tech employee released from jail on bond

By MAGGIE KIELY
STAFF WRITER

Barry Todd Smith, a Texas Tech employee arrested on charges of sexual assault with a child, was released from Lubbock County Jail Monday.

Chuck Lanehart, Smith's attorney, said a hearing was conducted Friday, lowering Smith's bail bond from \$500,000 to \$100,000.

"Mr. Smith posted bail," Lanehart said in a letter about the bond reduction, "and since the entry of the conditions of the bond, the judge has agreed to allow Mr. Smith to reside in Taylor County with his family members."



Barry Todd Smith

Judge Jim Darnell assigned many stipulations Smith must abide by upon his release.

According to the bond document, there are 17 conditions Smith must follow. Among these, Smith "shall not go within 1,000 feet of premises where children commonly meet; shall not be in the presence of any child 17 years of age or younger unless supervised; shall not have access to any computer for any reason; there will be curfew between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.; will not have contact with the complainant nor her mother, nor go within 100 yards of them."

Lanehart said in the letter he expects the case to go before a grand jury within the next few months.

"At that time," he said in the letter, "we expect him to be no-billed by the grand jury, as this case is based on unfounded accusations arising from a family dispute."

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Board of Regents approves Angelo State University budget

By MAGGIE KIELY
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Members of the Texas Tech System Board of Regents conducted their first meeting of the 2007-08 school year Tuesday morning via telecommunication.

Every item on the meeting agenda pertained to Angelo State University, and all issues were approved.

First on the agenda was the approval of the ASU budget, which previously had been approved by the Texas State University System and ASU administrators.

Windy Sitton, a member of the Board of Regents, said the budget was approved with no changes.

"The budget was in the format of the Texas State System," she said. "From now on it will be in the format of the Texas Tech System budget."

The members approved the authorization of signatures on ASU checks. Sitton said ASU Chief Financial Officer Carol Campbell and whomever Campbell designates are authorized to sign the checks.

The ASU bond debts were also on the agenda. "The board passed a resolution saying (Tech) would be

responsible for the bond debt that Angelo State already has incurred," Sitton said. "They are coming out of the Texas State System, so we just told the legislature and the state that we would be responsible for debt."

Sharon Meyer, vice president of finance and administration for ASU, said while upgrading the ASU president's house, asbestos was found and more money than originally allocated is needed.

Sitton said the board members approved an increase in the house budget.

"The home is valued between \$500,000 and \$750,000," she said. "Basically what it is doing is maintaining our investment, and maintenance is very important for investment."

The board also approved establishing a project budget providing renovation funds for the Cavness Science Building on the ASU campus. Asbestos was also found in that building, Sitton said.

The Board of Regents became the trustees for the Angelo State University

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HSC Dean's Ambassadors pinned at ceremony



PETRA PILGRIM WAS pinned at a ceremony formally inducting her into the HSC Dean's Ambassadors program.

By GLENYS BOLLS
STAFF WRITER

The School of Medicine's second-annual group of Dean's Ambassadors participated in a pinning ceremony Tuesday at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

The 26 students pinned in the ceremony will serve varied roles in the School of Medicine throughout the school year.

The ambassadors will help recruit new medical students and meet prospective students coming to interview at the School of Medicine to answer any questions the new students have.

"We've had the ambassadors for one year now," said Steven Berk, dean of the School of Medicine. "It was our best recruiting year by far."

The Dean's Ambassadors also help with the School of Medicine's White Coat Ceremony, graduation and visits important people make to the school.

"Say we have a distinguished visitor, a VIP," Berk said. "If they want to meet with some of our medical students, these are the ones we

give them."

Ambassadors can be second-year, third-year or fourth-year medical students, though second-year students tend to be more involved because of time constraints on the third- and fourth-year students, who work in clinics.

Trevor Yates, assistant director of the School of Medicine Office of Admissions, said the 2006-07 Dean's Ambassadors set the bar high for the incoming group.

"The first group set the standard for professionalism, camaraderie and the selection process," he said. "I expect more of the same."

One new ambassador said he wanted to be a member because of the impact last year's ambassadors had on him.

"I wanted to do it because, when I started here, I didn't know anything about how it worked," said Kevin Barnes, vice president of admissions for the Dean's Ambassadors and a second-year medical student from Abilene. "They had students who could answer those questions for me."

Barnes said because he under-

stands how difficult it is to adapt to a new environment, he wants to help future students make the transition into medical school.

"Medical school is intimidating, to say the least," he said. "I want to make it easier for someone else than I had it and help them be successful."

Another new ambassador said she applied because it gave her a role in choosing future classes of medical students.

"It's a great way to get involved," said Nina Resetkova, a second-year medical student from Toronto. "I like having some input in who comes to the school. It's a personal investment in the future of the School of Medicine."

Berk said most of the Dean's Ambassadors took the job because they thought it would benefit the school.

"They want to be here and do this," he said. "They consider it an honor. We have students who are busy with their studies, but they still want to serve the school. That's very meaningful to me."

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Professionals discuss health care issues at panel meeting

By GLENYS BOLLS
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Several health care professionals gathered Tuesday in the Texas Tech School of Law's Alvin R. Allison Courtroom for a panel discussion about medical decision making.

One topic the panel members addressed was the difference between health care centered on each individual patient — usually by a family doctor — and the express care offered by many walk-in clinics.

"Patient-centered care, if it's done well, takes more time and is therefore more costly," said Dr. Lia Bruner, assistant clinical professor of Family and Community Medicine. "(In express clinics) doctors have to see one patient every 15 minutes to make a profit."

Time is one issue each of the

professionals mentioned as a problem here or she faces.

"The time pressures are very limiting," said Dr. Brad Snodgrass, former chief of staff at Covenant Hospital and chair of the Covenant Quality Review Committee. "The environment is overwhelmingly complicated at times."

The environment health care workers operate in is not ideal for meaningful discussions between doctors and patients, said the Rev. Ted Dotts, vice president at Covenant Health System.

"Conversations in a health care setting have several problems," he said. "Deception — deception in any situation is bad, but in health care it's dangerous. Time — there's very little time to talk, and space — there's no space to talk privately. A private conversation is really tough."

These are a few of the reasons students are moving toward faster paced clinic-type care, Bruner said.

"Medical students are veering away from primary care," she said. "There's an increased demand with the aging population, so we're setting ourselves up for trouble down the line."

As individuals of the Baby Boomer generation grow older, many of their children are taking charge of the health care they receive. This robs the elderly of their freedoms, said Thomas McGovern, professor at the Health Sciences Center and chair of the University Medical Center Bioethics Committee.

"What about the older people?" he asked. "We are taking away from the elderly the ability to (make their own health care decisions)."

There is one way individuals still

have the right to make their own health care decisions, said Dr. Lynn Bickley, a professor in the Health Sciences Center and associate dean for curriculum.

"There's been a very positive revolution in health care since I was in medical school," she said. "That's the do not resuscitate order — the right to die. My personal feeling is even if the patient is unconscious, they are still experiencing suffering."

A patient's suffering is sometimes difficult for doctors, said Dr. Scott Robins, chief medical officer of the Covenant Health System and interim president of the Covenant Health Group.

"One of the most difficult decisions for doctors is how to disclose when things don't go well," he said. "The more technologically advanced we are, the more complications

we inevitably see. The advance of technology is a two-edged sword. Yes, we can do things we've never done before, but we also have more complications than ever."

Bickley said another drawback of society's technological advances is people have forgotten to just slow down and listen to one another.

"In our culture, we're always speeding up, always multi-tasking," she said. "We have to undo that in our training of students. They have to understand the difference between a social conversation and a patient conversation."

Conversations between a doctor and patient require understanding on both sides, the panelists agreed, because the patient must fully understand the diagnosis and treatment to legally consent to the procedures. "A lot of informed consent is

about common decency," Snodgrass said. "I have to determine what the individual is going to value and then augment that in the information process."

Robins said the information process between doctors and patients is breaking down as a result of the constraints placed on doctors.

"We're on the Titanic, medically," he said. "We've hit the iceberg; people are still dancing on the deck, but we're going down."

The way doctors can fix the communication problems is to ignore outside influences and focus on the patient, Bickley said.

"Our training is geared to the individual relationship with the patient," she said. "You have to resist the time and technological pressures and return to the patient."

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Details emerge in what authorities suspect is racially charged torture case in W.Va.

BIG CREEK, W.Va. (AP) — For at least a week, authorities say, a young black woman was held captive in a mobile home, forced to eat animal waste, stabbed, choked and repeatedly sexually abused — all while being peppered with a racial slur.

It wasn't until deputies acting on an anonymous tip drove to a ramshackle trailer deep in West Virginia's

rural hills that she was found. Limping toward the door with her arms outstretched, she uttered, "Help me," the Logan County sheriff's office said.

Six people, all white, including a mother and son and a mother and daughter, have been arrested and could face federal hate crime charges in the suspected attack on 20-year-old Megan Williams, who remained

hospitalized Tuesday with injuries that included four stab wounds in the leg, and black and blue eyes. Her right arm was in a cast.

"I'm better," Williams told The Associated Press in a voice barely above a whisper.

"I don't understand a human being doing another human being the way they did my daughter," Carmen Williams said Tuesday from the Charleston Area Medical Center. "I didn't know there were people like that out here."

The AP generally does not identify suspected victims of sexual assault, but Williams and her mother agreed to release her name.

A prosecutor said police are investigating the possibility that the victim was lured to the house and attacked by a man she had met online, but Car-

men Williams insisted that wasn't the case. "This wasn't from the Internet," she said.

Authorities were still looking for two people they believe drove the woman to the house where she was abused, said Logan County Chief Deputy V.K. Dingess. Deputies also interviewed Williams on Tuesday morning. An FBI spokesman in Pittsburgh, Bill Crowley, confirmed that the agency is looking into possible civil rights violations.

The case is "something that would have come out of a horror movie," Logan County Sheriff W.E. Hunter said.

The home is in a forlorn part of Logan County about 50 miles southwest of Charleston, where the scattered homes are marked by "No Trespassing" signs. An old shed linked to a mobile

home by an extension cord is what authorities say became a hellish prison for Williams.

Deputies found her when they drove to the home on Saturday after receiving an anonymous tip from someone who witnessed the abuse, officials said.

The woman was forced to eat rat and dog feces and drink from a toilet, according to the criminal complaint filed in magistrate court based on what the suspects told deputies. She also had been choked with a cord, it alleges. Deputies say the woman was also doused with hot water while being sexually assaulted.

One of those arrested, Karen Burton, is accused of cutting the woman's ankle with a knife. She used the N-word in telling the woman she was victimized because she is black, according to the criminal complaint.

Carmen Williams said doctors told her daughter she may be well enough to leave the hospital within a few days, although a nurse said the young woman's condition was listed as "under evaluation."

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Robert G. Carr and Nona K. Carr Scholarship Foundation.

"The Carr Foundation is a magnificent foundation that is administered by two people and is generating a lot of money," Sitton said. "The money goes to give one in six students at Angelo State a scholarship."

Mark Griffin, a member of the Board of Regents, said he is excited ASU is now officially part of Tech's system.

"I think it is important that we do whatever we can as the system flagship institution to support Angelo State," he said. "It is my hope that the tools that we have at the Texas Tech System can be used to further the mission at Angelo State."

Griffin said he and other board members will visit ASU at the end of September to become more familiar with the university and the surrounding community.

"We're going to be going down there to tour the campus, to understand who they are what their goals are," he said. "We will speak to leadership administrators and people in the community to make sure that we have a good understanding of the value that Angelo State has."

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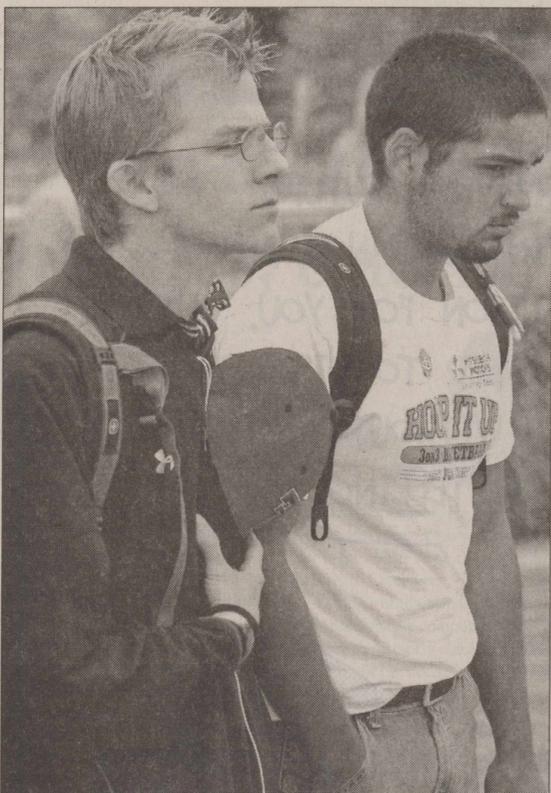


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MICHAEL FISH, A sophomore broadcast journalism major from Flowermound, and Casey Amis, a freshman architecture major from Arlington, observe a moment of silence as the bells ring at 9:11 a.m. Tuesday in Memorial Circle.

By ADAM YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students paused in Memorial Circle to remember the sixth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

At 9:11 a.m., three trumpeters from the School of Music played "Taps" as the color guard from Tech's Air Force Reserve Officer's Training Corps lowered the U.S., Texas and the university flag to half staff.

Brian Ridley, chairman of the Tech chapter of Young Conservatives of Texas and a graduate student from Ardmore, Okla., said his organization hosted the memorial and planted U.S. flags, one for each victim of the terrorist attacks, on the circle.

"We tried to come up with what we thought was a fitting memorial," he said. "We've never really seen a big 9/11 memorial on campus before, and we thought it would be something that Tech should be representing."

Colt Worley, one of the trumpet players at the memorial and a sophomore music education major from Aledo, said he has played Taps at multiple events, including during Memorial Day, but playing it in remembrance of the terrorist attacks was especially meaningful to him.

"I like the meaning behind it," he said of Taps. "It's been played since the Civil War as a funeral or passing song for those who died in combat."

Megan Kelley, a junior mechanical engineering major from San An-

gelo, said she attended the memorial to honor and mourn those lost in the attacks.

"That was the biggest event in my life," she said. "I remember the confusion and watching TV all day long in class."

Kelley said she has attended 9/11 memorials every year she has been at Tech.

Mike Gunn, assistant director for student activities and the Student Union Building, said the university organized on-campus memorials in the years immediately following the 2001 attacks, but has not recently had official memorials on campus.

However, he said some students organizations have organized small memorials inside buildings on campus.

Ridley said he anticipates this year's event in Memorial Circle will become a tradition, and he would like to see other organizations participate in the event as well.

"We're hoping we'll have a memorial like this every year now that we've purchased the flags and we know how to get it set up," he said.

The terrorist attacks on Sept. 11 resulted in the deaths of 2,974 civilians, emergency responders and military personnel in New York City, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania, according to the U.S. Government 9/11 Commission Web site, www.9-11commission.gov/.

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Guantanamo detainees describe abuses, attacks

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Detainees flinging body waste at guards. Guards interrupting detainees at prayer. Interrogators withholding medicine. Hostility and tension between inmates and their keepers at the Guantanamo Bay prison are evident in transcripts obtained by The Associated Press.

These rare detainee accounts of life inside the razor wire at the remote U.S. military base in Cuba emerged during Administrative Review Board hearings aimed at deciding whether prisoners suspected of links with the Taliban or al-Qaida should continue to be held or be sent away from Guantanamo.

The Pentagon gave the AP transcripts of hearings held last year in a trailer at Guantanamo after the news agency sought the material under the Freedom of Information Act.

Amid the tensions, the transcripts also show a few relaxed encounters between detainees and their guards and interrogators.

The military has said Guantanamo is relatively calm compared

to last year. But a report released by the detention center last month shows mass disturbances are up sharply over 2006 and forced removal of prisoners from cells and assaults with bodily fluids are on pace to match or exceed last year's total.

The transcripts, obtained by the AP on Friday, illustrate the friction.

A Yemeni detainee, Mohammed Ali Em al-Zarnuki, warned his panel of three U.S. military officers that inmates would attempt suicide unless guards stop interrupting prayers, moving detainees during prayer time and whistling and creating other distractions.

Four detainees have committed suicide at Guantanamo — three last year and one on May 30. Several other detainees have tried to kill themselves, including by overdosing on hoarded medicine.

"I want you to be aware of it because I don't want you to face a big problem," al-Zarnuki said. "The problem happened before. The detainees took medication before because of this. So if you do not put a stop to this, it is going to be worse than before."

Troops

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plan, another four combat brigades would be withdrawn by July 2008.

That could leave the U.S. with as few as 130,000-135,000 troops in Iraq, down from about 168,000 now, although Petraeus was not precise about whether all the about 8,000 support troops sent with those extra combat forces would be withdrawn by July.

Petraeus said he foresaw even deeper troop cuts beyond July, but he recommended that Bush wait until at least March to decide when to go below 130,000 — and at what pace.

At the White House, Bush met with House and Senate lawmakers of both parties and he publicly pledged to consider their views. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell,

R-Ky., said the president didn't talk about the nationwide address.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Bush appears poised merely to bring the country back to where it was before the election that put Democrats in control of Congress — with 130,000 troops in Iraq.

"Please. It's an insult to the intelligence of the American people that that is a new direction in Iraq," she said. "We're as disappointed as the public is that the president has a tin ear to their opinion on this war."

In his speech, Bush will adopt Petraeus' call for more time to determine the pace and scale of future withdrawals and offer to report to Congress in March, one official said.

As Petraeus and Crocker have, Bush will acknowledge difficulties, and the fact that few of the benchmarks set by Congress to measure progress of the buildup have been met, the official said.

Tech announces creation of international conflict institute

By ADAM YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech administrators announced the creation of an institute focused on researching and reconciling the United States' international conflicts Tuesday in the International Cultural Center.

James Reckner, executive director of the new Institute for Modern Conflict, Diplomacy and Reconciliation, said the institute will encompass Tech's Vietnam Center and will have the goal of preserving and reconciling modern American conflicts.

"It will entail us helping to establish relationships with universities in foreign countries to help develop a better relationship between our universities and ultimately between our countries," he said.

Tech President Jon Whitmore said IMCDR research and archival work will focus on the United States' world involvement since 1950.

"Texas Tech has the resources with the Vietnam Center and the world-wide recognition to create a first-class, world-wide-recognized project," he said.

Much of the work of the Vietnam Center, which Reckner has directed since it was established in 1989, has produced opportunities for the new institute.

He said Tech is looking into partnerships with universities in China and Russia, as well as other international centers and universities.

"This is a starting point for some sort of dialogue with universities in those countries," he said.

William Marcy, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Tech, said the Department of Military Science, the Department of Aerospace Studies and a newly created Center for War and Diplomacy in the Post-Vietnam War Era will fall under the umbrella of the IMCDR.

"I think it's going to greatly broaden



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JAMES Reckner explains all work he's put into the establishment of the institute of Modern Conflict, Diplomacy, and Reconciliation alongside one of the original archived Vietnam photos, Tuesday afternoon at the International Cultural Center.

breadth and depth of the institute that we're creating," Marcy said. "I think the opportunities are unlimited, and it's a great thing for Texas Tech and for any great university to have international programs that deals with universities and educators from around the world, particularly with our former enemies."

He said one area the IMCDR will focus on is the current global war on terror.

Though the institute only was announced Tuesday, Reckner said the IMCDR already is developing an archive, having acquired a collection of Federal Bureau of Investigation documents about terrorism in the United States since 1975.

"We know there are a great many other collections out there just looking for a home," he said.

The Vietnam Center and the IMCDR are running out of space, he said,

not been set in stone.

"We need the facility, we need to expand but mostly we need the continuous support of the senior leadership at the university," he said.

Reckner said in the future, the IMCDR will be able to provide students with more than research and archival information.

"Ultimately we will have an academic program," he said. "We have been authorized to have academic programs within the institute."

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"I think the opportunities are unlimited and it's a great thing for Texas Tech..."
— WILLIAM MARCY
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the field of these two departments who have a large number of students who may pursue a variety of careers," he said.

The institute will foster interdepartmental activities, he said, through conferences and symposiums involving history, law, diplomacy, political science and other fields in the university, and will be a unique institute in the nation. "There is no other institute or center in the United States that has the

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Tech's class absent at UTEP game

The sky came pretty close to falling Saturday — figuratively speaking.

I am under no illusion that any Big 12 school's football fans are more well-mannered than the next — it's just varying degrees of boorishness. While none enjoy the moral high ground, I was disgusted by some in the student section during the weekend. High levels of jeering, booing and vulgarity are expected, but to hear it multiple times when there was an injured UTEP player was despicable.

Assuming the vulgarity was started by students unfamiliar with appropriate football-fan etiquette, I cannot say I am surprised and neither should you. We see those poor fans, know them or work with them; they are the first ones to criticize and the last ones to take responsibility. They make individuals, teams and organizations stand out for the wrong reasons. Selfless and considerate they are not — more like self-centered and tactless.

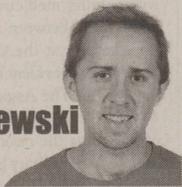
A list of characteristics everyone should strive to embody, whether at a football game or in life:

1. Humility: According to the Bible, God said the meek inherit the earth, and I say the humble are the truly content. They do not spout off bylines on their résumés; instead, they let the content of their character do the talking.

Never the first to cast a stone, these kings of the earth display restraint while others are vindictive. And for the last time, nobody — and I mean nobody — cares what your GPA is, what your standardized-test scores are or what your parent's income is. We need more humility.

2. Objectivity: No one person or one ideology is infallible. Becom-

Matt Wisnewski



ing a critical thinker means not to blindly distrust everyone and everything but to possess a healthy skepticism. It is recognizing what you believe and why you believe that way. Mommy and Daddy are not, and should not, helicopter in and rescue their precious children. Forge your own mental pathway; unchain your mind; be an independent thinker. We need more objectivity.

3. Generosity: It is more than the occasional tithe and soup can donation. Acknowledging how fortunate you are means you morally are obligated to help out others financially and become a support system in times of need.

You do so without fanfare and acknowledgement, your remuneration being making someone's life stable once again. The words "most" and "best" are not heard in charity; in their place are the terms "unwavering" and "self-effacing." We need more generosity.

4. Sincerity: Being involved because it looks good at a job fair is sophomoric. Sincerity is measured by your heart. Joining the Student Government Association should not be for power and prestige, but for the betterment of Tech.

Not one soul gives a horse's patoot about the number of organizations you tack on in haste. Believing in something, wanting to give back, making a difference and helping the helpless are the hallmarks of sincere individuals.

We need more sincerity

5. Ambition: It does not equate to ruthlessness and callousness but to determination and dignity. Never settle for the "that's good enough"; strive for better. Ambition sets the example and motivates. It's not pigeonholed to the private sector. The ambitious coach their sons' football teams. They chair city commissions. They see opportunity when others are satisfied. We need more ambition.

Phew. I said a mouthful there. It does not look that bad when I step off my soap box. Many Texas Tech students are realistic and unspoiled; they are cynical but have very strong friendship expectations and values. They drop everything to help one another and share what they have.

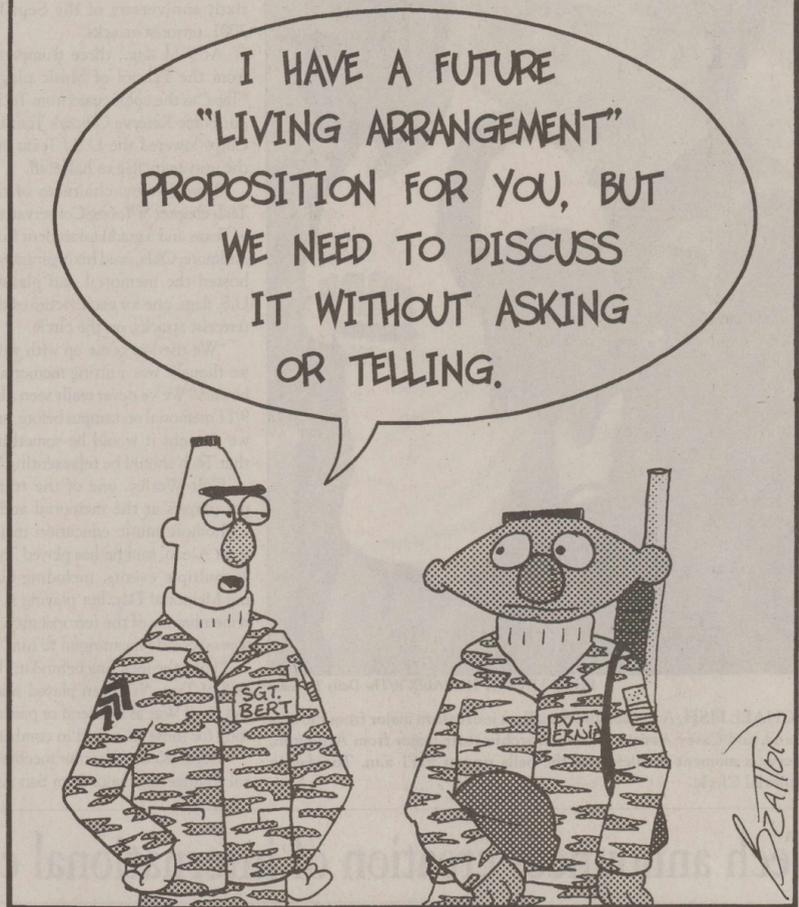
The students who cheered at an injured UTEP player are the same ones who feel entitled ... to pretty much everything. While the majority of the student section respectfully held their guns up in silence, a few raunchy Raiders celebrated as another college student lay hurt on the field.

Certainly I am not perfect, and maybe those students fought too hard for the school we love so dearly, but what happened was outright embarrassing. A student body that tries to be decent and ethical should not be made to look like Mark Cuban or Donald Trump.

I always have faith in most of our student body, but there is hope for all. Those few need and want, and when they don't get, they blame someone else. Do not blame UTEP for the student section's behavior; blame us, blame the students.

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Before they lived on Sesame Street, Bert and Ernie served their country

Oil reserves not running out anytime soon

Oil is a nonrenewable resource. Whatever we burn today for use as energy will be unavailable for future generations.

Though this is a fact, it has the tendency to spawn catastrophic predictions based on fear rather than factual evidence. For more than 150 years there has been a steady stream of scientists claiming our oil supply is running out, and we have only a few years left. The world will in actuality never run completely out of oil; the problem is people believe it will.

The rising anxiety concerning high gas prices has caused a shift in public priorities about the importance of exploring new energy — 52 percent of Americans favor giving tax cuts to energy companies to explore for more oil, according to the Pew Research Center.

The history of oil is really quite surprising and serves as the ultimate distinction for the grassroots of this problem and its future. Before 1859, when the very first oil well was drilled in Pennsylvania, our petroleum supplies were limited to the masses of crude oil that oozed to the surface.

Four years earlier, in 1855, an advertisement for Kier's Rock Oil advised consumers to "... hurry, before this wonderful product is depleted from Nature's laboratory." Even more astonishing, in 1874, a geologist in Pennsylvania declared the United States only had four years left before it ran out of enough oil for kerosene lamps.

Josh Brownlow



Predictions about oil supplies running out have plagued the United States for more than 150 years. The history of these radical predictions is evidently quite vast; most of the harbingers who influ-

ence the masses ignore the history of reserves and production coupled with technology.

In the 1920s, the U.S. Geological Survey announced that worldwide, only 60 billion barrels of oil existed. Thirty years later, the estimation was 10 times that: 600 billion barrels of oil. In 1980, the estimation was increased again to 2 trillion, 000 billion barrels of oil, altogether meeting today's estimation of 3 trillion barrels.

Predicting when the world will run out of oil is impossible. It is impossible to calculate the continued expansion of energy corporations, changing economics, technological advances and efforts such as recycling and substitution that make the world's mineral resources virtually infinite.

Cost is ever-changing with today's advances in the oil industry, and we are able to drill faster, easier and more cost-effectively. David Deming, professor of geophysics at the University of Oklahoma, offers logical insight into the oil industry.

"Oil reserves are analogous to food stocks in a pantry," he said. "If a household divides its pantry stores by the daily food-consumption rate, the same conclusion always is reached: The family will starve to death in a few weeks."

It is not possible to calculate when the world's oil supply will run dry exactly because of this: Reserves are constantly in motion along with technology and the market. The world oil production steadily has been increasing since the early 1900s.

As such, the price of gasoline today is significantly cheaper than the previous 150 years — if infla-

tion is accounted for.

More interesting, however, is the fact that estimates of the world's oil have increased more rapidly than our production. As mentioned before, this is possible because of new technology and market prices, which whenever scarcity is suggested, rapidly employ new exploration and development. Running out of oil? We are running straight into it.

Many believe an economy built on oil is not sustainable. While it

is true, an economy built on oil in the long run is not sustainable; sustainability is extremely misleading. No technology since the dawn of our existence has been sustainable; all of it has been replaced by newer and more efficient technology.

Sources of energy have stemmed from a varying degree of sources, from wood, to coal and now oil. Oil is the "newest" source, only taking its place as chief source of energy in the early 1960s.

Surprisingly, while oil remains our chief source of energy, it is constantly attacked by extremely tight environmental restrictions and opposition from local communities. In fact, the number and capacity of U.S. refineries peaked in 1981. In 1981, there were 324 oil refineries; today there are only 150.

How long will oil last? Predicting the future on our current reserves is impossible. At the moment, the world has enough reserves to last another 100 years. Yet, 100 years into the future is so far, it would be asinine to attempt to predict what our descendants will be using as energy.

All of the current estimations for oil do not include unconventional oil resources. The tar sands in Canada and South America would add about 600 billion barrels to the world's supply. Colorado, Utah and Wyoming alone contain 1.5 trillion barrels of oil. Worldwide, the oil-shale reserves could be as large as 14 trillion barrels — more than 500 years of oil supply at year 2000 production rates.

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PART 2 OF 2: OFFICE 2007 REVIEW

Office 2007 brings fresh features, colorful interface

In my last column, I talked about how Microsoft revolutionized Office 2007 with the inclusion of "the Ribbon" and the great new feel that feature gave to Word. But Office is more than just Word; all the other programs in the Office suite received upgrades as well.

I've never been a frequent user of Microsoft Excel — aside from creating graphs for presentations or papers. Anyone who has used Excel for that purpose, though, will notice a dramatic change in the presentation qualities of the program.

The dull spreadsheets and graphs of past versions have been overhauled. Bar and pie graphs pop off of the page in colorful three-dimensions, and line graphs can be customized to improve their appearance.

Moreover, this all can be done with stunning ease thanks to the Ribbon. One downside to Excel — and one of the few times Microsoft's intuitive features don't work so well — is working with formulas. I found when selecting data for formulas, Excel would anticipate certain formulas to be used, and reversing the program's anticipation proved frustrating.

PowerPoint, Office's presentation software, also received a large cosmetic upgrade. Those who use the software for presentations will appreciate the new templates as they look better than anything offered in previous releases.

Unfortunately, aside from the Ribbon and the updated objects, PowerPoint really lacks any major new features. Especially glaring is its poor handling of various media formats. I've always found this area to be a lacking feature within PowerPoint, and Microsoft failed to deliver.

One outstanding piece of software that often goes overlooked with Office is Microsoft OneNote. Yet, this upgraded version especially needs to find its way into most students' everyday use. OneNote is a note-taking, organizational tool that allows the user

Trey Caliva



to link together multiple documents, photos and ideas. One welcome feature is the ability to be able to "print" directly to OneNote.

During installation, Office creates a "printer" on the computer, allowing the user to instantly place a Web site inside his or her notes. It's a great way to organize research and ideas in one space. Any Texas Tech student who frequently writes papers, or takes notes on a laptop, should be using this software.

the streamlined interface of "iCal." At the very least, Microsoft should've incorporated the Ribbon fully in Outlook. Currently, the Ribbon only appears when the user is composing an e-mail. The remainder of the time, the window still retains the traditional Windows feel. Outlook is a good piece of software, but it just isn't on the level of the rest of the suite.

Microsoft completely blew me away with what I consider the best addition to this iteration of Office. A free download is available from Microsoft that allows Office to create PDFs. The familiar Adobe file format is great for sending documents to those who don't have Office; PDFs are viewable with a free download of Adobe Acrobat Reader.

In the past, users would need the full version of Acrobat to create this format, but the inclusion of the ability inside of Office is a fantastic addition. I should note Office 2007 also updates the file format for all Office documents.

So unless one specifically saves them to be backwards compatible, the document won't work with older versions of the suite.

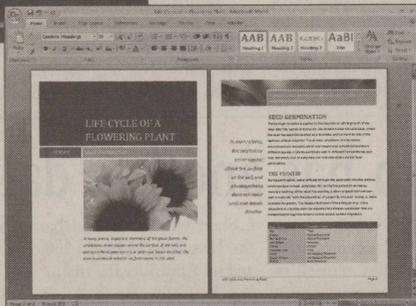
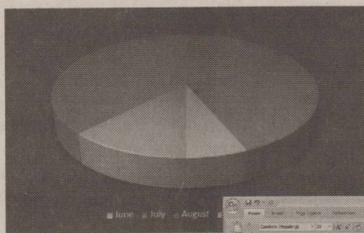
Microsoft Office 2007 is available to Tech students and faculty members on CD — for a

\$10 charge — at the Advanced Technology Learning Center in the University Library or for free through the Web site eraider.ttu.edu.

It should be noted the CD version is Professional Plus, while the downloadable version is the Enterprise version, which includes OneNote and Groove. Either distribution method is fine, but I recommend the downloaded version because of its inclusion of OneNote.

Microsoft Office 2007 is a great upgrade for any users of the Office suite, and if one has never tried Office before, this is a great time to start.

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The low point of Office 2007 is Outlook — although, there are certainly improvements under the hood of Outlook. One of the long-desired features of Outlook was the ability to drag e-mails from the user's Inbox into his or her calendar and have Outlook automatically add it to the user's schedule.

Microsoft has improved the look and functionality of the "To-Do" List, allowing Outlook users to manage their time with ease. Outlook also incorporates the latest in spam and junk-mail filters, which is sure to be welcomed by everyone.

Overall, I still found Outlook to be a bit cumbersome and bloated. Microsoft should take a page out of Apple's book and try to incorporate

update blogs and vlogs to facilitate audience involvement.

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that rule our world today.

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'Mark' continues to impress his ladies as makeup line collaborates with local boutique

By ANN LUU
STAFF WRITER

In a local clothing boutique Tuesday, a group of smiling women stood behind a table laden with new makeup products, sponsoring magazines and free give-away cups.

After a month of planning, Mark makeup campus sales representatives teamed up with Rear Boutique to promote a budding cosmetics business.

Rear Boutique is a local clothing store for young women, owned by Tech alum Georgia Benton.

"I was happy to participate in this event," Benton said. "I support women who go out there and make their own income, like these girls. I really respect that."

The Mark makeup line is designed to target young women and encourages them to make their mark.

Texas Tech has three campus sales managers, and each has her own team of women.

"It's our first promotional event with a company that is outside of Texas Tech," said Sara Whitsitt, a senior public relations major from Jacksboro.

Whitsitt, a team leader for her group, was last seen on campus giving makeup tips and makeovers in the on-campus Barnes and Noble bookstore the week before classes began.

"Our last event at Barnes and Noble was planned out for us," she said, "but this is the first one we kind of did on our own."

Since the bookstore event, the women have been working on spreading publicity through



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MARKS MAKEUP SALES representative Taylor Waltmon, a junior advertising major from Houston, gets a make-over from Sara Whitsitt, a senior public relations major from Jacksboro, as other Mark Makeup sales representatives, Crystal Hill, a sophomore finance/real-estate major from Beaumont, Cassidy Pritchard, a senior public relations major from Stanford and Alli Cobb, a junior marketing management major from Lubbock get tips at the Mark Makeup booth set up in the Rear Boutique on 13th and University Tuesday afternoon.

announcements, sororities, fliers and even a table at Raider Gate.

The efforts paid off when Benton agreed to partner with the girls to host a promotional event for the makeup campaign, Whitsitt said.

"Georgia is a Pi Phi alum like I am, and I had previously worked with her at her boutique," Whitsitt said, "and we got to talking about it. She has been a huge help."

At the event Tuesday afternoon, the girls had a steady flow of interested customers looking at their products.

"It's so great to see customers come in," said Crystal Hill, a sophomore finance and real estate major from Beaumont. "There are more people than just our friends and the people we've told. Our name is really getting out there."

Whitsitt said she designed a flier for this event, and Benton helped by e-mailing her usual list of clientele.

"We have been focusing advertising at Tech, but we also encourage all family and friends outside of Tech to check out the products," Whitsitt said. "Anybody is welcomed."

While potential customers looked at the makeup, they could sip on the provided champagne, munch on cookies and shop around the boutique.

Rear Boutique can relate to Mark's motto about empowering women because the shop was started by a woman, Benton said.

"Rear and Mark go well together," she said, "because they are both businesses ran by women, like these

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Texas A&M student takes a year off to appear on TV show

By STACY EDWARDS
THE BATTALION (TEXAS A&M)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION, Texas — It's not often daydreams and idle Internet searches result in anything more than poor grades and late nights, but to Brendan Thompson, a Texas A&M junior communications major, that is exactly how his ambition of traveling the world has become a reality.

Thompson will participate in the first season of a travel show titled "Earth Bound," which will air online at Globe Roamer TV (www.globeroamertv.com). In addition to Web episodes, cast members will

update blogs and vlogs to facilitate audience involvement.

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said. "So I'm in my house, no electricity or nothing, and I look outside and see my shed fly by my window with these 175 mph winds."

After the storm had passed, Martin left his home to evaluate the damages to his block and found the impact of the storm was literally in motion.

"That morning, after the hurricane had passed, I went outside looking at all the houses with all the roofs gone, then I looked down the street and saw the water coming towards me," he said. "I went to my backyard; I had an old fishing boat back there, got my boat out and got out on it."

Following the impromptu float through his neighborhood, Martin went from house to house, checking on his neighbors. He said he spent three days taking as many people as he could to higher ground before his boat was punctured.

After spending days waiting for authorities to rescue him and the other survivors, Martin was transported by boat to a military helicopter before boarding a plane. He said after some deliberation, the passengers were told they were going to land in Lubbock.

Kevin Overstreet, the director of Emergency Management for the City of Lubbock, said pilots did not always know where they were going.

"When they took off, in some cases, they had no idea where they were going," he said. "They would get in the air, ask for their destination

and were instructed to fly to whatever city was available. Lubbock was asked to provide assistance. They called us and said there was a plane headed to Lubbock."

Overstreet said when the plane landed on a runway of the Silent Wings Museum at the Lubbock International Airport, there were between 400 and 500 people to assist the evacuees, including a committee of volunteers to help Katrina survivors.

Still, Martin said he felt like he was being watched like a criminal.

"We got off the plane, and I felt like I was a prisoner of war or something," he said. "The police force was stereotyping New Orleans; we were guarded and couldn't move without them telling us where to go."

After exiting the plane, the passengers took showers in stalls attached to fire trucks. Martin said for the first time since the storm hit, he had a moment to reflect on the situation.

"I went and took a shower; they burned the clothes from off my back because they were contaminated from the water," he said. "So, I'm looking at myself starting all over, not even a pair of underwear on."

The refugees spent 10 days at the Reese Technology Center, and during this time, Martin was able to ease his biggest concern, thanks to the Red Cross.

"The only thing worrying me the whole while was that I had no contact with my family," he said. "Finally when I got to Lubbock, the Red Cross hooked me up, and I lucked out and got in touch with my mom. She fainted because she didn't know if I

was dead or alive all that time."

Upon leaving Reese, the Katrina survivors were placed in various apartments across the city. This dispersal concerned Martin, and Susan Stein, an associate professor in classical languages, was a member of the committee designed to help adjust evacuees in Lubbock.

"(Martin) was interested in trying to coordinate things so the people from New Orleans could maintain contact with each other," he said. "That was one of the main reasons we started working on getting a coalition together that could address the needs of those people who came."

Martin voiced his concerns and was appointed as spokesman for the group of evacuees staying in Lubbock. He said it was natural for him to speak out on behalf of other people.

"I will talk up and try to help people as much as I can; it's just my nature," he said. "I was trying to help others, especially these women with two and three children."

Evacuees returned to their properties to assess the damage and begin rebuilding, but Martin, unlike many of his statesmen in the months that passed, remained in Lubbock.

A Vietnam veteran, he waited 16 months for his veteran disability conformation, which was lost in the floodwater. Martin said while Lubbock was a place he never imagined he would live, it worked out nicely.

"I'm OK with it; I thought when I survived the Vietnam War and got back here in one piece, I'd paid my dues," he said. "I never thought I'd have to go through all this again."

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WRAPPED TO REMEMBER



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SADDLE TRAMPS' LOUIS Little, a junior electronic media and communications major from Waco, and Jim Bob Steen, a senior agricultural leadership major from Alpine, wrap Will Rogers in black Monday evening, to commemorate those who died in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Marks markup

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girls. I started Rear Boutique on my own, and we both show a contribution to society."

Whitsitt said the collaboration between Mark and Rear Boutique has allowed her gain real-world experience.

"It's such a great opportunity," she said, "because this is the real world, and it showed us communications skills and following through with plans. It's great to work with a professional fashion boutique. "We got really lucky. Both companies are about the same thing, empowering women in careers and educa-

tion. A successful woman who went to Tech owns Rear. It's an eye-opener to the team and to myself."

During the event, women could sign up to win raffle prizes, including Mark makeup products and a pair of designer jeans donated by Rear Boutique, Whitsitt said. Winners will be notified by e-mail.

Along with talking to representatives about the products, customers could also purchase their desired items right at the event. A laptop was set up for the purpose of instant ordering.

"If girls order online, it will be mailed directly to them in about four to six days," Whitsitt said. "If they order through a representative, it will be mailed to the representative

and then to them. So it might take twice as long."

While the teams of women helped customers by showing them different items, answering questions and testing out products, they also helped each other out and worked together.

"Rear and Mark are both about contemporary, cutting-edge styles and staying with the times," Benton said. "We complement each other well. I would absolutely work with these girls again."

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Sports finally defined Tech volleyball prepares for Big 12 opener

Sports are wonderful. In fact, many men in this country are passionate about them, myself included.

The one thing wrong with the word "sport" is how loosely it is used. That being said, let's put an end to the "What is a sport" debate once and for all.

Before the rules are stated, let me make it clear that this is a discussion on true "American" sports. This is about more than the game being played; this is about sports that matter in American society.

Now the rules:

No. 1 A sport has to have a ball (a puck is acceptable), but just because it has a ball, does not make the event in question a sport.

No. 2 It can't be played by women. Now before anyone goes and puts dead animals on my lawn, let me explain myself. It isn't that women aren't often fantastic athletes. Women's sports just are not a cultural phenomenon like, say, the NFL. Therefore, I consider events involving women more as athletic events than sports.

No. 3 My 80-year-old grandparents cannot be able to play it. Anything that can be played by the elderly will be known as a recreational sport or hobby.

No. 4 The playoffs or championships for the event must have an annual contract with a major TV network (ABC, CBS, FOX or NBC). Anything else is just an out-of-market sport.

If we're clear on the rules, then let's do it like Starks and Hutch.

Baseball: Sport — it's got a ball. Nobody cares how dominating softball pitcher Jenny Finch is, although many MLB players couldn't put a bat on the stuff she throws. My grandma can't even lift a baseball bat, and FOX does an adequate job covering the sport each and every year.

Men's basketball: Sport — are they using leather or synthetic basketballs? It doesn't matter. March Madness is the best event every year, so basketball has to be a sport.

Football: Sport — did anyone know there is a professional women's football league? I checked to see if there was one, and I genuinely was surprised to find there was. Anyway, the point is there is a ball, albeit an oddly shaped ball, and the closest thing an 80-year-old man comes to putting on pads would be some Depends.

Brett Talley



Note: The NFL is covered by two major networks, which is something that cannot be said for any other event that does not break any rules.

Golf: Recreational sport — there are 80-year-old men I know who walk 54 holes a day! It's nothing more than a hobby that can be played competitively.

Hockey: Sport — I can't figure out why hockey isn't more popular in this country. People used to complain of low scoring, but rule changes after the strike increased goals in the 2006-07 season to 6.1 per game from 5.1 per game in the 2003-04 season. That's equal to 42 points in a football game (i.e. 28-14, hardly a low-scoring game).

Although it may have less actual contact than football, hockey has much more violent contact. Everyone loves to watch a fight or a big hit, both of which are far more common in a hockey game.

NASCAR: Athletic event — the only problem here is the absence of a ball. I've never seen a senior citizen drive more than 40 mph in town, and NASCAR also has the coverage of two major networks. It just needs a ball.

Soccer: Athletic event — To be honest, I included rule No. 4 specifically to keep from having to call soccer a sport. ABC only covers the World Cup every four years, the 2006 MLS season opener, and the 2006 MLS All-Star game. If we were in Brazil, soccer would be a sport, but we are in the United States, so it's not.

Tennis: Hobby — My grandparents played in a bi-weekly league well into their 70s. As good of an athlete as Roger Federer may be, if a 70-year-old man can play, it just isn't a sport.

Only four events meet the standards and are worthy of being deemed American sports. I'm sure there are many of you who would disagree avidly, but in the words of legendary anchorman Ron Burgundy, I would say to you, "Agree to disagree."

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By COLBY KENNEDY
STAFF WRITER

The Red Raider volleyball team (6-3) will begin Conference play at 7 p.m. against the Colorado Buffaloes (4-3) in the United Spirit Arena.

Senior setter Emily Ziegler, who had 54 set assists against Princeton during the weekend, said the team is excited to take on its first conference opponent.

"We've been playing pre-season, and that's always fun, but there's just something about conference," she said. "Everybody gets a bunch more energy, and you're just fired and ready to go."

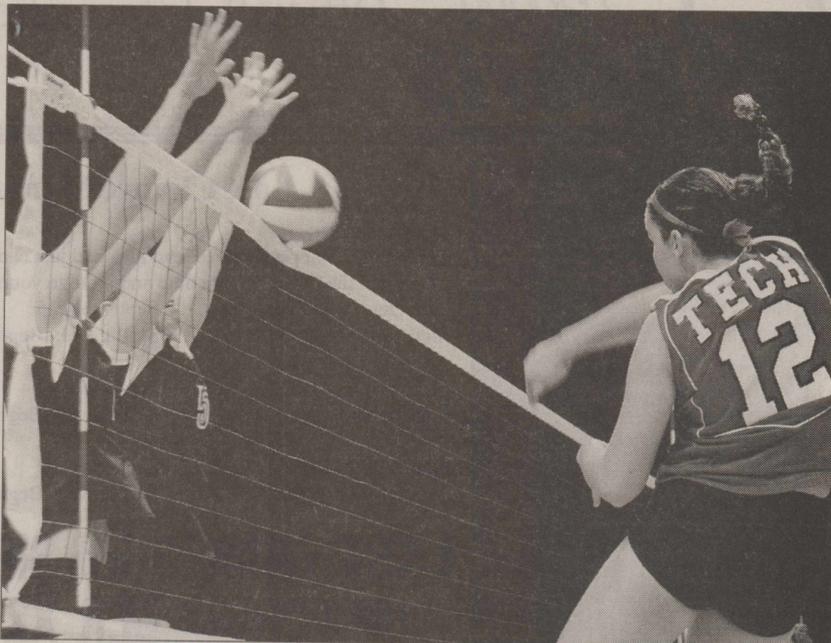
In 2006, Colorado upended Texas Tech in straight games at home and away, but Colorado's assistant coach Jil Thomason said it's a new year, and the Buffaloes have been preparing for the conference season.

"I think every time the Big 12 season starts, it's a clean slate," she said. "Anybody can heat anybody on any given night."

Thomason said Colorado players have been watching films, looking at stats, and conducting more challenging practices to prepare for the Red Raiders.

"They are consistently a scrappy, feisty team," she said of Tech. "(Tech volleyball coach Nancy Todd) always does a good job of getting them ready to fight and compete in the Big 12."

Tech will face Colorado sophomore outside hitter Mallori Gibson, who has come up with



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TEXAS TECH JUNIOR outside hitter Michelle Flores spikes the ball over the net against Villanova at the Red Raider Round Up Aug. 31 at the United Spirit Arena. The Red Raiders open Big 12 Conference play against Colorado 7 p.m. tonight at the USA.

119 kills in just eight matches this season.

Ziegler said Tech doesn't key in on just one player because Colorado is too balanced for that type of strategy.

"We don't want to focus on one player and overlook the team," she said. "Obviously, Colorado is a really strong team that has gone really far in the playoffs."

Colorado's has a .273 hitting percentage, and Todd said the Buffaloes' strength lies in their ball control.

She said members of the Colorado coaching staff do a great job of getting their team prepared for a game.

"Colorado is always a very steady, very solid team," Todd said.

Tech senior middle blocker Alicia Ostmeier said Colorado is a

tough team, but she is ready to compete for the first win in conference play, especially after the Red Raiders swept the Buffaloes in 2006.

"We've definitely been looking at the revenge factor," she said. "We're real excited; we've been working hard in practice. Talking about a couple of their key players and what we need to do to beat them."

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Everett moved arms, legs, could walk again

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Kevin Everett voluntarily moved his arms and legs on Tuesday when partially awakened, prompting a neurosurgeon to say the Buffalo Bills' tight end would walk again — contrary to the grim prognosis given a day before.

"Based on our experience, the fact that he's moving so well, so early after such a catastrophic injury means he will walk again," said Dr. Barth Green, chairman of the department of neurological surgery at the University of Miami school of medicine.

"It's totally spectacular, totally

unexpected," Green told The Associated Press by telephone from Miami.

Green said he's been consulting with doctors in Buffalo since Everett sustained a life-threatening spinal cord injury Sunday after ducking his head while tackling the Denver Broncos' Domenik Hixon during the second-half kickoff of the Bills' season opener.

Everett dropped face-first to the ground after his helmet hit Hixon high on the left shoulder and side of the helmet.

Asked whether Everett will have a chance to fully recover, Green

said: "It's feasible, but it's not 100 percent predictable at this time. ... But it's feasible he could lead a normal life."

On Monday, Bills orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Andrew Cappuccino, said Everett likely wouldn't walk again.

"A best-case scenario is full recovery, but not likely," said Cappuccino, who operated on the reserve tight

end. "I believe there will be some permanent neurologic deficit."

Cappuccino and officials at Millard Fillmore Gates Hospital did not immediately return several messages left with them by The AP.

In a report Tuesday evening, Buffalo's WTVB-TV quoted Cappuccino as saying: "We may be witnessing a minor miracle."

Will Mario Williams continue his 'super' play?

HOUSTON (AP) — Last year the Superman shield tattooed across the bulging right deltoid of Mario Williams seemed like wishful thinking for this physical specimen to stop playing like the mild-mannered Clark Kent and take over games like The Man of Steel.

But for the first time since the Houston Texans made him the top overall pick, Williams showed a sampling Sunday of why the team was so seduced with him that it passed over the seemingly can't-miss talent of Reggie Bush and Vince Young to get him.

Now he'll have to prove he can keep it up.

Williams returned a fumble 38

yards for a touchdown and finished with five tackles, including two sacks and had three quarterback hurries in Houston's 20-3 season-opening win over Kansas City.

He showed the kind of game-changing ability the Texans kept saying he had, but had yet to show. The 6-foot-7, 285-pound player led a defense that held Pro Bowl running back Larry Johnson to just 43 yards rushing.

Kansas City's 219 total yards were the third-fewest allowed in Texans history.

Perhaps more impressive than his stats is what coach Gary Kubiak said about Williams after watching the game film.

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By Philip J. Anderson
Portland, OR
9/12/07

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Tonight's captain's meeting is at 7:00pm in the Room 116 of the Student Rec Center. The intramural staff will review Texas Tech Policies, Flag Football Rules, the Sportsmanship Policy and hand out the official schedules. Playoff eligibility is determined by your sportsmanship rating. Teams attending this meeting will receive 1 point towards the sportsmanship goal. The season starts tomorrow at 5pm.

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OU-Texas football rivalry at center of bar fight

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — To some Oklahoma football fans, there are things that just aren't done in the heart of Sooner Nation, and one of them is to walk into a bar wearing a Texas Longhorns T-shirt.

That's exactly what touched off a bloody skirmish that left a Texas-shirt-wearing fan nearly castrated and an Oklahoma fan facing aggravated assault charges that could put him in prison for up to five years.

The shocking case has set off a raging debate in this football-crazed region about the extreme passions behind a bitter rivalry. Some legal observers have even questioned whether this case could ever truly have an impartial jury.

"I've actually heard callers on talk radio say that this guy deserved what he got for wearing a Texas T-shirt into

a bar in the middle of Sooner country," said Irven Box, an attorney in this city 20 miles from Oklahoma's campus in Norman.

According to police, 32-year-old Texas fan Brian Christopher Thomas walked into Henry Hudson's Pub on June 17 wearing a Longhorns T-shirt and quickly became the focus of football "trash talk" from another regular, 53-year-old Oklahoma fan Allen Michael Beckett.

Thomas told police that when he decided to leave and went to the bar to pay his tab, Beckett grabbed him in the crotch, pulled him to the ground and wouldn't let go, even as bar patrons tried to break it up. When the two men were separated, Thomas looked down and realized the extent of his injuries.

"He could see both of his testicles

hanging on the outside of his body," said Thomas' attorney, Carl Hughes.

"I've actually heard callers on talk radio say that this guy deserved what he got..."

— IRVEN BOX
ATTORNEY NEAR
NORMAN, OK

"He was wearing a pair of white shorts, which made it that much worse." It took more than 60 stitches to

close the wound, and police interviewed Thomas at a nearby hospital emergency room.

Beckett's attorney, Billy Bock, concedes that his client commented about Thomas' shirt, but said it was just good-natured ribbing and that he apologized to Thomas when it appeared to upset the Texas fan. Later, Bock said Thomas approached his client at the bar and threatened him.

"My client is a little man, and this guy (Thomas) is 30 to 40 pounds bigger than him," Bock said. "He's bigger, stronger, younger and probably faster, and he aggressively leaned in and touched my client and threatened to beat him up. ... My guy was defending himself and just took control of the situation."

Thomas' attorney disputes Beckett's version.

"That's total malarkey," Hughes said. "My client never said a word to him. He got up to pay and when he paid and left a tip, the guy grabbed him."

Beckett, a 53-year-old church deacon, federal auditor and former Army combat veteran, has pleaded not guilty. His next court appearance comes Oct. 4, two days before the Sooners and Horns tangle in their annual football game at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

Thomas, who once lived in Houston and became a Texas fan during the heyday of star running back Earl Campbell, is still recovering from his injuries but has returned to work as a meat cutter at a Sam's Club warehouse store.

Like Beckett and Thomas, many fans of the two college squads never

attended either university, but have come to identify so closely with these teams that they attach banners to their cars, wear team colors on game day and even have programmed their car horns to play school fight songs.

Dallas police Sgt. Andy Harvey, a 12-year veteran of the force, said it's not uncommon for fights to break out between fans of the two schools.

"People are passionate about their teams and their universities, and that's a good thing," he said, "but when you mix a real passionate sports fan and then get a little alcohol in there, sometimes it's not a good mix."

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SPORTS

Leach to throw first pitch in Houston

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Preparing for Rice is not the only item Texas Tech coach Mike Leach has on his itinerary for Houston this weekend.

He is scheduled to throw the first pitch in the Houston Astros game against the Pittsburgh Pirates 7 p.m. Friday at Minute Maid Park before Tech takes on Rice at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rice Stadium.

"Quite honestly, if I were sitting where you (were), I would think I'm lying on this ... I have doubts that I can go out there on that sidewalk and throw a strike," Leach said. "I've thrown two (first pitches), and I've thrown a strike both times. I'm as stunned as you are to hear it."

The Red Raiders' presence in Houston for the Rice game played a factor in Leach being chosen for the event. Minute Maid Park also is hosting a "College Night" the same evening Leach is set to make an appearance.

"It was brought up by my contact with Texas Tech," ticket sales representative Cody Arnold said. "I got in contact with the Texas Tech football department and stuff got set-up. I just want you to know it was their idea, but we're always excited to have someone like (Leach) come out and throw out the first pitch."

Arnold said the Astros organization is elated to have Leach included in the event.

"I think they have a fairly strong alumni in the Houston area," he said of Tech. "I think they'll be very positive, so everyone will be excited to see the man making all the calls on Saturdays."

Leach has participated in events similar to this one, including commercials and other first pitches in various games. Because of his familiarity, he is not nervous about the outcome of the pitch.

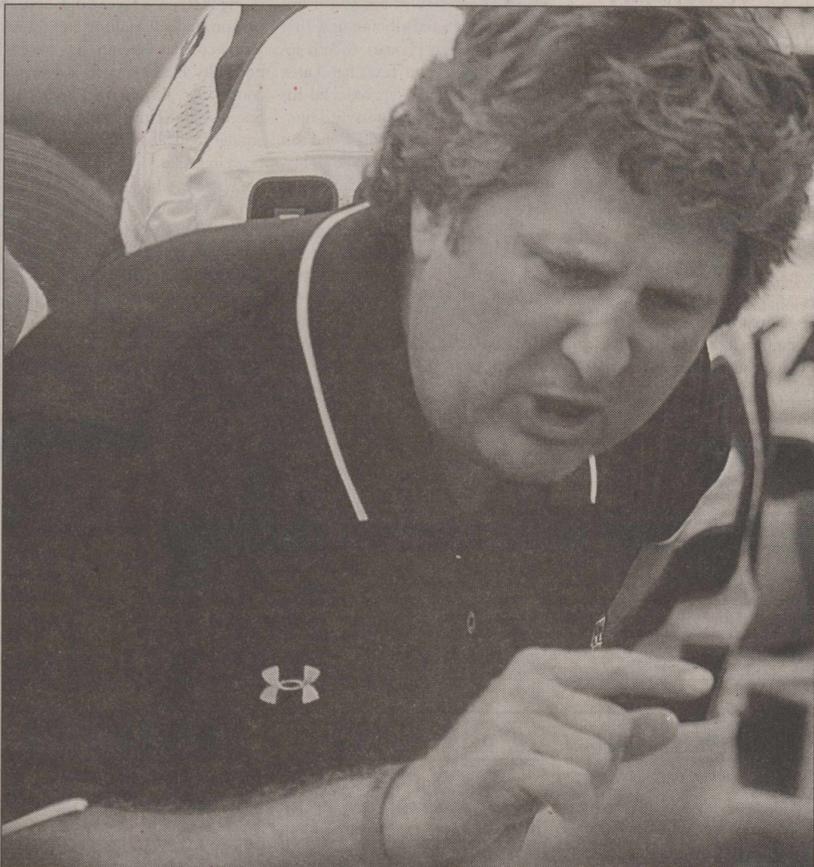


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TEXAS TECH FOOTBALL coach Mike Leach is scheduled to throw out the first pitch of the Houston Astros-Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game Friday night at Minute Maid Park in Houston.

"I've been very lucky on those things," he said. "If I throw in the ground or throw it over the dude's head, I don't really care about that because there's been plenty of people do that. So what difference (does) it make if I do it? By the third inning, they're not even going to remember who throw the

first pitch anyway." Leach said he understands how a first pitch is supposed to go and the tactics one should take for a good pitch. "You don't throw it real hard now," he said. "You're just trying to make that glove not move. You just try to make the glove not move and try not to let

the mound screw you up. You (have to) aim low because it's going to tend to fly high." Leach will run into some former Red Raiders currently on the Astros roster, including pitcher Chris Sampson.

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Need for speed

Harrison adds to Tech soccer defense

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

When former Texas Tech women's soccer coach Neil McGuire left to coach at the University of California, he left sophomore forward Brittney Harrison wondering where she would play this season.

During coach Tom Stone's interview to replace McGuire, he fielded questions from 10 members of the team. The first question came from Harrison.

"Brittney put her hand up, and I said, 'Yeah Brittney?,' he said, 'and she said, 'Am I going to play in the back or in the front?'"

McGuire moved Harrison, the first Tech women's soccer player to make the Big 12 newcomer team, to a defender position in the spring when defender Jennifer Kammerer suffered an ankle injury. Harrison had not played defense since her sophomore year in high school.

Stone said the first time he saw Harrison's speed and looked at a schedule consisting of teams with speedy forwards, he decided to keep her at defender.

"If you don't have a pure runner in the back, teams can get behind you in a way where even the most organized defenses can't help themselves," he said. "Brittney is kind of a safety valve there."

The former striker has played defender in every game this season after she led Tech with nine goals and 29 shots-on-goal in the 2006 season.

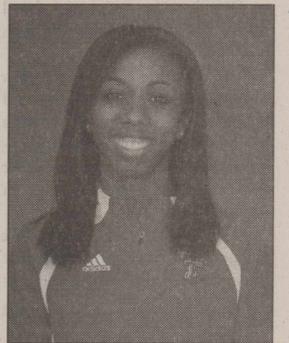
"We understood the downside of it," Stone said of the switch. "Karen (De Leon) is coming on a little bit, and Emmie Bennett had two (goals) at Texas State. So I think we're trying to score goals by community."

Harrison saw minimal time at a forward position against Vanderbilt when Tech trailed 1-0 late in the game.

"Down 1-0 with us pushing the tempo, we put her up there with 15 (minutes) to go," Stone said. "She created one good chance and was on the end of one with seconds left that could have tied the game for us, and I don't think anyone else on our team could have gotten to that ball."

Stone said Harrison's experience at forward allows her to switch roles and anticipate where the offense wants to go.

"She understands a forward's tendencies and their movements," he said. "A good part of being a defender is seeing



BRITTNEY HARRISON

the play before it happens, so you know where to be, when to step, when to drop, when you're actually in danger and when it's really not a dangerous situation."

Unaware of a future position change, at the end of last season, Harrison said McGuire told her to hone her attacking skills to prepare for 2007.

"He said teams would have to double-team me," she said. "I was working on my skill more, working on laying the ball off and spinning, but then I became a defender, so it just changed my whole perspective."

Stone said the possibility of Harrison returning to her old position still remains.

"She's got two more years," he said. "There could be more defenders coming in, and she could get back up front for us. If we (recruit) a defender then we get a forward back. It's a 2007 decision. It's not a forever decision."

Sophomore defender Sarahbeth Clopton said Harrison's speed on the field provides the defense with insurance.

"It gives the rest of us a little leniency in going forward," she said. "We can take a risk because Brittney can be our back up. Not that we can solely rely on that, but it's good to know that she is speed in the back."

Stone said moving Harrison back is just the beginning of what is to come.

"If you want to start to build a team's confidence and you want to start building a team's winning mentality," he said, "you can't always count on just out-scoring them. We thought, 'Well lets take one of our best players and help her anchor our back line and let that be a foundation for a team we want to build.'"

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Big 12 News and Notes

Nebraska: Callahan tight-lipped on injuries

Two injuries of interest are those of defensive tackle Ty Steinkuhler and safety Tierre Green. Junior Steinkuhler, who injured a knee fewer than five minutes into the opener, made the trip to Wake Forest Saturday. He even warmed up but did not play a snap. Senior Green, meanwhile, suffered a shoulder stinger in the third quarter of Saturday's game and did not return. Callahan revealed little more other than both players are "day-to-day."

Lincoln Journal Star

Kansas State: K-State loses linebacker for season

After Antwon Moore exited the game against San Jose State late in the first quarter Saturday evening with a left-knee injury, Kansas State head coach Ron Prince confirmed the junior outside linebacker is going to miss the remainder of the season.

"Antwon brought a lot of energy to us," Prince said of the former junior-college transfer. "He had a big role in the kicking game a year ago and a big role defensively. Against a lot of teams with a mobile quarterback, Antwon was able to help us with a different style a year ago."

The Manhattan Mercury

Colorado: Jackson ruled ineligible

Colorado listed Bernard Jackson as academically ineligible on its preseason eligibility report to the Big 12 Conference because the athlete's grade-point average has fallen below eligible limits; multiple school officials have confirmed the report. However, Jackson has not been ruled out playing for the team this fall because he is completing work in an independent studies class, coach

Dan Hawkins said.

Daily Camera Online

Kansas: Rush recovering from ACL injury

Jayhawk forward Brandon Rush's rehab continues to progress. Sept. 4, Rush gave an optimistic update on his steady recovery from the June 1 right-ACL injury.

"I am sprinting now," said Rush, who ran "a mile worth of sprints" and worked out in the weight room Aug. 31 before gladly accepting an offer of a hard-earned holiday weekend off.

He was cleared to begin jogging Aug. 22, and he only recently picked up the pace.

Lawrence Journal-World

Texas: Men's hoops cancels exhibition game

An exhibition against NCAA Division II school Lenoir-Rhyne, coach Rick Barnes' alma mater from Hickory, N.C., scheduled for Nov. 8, has been canceled. The Longhorns instead will scrimmage Davidson College, a Division I school from North Carolina, Nov. 4. The NCAA allows scrimmages between Division I and Division II teams. Still, the schools are prohibited from making the games open to the public.

Austin American-Statesman

Baylor: Highly ranked basketball recruit gives nod to Bears

The Baylor men's basketball team continued to stock up on size by receiving a verbal commitment Sunday from Houston Yates senior forward Anthony Jones. Jones is ranked No. 46 nationally in the 2008 class by the Web site rivals.com and is No. 3 in Texas behind Dallas South Oak Cliff center J'Mison Morgan and Port Arthur Memorial guard J'Covan Brown.

Waco Tribune