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Perry announces Texas-Israel chamber

RICHARDSON (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry announced the establishment of the Texas-Israel Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday as an agency meant to foster economic exchange and academic collaboration between the two.

Perry also said he's asked the directors of the Employees Retirement System and Teachers Retirement System to divest their funds from companies doing business with Iran. The governor said Texans won't condone Iran's support of terrorism.

NATION

Tropical storm forms in Atlantic

MIAMI (AP) — A tropical depression strengthened into Tropical Storm Karen early Tuesday in the open Atlantic Ocean, where it posed no immediate threat to land, and a new tropical depression formed in the southwestern Gulf of Mexico.

At 5 p.m. EDT, Karen was centered about 1,430 miles east of the Windward Islands, with top sustained winds near 40 mph, the National Hurricane Center said.

It was moving toward the west-northwest near 15 mph and was expected to strengthen over the next 24 hours. Tropical storm-force wind extended outward up to 45 miles from Karen's center.

WORLD

Rare suicide attack hits Iraqi city

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide car bomber Tuesday attacked a police headquarters in Basra, killing at least three policemen, wounding 20 people and raising fears about security in the oil-rich southern city now that British forces have withdrawn.

It was the second major suicide attack to kill Iraqi police in as many days. The police chief of Baqouba was among at least 24 people killed when a suicide bomber attacked a Sunni-Shiite reconciliation meeting late Monday.

DEATH TOLL

3799

U.S. Military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Bush, Iraqi leader discuss reconciliation

By JENNIFER LOVEN
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NEW YORK (AP) — President Bush pressed Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki on Tuesday to move on stalled measures deemed critical to political reconciliation, while al-Maliki made clear his unhappiness about the killing of Iraqi civilians by private U.S.

security contractors. Meeting face to face for the second time this month, the two leaders used polite diplomatic language to talk publicly about tense issues.

It was a sign of how little room each has to maneuver: The Iraqi prime minister owes his still-tenuous political survival in large part to staunch White House support, and Bush, even if dissatisfied with

al-Maliki's leadership in some areas, recognizes there is virtually no alternative to replace him.

Bush is under tremendous pressure from congressional Democrats and Republicans alike to show that his loyalty to al-Maliki is justified, given the Iraqi's slow progress in bringing rival sects together to lessen fighting and meet benchmarks set by Washington. So after their hour-long

meeting, the president praised al-Maliki for "your dedication and your commitment" while speaking vaguely — though pointedly — about the need for unspecified "political parties in Iraq" to make strides.

"Some politicians may be trying to block the law to gain special advantage," said Bush, who also met with al-Maliki in Iraq on Labor Day. "And these parties have got to

understand that it's in the interests of Iraq to get good law passed."

Much-delayed action, such as a national oil law, have stalled in the Iraqi parliament amid factional bickering and, in some cases, defections.

Bush also underscored Iraq's obligation to beef up security forces. "I assured him we want his security forces

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Gimme your best shot

Student Health Services encourages vaccinations

By GLENYS BOLLS
STAFF WRITER



Texas Tech Student Health Services encourages all students to update their vaccinations in the next few weeks.

To make it easier for members of the Tech community to get vaccinated against diseases like influenza and meningitis, Student Health Services will host several vaccine clinics in October.

"It's a preventative tool so they don't get these illnesses," said Amanda Eldredge, health educator for Student Health Services. "If you get these illnesses, it usually turns out that you don't go to classes because you're too sick."

Each of the vaccine clinics will be open from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on its assigned day, according to a press release from Student Health Services. The first clinic will be Oct. 9 in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center; the second will be Oct. 11 in the Chitwood/Weymouth Residence Halls; the third will be Oct. 16 in the Student Union Building Playa Room; the last will be Oct. 17 in the Tech School of Law forum.

"These are just areas we'd done it in the past," Eldredge said.

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Spy chief: Al-Qaida training European recruits to attack US

By PAMELA HESS
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Al-Qaida continues to recruit Europeans for explosives training in Pakistan because Europeans can more easily enter the United States without a visa, the nation's top intelligence officer said Tuesday.

Director of National Intelligence Mike McConnell said European al-Qaida recruits in the border region of Pakistan are being trained to use commercially available substances to make explosives, and they may be able to carry out an attack on U.S. territory.

McConnell also said he worried that Osama bin Laden's recent video and audio releases may be a signal to terrorist cells to carry out operations, he told the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"That's unusual. He had been absent from airwaves over the last year. Our concern is that's a signal," McConnell said. "It just causes us to be concerned and vigilant."

Europeans are being recruited specifically because they generally do not need visas to enter the United States, he said.

"Purposely recruiting an operative from Europe gives them an extra edge into getting an operative, or two or three, into the country with the ability to carry out an attack that might be reminiscent of 9/11," he said.

McConnell's threat warning echoed what he told Congress in July at a time when he and the Bush administration were pressing Congress for swift passage of a new law designed to ease warrantless eavesdropping on overseas calls and e-mails.

McConnell warned then that the existing law which dictated when the government must obtain warrants from a secret intelligence court to eavesdrop had become a dangerous blockade to spying on terrorists overseas.

McConnell told the Senate panel Tuesday that half of "what we know" comes from electronic surveillance, and the outdated Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act had degraded those intercepts by two-thirds.

Under the new law, the government can eavesdrop without a court order on communications conducted by a person reasonably believed to be outside the United States, even if an American is on one end of the conversation — so long as that American is not the intended focus or target of the surveillance.

Because of changes in technology, many more foreign communications now flow through the United States. The new law, called the Protect America Act, allows communications initiated outside the United States to be tapped without a court order when they pass through electronic channels on U.S. soil. That law expires in January.

The FISA law generally prohibited eavesdropping conducted inside the U.S., unless a court approved it.

Tech researcher says greenhouse emissions need to be cut by 2050

By ADAM YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

To reduce the impacts of global climate change, the United States must reduce its greenhouse gas emissions 80 percent by 2050, according to a report conducted in part by a Texas Tech researcher.

Global Warming 101, a report developed by Katharine Hayhoe, an associate professor of geosciences at Tech, as well as researchers with the Union of Concerned Scientists and Stanford University, sets benchmarks of 450 parts per million of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere to maintain the planet's temperature within 3 1/2 degrees Fahrenheit of its current temperature.

"In the study, we looked at how much change we think people could adapt to and what we have to do to limit the amount of climate change to that level," Hayhoe said.

A 3 1/2 degree change in the Earth's temperature could be a tipping point at which other actions would begin or become irreversible, including melting the Greenland Ice Cap and potentially eliminating 30 percent of Earth's species, Hayhoe said.

"Our study found that it would be best to keep warming below 3 1/2 degrees Fahrenheit because then there's a very small chance that this would happen," she said. "The farther we go past that temperature, the greater the chance is."

Even if greenhouse gas emissions drastically are reduced, Hayhoe said she and other researchers believe some changes in

the planet's climate are likely to occur in the near future.

"The changes that we expect to see in the next 20 years are not affected by the decisions we make today because they're already happening because of what we've already done," Hayhoe said. "Unless somebody invents a way to suck carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere very quickly and easily and they do it very soon, we are going to see some changes."

She said it is often difficult to motivate people to act on climate change because of the delay of the results.

"Climate change is such a difficult issue because with the changes we make today, we're not going to see the results for maybe 30 or 40 more years," she said. "But by the time

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Covenant drops Blue Cross Blue Shield

By GLENYS BOLLS
STAFF WRITER

Covenant Medical Group announced last week that Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas health insurance no longer will be accepted for visits to 187 physicians in West Texas.

The change affects physicians who are members of the Covenant Medical Group, Levelland Rural Health Clinic or Plainview Rural Health Clinic, according to the Covenant Medical Group Web site, www.covmedgroup.org. The change does not affect any individual's ability to access care at the Covenant Health System hospitals or facilities.

"The dispute was about money — the rate of reimbursement for physicians," said Margaret Jarvis, spokeswoman for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas. "Our position was that we were not able to give the double-digit increase that Covenant requested."

Jarvis said she could not divulge the exact amount of the requested increase. Kristen Kothmann, vice president and chief operating officer of Covenant Medical Group, agreed rate information is confidential in all contract negotiations.

"The way our physician contract is designed, Blue Cross comes in and

hands us the rates they will pay," Kothmann said. "If we don't agree with the rates, we have to notify them that we want to discuss it. We notified them, and they told us they didn't want to talk about rates."

According to the Web site, for the past several months, the Covenant Medical Group, the Levelland clinics and the Plainview clinics have attempted to negotiate a new contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield that would set new rates comparable to what other insurance companies pay.

"Our standard pricing policy involves equity — treating all physician groups equally," Jarvis said. "We try to be consistent based on geographic areas. If we had changed for CMG, we would have to change for all physicians, and that would change our premiums by about \$10,000. Part of our job in negotiations is to hold the costs down for members."

Kothmann said the rate Blue Cross Blue Shield was willing to pay was not acceptable by Covenant's standards.

"Our preference would be to stay connected with Blue Cross," she said. "But they are refusing to talk to us about rates. It makes it difficult to come to an agreement when the other party won't come to the table."

According to the Web site, Blue Cross Blue Shield was unwilling to negotiate, so Covenant Medical Group terminated its four agreements with the insurance provider. Because of this change, Blue Cross Blue Shield may ask its members to switch physicians or pay more out-of-pocket expenses to continue receiving care from Covenant physicians.

"From what we're finding out, a lot of patients don't appreciate their insurance provider getting between them and their physician," Kothmann said. "Some have made a change in their insurance. Some have decided to stay with our physicians."

Kothmann said the process has been difficult for the physicians because their costs are increasing, but Blue Cross has decreased the physician reimbursement by 24 percent during the past three years.

"If you took a cut in pay for three years, you'd feel an impact," she said. "The expectation is to provide the same level of care with less money. It can't be done."

Lubbock County has approximately 40,500 Blue Cross Blue Shield members, Jarvis said. It could not be determined how many of those members receive health services from the Covenant a Group.

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we see the results, it's too late to actually make those changes."

Michael Mastrandrea, a research associate at Stanford University's Center for Environmental Science and Policy United who worked on Global Warming 101, said the report is based in part on information and goals set by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, a report which was released earlier this year.

"The overall goal from the framework convention is avoiding dangerous climate change," he said. "But defining what is dangerous is difficult because different people from around the world are going to have different definitions of what is dangerous to them and what impacts they think are most important."

Mastrandrea said a main objective of Global Warming 101 was to develop goals that industrialized nations, like the United States, and developing

nations, like China and India, could work toward.

"(The benchmark of) 450 parts per million is a policy target to balance a concentration target that will take us below some of the more worrying or potentially dangerous climate impacts that could occur," he said.

Hayhoe said she hopes the report will be a reference governments can use to set realistic goals to minimize climate change.

"We're trying to tell government, if you're going to make a commitment, here is what you want to do," she said.

Still, taking action to reduce climate change is not limited to governments.

"There's something everybody can do," she said. "If enough people would just turn off their computers at night, that would be enough to stop the U.S.'s increase in greenhouse gas emissions. People can also replace light bulbs and buy more efficient vehicles and appliances."

Hayhoe said some Americans

are not compelled to act because climate change is looked at as a "global issue."

"Everybody likes to be altruistic, but if you're going to have to make some major changes in your lifestyle, you're not going to do it for some people you've never met before who live half-way around the world," she said. "You're going to do it because there's going to be benefits for yourself and for your children."

However, she said her computer models show global climate change could make a significant local impact.

In Lubbock, average day and night summer temperatures were in the mid-70s between 1961 and 1990, she said, but are anticipated to rise to the lower 80s within 20 years.

"With this, there's more extreme heat during the day, and it doesn't cool off as much at night as it used to," she said.

If greenhouse gas emissions are not reduced, she said average summer day and night temperatures in Lubbock could reach 95 degrees by 2080.

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Bush

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well-trained, mobile and capable of handling Iraqi security on their own," said Bush, who in January had said Iraq would be able to handle security in all 18 provinces by November.

Al-Maliki defended his government's performance while saying "the task before us is gigantic."

The prime minister brought up his own deep frustration about Blackwater USA, a private contractor whose security guards are blamed for killing 11 Iraqi civilians while escorting a diplomatic convoy in Baghdad.

Blackwater, which protects State Department personnel in Iraq, said its employees acted appropriately. While offering sympathy, Bush has said he will withhold judgment during the ongoing investigation.

Al-Maliki did not specifically mention the situation when he appeared publicly with Bush, saying only that they "talked about the importance of mutual respect between our two sides."

Later, Bush's national security adviser, Stephen Hadley, said al-Maliki said behind closed doors that Iraqi sovereignty must be respected. The two agreed there should be "better cooperation and coordination in these operations," and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice followed with a more detailed discussion with the prime minister, Hadley said.

A senior Iraqi official said Bush asked al-Maliki to provide him with a list of similar suspected violations and noted that the United States has held accountable those responsible for the Abu Ghraib prison scandal.

Earlier Tuesday, Bush delivered his annual address to the U.N.

General Assembly.

The president mentioned Iraq only in passing, lumping it with Afghanistan and Lebanon and saying that "every civilized nation has a responsibility to stand with" the people of those three countries nurturing new democracies.

He spoke out in detail against what he termed repressive regimes in Zimbabwe, Sudan, Cuba — prompting Cuba's foreign minister to walk out in protest — and, especially, Myanmar, a Southeast Asian country also known as Burma that is ruled by a military dictatorship.

Declaring that "Americans are outraged by the situation in Burma" and accusing the dictatorship of a "19-year reign of fear," Bush said the United States would tighten economic sanctions on the leaders of the regime and their financial backers and impose an expanded travel ban that applies not only to people responsible for human rights violations but also their family members.

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DEM BONES



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JENNI HATCHETT, A graduate archeology student from Lubbock, sorts through animal bones from a site at Presidio San Saba and prepares to send them in for analysis Tuesday afternoon in Holden Hall.

Bush challenges U.N.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — President Bush announced new sanctions Tuesday against the military dictatorship in Myanmar, accusing it of imposing “a 19-year reign of fear” that denies basic freedoms of speech, assembly and worship.

“Americans are outraged by the situation in Burma,” the president said in an address to the U.N. General Assembly. The military junta renamed the Asian country Myanmar, but the United States does not recognize the change.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, a bitter foe of the United States, sat in the chamber and checked his watch during Bush’s remarks. First lady Laura Bush, also present for the president’s speech, walked right by the seated Iranian president. The two had no contact.

Bush urged other nations to support countries that are struggling for democracy.

“The people of Lebanon and Afghanistan and Iraq have asked for our help, and every civilized nation has a responsibility to stand with them,” Bush said.

“Every civilized nation also has a responsibility to stand up for the people suffering under dictatorship,” the president said. “In Belarus, North Korea, Syria and Iran, brutal regimes deny their people the fundamental rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration” of the United Nations.

While the war in Iraq continues, Bush made scant mention of it.

After his speech, however, he reassured Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki that U.S. support is not wavering. “We’re with ya, prime minister,” Bush told him.

Addressing reporters after a roughly

hour-long meeting, Bush and al-Maliki did not say whether they had discussed the killing of 11 Iraqi civilians by security guards with Blackwater USA, a private contractor. The incident has strained U.S.-Iraqi ties.

But Al-Maliki did say “Iraq’s security is very important and we talked about the importance of mutual respect between our two sides.”

Bush prodded political parties in Iraq to reconcile their differences and pass a series of pivotal laws. “Some political parties may be trying to block the laws to gain special advantage,” Bush said.

In his address to the U.N., Bush barely mentioned Iran, a nation the United States accuses of terrorism, pursuit of a nuclear weapon and aid for deadly insurgents in Iraq.

Instead, Bush focused his remarks elsewhere, challenging the U.N. to uphold its pledge to fight for freedom in lands of poverty and terror.

“The nations in this chamber have our differences, yet there are some areas where we can all agree,” Bush said. “When innocent people are trapped in a life of murder and fear, the declaration is not being upheld. When millions of children starve to death or perish from a mosquito bite, we’re not doing our duty in the world. When whole societies are cut off from the prosperity of the global economy, we’re all worse off.”

“Changing these underlying conditions is what the declaration calls the work of larger freedom and it must be the work of every nation in this assembly,” he said. “This great institution must work for great purposes: to free people from tyranny and violence, hunger and diseases, illiteracy and ignorance and poverty and despair.”

Bush looked ahead to a Cuba no longer ruled by Fidel Castro, the ailing 81-year-old leader of the communist-run government.

“In Cuba, the long rule of a cruel dictator is nearing its end,” Bush said. “The Cuban people are ready for their freedom. And as that nation enters a period of transition, the United Nations must insist on free speech, free assembly and, ultimately, free and competitive elections.”

Cuba’s foreign minister walked out of the gathering in protest of Bush’s speech. The Cuban delegation later said Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque’s move was a “sign of profound rejection of the arrogant and mediocre statement” by Bush.

Bush urged the U.N. to reform its Human Rights Council, created to replace the discredited Human Rights Commission. But Bush criticized the new body for ignoring abuses in places like Iran “while focusing its criticism excessively on Israel.”

“The American people are disappointed by the failures of the Human Rights Council,” Bush said. “The United Nations must reform its own Human Rights Council.”

But the president’s call for change came with the suggestion of a deal: the United States’ support for the highly contentious issue of expanding the Security Council, the U.N.’s most powerful body. Bush suggested that Japan is “well-qualified” to be an additional member and said “other nations should be considered as well.”

Vaccinations

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“We received a great response, great feedback there. These are also areas that are easily accessible to a lot of people.”

Clinics are open to Tech students only, so valid student ID cards are required. Cash and checks will be accepted for the vaccines. According to the press release, the vaccinations for meningitis and influenza are recommended highly and cost \$110 and \$20, respectively. The vaccine for measles, mumps and rubella is available for \$75.

“Those are the only ones available

at the vaccine clinics,” Eldredge said, “but we have other vaccines available in our offices.”

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University computer nerds hope to auction selves

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Looking to recruit more women, and perhaps date some sorority women, the largest computer club at Washington State University hopes to hold a “nerd auction.”

The idea is to trade their computer skills to sorority girls in exchange for a makeover and, possibly, a date.

“You can buy a nerd and he’ll fix your computer, help you with stats homework, or if you’re really adventurous, take you to dinner!” Ben Ford, president of the Linux Users Group, said on its Web site.

Ford acknowledged that some of the group’s 213 registered members may not be ready for the auction block.

“The problem is that we’re all still nerds. Let’s face it, guys. If anyone’s going to bid on us, we’ll need some spicing up,” he wrote. “And who better to help with that than sorority girls who like nothing better than a makeover?”

This all began as an effort to recruit more women into computer science programs and a public relations class decided to help.

“Our conclusion was that they need to promote themselves better,

then specific ideas were presented to them,” said professor Moon Lee, who taught the public relations class. “They made suggestions to work with specific groups such as sororities. Sorority groups tend to have a very good social network.”

Ford, who has an undergraduate degree in computer science and is pursuing a master’s in business management, has spoken to several sororities, but so far none has committed to the project. A call to the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life at WSU by The Associated Press was not immediately returned.

Pet rabbit stolen from Spokane, Wash. preschool

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A pet rabbit named Sugar Bunny was stolen from a preschool and fliers protesting circus animal acts were left in its empty cage.

The preschool’s children gathered in a circle Monday to remember Sugar Bunny.

“We talked about how some people have different ideas about animals,” said teacher Lori Peters. “Some people don’t think they should be in cages.”

Sugar Bunny vanished from

the Community Building Children’s Center on Saturday, teachers said.

“Somebody stole him,” 5-year-old Zion told The Spokesman-Review, which gave only the first names of him and other children in a report on the heist. “I’m sad.”

The fliers expressed protests against the Ringling Brothers Circus, which was in town during the weekend, and had a picture of a bear trying to escape from a cage. The fliers bore the names of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

and the Northwest Animal Rights Network.

Daphna Nachminovitch, director of PETA’s domestic animal department, said the group would not endorse stealing a pet bunny.

“Just like dogs and cats, (rabbits) have been domesticated, so we encourage people who have the knowledge and ability to adopt rabbits from their local shelters,” Nachminovitch said.

It’s unclear whether the preschool will find a new pet, Peters said.

Porsche driver jailed for 10 weeks for 172 mph clocking

LONDON (AP) — A rental car worker who was clocked at 172 mph in his company’s Porsche was ordered jailed Monday for 10 weeks.

Tim Brady, 33, who was caught Jan. 27, became the fastest speeder ever convicted in Britain. He beat the previous record — 156 mph — set by car dealer Jason McAllister in 2003.

Brady was caught driving the \$198,000 Porsche 911 Turbo, which he took from his employer, luxury car rental firm HelpHire PLC, authorities said.

Brady had nagged his boss to take the Porsche out the day before, but was repeatedly told no, authorities said.

Judge David Morton called the act “criminally self-indulgent.”

“(You were) utterly thoughtless of the danger you might be creating for the innocent,” he told Brady.

Brady, who admitted to dangerous driving, was banned from driving for three years and will have to take a new driving test before taking to the road again.

He quit his job a day after he was caught.

Newly-engaged couple robbed in Central Park

NEW YORK (AP) — For richer, for poorer? It’ll have to be for poorer after Luke Jacunski and his girlfriend were robbed at gunpoint just seconds after he proposed.

Jacunski got on one knee and popped the question to his girlfriend of six months, Mami Nagase, in a romantic spot at a gazebo in Central Park on Saturday night. She had just agreed to marry him when, they said, a

gunman jumped from the bushes and yelled, “Give me your money and get on the ground!”

As Jacunski, 30, and Nagase, 24, got on the ground, he was able to slip the engagement ring off her finger and hide it in his pocket.

The robber took a Rolex watch from Nagase and \$125 from Jacunski, who had planned to use it to pay for a romantic dinner at a French restaurant. The robber then ran away.

Nagase, an artist from Japan, and Jacunski, a musician from Cincinnati, spent the next several hours at a police station looking at mug shots and sharing potato chips for dinner. They said they still plan to get married.

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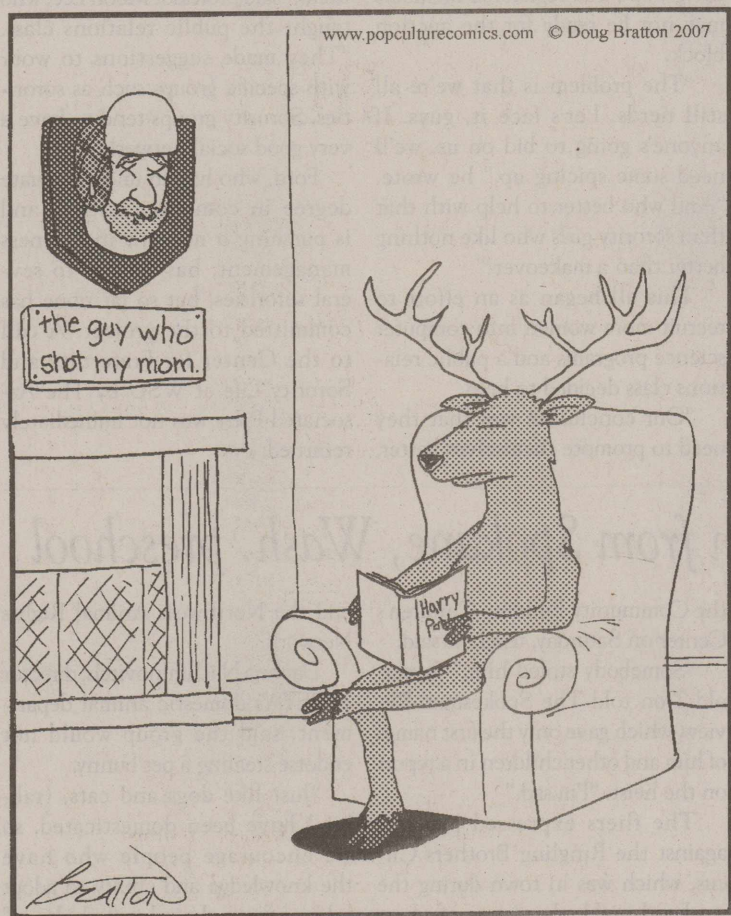
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Bambi's Revenge

A mixed blessing

Africa's natural-resource situation is at a standoff in which yesterday's despair meets tomorrow's optimism. Africa is well-endowed with natural resources, housing the world's largest supplies of gold and diamonds, as well as large reserves of oil.

Matt Wisnewski



Yet many experts believe natural resources cultivate a resource curse on the continent, the irony being countries with an abundance of natural resources have less economic growth than countries without such resources.

During the colonial period, foreign super powers exploited Africa's resource wealth. Not much has changed since independence. Nigeria, for example, contains the continent's largest oil reserves but is the one of the poorest countries in the world.

Mineral resources are generally non-renewable, and, once a site becomes exhausted, it is deemed useless for future extraction. Many parts of Africa experienced high levels of natural-resource exploration in recent years, threatening the structure and functioning of many ecological systems. Few people feel the impact of this resource revolution. Mining and drilling bring in the most money to Africa each year; however, these industries employ a tiny fraction of the continent's population.

For example, economic development in Sierra Leone continually gets hindered by an overdependence on mineral exploration. Sierra Leone relies on the mining sector (diamonds in particular) for its economic base. Its government and citizens believe diamonds and gold are adequate generators of earnings and lure for investors. Still, the country struggles to manage its exploration and exports.

According to the U.S. State Department Web site, annual diamond-production estimates in Sierra Leone range from \$250 million to \$300 million; however, only a fraction of that money passes through legal export paths (2005: \$142 million). The remainder is smuggled out of the country and used to finance rebel activities in the region and arms purchases, leading some at the United Nations to consider diamonds a "conflict resource."

As the term "conflict resource" insinuates, natural resources are Africa's mixed blessings. They bring billions of dollars in foreign investment into the continent; yet, corruptive tendencies appear to supersede national interests. Sierra Leone's price for its mixed blessing was a 10-year horrific civil war that brought the country's average life expectancy to 40.58 years, according to the CIA World Factbook.

Its resource curse relates to that of the Democratic Republic of the Congo where, under President Mobutu, the DROC thwarted economic growth by supporting widespread corruption and using public resources for personal gain. So staggering was the frequency and size of these unrecorded and illicit transactions that the DROC's unofficial economy in the early 1990s was estimated, according to the Web site geographic.org, to be three times the size of the official gross domestic product.

It did not have to be this way. Home to a vast potential of natural resources and mineral wealth, the DROC was the world's fourth leading producer of industrial diamonds during the 1980s. Yet, the DROC economy has declined drastically since the mid 1980s in part because of what caused Sierra Leone's decline: war.

Two conflicts, the First Congo War and the Second Congo War, dramatically have reduced national output and government revenue and have resulted in the deaths of 4 million people and the displacement of 3 million others, according to the Hoover Institution.

Foreign businesses have cut operations because of uncertainty about the future conflict. Much of the focus of the Second Congo War involved gaining control of the abundant natural resources. Countries participating in the war paid their military expenses by extracting minerals, diamonds and timber from the Eastern Congo. This left communities devastated.

The new DROC government continues to try to improve their situation, but success has not come as fast as expected. Poor infrastructure, inflation and corruption continue to plague the DROC government.

Though rich in minerals and natural resources, the DROC typifies the resource curse. War has devastated countries, corruption has led to distrust in government and illicit sales from natural resources cripple their GDPs.

Basing an entire nation's wealth on one commodity has debilitating effects. These monocultures leave economies extremely vulnerable to price swings, making economic planning difficult. How does a country get out of this cycle? South Africa provides an example as to how it is done.

South Africa has made great progress in dismantling its old economic system, which was based on anticompetitive behavior and extensive government intervention. New leadership has moved to reduce the government's role in the economy and promote private-sector investment. Its most ambitious program, the Growth, Employment and Redistribution Strategy, demonstrates commitment to opening markets and privatization by calling for the creation of 400,000 new jobs each year. Such promotion of entrepreneurship and foreign investment has led South Africa to have one of the highest per capita GDPs in Africa.

Africa's greatest money maker could no longer be a mixed blessing. The continent's natural resources are the envy of the world, and within this century, Africa might be able to claim such resources as its own.

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Halo 3: Dividing the genders

Halo 3 was released at midnight on Tuesday and, as I did three years ago as a freshman, I watched the men around me fall into the deep, dark trance of gun shooting and sword slashing. The video game is a source of collective adoration for most men (like football or a Tyrannosaurus Rex flying an F-22) and most girls normally are absent from this appreciation.

And really — there is nothing quite like a holy war between humans and aliens depicted in small pixels channeling through a green and white box to get testosterone flowing.

But, the "girls aren't able to appreciate Halo" bit is probably a harsh rationalization. I know girls who will spend a night in with their boyfriends playing Capture the Flag. From my thorough experience of watching these types of things from afar, I can say the girl is usually useless without that pretty little sword. And whether this was her settling point to actually spend time with the guy is another story entirely.

I don't partake in the playing of Halo because it is a gamers' game, and, as much as I like to flatter myself, I can't really hold that mantle and own it. I have been in the possession of a PlayStation 2 for six years now, and there are a fair few games that I can secretly play in my apartment

Britney Drumm



and do decently well at.

Growing up, I was that kid who would sit behind all of the guys and watch them play. Every now and then, I would jump into the mix (thank you very much, GoldenEye multiplier for the N64), but watching the masters work was always more enjoyable to me. There were a few things I could claim I was pretty adept at, mostly during what I like to refer to as "The Sega Age." I had this profound and unfathomable love for Sonic the Hedgehog 3 on the Sega Genesis. I could even own high school boys at it (insert giggle).

Before that, and here I think a lot more girls can appreciate the sentiment, was the "Classically Trained Era," when the original Nintendo (NES) opened our eyes to this new entertainment. Mario, Zelda, Tetris — for crying out loud, why would anyone want to go play arbitrary games in the streets with creepy neighbor kids? I could sit for hours saving princesses, liberating entire worlds and just slaughtering things with my bare, digital hands — all without ever leaving the floor.

These days I find myself pretty obsessed with Guitar Hero to the ex-

tent that I've actually lost complete feeling in my finger tips since I last played. It is a sacrifice worth paying, however, to be able to sit in front of a small TV, fake guitar in hand, and completely devastate a boy at his own domain.

The NES notwithstanding, the video game world has been a male-dominated industry. Living in Stangle Residence Hall as a freshman, I really do remember the day after the release of Halo 2 and its cataclysmic-like effect on the males of Murdough Residence Hall. The Market was filled with females looking around dumbstruck at the lack of male contact. That side of the residence hall was, for once, silent. Studying, listening to scantily clad freshman girls obsess about what-have-you and even the NFL couldn't have this type of effect. It was quite brilliant.

I heard the release of Halo 2 actually ruined some (clearly very meaningful) relationships at the time, and I can't say I'd be surprised to hear the same kind of stories for the final game's release.

A friend of mine from home actually used one of his sick days so he could go to the game's midnight release, receive free pizza and Red Bull, and then stay up until dawn playing the actual conquest portion of the game. That means he hasn't even tapped into the massive networking portion of the game, which is really where the beauty of Halo lays.

Halo, as much as video games take crap for making zombies out of children, actually has some social value. I mean, I'm not entirely sure if you can call yelling broken, offensive obscenities a social experience, but, heck, if the collective student body of Texas Tech can do it at a sporting event, I really don't see why grieving some guy from Australia who is modding and stand-by-ing can't qualify.

So ladies, I know most of us don't get the whole video game obsession. Some can kind of glance at that world like a kid gazing inside the pet store window, but it really isn't our arena — and I believe most men folk prefer it that way. Unless you can hang with the big boys, they'd probably rather us be silent spectators or go find somebody to watch "Grey's Anatomy" with. Yes, the season premiere is tonight, and I really tried hard to not mention it ...

We have our niches — shopping, "The Notebook," talking at very rapid speeds — and men have their video games.

And just think: If an evil clan of aliens happens to attack earth and scourge our landscape with destruction and war, we'll have some experienced warriors on our hands.

You really have to look at the bigger picture.

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GUEST COLUMNIST

College: It's the new high school

By **MATTHEW PORTER**
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By the time a teenager reaches high school, he or she invariably has become indoctrinated by the most American of maxims: "Education is the key to success," and the hackneyed social slogans of "Education is the future" and "No child left behind."

Fifty years ago, a high school education was enough to separate you from the rest of the workforce. Today, in a society where a college education is nearly mandatory, it takes an M.B.A., a J.D., an M.S. or even a Ph.D. to land a promising career.

Why has society augmented its educational criteria? Because college is the new high school.

The signs are all around us. Cheating has become such a problem in higher education that we are taught morality like it was an academic subject — as if some poor,

naive student suddenly will reach an epiphany and proclaim, "Oh my God, you mean cheating is wrong?" But academic integrity is a two-way street. Professors inflate grades by allocating absurd grading curves to their exams and increasing the grading weight of easily copied homework assignments. More and more teachers accept late work (something my high school history teacher assured me I would never get away with in college) and extend deadlines when students complain. Students, not teachers, seem to have the upper hand, and all too often, hardworking professors succumb to the demands of the academically apathetic.

I have seen this problem manifest with increasing regularity. Just today in my introductory corporate finance class, I was informed that because of complaints from students and their parents (really who calls their parents?) regarding the excessive difficulty of our first test, we would be given a new exam next class. To think that a professor, with the support of the

entire Department of Finance, would toss an exam with a B class average. Personally, and with the concurrence of classmates, I thought the exam was easy — and we had a 28-point curve. If you ask officials from the finance department why the exam had to be thrown out, they will tell you certain students complained about witnessing cheating on the exam, bringing into question the integrity of every student's grade (I would like to see the exam scores of the students who made these accusations).

In actuality, not one student out of the 100-student class was caught or formally charged with cheating or any other breach of the academic code of conduct. Either the students at Texas Tech are involved in a widespread, masterfully executed, virtually imperceptible organized cheating ring, or the Department of Finance just is making excuses for a policy that undermines the hard work of dedicated students to coddle to the expectations of the masses. Now I have to sit for a test for the second

time — except now it will have 20 fewer questions, and all the dozens of financial ratios that I spent hours memorizing will be given to us on a cheat sheet (Just a hint of irony in the finance department's decision to counter widespread cheating by making the entire class cheat).

But what can we do to change this?

First, to students, quit cheating. You are making the degree you are working hard to earn lose its value. Second, to teachers, don't give in. You didn't get that doctorate to be bullied by whining, sub-par students. Giving in just to raise your pass/fail rate or help your evaluations hurts your department's credibility. It makes the degrees earned by students of your college worth less and, subsequently, the degrees of every Tech student. This is a university, not a high school.

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Tech faculty discusses aspects of being homosexual

By ANN LUU
STAFF WRITER

Students, faculty and staff members gathered in the lobby of the Wall/Gates Residence Hall Tuesday evening for "Queer 101" — a discussion panel comprised of three Texas Tech faculty members sharing their experiences on being a part of the "queer" community.

In her presentation, Tricia Earl, a professor with the Tech School of Art, said the word "queer" is not a synonym for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual or transgender.

Earl said she will be hosting an art exhibit entitled "Queer Art" Oct. 5 at the Christine Devitt Icehouse and gave previews of some of the artwork representing her life.

Earl said she tries to use words such as "faggot" in her work to break down the common meaning of the word and

get others to think.

"When someone uses 'faggot' or 'queer' in a derogatory sense, it can be power," she said. "However, who owns power? Is it the giver or the receiver?"

Earl said being vocal is a daily struggle.

"I have moments when I make an association and a voice," she said. "Sometimes I'm afraid they will associate with me as being a lesbian."

Shawn Bible, a new associate professor in the Department of Theatre and Dance, talked about growing up in gay friendly cities in both Michigan and Idaho and explained moving to Lubbock, a more conservative city, was a shock.

"When I first moved in on Aug. 1," he said, "the first thing my partner and I did was mill the town and look for gay-related events. We couldn't find

anything."

Bible said what he saw was a lack of awareness, and he questioned whether anything gay-related even happened in the Hub City.

"I saw in *The Daily Toreador* an article about a gay film festival," he said, "and I thought to myself, 'This is my chance to meet everyone.' The thought

was frightening."

Bible said the small attendance of 15 to 20 people at the event was a real revelation on the conservativeness of Lubbock.

He said as he was growing up, his Catholic parents allowed him to choose his own religion, but they still withheld information about being gay.

"They did a really good job in holding all the information from me," he said. "I had several girlfriends, and

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9 AM	Sesame Street		The 700 Club	Divorce Court Judge Lopez	The Steve Wilkos Show	Montel Wil-iams	Martha "Pres-ident 58 Clinton"
10 AM	Big World (HD) WorldWorld		The Price Is Right	Judge Alex Paid Program	Temptation	The View	The Morning Show
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2 PM	Teletubbies	Crosswords	Guiding Light	Jerry Springer Talk show.	All of Us (HD) I Like (HD)	General Hospital	Judge Mathis
3 PM	Reading The Oprah Winfrey Show	Brown	Maury	Reba (HD) Reba (HD)	Paid Program	Elen De-Generes	
4 PM	Clifford	Dr. Phil Changing Lives	Judge Judy	Access	The Steve Wilkos Show	Rachael Ray	FOX 34 First @ Four
5 PM	Maja & Miguel	News	News	Family Feud	Still Standing	News	Raymond
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10 PM	Charlie Rose	(-35) The To-night Show (HD)	(-37) Late Late Show	Paid Program	Sex and City	(-36) ET	Friends
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- "Cold Case," CBS, 12.75 million;
- "Deal or No Deal" (Monday), NBC, 11.72 million;
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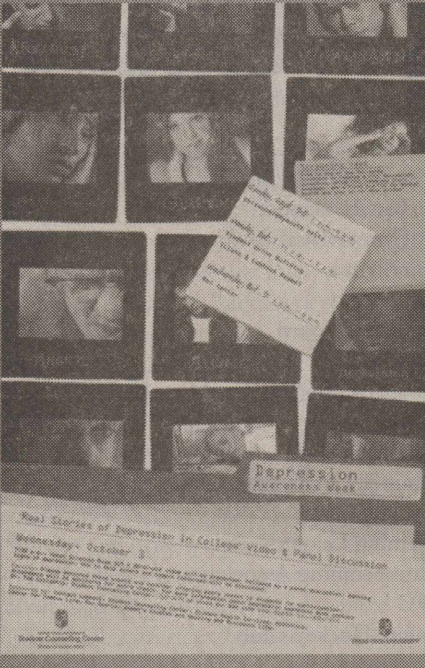
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Flag Football and Softball not your thing? How about Golf? The Texas Tech Intramural golf doubles tournament is scheduled for Sunday, October 7th. The format is 2-person scramble with a shotgun starting at 1:00. Stonegate golf course is the site of this year's event. The cost to golf is \$50.00 per 2-person team. This \$25 per person will get you 18-holes of golf, cart, lunch and a chance to win the NEW Intramural champion t-shirt.

To sign up come by the Intramural office located in the Student Rec Center room 203. All money is to be paid in advance to reserve your tee time. Any questions call – 742-2945. Hope to see you on the course.

Fall Soccer Sign-ups Start Next Week!

Have you been following the Women's World Cup in China, but haven't kicked the ball around in a few weeks? Then you should get a team together and sign-up for fall soccer! We will offer Co-recreational, Men's and Women's divisions. If you have questions, please call the Intramural Office at 742-2945 or stop by Room 203 in the Student Recreation Center.



Women's Flag Football Game on Sunday, Sept. 23

Don't think Texas Tech has much water around it?

Get on one of these great trips that will take you on a wild ride in a kayak or a canoe! Check out the OPC trip schedule and indulge yourself in these great trips at awesome prices!

Devil's River Canoeing

Trips Dates: Oct. 11-14

Deadline: Oct. 4

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Deadline: Oct. 4

Cost: \$125

Men's Rugby vs. Midland Mad Dogs Match Summary

Sept. 19, 2007

The match was played on a hot sunny day in Midland, Texas. Texas Tech had much of the possession in the first half and inside center Dustin Rotan capitalized on a Mad Dog penalty that led to three points for the Red Raiders. However, a defensive lapse enabled the Mad Dogs to take the lead 5-3 on the unconverted try. Texas Tech countered with hard running and driving mauls that ended up with them camped on the Mad Dog five meter line. Scrum-half Chapman Bauerlein recovered a loose ball and dove in for the score. Inside center Dustin Rotan converted the try to put Texas Tech up 10-5 at halftime. The rest of the game was hard fought as some inexperienced players were put in by Tech and held their own against the men's side. Final score was 10-10 in this friendly match.

Broadway Bikes Rec Triathlon Results

Thanks to everyone who came out on Sunday to participate in the Rec Sports Triathlon sponsored by Broadway Bikes. Here are the winners from each race classification:

Williams, Kirk Men 18-24 0:55:10 1st overall
Hirsch, Jennifer Women 25-29 0:59:15 1st overall
Trilobites Co-Rec Team 1:01:27
Le Master, Laith Men 17 & Under 1:14:14
Preston, David Men 18-24 0:55:36
Wagner, Gregory Men 25-29 0:55:44
Bole, Scott Men 30-34 1:03:36
Weddige, Karl Men 35-39 1:05:02
Burgett, Rod Men 40-44 1:04:44
Wade, Wilson Men 45-49 0:58:08
Lehman, John Men 50-54 1:05:06
Owen, Pual Men 55-59 1:00:41
Fischenich, Richard Men 60+ 1:11:01
Trunk Rotations Men's Team 0:55:27
Cox, Ashley Women 17 & under 1:16:39
Chandler, Clare Women 18-24 0:59:53
Hart, Nikah Women 25-29 1:12:46
Anger, Alicia Women 30-34 1:16:19
Jackson, Janda Women 35-39 1:07:06
Haukos, Jill Women 40-44 1:06:03
Greer, Marti women 45-49 1:09:27
Juergens, Cheryl Women 50-54 1:08:57
Mayer, Etta women 55-59 1:28:09
Biker Chicks Women's Team 1:08:50

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Long Course Swimming (50 meter)
October 6; November 17; December 1
Underwater Hockey/Water Polo
October 13; November 10; December 8
Kayak Polo
October 27

Lifeguard Challenge

Are you currently certified and about to expire? Are you certified by another agency other than American Red Cross? We have a challenge system especially for you! Update your certification by taking this Red Cross challenge course. The cost is \$75 (\$40 for CPR only).

October 4, November 1, December 6
6:00-9:00 pm

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Homecoming S.O. Sing

Monday, October 1, 2007
United Spirit Arena | 8:00 pm

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Tuesday, October 2, 2007
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student organization updates...

S.O. Registration Meeting

Wednesday, September 26, 2007
SUB Senate Room | 2 pm

S.O. Management Training

Thursday, September 27, 2007
SUB Senate Room | 6 pm

'Good Luck Chuck' lacks charm

I went into "Good Luck Chuck" with some baggage.

I am not a fan of Dane Cook. He's an idiot. But Cook's lack of comedy in his stand-up has nothing to do with the reason "Chuck" is such a terrible movie. In fact, Cook is not a bad actor.

"Chuck" is a bad movie because the script is entirely idiotic and not funny. Start the production of a film with a bad script, and you don't have a chance of making a good movie. Not even Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn could have made this movie funny.

It begins with Cook's character — Charlie — as a child. He's playing

Chris Kellerman



spin the bottle with friends, and the bottle lands on a gothic chick who takes him into a closet for "seven minutes in heaven." Little Charlie resists, and goth chick proceeds to put a hex on him making any girl who has sex with him marry the next man she meets.

Charlie grows up and becomes a

dentist. His office is across from that of his best friend Stu (Dan Fogler), a cosmetic surgeon specializing in breast implants. After Charlie realizes how unlucky he is with women, he decides the hex must be real. Because of this, he doesn't want to sleep with the girl of his dreams, Cam (Jessica Alba), for fear she will break up with him and get married.

If any of this sounds even remotely interesting, I assure you, it's not. I had to handcuff myself to the armrest of my seat so I wouldn't leave the theater. In fact, the reason this review is being published late is that I've been in the hospital since Friday night when I walked out of the theater

and into oncoming traffic, hoping for a one-way ticket to heaven after already having spent 96 minutes in hell.

The film's jokes are terrible. I chuckled three times, and the rest of the audience did not respond well, either.

Fogler is so annoying he's painful. Alba's character has this weird klutz thing going on, which contributes nothing to the story and only provides more pointless jokes. Cook does his best with a sub-par role, but his lines are so poorly written it's hard for him to be consistently good.

There is an abundance of nudity — but if that's why you are going,

then you would save time and money by watching online porn. Not that I'm condoning that or anything, but it's true.

The one positive aspect is — unlike most really bad movies — the end is actually better than the beginning and middle. For some reason the comedy improves, and you've got to wonder why the producer didn't tell the screenwriter to make the first hour a little more like the final 30 minutes.

Without the slight pick-up at the end, "Chuck" is almost a disaster. In fact, the only scene that had me laughing with laughter was during the end credits. I don't know, but it seems like

the biggest laugh of a movie should occur before the audience leaves.

If this is all Hollywood has to offer in terms of comedy this fall, I'm moving to Iran. At least President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's dictatorship with tight media control wouldn't let this waste of millions of dollars in production appear on the big screen.

"Chuck" is bad luck from the start.

Chris Kellerman is The DT's movie critic. E-mail him at chris.kellerman@ttu.edu.

Panel

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one for all four years of high school and into college."

Bible said he knew he was gay the whole time he and his girlfriend lived in the same residence hall and talked about marriage and kids.

"I knew I was gay but didn't know I could be," he said. "Finally, in college, I met people and became aware."

He said he thought this behavior was not allowed until the day he realized it was acceptable, which came more than a year into his college career.

"I pursued it," he said. "I couldn't hide it anymore, so I didn't. It was my sophomore year

in college, and I finally started my life. I never looked back."

Bible said he shares his story because he wants to be seen as a resource in Lubbock to help others.

Ed Check, an associate professor of visual studies, asked audience members what they thought when they heard the word "queer."

Answers such as "gay," "nasty" and "feminine men" arose from the group of quiet listeners.

When defining the word "queer," Check gave a slide show presentation and included an excerpt from a book that associated the word with terms such as "dysfunctional," "deviant" and "gay."

He did not support these views but said this was the way the word is used in today's culture.

"Queer just scares the crap out

of everyone," Check said.

His therapist once asked him to draw a self-portrait, and he drew a warship where people were shooting at each other, and he was turning away from people, trying to regroup himself, Check said.

"There are pictures when I am all smiles," he said, "but it was not reality."

Check said he learned about sexual orientations on the streets and in bars — not in schools.

He distributed a poster entitled "The pleasures of adolescence," which featured words such as "cocksucker," "femboy," and "pansy" displayed on it.

"There are way too many ways to put someone down in this culture," he said. "It's OK to confront it."

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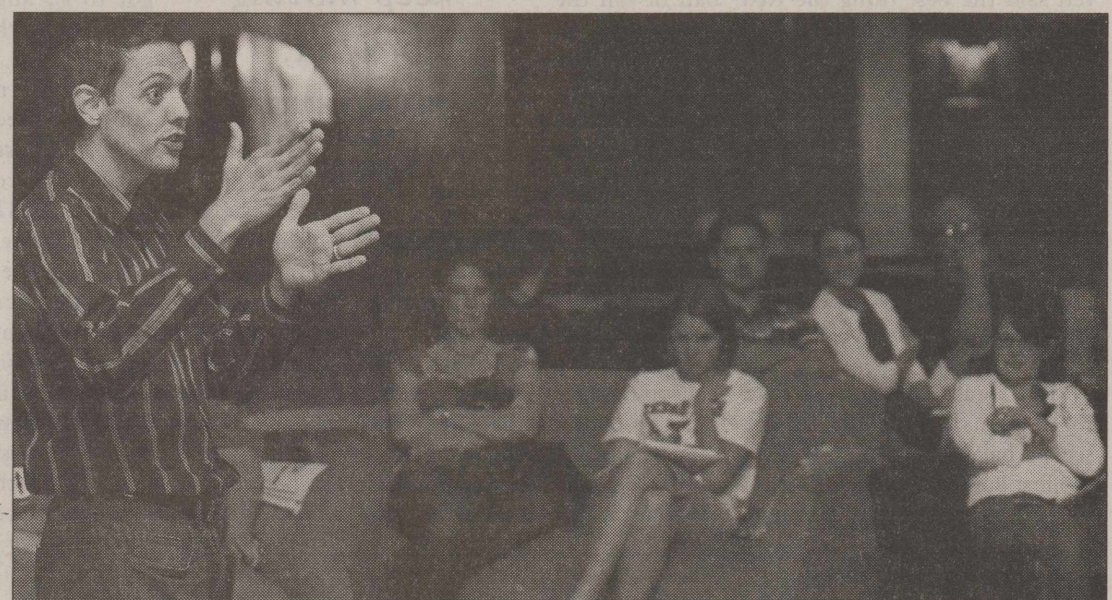


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SHAWN BIBLE, AN associate professor of dance, talks to students in the Wall/Gates Residence Hall lobby about being part of the gay community in Lubbock.

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Tech looks to use practice to get over loss

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

This week may bring more than an ordinary set of practices for the Texas Tech football team.

Beginning with a Sunday night practice focused on tackling drills, the Red Raiders are looking to use this week to refine their performance and their mentality on the field following the 49-45 loss to Oklahoma State.

Tech quarterback Graham Harrell said the best thing the Red Raiders can do is put Saturday's loss behind them.

"I think we have to pull together as a team and keep moving forward," he said. "It was a tough loss, and I think everyone was frustrated with the loss. I think we have to pull together and count on each other and continue to improve, and I think if we do, we still have a chance to be a special team."

The Tech offense was held to 10 points against OSU in the second half after putting up 35 in the first half.

Tech struggled on its final drive

of the game, and Harrell said repetitions in practice have helped get the team past the problem.

"There were three or four plays that last drive that if one thing would have happened differently, if we would have communicated a little better, if we would have thrown a better ball or ran the right route, we would have won the game," Harrell said. "After watching the film, we got to go out there and practice, and I think that helped us kind of put it behind us, and I think that's the best thing that could have happened to us."

Tech coach Mike Leach said he believes the Red Raiders' Sunday night practice may have been the team's most effective practice in 2007 thus far. The Red Raiders will have similar practices for the

rest of the week leading up to their game against Northwestern State Saturday.

"We had a little contact with our defense," he said. "We worked on tackling, and that was an enthusiastic effort, not just by the defense, but by the offensive scout team guys that got to go and lock up with people."

So far in 2007, the Red Raider offense continues to lead the Big 12 Conference in passing offense, averaging 521 yards per game. Tech also leads the conference in first downs with 123. Wideout Michael Crabtree leads the nation in scoring with 66 points and is three receiving touchdowns away from breaking the record for most touchdowns in a season by a Tech receiver. Two touchdowns will give

him the NCAA freshman receiving record with 12, breaking the record held by Florida's Jabar Gaffney (2000), USC's Mike Williams (2002) and Hawaii's Devone Bess (2005).

Considering the offense's performance in practices and games in 2007, Tech center Shawn Byrnes said nothing should change but the state of mind.

"We had a great week last week, and we've had a great couple of weeks this season," he said. "We just have to try and execute as best as we can and make plays, and we're going to have a chip on our shoulder after this loss."

Despite the loss against OSU, Harrell was named the Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week. Harrell went 46-of-67 for 646 yards and five touchdowns, the second highest single-game yardage total all-time at Tech and the fourth most all-time in NCAA history.

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PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH'S DANNY Amendola escapes from two Oklahoma State defenders in Saturday's loss at Boone Pickens Stadium in Stillwater, Okla.

Tech volleyball prepares for No. 7 Texas

By COLBY KENNEDY
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The Texas Tech volleyball team (7-6, 1-3 in Big 12 Conference play) will try to bounce back after a three-game skid when the team plays No. 7 Texas at 7 p.m. today at the United Spirit Arena.

Despite the losing streak, junior middle blocker Brandi Hood, who had 10 kills and a .300 hitting percentage in the loss to A&M, said the Red Raiders don't feel any added pressure for this game because of the losses.

"Every game is kind of a 'must win,'" she said. "You're in conference, so every game means something when you go out there."

Texas, whose only losses were to Penn State — twice — and No. 1 ranked Nebraska, is coming off a three-game sweep of Iowa State in which Texas freshman outside-hitter Juliann Faucette manufactured 23 kills, a .583 hitting percentage and nine digs.

Faucette, who averages 5.04 kills per game and a .386 hitting percentage on the year, and

sophomore Destinee Hooker, who averages 4.81 kills per game and a .292 hitting percentage, make up most of the offense for the Longhorns.

Tech coach Nancy Todd said she believes the Longhorns have the potential to be the second best team in the conference — behind Nebraska.

"They have a lot of good players," she said. "We're just going to have to concentrate on our side of the ball."

Todd said to beat the Longhorns, she will stress working on digging, blocking and having the teammates play within their own system to minimize errors.

"We're going to have to play a lot harder and get some defense and ball control going," she said.

Hood said the team needs to stay focused during the game and not get distracted by playing the No. 7 team in the nation.

"We just need to go out there and play our game and stay intense," she said. "We'll get it back."

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— BRANDI HOOD
TEXAS TECH
MIDDLE BLOCKER



PHOTO BY TRENT BARNES/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH'S AMY Gandy digs a ball against a recent opponent at the United Spirit Arena.

Texas Tech women's soccer faces rigors of Big 12 Conference play

By ALEX YBARRA
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The Texas Tech women's soccer team is set to kick off Big 12 Conference play Friday.

Tech players (2-3-1) spent the non-conference schedule meshing with a new coaching staff, but coach Tom Stone said learning experiences have prepared the team for the start of conference play.

The teammates tested themselves in non-conference play with near-wins against valued opponents such as Vanderbilt, TCU and SMU, Stone said.

"You take those pieces of those performances where we were very good," Stone said. "They can't help but give you confidence as you head into playing a schedule of this caliber."

Assistant coach Aaron Gordon said the games against Georgia and Vanderbilt reminded the teammates of what type of competition and intensity awaits them in the Big 12.

"If we went into these games playing teams that aren't very successful," he said, "I'd be worried, but I think we're prepared going in."

Since the Big 12 formed in 1996, the Red Raiders' overall record in conference play stands at 22-113-3. The only winning season (5-4-0) came in 1996, while the team's last appearance in the Big

12 Tournament was in 1999.

After back-to-back winless conference seasons in 2004 and 2005, Tech defeated Missouri and Baylor in 2006 to finish 2-7-1.

Junior midfielder Shannon Sims was a freshman in 2005, and she said she does not ever want to repeat that type of season.

"We got kind of a huge reality check when we went 0-10," Sims said. "That was a terrible feeling. We had to be able to overcome that."

She said the team feels energized right now and looks forward to improving on last year's conference record.

"It's all about getting points and getting on the board and consistently working hard," she said. "It's harder, but at the same time, it's more of a rush once you get in to the Big 12."

In the latest poll from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, Texas A&M and defending Big 12 Champion Texas rank No. 4 and No. 5 in the nation, respectively, with Oklahoma State at No. 16.

"The strength of the conference was one of the reasons I was excited to accept the job here at Texas Tech," Stone said. "I knew, because when you're part of a conference with this quality, and you have to play teams at the top of your conference, then you know that you have a great schedule built in."

The team opens conference play at 8 p.m. Friday at Colorado.

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