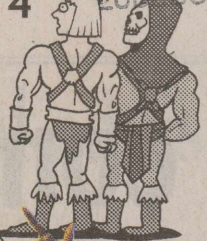


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American Airlines to head off pay raises

FORT WORTH (AP) — American Airlines, profitable again after racking up \$8 billion in losses since 2001, faces a three-front battle to limit labor costs that are among the highest in the industry.

The three unions representing American's employees want to make up for double-digit wage and benefit cuts back in 2003, when the company was on the brink of bankruptcy. They argue that their sacrifices saved the nation's largest airline and they deserve to be rewarded now with big pay raises.

Not so fast, airline executives say.

This week, American and the ground workers union broke off talks on a limited contract extension and pay increase. They'll resume negotiations in November.

NATION

Boy takes bus, leads police on chase

DUMAS, Ark. (AP) — A 10-year-old boy took a school bus and led police on a chase along a rural highway, according to police.

School officials had spotted lights coming from the bus yard around 11 p.m. Friday night, and reported the bus stolen. Officers from three counties, four towns and Arkansas State Police began chasing the bus and its driver.

WORLD

Darfur town razed after deadly attack

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — A Darfur town under the control of Sudanese troops has been razed, the U.N. said Sunday. The destruction of the town was in apparent retaliation for a suspected rebel attack on a nearby African Union peacekeeping base.

The town of Haskanita "which is currently under the control of the government, was completely burned down, except for a few buildings," the U.N. mission to Sudan said in a statement.

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Bush: Interrogations are lawful

Bush unapologetically defends his administration's method of dealing with terror suspects

By JENNIFER LOVEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush volunteered an unapologetic defense Friday of his administration's harsh interrogations of terror suspects, saying they are lawful, helpful and won't stop.

Amid fresh skepticism that U.S. interrogators may be going too far when trying to pry informa-

tion from terror suspects, Bush said: "The American people expect their government to take action to protect them from further attack. And that's exactly what this government is doing. And that's exactly what we'll continue to do."

For decades, the United States had two paths for questioning suspects: the U.S. justice system and the military's Army Field Manual. But after the Sept. 11, 2001, at-

tacks, Washington quietly created the CIA's terror interrogation program, and it has become one of the administration's most sensitive and debated activities.

The White House regards it as one of its most successful tools in the war on terror. They say it has been consistent with U.S. and international law all along.

But critics say the program leaves a stain on the United States' image

around the world and could place Americans captured overseas in greater danger of being tortured. They fear administration interpretations of law have established loopholes allowing for treatment almost indistinguishable from torture.

"Congress has a constitutional responsibility to determine whether the program is the best means for obtaining reliable information, whether it is fully supported by the law, and

whether it is in the best interest of the United States," said Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va.

The complicated, somewhat subjective debate over whether some interrogation techniques used at locations around the world constitute torture had seemed to be put largely to rest.

In 2004, for instance, the Justice

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RECYCLED

Tech defense holds Cyclones to 287 yards in 42-17 victory

By BEN MAKI
SPORTS EDITOR

Check out video of the game at <http://www.dailytoreador.com>

The Texas Tech defense allowed two first downs in the first half and held the Iowa State Cyclones to a field goal while the first team stayed in the game in the Red Raiders' 42-17 victory Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

"Mental toughness is important, and that means coming through on third downs and fighting through adverse situations," said Tech interim defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill of his defense.

"I think we had a pretty good three-quarters of a game, but the last two scores bothered me. We tried to get some guys a rest, but Iowa State came through and did a good job on their part."

Tech quarterback Graham Harrell and the Red Raiders' offense failed to score on their first drive for the first time all season. Harrell finished the night completing 36-of-43 passes for 425 yards and four touchdowns.

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PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH SAFETY Darcel McBath, returns a fumble for a 16-yard touchdown in Tech's 42-17 victory over Iowa State Saturday.

University named as defendant in identity-theft lawsuit

By ADAM YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech, two Tech faculty members and the United States Chess Federation are among the parties involved in a \$20 million identity-theft lawsuit.

A lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court in the Southern District of New York names the university and faculty members Susan Polgar, a managing director in the Office of the Provost, and Paul Truong, a unit associate director in the Office of the Provost, as defendants of the suit, according to court documents provided by Sam Sloan, the plaintiff in the suit and an independent book publisher who resides in the Bronx, N.Y.

In documents provided by Sloan through an e-mail, he claims Polgar and Truong, who are members of the USCF, played a role in posting offensive comments under his name.

He said the actions he believes Polgar and Truong committed were damaging because they were made during the time frame of USCF board-member elections in July.

Sloan, Polgar and Truong were campaigning for executive board seats, with Sloan running for re-election, Sloan said.

A clerk at New York's southern district court confirmed that the lawsuit, *Sloan v. Truong*, was filed Tuesday but said the official complaint is not available because it is a pro se lawsuit as Sloan is representing himself.

Sloan said he filed the lawsuit against Tech as well as the faculty members because he believes computers at the university were used to post offensive comments on the user forum of the USCF Web site, www.uschess.org.

"The evidence is that (Truong) was posting comments from Texas Tech University's computers," Sloan said. "He actually logged in from a computer in the block of IP numbers that belong to Texas Tech."

Truong, who was elected as an executive board member of

the federation in June, said he believes Sloan is not a credible source of information and does not believe the lawsuit will succeed.

"There's nothing in there to even merit to have a case be heard," Truong said of Sloan's lawsuit. "He has zero evidence. It's a matter of the guy just basically trying to ram and vent his anger out with something like all of these posts for the court."

Truong said Polgar was elected chairman of the federation in June.

Sloan said the offensive posts made under his name began in June 2005 and continued through September 2007.

"The first posts were rather mild and weren't really serious," he said. "In fact, they were almost postings I might have made myself, and I had to check to make sure I didn't actually do it myself. But then later on they became vehement, saying (a USCF member) was a bull dyke and attacking the sexual

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Ground broken on leisure pool construction

By **MATT MCGOWAN**
STAFF WRITER

Water slides, a lazy river and a 20-person hot tub are about to make the Texas Tech campus a little wetter.

Tech administrators broke ground on a leisure pool Friday morning at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

The \$7 million leisure pool, which was voted for and approved by students last October, is scheduled for completion in one year, said Joe Maclean, managing director of Tech's recreational sports.

Tech President Jon Whitmore began his introductory speech with an illustration of what the completed project will look like.

"You find a great deck chair next to a tube slide, and after a float down the lazy river, you decide it's time for a coke and a hot dog, so you wander over to the café," he said. "Re-energized, you do a mile in the lap pool, then you relax in a 20-person hot tub. So, where are you? The Arizona Biltmore Hotel? The Hyatt River Country Resort? No, you're here at Texas Tech University."

The first \$2 million of the construction expenses were drawn from a surplus within the recreational-sports budget, Maclean said, and the remain-

ing \$5 million will be funded by a \$10 increase in students' recreation fees upon the project's completion.

The leisure pool goes hand-in-hand with academics in two ways, he said.

"No. 1: The funding comes from a completely different source through the recreation fee that wouldn't be allocated to academics," Maclean said. "The second part is, I think, whenever you can build a facility that really encourages unity within your students, it is going to encourage students to do well."

Mason Moses, president of the Student Government Association, also said the pool will be a good thing for Tech.

"I think it'll be great for recruitment," he said. "Just imagine a 17- or 18-year-old senior coming on campus and saying, 'Oh, there's a leisure pool. Oh, they have a lazy river.'"

The pool should not interfere with academics, he said, because it essentially will be conducive to a learning atmosphere.

"It gives people a place to go," Moses said. "We have maybe 20,000 students here, but you're not just another number. You're not just number—you know—(No.) 17 on the roster. I think it will encourage people to spend more time together, get out there and get

more personal experiences."

Dennis Corrington, director of recreational sports at Texas A&M University, said A&M built a leisure pool in 1996, and it has been an advantage for the university.

Results of a non-scientific study conducted by A&M's recreational sports department indicated undergraduates who use the recreation center more often tend to have higher grade-point averages, Corrington said.

"The recreational outlet is, in my opinion, an important part of the college life," he said. "The academic side can be so stressful at times; just the stress relief of recreation can be an important opportunity for students."

Corrington said Tech's pool will be significantly more expensive than that of A&M mostly because there is less room available for further pool construction at A&M.

"Ours probably isn't anything close to what you guys are putting together," he said. "You're going to have some really nice features that we don't have."

Stephen Springs, the Tech project's senior architect for Brinkley Sargeant architectural firm, said the firm and its associates designed the pool with students in mind.

"Even though this pool is really



A GROUND-BREAKING party shovels to commence construction of the leisure pool Friday morning in front of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

PHOTO BY WALTER ROSADO/The Daily Toreador

large — it's longer than a football field — there's a lot of opportunities within that footprint to create niches, if you will, so there are some areas, despite its expanse, with a sense of seclusion," he said.

Suzette Matthew, internal vice president of the Student Government Association and the author of the leisure pool's proposal legislation, said Tech and the University of Oklahoma are the only two universities in the Big

12 without a leisure pool.

"It's about building relationships with your friends, learning how to be on your own and really just being a student," she said.

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Leavitt pushes for compromise on children's insurance

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's health secretary expressed hope Sunday for a deal with the Democratic-run Congress on expanding children's health insurance even as the House speaker worked to round up enough Republicans to override a veto.

"Everybody wants children to have health insurance," Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt said. "The president has already said, 'I want a compromise.'"

Leavitt added, "If it takes more money, we'll put it up." He did not

cite a figure.

Bush vetoed legislation last week that would increase spending for the State Children's Health Insurance Program by \$35 billion over five years. Bush has called for a \$5 billion increase.

Several Republicans in both the House and Senate have sided with majority Democrats on the issue, and the Senate has enough votes to override the veto. But in the House, Speaker Nancy Pelosi has delayed an override attempt until Oct. 18, saying she needs to attract support

from 14 more Republicans.

"It's hard to imagine how we could diminish the number of children who are covered," said Pelosi, D-Calif., in an interview broadcast Sunday. "The president calls himself 'the decider,' and I don't know why he would want to decide that one child has health care and another does not."

"So we take it one step at a time. And right now, we have the next 10 days to two weeks to try to peel off about 14 votes in the House," she said.

Lawsuit

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preferences of almost everybody."

Victor Mellinger, senior associate general counsel at Tech, said the university had not been presented with the lawsuit and did not want to speculate about its ramifications.

"If we've been sued, we'll send it to the Attorney General's Office, just like we do every other lawsuit, and they represent us," he said.

Though the university had not been presented with the lawsuit, Mellinger said he was familiar with

aspects of it.

He said some of the events questioned in the lawsuit predate when Polgar and Truong began working at Tech.

"I haven't seen anything that relates to a Texas Tech computer," Mellinger said. "It may be there, but I haven't seen it yet."

Polgar said she believes Sloan's lawsuit does have merit and did not want to make further comment.

The USCF is a not-for-profit membership organization devoted to extending the role of chess in American society, according to its Web site.

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2 of Iraq's most powerful leaders form pact to end bitter rivalry

BAGHDAD (AP) — Two of Iraq's most powerful Shiite leaders agreed on Saturday to end a bitter rivalry in a bid to end months of armed clashes and assassinations in the oil-rich south that have threatened to spread into a wider conflict.

Radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, leader of the largest Shiite political party, the Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council, promised to stop the bloodshed and enhance cooperation between their two movements.

An official in al-Sadr's office in the holy city of Najaf called the agreement a "fresh start."

Internal rivalries have been rising

in recent months, particularly in the southern Shiite heartland where factions have been vying for power as the British military has pulled back to a base at the Basra airport.

The three-point agreement appeared to be aimed at reining in rival militants loyal to al-Sadr and al-Hakim before the fighting erupts into a full-fledged conflict that could shatter the relative unity of the Shiite-led governing apparatus.

It also comes as mainstream politicians from Iraq's majority sect have been trying to bring al-Sadr back into the fold after his loyalists pulled out of the main Shiite bloc last month.

The Sadrist's pullout left the United Iraqi Alliance, which includes al-Hakim's SIIC, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's Dawa party and some independents, with only 85 seats — a dramatic drop for an alliance that once held 130 seats in the 275-member parliament.

Sadrist lawmaker Nassar al-Rubaie said the agreement did not change the movement's political opposition to al-Maliki's beleaguered government but was aimed at "preventing clashes between the two groups and reducing the violence hitting the country."

"We have agreed to form joint committees to investigate any friction and to determine the reasons and the people behind it," he said, stressing the need for dialogue. "The success of this agreement will mean less bloodshed."

A copy of the agreement, signed by both leaders, was shown on the Shiite Al-Furat television station.

The principles outlined included "the necessity of protecting and respecting Iraqi blood regardless of the situation or sect," mobilizing all Islamic and cultural institutions on both sides "to maintain friendly feelings and to avoid hatred" and to establish provincial committees aimed at keeping order.

The al-Sadr official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to disclose the details, called it a chance "to give up differences and take the path of stability that will serve the interests of the Iraqi people."

The Mahdi Army militia, which is nominally loyal to al-Sadr, and the armed wing of al-Hakim's party known as the Badr Brigade face longstanding rivalries and frequently have clashed since Saddam Hussein's Sunni-dominated regime was ousted in 2003.

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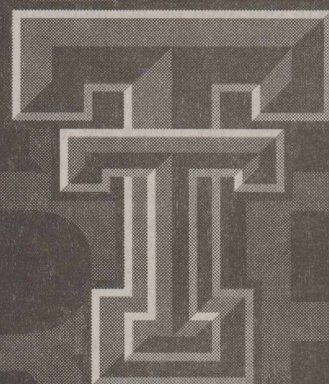
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Student judicial advisers not hired for fall 2007

By **KENDALL WHEELER**
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A new group of student judicial advisers has not been recruited for the fall 2007 semester, although the current number of cases the office has handled is up 18 percent from 2006.

Chris Leisinger, the unit assistant director for the Office of Student Judicial Programs, said typically the advisers begin each semester in full-force, but as the semester continues, their involvement lessens.

"We understand that students are involved in lots of other clubs and organizations," she said, "but we were having trouble actually getting them to our office to make

calls to students."

Leisinger said 322 violations of the Code of Student Conduct have been reported since the beginning of the fall 2007 semester — 72 more cases than were reported the same time last year, but the missing advisers are not affecting the attention students receive.

"Currently we're just using our student assistant right now if students have any questions," she said.

For students who want to help others, Leisinger said being an adviser is a great opportunity. The advisers work with students who are under investigation about violating the Code of Student Conduct by answering questions the students may have about the process.

"Another benefit, especially for pre-law and political science students," Leisinger said, "is that you have experience in our office and experience with the Code of Student Conduct and how it is applicable to our university."

Casey Griffin, a senior health management major from Kingwood, said her experience working in the office was enjoyable because she could answer the students' questions easily.

"The best part of working in the office," she said, "was knowing that I was easing student's minds by answering the questions they had."

The Office of Student Judicial Programs also works with a committee of students, faculty and university staff members who review

the Code of Student Conduct and approve it each year.

Leisinger said committee members will attend orientation on Nov. 7 and then begin reviewing the Code of Student Conduct, though she is not aware of any recommendations to change the code.

"It might sound a little childish," she said, "but we actually read it aloud as we go through the code. We want to make sure it sounds correct and to make sure it is currently working for the university."

Leisinger said she plans on reorganizing the adviser program to allow for more student investment.

"We're looking at revamping our strategy," she said, "and probably trying to start up again next semester."

Interrogation

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Department withdrew a two-year-old classified legal opinion that had allowed certain aggressive interrogation practices just so long as they stopped short of producing pain equivalent to experiencing organ failure or death. Later that year, the department issued an opinion publicly declaring torture "abhorrent" and the administration seemed to back away from claiming authority for such practices.

The next year, Congress passed — and Bush signed — a bill banning "cruel, inhuman and degrading" treatment of detainees.

But this week, new questions arose when The New York Times disclosed the existence of two Justice Department legal opinions from around the same time, in 2005, authorizing extreme methods.

The first allowed the use of painful physical and psychological methods, such as head slaps, freezing temperatures and simulated drownings known as waterboarding, in combination. The second declared that none of the CIA's interrogation practices would violate provisions in the 2005 anti-torture legislation, The Times said.

Both memos remain in effect, but the White House insisted they represented no change in U.S. policy.

"This government does not torture people," Bush said, bringing up the topic during a brief Oval Office appearance on the economy. "We stick to U.S. law and international obligations."

Speaking emphatically, the president noted that "highly trained professionals" conduct any questioning.

"And by the way," he said, "we have gotten information from these high-value detainees that have helped protect you."

Democrats and human rights groups say that details of U.S. policy remain murky. White House press secretary Dana Perino would not say how the administration defines torture, beyond the broad, dense 2004 Justice opinion.

"I just fundamentally disagree that that would be a good thing for national security," she said. "I think the American people recognize that there are needs that the federal government has to keep certain information private in order to help their national security. ... We cannot provide more information about techniques. It's not appropriate."

Bush said that "the techniques that we use have been fully disclosed to appropriate members of the United States Congress" and Perino said those briefed "are satisfied that the policy of the United States and the practices do not constitute torture." This was an indirect slap at the torrent of criticism that has flowed from the Democratic-controlled Congress since the memos' disclosure.

But Rockefeller, who as chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee would have been among those briefed, said he is "tired of these games." He and other Democrats are demanding to see the memos, and House Judiciary Chairman John Conyers and Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., have promised a congressional inquiry.

"They can't say that Congress has been fully briefed while refusing to turn over key documents used to justify the legality of the program," Rockefeller said.

Presidential candidates woo voters at Democrats' barbecue

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Five Democratic presidential hopefuls dined on barbecue Saturday and delivered their stump speeches to about 1,800 party faithful packed into a swine barn at the Johnson County fairgrounds.

Hoping to attract votes in this Democrat-rich part of Iowa were Chris Dodd, Bill Richardson, Hillary Clinton, John Edwards and Dennis Kucinich. Representatives for Barack Obama and Joe Biden also addressed the crowd of hundreds, who swatted at flies and fanned themselves on an unseasonably hot October evening.

Edwards was escorted to the barn doors with supporters chanting, "We love Elizabeth, we love

John, we want to see you on the White House lawn." The former North Carolina senator heaped criticism on Clinton, the front-runner in many polls. He blasted her for recently voting in favor of a Senate resolution to designate Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps a terrorist organization.

"I differ with her about that and I wonder, if George Bush goes to war, six months later, six months from now, are we going to hear again, 'If only I'd known then what I know now?'" he said, drawing comparisons to Iraq. "How many times do we have to be taught this lesson?"

Clinton focused her ire on the

Bush administration, telling the crowd that "the era of cowboy diplomacy is over. We're going to start working with the rest of the world."

"We have thrown away the balanced budget and the surplus," the New York senator said. "George Bush ... is the first president ever to take us to war and wage a war without paying for it. And he has made it impossible for us to look around the world — because we borrow money from China and Japan and everywhere else — and not see that our influence is diminishing."

She was introduced and endorsed by George McGovern, the former South Dakota senator and

Democratic presidential nominee who lost the 1972 election to Richard Nixon.

Richardson, who helped sing "Happy Birthday" to one supporter when he arrived at the fairgrounds, said the war in Iraq must end to curb the divisiveness plaguing the U.S.

"Get all our troops out, leave no troops behind, I will not leave 75,000 behind," the New Mexico governor said, referencing some estimates of a peacekeeping force needed in Iraq if the U.S. makes a quick exit.

Kucinich, who was making a rare campaign appearance in Iowa, also hammered home an anti-war message.

US-Iraqi Blackwater commission reviews Baghdad bombings

BAGHDAD (AP) — A joint U.S.-Iraqi commission reviewing American security operations after a deadly shooting of Iraqi civilians allegedly at the hands of Blackwater USA guards met for the first time on Sunday, the U.S. embassy said.

Across the Iraqi capital, bombings killed at least nine Iraqis in three separate attacks, including one near Iran's embassy, police said, while the U.S. military reported the capture of three suspected Shiite militia fighters believed to be responsible for the kidnapping of five British security contractors.

The joint commission, chaired by Iraq's defense minister and the American embassy's No. 2 diplomat, expressed "mutual commitment of the Iraqi government and the U.S. government to work together to evaluate issues of safety and security related to personal security detail operations in Iraq," the

brief embassy statement said.

The commission is expected to issue recommendations to both Baghdad and Washington on improving Iraqi and U.S. security procedures, with the "goal of ensuring that personal security detail operations do not endanger public safety" and prevent similar incidents in the future.

It is one of at least three investigations into the Sept. 16 shooting in which Blackwater guards are accused of opening fire on Iraqi civilians in a main square in Baghdad. The Moyock, N.C.-based security company contends its employees came under fire first, but the Iraqi government and witnesses dispute that.

Sunday's attacks in Baghdad started with an early morning explosion near a minibus carrying workers into central Baghdad. Three people were killed in the

roadside bombing, which apparently targeted a police patrol, according to a police official who requested anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

The inside of the mangled minibus was soaked in blood, the metal hulk was pummeled by shrapnel and the windows were shattered, according to AP Television News footage.

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(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb. — We've almost come to the end of Banned Books Week.

The celebration takes place annually on the last week of September. According to the American Library Association (ALA), the purpose of Banned Books Week is to "celebrate the freedom to choose or the freedom to express one's opinion even if that opinion might be considered unorthodox or unpopular, and stress the importance of ensuring the availability of those unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints to all who wish to read them."

Each year, hundreds of challenges are filed in public libraries and schools because individuals or organizations find them offensive for one reason or another. Usually, books are

challenged because of content that directly contradicts societal norms for issues that are "allowable" public conversation.

The top three reasons for a text to be challenged are, in order: sexually explicit content, offensive language and "unsuitable for age group," according to the Office for Intellectual Freedom's report on the 100 most frequently banned and challenged books.

Probably as a result, the ALA and other Banned Books Week sponsors focus their efforts on young people; young readership is often the reasoning behind challenging or banning a book.

After all, we have to protect the

children, right?

Unfortunately, book banning makes younger students the unwilling victims of a social engineering

"I don't know if it's our job to expose (children),"

— KIMBERLY SASO
MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

problems.

We can understand the logic -- how parents might be disturbed by their child reading "sexually

explicit" or "offensive" material.

Parents want to save the innocence of their kids. Everyone involved in the debate on banning books -- including those who fight against the practice -- supports the rights of a parent to make decisions about how to raise their children.

But that doesn't mean that banning books is the right way to protect youthful innocence.

Books such as "The Chocolate War" and "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" deal with real-life issues that young readers will have to cope with, whether or not their parents want to admit that. "Offensive material" is an everyday occurrence across America; there is no reasonable way to shield a child, especially the young adults for whom these books are intended, from reality.

Even very young children can benefit from controversial mate-

rial.

This year's most challenged children's book, "Tango Makes Three," tells the story of two male penguins raising a third young penguin.

Needless to say, the book was frequently challenged on the grounds that it would defile the minds of the students who read the book.

A librarian in Massachusetts, Johanna Haibeisen, nearly lost her job in March after showing the book to a group of second-graders.

She ended up with a letter from school principal Kimberly Saso that read, in part, "Hopefully you will take this matter seriously and refrain from disseminating information that supports alternative styles of living."

Explained Saso later: "In this society here, in this town, anyways... I don't know if it's our job to expose (children)."

How Saso was able to con her way into running a school, we aren't sure. But this sort of attitude is exactly the inward thinking that Banned Books Week is here to combat.

It is absolutely our job to "expose children" to the situations they will face in adulthood. Books, especially serious fictional stories, are a means by which we can acclimate youth to coping with real-life issues in the future. If we take the time to help proctor these lessons, it can be invaluable life experience.

No matter how "justified" the challenge, no book should be kept out of the hands of anyone in the United States. As a university, it is our responsibility to continue to support the efforts of the ALA and others to defend books everywhere against challenge and banning—even if it's sometimes tough to grapple with reality.

College is no blissful bubble

By KATHERINE MARR
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(U-WIRE) AMHERST, Mass. — I have heard college described as a four-year hiatus from the "real world." It has been compared to a blissful bubble of naivete — a safe haven from the troubles outside the microcosmic world on campus.

With college comes the luxury of being on the outside and looking in — your greatest concern is what to wear to Saturday night's frat party or how many pints of ice cream to buy for all-nighters during finals week. Make the most of these years, I've heard it said, because you'll never get to experience anything quite like them again.

Now that I'm in college, I cannot possibly fathom who thought up all that "blissful bubble" propaganda. Only a particular kind of student can enjoy such an utterly happy-go-lucky existence.

In my opinion, it's the people who party non-stop, occasionally mixing in a study session. Or it's the students who, during breakfast, stare at their omelets instead of the newspaper headlines.

It is the students who temporarily

lose their peripheral vision in the campus center, and are blind to the rows of tables protesting the Iraq war or saving Darfur (not to mention the MassPIRG volunteers waiting to pounce with some petition to help stop global warming — and I admit it, I was one of them last week).

So I succumbed to the realization that I am disillusioned. It's impossible to escape the world's hardships, even on a college campus of cliched partying, cramming for exams and weekends that can last four days. On the contrary, it seems as if students today focus extensively on the problems plaguing society, and if we forget about those tribulations for two minutes we become uncaring, uninformed teenagers.

For me, the biggest indicator of this trend is today's media and the general content it evokes in the public. The reactions consensus seems to be that the media is on a downward spiral because the priority is no longer "real" news. People shake their heads at the mere sight of Paris Hilton making a scene on the television screen, disgusted that her image has left the glitzy confines of "Entertainment Tonight."

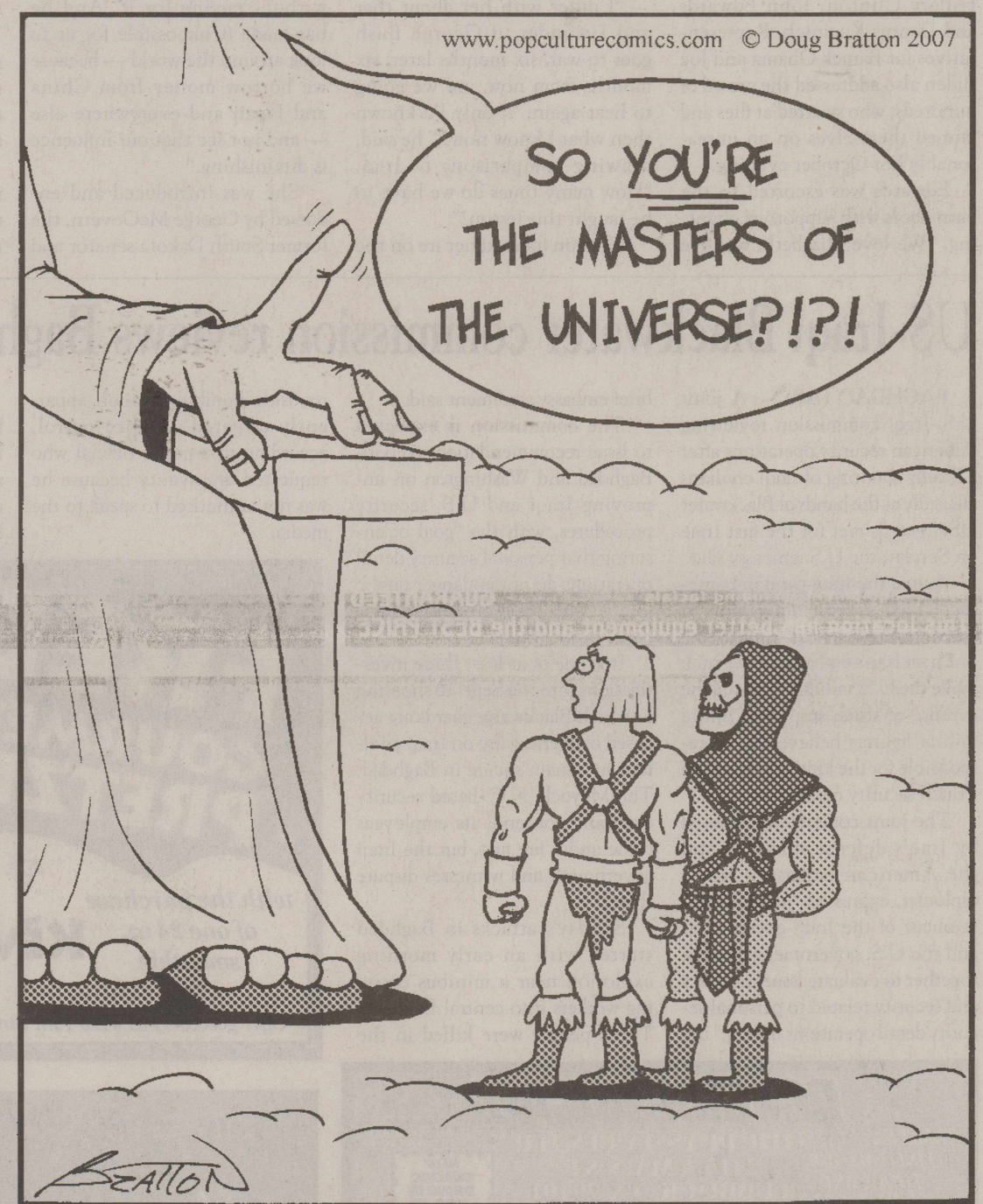
In response to a recent broadcast about a firefighter's rescue operation to

save a puppy from a drainage ditch, I heard a student express vehement criticism that, "they could have been reporting something about the war."

We are in a world where the attention seems increasingly to be on all that is negative, dwindling natural resources, war in the Middle East, the diminishing environment, nuclear weapons — problems that are ultimately beyond the average person's control.

I'm at the point where it's almost refreshing to hear about something besides political affairs. Bring on the dogs in peril or escapades in the likes of Lindsay Lohan! Because sometimes I think that if I read one more column rehashing the war in this Editorial/Opinion section, I'll crumple up the newspaper.

There was something reassuring about reading the first CNN headline on Google's homepage on Monday evening: "Britney Loses Custody of Her Kids." Unfortunately, I know, but she did it to herself, and it's of an entirely different caliber than losing more ozone in the atmosphere, which is what the leading headline resembles the other 98 percent of the time.



When He-Man & Skelator Stand Before God

Blackwater's feeling the blues

By WES KIMBELL
THE BATTALION (TEXAS A&M)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION — Iraqi officials say the recent killing of 11 Iraqi civilians was "cold-blooded murder." The New York Times reported that it was only one of 200 incidents Blackwater USA has been involved in since 2005, the majority of which have taken place inside a moving vehicle "without stopping to count the dead or assist the wounded, according to a report from Congress." In the same congressional report, House Democrats stated Blackwater is a trigger-happy organization that acts with immunity.

But is Blackwater, the private mercenary firm hired by the U.S. State Department for "security" protection of U.S. diplomats, the only one to blame for the incidents? Or should we blame the U.S. State Department, which hired Blackwater and paid more than \$1 billion of our tax money for their "services" in Iraq?

First, why is Blackwater in Iraq to begin with? The answer is simple: The State Department needs more help in Iraq and there simply are not enough U.S. soldiers on the ground to take care of the job. The contracted jobs are not only combat-oriented — the military requires everything from cooks to personnel protection. There are more than 180,000 private contractors hired by the State Department working in Iraq, according to The Financial Times.

Neither President George W. Bush nor his advisers thought the war would last this long, and they underestimated the number of troops needed. After the recent military

surge, the State Department is still using Blackwater, along with two other security firms who are still acting as private militaries in Iraq.

The war in Iraq is losing popularity among American voters and Congress. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said earlier this year that Congress no longer supports the original mandate for going to war in Iraq, "The mission of our armed forces today in Iraq bears no resemblance whatever to the mission authorized by Congress."

This lack of support for the war is being heard loud and clear. More deaths and casualties in Iraq will only lead to further erosion of support for the war, but the good news for Bush and the State Department is that private mercenaries like Blackwater don't count toward the U.S. troop death count. That's good for the ratings and the progress reports for the Iraq war.

The House prepared Tuesday for a hearing about the recent Blackwater incident that involved the killing of 11 Iraqi civilians. Even if Congress can succeed in getting Blackwater out, there are still two other companies in Iraq similar to Blackwater; DynCorp International and Triple Canopy.

But what happens when Blackwater screws up? They come up with the quickest way to cover it up. In the case of a drunken Blackwater employee who killed a guard of Iraqi Vice President Adil Abdul Mahdi, the State Department paid the victim's family to shut up. The first offer was \$250,000 in order to "put this unfortunate matter behind us quickly," but the State Department said \$15,000 would do. Did I mention the fund for "putting unfortunate matters behind us" comes from

our tax money as well?

Congress may not have enough clout to kick out these private security firms any time soon, but what they can do is put new restrictions on what private security firms can and cannot do. Blackwater's employees are paid \$1,200 a day. That's more than six times the wage of an equivalent soldier, according to the Times. Many argue that these contractors are virtually immune to prosecution — Congress should start with this grave problem.

President Bush and the State Department hired private army contractors to help accomplish victory in Iraq. But when events go awry, events like we are seeing with Blackwater, the president and the State Department need to take responsibility. It's not just Blackwater who's to blame here.

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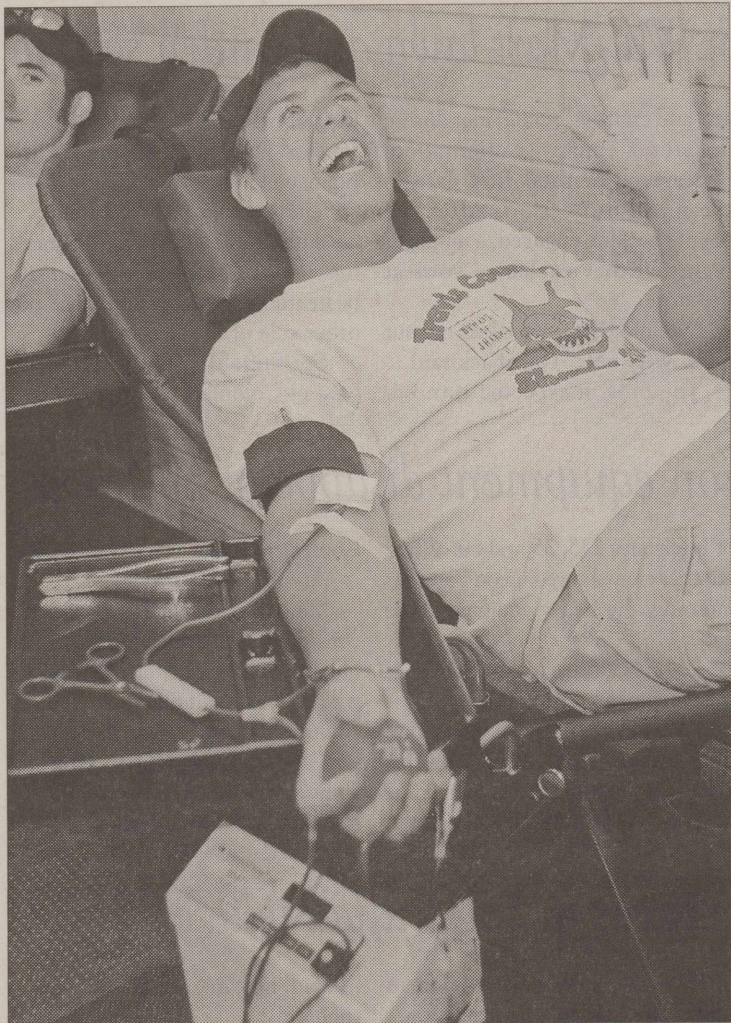


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MICHAEL HARRISON, A sophomore music major from Austin, laughs at a comment made by one of the nurses while he gives blood at the Tau Beta Sigma Blood Drive, Friday afternoon outside the Hemmle Recital Hall.

Texas wants go-ahead in execution case

WASHINGTON (AP)—To put it bluntly, Texas wants President Bush to get out of the way of the state's plan to execute a Mexican for the brutal killing of two teenage girls.

Bush, who presided over 152 executions as governor of Texas, wants to halt the execution of Jose Ernesto Medellin in what has become a confusing test of presidential power that the Supreme Court ultimately will sort out.

The president wants to enforce a decision by the International Court of Justice that found the convictions of Medellin and 50 other Mexican-born prisoners violated their rights to legal help as outlined in the 1963 Vienna Convention.

That is the same court Bush has since said he plans to ignore if it makes similar decisions affecting state criminal laws.

"The president does not agree with the ICJ's interpretation of the Vienna Convention," the administration said in arguments filed with the court. This time, though, the U.S. agreed to abide by the international court's decision because ignoring it would harm American interests abroad, the government said.

Texas argues strenuously that neither the international court nor Bush, his Texas ties notwithstanding, has any say in Medellin's case.

Ted Cruz, the Texas solicitor general, said the administration's position would "allow the president to set aside any state law the president believes is inconvenient to international comity."

The Supreme Court will hear arguments in the case Wednesday.

Medellin was born in Mexico but spent much of his childhood in the United States. He was 18 in June 1993, when he and other members of the Black and Whites gang in Houston encountered Jennifer Ertman and Elizabeth Pena on a railroad trestle as the girls were taking a shortcut home.

Ertman, 14, and Pena, 16, were gang-raped and strangled. Their bodies were found four days later.

Medellin was arrested a few days after the killings. He was told he had a right to remain silent and have a lawyer present, but the police did not tell him that he could request assistance from the Mexican consulate under the

1963 treaty.

Medellin gave a written confession. He was convicted of murder in the course of a sexual assault, a capital offense in Texas. A judge sentenced him to death in October 1994.

Medellin did not raise the lack of assistance from Mexican diplomats during his trial or sentencing. When he did claim his rights had been violated,

Texas and federal courts turned him down because he had not objected at his trial.

Then, in 2003, Mexico sued the United States in the International Court of Justice in The Hague on behalf of Medellin and 50 other Mexicans on death row in the U.S. who also had been denied access to their country's diplomats following their arrests.

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WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

Typhoon kills 4; China orders people to higher ground

BEIJING (AP) — A powerful storm drenched China's southeast coast Sunday after killing five people on Taiwan and prompting the mainland to evacuate more than 1 million people, the government announced.

At 6 p.m., Krosa — the Cambodian word for crane — was a tropical storm. It had sustained winds of 66 mph, with gusts up to 89 mph at that time, according to the Zhejiang weather bureau's deputy director, who would give only his surname, Wang.

Two men were killed in suburban Taipei when a landslide buried their house, the center said. A man died after falling from his balcony in Hsinchu and a woman was electrocuted after falling from her motorcycle in Tainan. The center said a man's body was recovered from a hostel that was hit by a landslide in Ilan and another man was missing.

Sex offender arrested, accused of running off with girl

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — William Joe Mitchell's flight from authorities ended at a Virginia truck stop.

The girl had been released at a Wal-Mart store last week. Mitchell is wanted in Alabama on allegations including rape and kidnapping and Florida officials accuse him of enticing a child via the Internet, violating his probation and other allegations.

He is being held without bond at Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center in Winchester. State police were notified that the U.S. Marshals Service had tracked Mitchell to a truck stop on Interstate 81, near the West Virginia border. Four state troopers surrounded Mitchell and took him into custody without incident around 11:30 a.m.

Congresswoman Davis dies after fight with breast cancer

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Republican U.S. Rep. Jo Ann Davis, who represented southeastern Virginia for seven years, was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2005. This year, she suffered a recurrence.

Davis, 57, became Virginia's first Republican woman elected to Congress in 2000, and she was a member of the House Armed Services Committee and the Foreign Affairs Committee.

President Bush said in a statement. "She was a fine example of a public servant who worked hard to cut government waste to ensure the people's money was used wisely," Bush said. "Her common-sense values will be missed on Capitol Hill."

Japanese proposal would scale back naval support

TOKYO (AP) — Japan would scale back its support of the U.S. in Afghanistan by ending naval assistance to vessels involved in ground missions there under a ruling party proposal that officials predicted Sunday would gain parliament's approval.

Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda has strongly pushed for another extension to the mission, which expires on Nov. 1. However, Fukuda has been forced to make concessions because of strong resistance from the opposition bloc, which took control of parliament's upper chamber following a massive electoral defeat for the ruling Liberal Democratic Party in July.

The opposition Friday, would clearly limit the mission to naval refueling and supplying of water to vessels participating in the U.S.-led Operation Enduring Freedom's maritime patrol missions in the Indian Ocean. "Under the new law, there will be no refueling to ships providing support for ground operations (in Afghanistan)," Foreign Minister Masahiko Komura said Sunday on a public broadcaster NHK talk show.

Sen. Larry Craig to join Idaho Hall of Fame

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Sen. Larry Craig has been chosen for induction into the Idaho Hall of Fame, despite his well-publicized arrest and guilty plea in an airport sex sting, officials said.

Minneapolis airport police officer accused him of soliciting sex in the men's restroom, the organization's board chairman said. "Larry Craig has made a great contribution to Idaho over the period of 20-some years. At the time it was considered, this other matter had not come up," Harry Magnuson told The Spokesman-Review news-

paper Saturday. But some Republicans said the honor is inappropriate now. Kootenai County Republican precinct committeeman Phil Thompson said Idaho Hall of Fame officials should consider at least postponing the induction. "Maybe in 10 or 15 years we can think of this hall of fame stuff. Now is not the time," he said. "It's a sad day to be a Republican."

ODDBALL DAILY

Pair ties the knot in Wal-Mart lawn and garden section

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio (AP) — Attention Wal-Mart shoppers, wedding in lawn and garden.

Employees Chet Eldridge and Danna Hornback tied the knot Thursday amid the retailer's flowers, shrubs and lawn chairs. Eldridge, 51, an automotive manager, and Hornback, 45, an

arts and crafts associate, met during the store's employee orientation. She agreed to their first date in the furniture section. After the couple became engaged, a manager suggested they exchange vows at the store. "We met here; he asked me out here. Why not?" Hornback said. The only unexpected turn oc-

Large construction equipment disappears in Iowa

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Authorities are wondering how a thief was able to make off with some pretty big bounty: an earthmover and an excavator from a construction site.

of Interstates 235, 35 and 80. When another crew showed up on Saturday morning, the heavy equipment was gone. Jensen Construction Co. values the equipment at \$150,000. "We have tool break-ins, small tools, trailers ... but something this size—first time for me ever happening that big," said Randy Freel, of Jensen

Construction Co. Authorities are mystified. "This is an extremely large piece of construction equipment, and it's not like hot-wiring a car and driving off with it," said Neil Shultz of the Polk County Sheriff's Office. "This took someone with extraordinary skills and abilities that knows how to drive it, start it, load it onto a trailer."

Garbage employee turns in bag stuffed with \$65,000

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — A county garbage operations employee found a plastic bag on the road stuffed with \$65,000 Thursday — and immediately turned it in to authorities.

The 53-year-old Largo woman found the bag just before 7 a.m., full of enough \$50 and \$100 bills to pay her salary for two years. She immediately contacted a supervisor, who called deputies.

he said, he can arrange some extra time off. Cole, who grew up in Long Island, said she was raised to be honest. She said she raised her four daughters the same way.

It turned out the money had fallen off a Loomis armored car half an hour before Debbie Cole found it near the Pinellas County solid waste operations facility where she works. First she thought it was a turtle in the road.

It's not clear how the bag fell from the truck, said Mark Clark, spokesman for Loomis, a Houston-based cash-handling company. Cole's boss, Bob Hauser, said he can't give her a raise or a bonus for her good deed because she's a government employee. But maybe,

Did she think for just a minute about keeping the money? "Everyone keeps asking me that," Cole said. "To be honest, no. It didn't even cross my mind." Bus used by defunct Mich. hockey team now will haul Arkansas family with 17 kids

New Delhi Court orders judge back to law school

NEW DELHI (AP) — New Delhi's High Court justices, annoyed with lower court judges who issue problematic rulings, have decided to send one of them back to law school.

even elementary knowledge of the criminal law and procedure it would be appropriate that he undergoes a refresher course at Delhi Judicial Academy," Justice V. B. Gupta wrote.

his tenant had failed to pay the power company, despite a previous High Court ruling that the landlord could not be held responsible. Tiwari could not immediately be reached for comment.

In an order issued late Friday, Judge R. K. Tiwari was told to return for a three-month refresher course after issuing an arrest warrant in defiance of a previous High Court ruling.

The move comes after a series of high-profile cases that have been overturned by the High Court or the national Supreme Court, citing lack of legal understanding by lower court judges.

Gupta ordered that the head of the law school personally submit a report on Tiwari's progress after three months. And, to ensure that others in lower courts got the message, Gupta ordered copies of his order sent to all New Delhi judges.

Family with 17 children purchases hockey team's bus

PORT HURON, Mich. (AP) — A big brood needs a big bus — a really big bus.

A 15-bed bus once used to transport the now-defunct Port Huron Flags minor league hockey team has been sold to an Arkansas couple with 17 children.

The family's 7,000-square-foot home is in the northwest Arkansas town of Tontitown, and Jim Bob Duggar said the family hopes to travel to visit relatives in Ohio. "We've done a limited amount of travel in it so far," he said. "It will be something we'll use hopefully in the years to come."

Couple has third child born in different years on Oct. 2

MARYSVILLE, Ohio (AP) — It won't take much for Jenna and William Cotton to remember the birthday of the newest member of their family.

Daughter Kayla was born Tuesday, which was Oct. 2 — the same date her brothers were born.

2003; Logan was born Oct. 2, 2006. The parents said they had a feeling their baby daughter might come a couple of days past her Sept. 30 due date. Sure enough, Jenna Cotton, 23, began having contractions early Tuesday, hours before a planned birthday party for the boys.

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Crown me: Homecoming king and queen revealed at Saturday's football game

By ANN LUU
STAFF WRITER

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New royals reign over Texas Tech — the 2007 homecoming king and queen were announced during halftime of Tech's football game against Iowa State Saturday.

Those in attendance witnessed the presentation and coronation

of this year's homecoming king and queen: Cliff Fielden of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and Alpha Chi Omega's Brecklyn Hughes.

The homecoming court was introduced to the crowd at halftime as the 10 candidates walked

one-by-one with escorts onto the 50-yard line of Jones AT&T Stadium.

The top-five male nominees were Fielden, Jake Holland, Blake Johnston, Adam Wolfe and John Gerrish.

The top-five female nominees were Hughes, Kimberly Hartsfield, Berkeley Sides, Tiffany Kamuche and Alyson Chavarria.

After a week of hosting events, promoting the recycling program and enduring a series of interviews, Carson Runge, of Beta Theta Pi and the 2006 homecoming king, presented Fielden with the king's crown and sash.

The 2006 homecoming queen, Kelsey Beaudin of Alpha Chi Omega, returned to where she stood a year ago to crown Hughes as this year's queen.

The new royal pair stood on the field, smiling, with their arms around each other as they waved to a cheering crowd.

Fielden, a senior finance and real estate major from Dallas, said he was shocked when his name was called.

"I really was surprised," he said. "Mostly because I thought they were going to announce the runner-up first. Everything happened so fast. I had to check myself before I celebrated, just to make sure."

Now that he is king, Fielden said he has no doubt he will strive to represent Tech properly.

"It means a lot to me. I am honored to be the homecoming king," said the newly crowned king. "It is my job to represent Texas Tech

and everything about it. I will demonstrate our greatness each and every day."

After an eventful week, Fielden said the past few days have been the time of his life.

"I have met the most amazing people and have had a blast," he said. "I really appreciate everyone who supported me as well."

Hughes, a senior personal financial planning major from Garden City, said she also was excited when she heard her name announced.

"I was so relieved," she said. "I had been so nervous. I was fine all day until right before kickoff. It was the longest first half of my life."

Being chosen out of the 28,000-plus students at Tech, Hughes said, is a great honor.

"Not only do I get to represent my organization, Chi Omega, I get to represent Tech," she said. "I love Tech so much, and I am so passionate about it."

Through all the excitement, Hughes said she is thankful for those who have helped her get to where she is.

"You don't get anywhere without (your friends)," she said. "I couldn't do it if I didn't have them and my family."

Andi Hood, a freshman from Dallas and pledge member of Alpha Chi Omega, said because 2007 was the second year for an Alpha Chi Omega member to be queen, it was good to witness another Alpha Chi Omega present the crown to her own sorority sister.

"Brecklyn is so sweet," Hood said. "She is so active in the com-

munity and on campus. I'm really happy for her."

Kara Stringer, coordinator for Tech Homecoming Associations, said this year had a successful turnout.

"I think it went great," said the junior public relations major from San Antonio. "The committee and I couldn't have been happier."

First runner-up for the titles were Johnston of Phi Delta Theta

and Sides of Kappa Alpha Theta.

The homecoming parade took place 10 a.m. Saturday with floats by the participating organizations.

In a competition of floats, Kappa Alpha Theta and Delta Chi took first, Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Sigma won second place and Chi Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon finished in third place.

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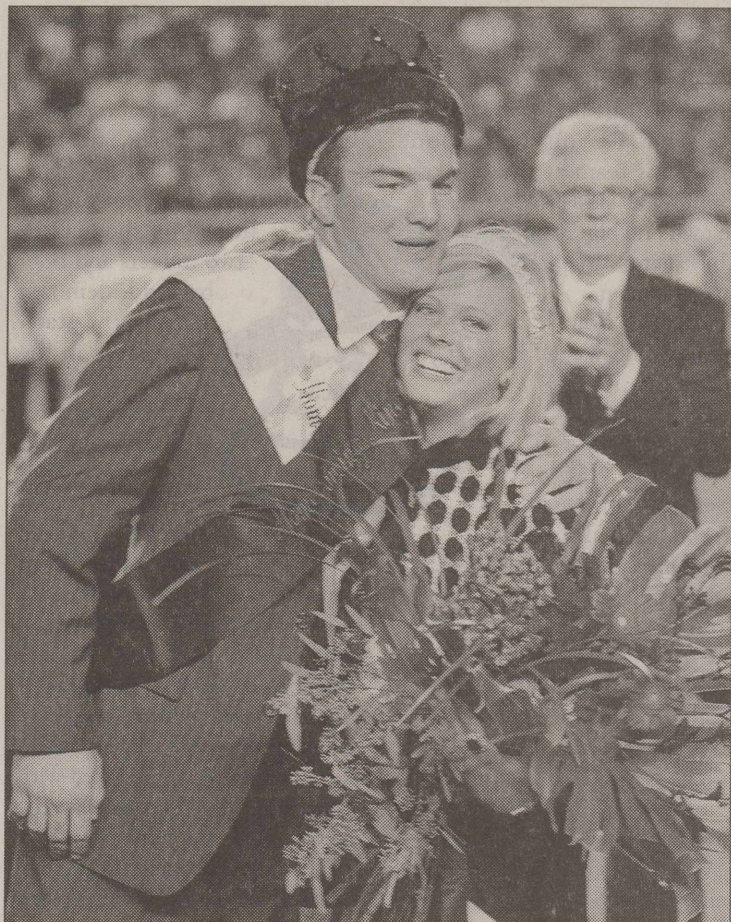


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Cliff Fielden and Brecklyn Hughes were crowned the 2007 Homecoming King and Queen at Saturday's football game at Jones AT&T Stadium.

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Stiller, Farrelly brothers find box-office heartbreak

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There's something about a reunion of Ben Stiller and the Farrelly brothers that audiences didn't want to see.

Stiller and the Farrellys' "The Heartbreak Kid" pulled in a modest \$14 million during opening weekend, coming in at No. 2 behind "The Game Plan," which remained the top flick for the second-straight weekend with \$16.3 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Paramount and DreamWorks had expected more from "The Heartbreak Kid," which reteamed Stiller with Peter and Bobby Farrelly. The trio collaborated on 1998's smash "There's Something About Mary."

The studios had gotten positive

reaction from audiences at advance screenings, but reviews for "The Heartbreak Kid" came in much harsher than expected, said DreamWorks spokesman Chip Sullivan.

"We were surprised," Sullivan said. "The reviews hurt us. We love the movie. We've seen it play great. But I think reviews do matter on an R-rated movie."

An update of the 1972 comedy written by Neil Simon and directed by Elaine May, "The Heartbreak Kid" stars Stiller as a man who marries an incompatible bride, then meets the perfect woman on his honeymoon.

"The Heartbreak Kid" did manage to come in slightly ahead of the \$13.7 million first weekend of "There's Something About Mary," which lingered in theaters for months and became one of 1998's top hits at \$176.5 million.

Movies hung around longer then, but today's films tend to live or die based on their opening weekends, analysts said. That bodes ill for "The Heartbreak Kid," which would need to hold strongly in coming weeks to make good on its \$60-million-plus production budget.

"The shelf life of films is so much shorter today than it was 10 years ago," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of

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Tech soccer loses 2 conference home games

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's soccer team dropped two games during the weekend, losing to Missouri Friday and Kansas Sunday at R.P. Fuller Stadium.

Despite an abundance of opportunities to score, Tech could not upset No. 14 Missouri as it lost 2-0.

Tech out-shot the Tigers 21-20, but continued struggling to get the ball in the net.

"They've proven that they can play with (top teams)," Tech coach Stone said of his players, "but we need to be able to get points in a game like this, where really, in all fairness, there were some points to be had."

The best opportunity to score came in the 72nd minute with Tech down 2-0, when senior Priscilla Esquivel stepped up to take a penalty kick after a foul by Missouri's Lindsay McCoy. Esquivel's shot was aimed low and inside the left goal post, but goal keeper Mallory Forst dove and sent the ball back into the defense, where Megan Hoffert nearly scored off the rebound.

"The number of times we got in front of the goal we just didn't put enough pressure on the goal keeper," Stone said. "Too many balls being headed over, I mean obviously the penalty was a big miss."

Missouri (9-2-0, 2-0-0 Big 12 Conference) took a 1-0 lead in the 20th minute when Mo Redmond sent a line-drive kick to the box that Michelle Collins was able to deflect inside the left corner of the net.

Tech had not allowed a goal in the first half since the Sept. 14 match against TCU.

In the 69th minute, with the ball rolling in front of Tech's goal, Missouri's Alysha Bonnicks slid in front of goal keeper Tina Rincon and sent the ball between Rincon's hands and the goal post for the Tiger's second goal of the game.

Rincon was busy all night as she recorded 10 saves; the last player to reach 10 in a game was Megan Knauss

against Missouri in 2005.

Defender Sarahbeth Clopton said it can be difficult when the effort on the field does not match the final score, especially against a quality team like Missouri.

"It's such a contradiction," she said, "because you want to be proud of the way you played and the way you left everything on the field. Then you look at the score board and you lost."

Missouri posted 22 fouls in the game to Tech's 14 — more than any opponent Tech has faced this season.

"I think that we started out aggressive; our goal is always to out-foul the opponent," Clopton said. "Not in a dirty way at all, but just in an aggressive way. I think that we kind of brought their aggressiveness out in them, and it just kind of went back in forth."

In the Kansas game, Tech trailed 3-0 at halftime but could not mount a comeback as the Red Raiders lost 4-1 Sunday.

Tech (3-6-1, 1-3) out-shot Kansas (3-8-2, 1-1-1) 25-11, but did not put one in the net until Karen de Leon scored off a high shot 16 yards out in the 82nd minute.

"We just kind of hammered the goal the whole game," Stone said. "Unfortunately, we were coming from behind, and I think because of that we got a little irrational at times and forced it when if we just settled down with all those chances we could have slipped one in."

The Jayhawks struck first in the 25th minute



PHOTO BY WALTER ROSADO/The Daily Toreador
GOALIE TINA RINCON saves a goal as a Missouri forward rushes the goal during the Tech game against Missouri Friday evening.

when a Nicole Cauzillo shot crept past Rincon into the right corner of the net.

Kansas went up 2-0 in the 32nd minute when Cauzillo sent a cross from the left side to Kim Boyer who headed the ball in off the hands of Rincon.

Boyer scored again seven minutes later when a header off a Tech defender fell in Boyer's lap, setting her up one-on-one with Rincon. She then sent the ball off the right goal post into the net.

Kaitlyn Cunningham got by the de-

fense in the 84th minute, with space in the box and put a ball in the right upper corner of the net.

Kansas coach Mark Francis said he thought his team just finished its chances well against the Red Raiders.

"Offensively, we're starting to find our rhythm again, which is obviously huge," Francis said. "I think that's why we've won two games in a row. We just got to keep going with that."

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Lane's 3 TDs help Aggies rally to beat Oklahoma State 24-23

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Jorvorskie Lane did a little bit of everything to help Texas A&M match the best comeback in school history.

Lane rushed for two touchdowns and had his first TD catch as the Aggies rallied from 17 points down to beat Oklahoma State 24-23 on Saturday night to take over first place in the Big 12 South.

The Aggies (5-1, 2-0) trailed 17-0 at halftime after mustering only 132 yards in the first half against the Cowboys' porous defense, which was allowing a league-worst 443 yards per game.

"We went into the locker room pouting a little bit," said Lane.

Coach Dennis Franchione ripped his team at the break, though he said he made no big adjustments to the game plan.

"I said, 'You played awful. We're better than that,'" he said.

A&M drove 70 yards in 12 plays to open the third quarter, but settled for Matt Szymanski's 22-yard field goal.

Dantrell Savage fumbled on the Cowboys' first play after halftime and A&M safety Alton Dixon recovered at the Oklahoma State 17. Lane scored on a 1-yard run six plays later.

"That was a big momentum swing for us," said defensive end Chris Harrington. "That's the way we wanted to start the second half."

But Oklahoma State (3-3, 1-1) answered with a 15-play drive that chewed up more than seven minutes. Savage scampered for 25 yards on a third-and-22 to keep the Cowboys moving. Dixon and Harrington sacked Zac Robinson on a third-and-goal from the 1 and Jason Ricks kicked a 25-yard field

goal to make it 20-10 late in the third quarter.

A&M called a running-back pass for Lane to start the final rally. From midfield, Lane took a handoff from quarterback Stephen McGee and heaved a pass to Kerry Franks, who was tackled at the goal line by safety Andre Sexton.

"I throw the football all the time in practice, in walk-throughs, whatever, just because I like to throw the football," Lane said.

Officials reviewed the play to see if Franks scored, but placed the ball at the 1. Lane finished the drive with another 1-yard TD run.

Robinson was knocked out of the game with 13:13 left, after Harrington and Henry Smith

hit him. Robinson was helped off the field by two trainers and Bobby Reid, demoted

from the starting role in the second game of the season, replaced him.

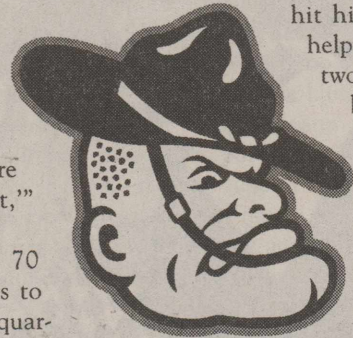
The Aggies drove 61 yards for the go-ahead score. On third down

from the 10, McGee dumped a short pass to the 6-foot, 268-pound Lane, who trotted into the end zone with 8:04 left in the game.

Lane played multiple positions, including quarterback, at Lufkin High School, and he's joked with Franchione that he can play the offensive line and punt as well.

"The guy is amazing, an amazing athlete," Franchione said. "With that body and size and the things he can do, you have to believe that guy's really special."

Reid guided the Cowboys to the Aggies' 8 inside the 5-minute mark. But a holding penalty stalled the drive and Ricks kicked a 25-yard field goal with 3:11 left to cut A&M's lead to 24-23.



University of Texas still ranked at No. 23 despite Big 12 losing streak

AUSTIN (AP) — Here's the good news for Texas: The Longhorns played their best game of the season.

The bad news? They still lost and that nasty Big 12 losing streak keeps getting longer.

Saturday's 28-21 loss to Okla-

homa dropped Texas to 0-2 in conference play for the first time in 50 years. The Longhorns have dropped four straight in the Big 12 dating back to last season.

Yet, thanks to some good timing the Longhorns (4-2) are still ranked — No. 23 — and therefore still

somewhat relevant on the college football landscape this season.

Texas has been ranked in The Associated Press Top 25 for 115 straight weeks, longest in the country. The streak stayed alive Sunday mostly because every team ranked from No. 21 to No. 25 last week lost on Saturday,

leaving pollsters few options to vote for somebody else.

The question now is where Texas goes from here.

The Longhorns have won at least 10 games every year since 2001 and Texas stayed in the national title hunt until late in each of those seasons.

Is the chance to play for a berth in the Cotton, Holiday or Alamo bowls enough to inspire Texas to put together a winning streak this year?

"There's a tremendous amount of pride in this program and in this team," said coach Mack Brown, whose 9-5 mark in 1999 is his worst in Austin. "Fortunes are out of our hands and out of our control as far as the (Big 12) championship obviously, we've just got to work to get

better."

Texas goes on the road next week to Iowa State, where the Longhorns will be expected to snap their Big 12 losing streak against the hap-

There were signs Saturday that Texas could make a run through the rest of a favorable schedule.

Colt McCoy played his best game of the season, passing for 324

yards and two touchdowns. Jermichael Finley had a breakout game, setting a school record for tight ends with 149 yards on four catches to emerge as a new deep threat.

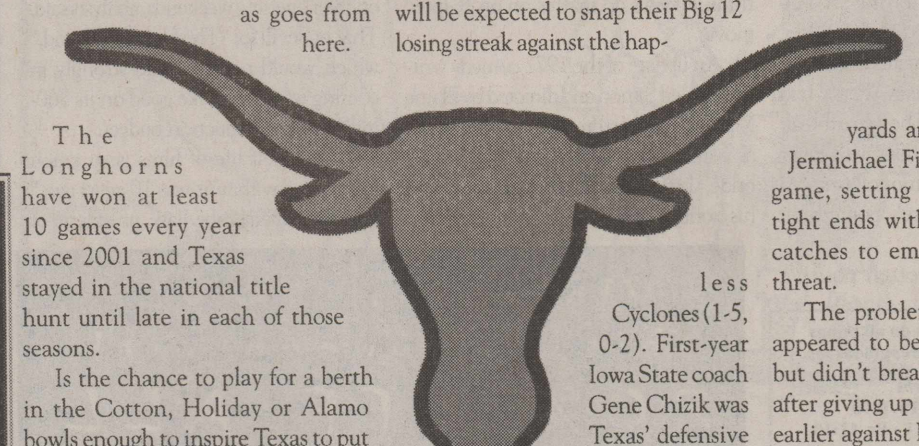
The problems on special teams appeared to be fixed as Texas bent but didn't break on coverage teams after giving up two long TDs a week earlier against Kansas State.

"It just shows what kind of offense we have once we are clicking on all cylinders. Going into the next game is going to be a good test for us now that we have our backs against the wall," wide receiver Nate Jones said. "I think this team kept fighting and fighting."

Brown traditionally loosens up his offense after the Oklahoma game, which could mean more playing time for backup quarterback John Chiles, a strong runner who can create problems for defenses when Texas uses him and McCoy on the field at the same time.

But turnovers continue to plague the Longhorns and two miscues by tailback Jamaal Charles hurt them against Oklahoma.

Charles' fumble on the Oklahoma 4 killed a scoring drive that would have put Texas ahead in the third quarter. In the fourth, he tipped a catchable pass that led to McCoy's only interception. Had McCoy seen wide receiver Quan Cosby wide open 10 yards further upfield, Texas would have had an easy touchdown.



less Cyclones (1-5, 0-2). First-year Iowa State coach Gene Chizik was Texas' defensive coordinator in 2005-06.

Texas has historically been very good after the Oklahoma game. Since 2000, the Longhorns are a whopping 36-4 in the regular season after playing the Sooners, although that streak took a hit last year when Texas lost its last two games.

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in Big 12 Conference play), finished the night with 489 total yards on the night.

On the ensuing Tech drive, Iowa State (1-5, 0-2 in Big 12) earned the dubious distinction of giving up the NCAA freshman record 15th touchdown reception by Michael Crabtree when he found some open field across the middle for the 32-yard score.

Crabtree finished the day with 10 catches for 154 yards and three touchdowns.

"He always knows where people are on the field and has great vision," said Tech receiver Eric Morris of Crabtree. "I think one thing is that he's a good basketball player, so he knows how to read people in space and knows how to get open."

By the end of the first quarter, Tech stretched its lead to 21-0.

The Red Raiders opted to focus on their time of possession in the second quarter, as the Tech ate nearly four minutes of clock on 11 plays before Tech running back Shannon Woods coughed up the football on the Iowa State 8 yard line.

ISU could not take advantage of the turnover as running back J.J. Bass gave the ball right back on the following play when Tech linebacker Victor Hunter knocked

the ball loose. Tech safety Darcel Mcbath picked up the fumble and carried it in for a 16-yard return for a touchdown.

"Victor did a great job of getting the ball out, and I thought I saw it come out," Mcbath said. "Then, I thought he rolled on it, and it squirted out again. All I saw was the ball and green in front of me, so y'all know the rest."

Tech held the Cyclones to 287 total yards, including 187 through the air.

"I've got to give Texas Tech's defense a lot of credit," ISU coach Gene Chizik said. "I feel like we just couldn't get anything going. I feel like they out-physicaled us, thought they out played us. This isn't all players — this is coaching, and we didn't deliver. We didn't execute well, and that comes back to me."

Tech coach Mike Leach said the mindset of the Red Raiders' defense has changed, and there are no more excuses from players — just results.

"The biggest thing is all the numbers are nice," Leach said, "but the enthusiasm and everyone finding the ball is the most significant. There is none of this 'almost' making plays."

ISU scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, a five-yard rush by quarterback Bret Meyer and a 38-yard reception by Todd Blythe, but the two scores came against Tech's back-ups.

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THE AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL TOP 25 POLL

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 6, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

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1. LSU (65)	6-0	1,625	1	14. Arizona St.	6-0	752	18
2. California	5-0	1,538	3	15. Cincinnati	6-0	705	20
3. Ohio St.	6-0	1,511	4	16. Hawaii	6-0	634	16
4. Boston College	6-0	1,346	7	17. Kentucky	5-1	612	8
5. South Florida	5-0	1,339	6	18. Illinois	5-1	595	—
6. Oklahoma	5-1	1,221	10	19. Wisconsin	5-1	551	5
7. South Carolina	5-1	1,183	11	20. Kansas	5-0	336	—
8. West Virginia	5-1	1,059	13	21. Florida St.	4-1	307	—
9. Oregon	4-1	1,047	14	22. Auburn	4-2	248	—
10. Southern Cal	4-1	1,024	2	23. Texas	4-2	136	19
11. Missouri	5-0	966	17	24. Georgia	4-2	131	12
12. Virginia Tech	5-1	910	15	25. Tennessee	3-2	90	—

Others receiving votes: Texas A&M 79, Colorado 48, Purdue 48, Indiana 40, Michigan 31, Texas Tech 27, Rutgers 25, Virginia 22, Connecticut 20, Kansas St. 18, Boise St. 17, Clemson 13, Penn St. 13, Maryland 11, Alabama 9, Nebraska 9, Mississippi St. 3, Washington 2, Wyoming 2.

Bills' depleted defense faces Cowboys

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Go ahead and laugh. Safety Donte Whitner's heard them all, including the jab about how the Bills' defense will serve as a "punching bag," as one national radio broadcaster put it, for the Dallas Cowboys on Monday night.

"It's funny to me hearing things like that. It really doesn't bother me," said the second-year player and one of the few healthy starters

left in Buffalo's defensive backfield. "If they're so sure that (Dallas) was going to win, then we wouldn't have to play the game."

The game, though, will be played, and Whitner vows Buffalo's defense will show up.

"We really want to go out and win this football game and prove that we're not just some punching bag," he said.

It won't be easy, and even Whitner will acknowledge that, because the

Tony Romo and T.O. show has made defenses — from New York to Chicago to Miami — look silly this season.

The Cowboys (4-0) have scored 34 or more points in each game, and their league-leading 151 points overall are fourth most by any team after four games since 1970.

Dallas coach Wade Phillips quickly discounts the talk about a potential Cowboys blowout, and is confident his players are focused.

"They hear this is a trap game, they hear all those things," said Phillips, who makes his first trip to Buffalo as a head coach since being fired by the Bills after the 2000 season. "They're grown men. They should know that. I told them that. They've told each other. They're saying the right things, so I believe they believe it."

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Crabtree continues breaking receiving records

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech cheerleaders were putting a crab walk on display in front of Tech fans, and, after the Red Raiders' 42-17 homecoming win against Iowa State, the fans screamed and stretched their hands in effort to receive a handshake from the nation's leading receiver.

Tech wideout Michael Crabtree set another milestone Saturday.

With 7:19 remaining in the first quarter, Tech quarterback Graham Harrell threw a 32-yard touchdown pass to Crabtree, making the redshirt freshman the all-time single-season leader in touchdown receptions for a freshman in NCAA history.

"He does good," Tech coach Mike Leach said, "and a lot of it is enthusiasm for the game. He has a contagious enthusiasm for the game. I think that is gigantic and really what makes Michael Crabtree."

Crabtree's touchdown reception came on Tech's second possession of the game. He passed three former collegiate players — Jabar Gaffney from Florida in 2000, Mike Williams from USC in 2002 and Davone Bess from Hawaii in 2005 — to hold the record alone.

Crabtree finished the game with 10 receptions for 154 yards and three touchdowns.

Two of Crabtree's touchdown receptions came in the first half. He put up his fifth three-touchdown game in 2007 and his sixth-straight game with multiple touchdown catches. Saturday also brought his sixth-straight game with more than 100 yards receiving.

For his third touchdown, Crabtree caught a 15-yard pass from Harrell with 9:24 left in the game. This touchdown catch tied Crabtree for the Big 12 Conference's record of most touchdowns in a single season, a record previously held by former Oklahoma State wideout Rashaun Woods, who had 16 touchdown receptions in 2002.

"This is my fourth year here, and we've gone through some pretty good receivers, (Joel) Filani, (Jarrett) Hicks, Nehemiah (Glover) my first year here and Trey Haver-

ty," Tech receiver Eric Morris said. "Crabtree just has a knack for making big plays. He's probably not the fastest guy on our team, but he just has that knack."

With 17 touchdown receptions in 2007, Crabtree continues to lead the nation in scoring. He leads the nation in receptions per game with 11. With 70 catches, he is ahead of Western

Michigan receiver Jamarko Simmons, who has 55 receptions, making Crabtree No. 1 in the nation. Tech wideout Danny Amendola sits at No. 3 in the country in catches with 54. Crabtree's 1,074 receiving yards in 2007 make him 347 yards ahead of North Texas receiver Casey Fitzgerald, good for No. 1 in the nation.

"I think he's a great player, and he's got a great career ahead of him," ISU coach Gene Chizik said. "You just look at his numbers right now before he even got into our game, and you know that."

Crabtree is on pace to break the all-time single-season record for touchdown receptions in NCAA Division-I history. Jerry Rice from Mississippi Valley State and Troy Edwards from Louisiana Tech share the record with 27 touchdown receptions. Rice broke the record in 1984, while Edwards tied the record in 1998.

Crabtree is tied for seventh place with Donny Anderson for most points in a single season in Tech history. Anderson scored 102 points in 1965.

Leach said although Crabtree continues to play well, it is a necessity for him to continue to strive for better play on the field.

"He just needs to continue to improve as anybody who does good things needs to try and find ways to get better," he said. "There is no sense on putting a ceiling on potential because something good has happened."

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TEXAS TECH'S MICHAEL Crabtree catches a touchdown pass over Iowa State's Drenard Williams during the game Saturday night at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Bittersweet: Blythe breaks record in Cyclones' fifth loss

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Iowa State Cyclones were unable to gain a win against the Texas Tech football team, but they did have a milestone occur in the 42-17 loss to the Red Raiders.

ISU wideout Todd Blythe finished the game with a season-high eight catches for 128 yards and one touchdown. With a season-high 128 receiving yards, he became Iowa State's all-time leading receiver in terms of yards with 2,736.

"Todd's a pleasure to have on our football team because he's a battler, he a fighter, he loves the game and I'm proud that he's on our football team," ISU coach Gene Chizik said. "I think he had a good night tonight, and that was one positive that he kept fighting and battling. During a night where there weren't many positives, I would say that he was one."

Blythe passed former Iowa State receiver Lane Danielsen, who has 2,690 career receiving yards. Danielsen played for the Cyclones from 2000 to 2003. To pass him, Blythe needed 82 yards.

Blythe's eight receptions helped him move past another former ISU receiver, Tracey Henderson, in receptions. Blythe now is second all-time in receptions by an Iowa State receiver with 156 catches. He also added a record he already owns as he is Iowa State's all-time leader in touchdown receptions with 29.

Blythe's lone touchdown catch of the game came in the fourth quarter when ISU quarterback Brett Meyer threw a 38-yard pass with 56 seconds left in the game.

Meyer said it would have been

an advantage to see Blythe with the ball in his hands more in the game, but because of the Cyclones offensive strategy and the Tech defense, he was unable to do so.

"Anytime you (have) a player like (Blythe), you want to (give him the ball)," Meyer said. "We kind of wanted to establish some things, keep their offense off the field as much as we could. We wanted to get him the ball. We tried. They kind of doubled him up a couple of times. That's just how the game goes."

Blythe leads the team this season

in receptions with 32, yards with 419 and touchdown receptions with three. This was Blythe's third game of 2007 with a touchdown. This is the first time in 2007 the senior wideout caught for more than 100 yards.

Blythe is averaging 69.8 yards per game this season with an average of 13.1 yards per catch. He is coming off a 2006 season in which he led Cyclone receivers in touchdowns with eight.

The Iowa State Cyclone offense is ranked last in the Big 12 Conference in scoring offense, averaging

18.8 points per game and is No. 11 in the Big 12 in pass offense, averaging 221.4 passing yards per game in 2007.

Blythe said the receiving record has little meaning to him as the only goal in mind is getting the Cyclone offense in sync.

"It doesn't mean much right now," he said. "After the season, maybe sometime I'll look back on it and talk about it, but right now we lost the game, so it doesn't mean anything."

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