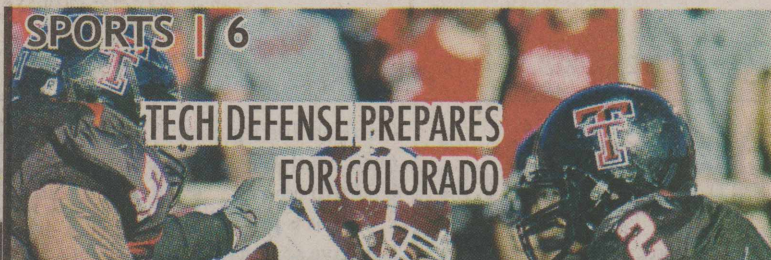
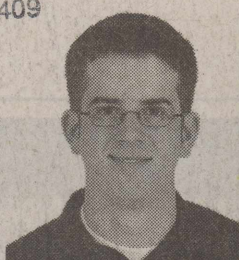




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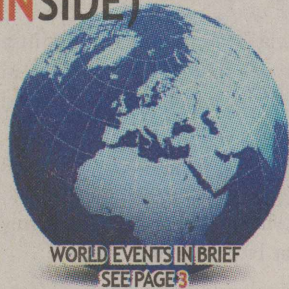


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Mistrial declared for most in Muslim charity trial

DALLAS (AP) — A judge declared a mistrial Monday for most former leaders of a Muslim charity charged with financing Middle Eastern terrorists after jurors failed to reach a verdict.

One of the defendants, former Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development Chairman Mohammed El-Mezain, was acquitted of most charges.

The outcome came about an hour after a confusing scene in the courtroom, in which three former leaders of the group were initially found not guilty. But when jurors were polled, three said those verdicts were read incorrectly.

NATION

NASA refuses to disclose survey of pilots

MOFFETT FIELD, Calif. (AP) — An unprecedented national survey of pilots by the U.S. government has found that safety problems like near collisions and runway interference occur far more frequently than previously recognized. But the government is withholding the information, fearful it would upset air travelers and hurt airline profits.

WORLD

Navy sailors fatally shot at Bahrain base

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A U.S. Navy sailor shot and killed two female sailors early Monday in the barracks at an American military base in Bahrain, officials said.

The alleged shooter, a man, was critically wounded in the shooting at the U.S. Naval Support Activity Bahrain base, said a Navy official who was not authorized to release the information to the media and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Navy said the shootings, which took place around 5 a.m. and forced the base to close for about an hour, were not terror related and only involved U.S. military personnel.

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Bush asks for \$46 billion for wars

By DEB RIECHMANN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush asked Congress for \$46 billion more to bankroll wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and said he wants the money approved by Christmas. The fighting in Iraq, in its fifth year, already has cost more than \$455 billion.

Democrats who gained control of Congress with an antiwar mes-

sage said Bush should not expect lawmakers to rubber-stamp the request.

"The colossal cost of this war grows every day — in lives lost, dollars spent, and to our reputation around the world," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said. "The American people long ago rejected the president's planned 10-year occupation of Iraq and want the administration to provide a concrete plan to bring our troops home."

"The choice is between a Democratic plan for responsible redeployment of our troops and the president's plan to spend another trillion dollars for a 10-year war in Iraq. We must end this war."

Announcing his latest request, Bush alluded to the nation's disenchantment with the war, which has claimed the lives of more than 3,830 members of the U.S. military and more than 73,000 Iraqi civilians.

"Our men and women on the

front lines should not be caught in the middle of partisan disagreements in Washington," the president said.

Monday's proposal brings to \$196.4 billion the total requested for operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere for the budget year that started Oct. 1. It includes \$189.3 billion for the Defense Department, \$6.9 billion for the State Department and \$200 million for other agencies.

With stepped-up military opera-

tions, the war is costing about \$10 billion a month.

The White House originally sought \$141.7 billion for the Pentagon to prosecute the Iraq and Afghanistan missions, then asked for \$5.3 billion more in July. Bush's latest request includes another \$42.3 billion for the Pentagon.

For the State Department, Bush more than doubled his initial \$3.3

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STUDENTS vote

Student organizations urge students to vote



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador

By ADAM YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

Though early voting for the Texas constitutional amendment election began yesterday, Texas Tech student organizations plan to inform students about the issues and remind them there still is time to vote in the Nov. 6 election.

Despite the 16 amendments on the ballot, including \$3 billion in state funding for cancer research and details related to the merger of Angelo State University into the Tech system, Roxzine Stinson, chief deputy of the Lubbock County Elections Office, said she believes many Tech students are unaware of the election because the issues are not surrounded in controversy

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Alzheimer's Association to host 'Memory Walk'

By GLENYS BOLLS
STAFF WRITER

Lubbock residents will literally be taking steps to end Alzheimer's disease at the national Alzheimer's Association's annual Memory Walk Sunday.

The walk, with one-mile and 5K courses, will begin with a 1 p.m. registration, a 3 p.m. opening ceremony and a 3:30 p.m. start time, all at Mackenzie Park, near 4th Street and I-27.

"This is our first year," said Jessica Hallmark, outreach coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association's El Paso-based STAR chapter, which also serves Lubbock. "Technically, we have had walks in years past, but this is the first walk in eight or nine years. Basically, it's new."

The walk is a way to raise awareness and funds for the fight against Alzheimer's, according to its Web site, www.lubbockmemorywalk2007.kintera.org.

"The biggest difference between Alzheimer's and other diseases is that we don't have survivors," Hallmark said. "As inspiring as it is to go out to an event and see people who have beaten the disease, Alzheimer's doesn't allow that."

According to the Web site, participants in the walk raise money from sponsors and donate the money to the Alzheimer's Association. As of Monday, the STAR chapter had received \$23,507 for this year's walk. Last year's walk raised more than \$30 million, and the Memory Walk has raised more than \$225 million since its beginning in 1989.

"We're hoping for \$50,000," Hallmark said. "It's essentially a first-year event, so we set that as our goal. We're almost halfway there."

The money goes to fund research that could lead to an end to Alzheimer's disease, Hallmark said.

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Panel advises unified control of private security guards in Iraq after Blackwater issue

By ANNE GEARAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — A panel recommended that the U.S. government impose unified control over private security guards working for the U.S. in Iraq, an idea already floated by Defense Secretary Robert Gates, The Associated Press has learned.

The review panel found poor communication between diplomats and military officials and too little oversight of contractors like Blackwater USA, two people familiar with the report's findings told the AP on Monday.

The State Department risks another incident like the Sept. 16 Blackwater shooting of 17 Iraqi civilians unless it quickly installs closer management of the private army guarding diplomats in Iraq, the independent panel privately told Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

The panel, named by Rice in the wake of the Sept. 16 killings, made no specific recommendations about what should happen to Blackwater, whose guards were escorting an official from the U.S. Embassy when they fired on civilians in a Baghdad square, those familiar with the report said. The killings have outraged Iraqis and focused attention on the shadowy rules surrounding heavily armed private guards.

"There needs to be unity of effort so that whatever's moving in the battle space is coordinated, and it needs to be understood, especially, by the military out in that battle space," one person said.

Those familiar with the recommendations in the report spoke on condition of anonymity because Rice has not yet decided what changes she will make.

The recommendations would apply to management of all

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"We don't have it broken down yet, so we can't say 'if we make \$50, this is what it does,' but all the money we raise in Lubbock stays in Lubbock," she said. "It helps us to learn about the disease, to help health care professionals who work with the patients. We fund education, support groups and overall awareness."

Walkers who raise money have the opportunity to earn prizes. According to the Web site, all walkers who raise more than \$100 will receive a Memory Walk 2007 T-shirt. The top individual fundraiser from Lubbock also will win two round-trip tickets to any Southwest Airlines destination, with no blackouts or restrictions.

"We'll have trophies for the largest team and the team with the largest dollar amount," Hallmark said. "Then (there will be) things for the most spirited team and things like that."

To be eligible for the prizes, all walkers must turn in their donations before the walk starts. To help with this, the organizers designated today as Bank Day. Walkers can drop off their collected donations at the STAR Chapter's offices, inside the

Garrison Institute on Aging, at 6630 South Quaker Suite E, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"That is just to help our teams not have so much to worry about on walk day," Hallmark said. "They can still turn in money on walk day, though. We're accepting donations until the first of December."

It is not too late to start a team or sign up for the walk, Hallmark said.

"If you're just now getting involved, that's OK," she said. "We'll keep taking members until the walk starts. We have close to 300 now, and I'm about to register another team that just called. We're hoping for about 2,000 walkers."

Hallmark said it is important to fight Alzheimer's because it is a disease that affects many people.

"The thing with Alzheimer's is, it may not touch you personally, but if you look into a room, everyone in that room is probably touched by it somehow," she said. "You may not be affected right now, in this moment, but as we age, more and more people will be."

Anyone who wants to register for the walk can do so by calling Hallmark at (806)392-5913.

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billion request, adding \$3.6 billion for a total of \$6.9 billion. The updated request includes money for peacekeeping efforts in Darfur, battling drug trafficking in Latin America, fighting famine in Africa, assisting Iraqi refugees, and the Palestinians.

Top House lawmakers have said they do not plan to act on Bush's request until next year, but they anticipate providing interim funds when completing a separate defense funding bill this fall. Bush said failing to approve the money would directly affect the effectiveness of U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"I know some in Congress are against the war and are seeking ways to demonstrate that opposition," Bush said. "I recognize their position and they should make their views heard. But they ought to make sure our troops have what it takes to succeed."

"Congress should not go home for the holidays while our troops are still waiting for the funds they need," he said.

Bush said most of the funding request, crafted in consultation with Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, is for day-to-day military operations. Congress already approved more than \$5 billion for new vehicles whose V-shaped undercarriages provide much better protection against mines and roadside bombs. It's likely that Congress will quickly grant \$11 billion more to deliver more than 7,200 of the vehicles.

The delays in submitting the remaining war funding request were in part due to unease among congress-

sional Republicans about receiving it during the veto override battle involving a popular bill reauthorizing the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

"President Bush wants us to rubber-stamp another \$200 billion in war funds — all borrowed money, none of it paid for — for next year alone," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said.

"But when we sent a bipartisan CHIP bill to his desk to provide health insurance for the children of working families, the president called it too expensive. Let's remember, every dime of the money for CHIP was paid for."

White House deputy press secretary Tony Fratto said the president did not think it was too costly, but that he wanted to restore the program to its original intent. Over the years, several states have gotten permission from the federal government to expand the program to adults and children from middle-income families. "He didn't say that it's too expensive — although it is too expensive to spend money on the wrong policy," Fratto said.

Bush made his war-spending request in the Roosevelt Room after meeting in the Oval Office with leaders of veterans service organizations, a fallen Marine's family and military personnel who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On Tuesday, Bush is delivering a speech on missile defense and other components of his defense strategy. His remarks at the National Defense University in Washington are to cover the wars, the Patriot Act, terrorist surveillance and nuclear proliferation.

ODDBALL DAILY

After decades-long fight, airport embraces unflattering identifier SUX

SIoux CITY, Iowa (AP) — City leaders have scrapped plans to do away with the Sioux Gateway Airport's unflattering three-letter identifier — SUX — and instead have made it the centerpiece of the airport's new marketing campaign.

The code, used by pilots and airports worldwide and printed on tickets and luggage tags, will be used on

T-shirts and caps sporting the airport's new slogan, "FLY SUX." It also forms the address of the airport's redesigned Web site — www.flysux.com.

Sioux City officials petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration to change the code in 1988 and 2002. At one point, the FAA offered the city five alternatives — GWU, GYO, GYT, SGV and GAY — but airport

trustees turned them down.

Airport board member Dave Bernstein proposed embracing the identifier.

"Let's make the best of it," Bernstein said. "I think we have the opportunity to turn it into a positive."

He noted that many airports, including some of the busiest, have forgettable three-letter codes.

"I've got buddies that I went to college with in different cities that can't even remember their own birthdays, but they all know the Sioux City designator — SUX," he said.

Mayor Craig Berenstein, who in 2002 described SUX as an "embarrassment" to the city, said he views the new slogan as a "cute little way" to make light of the situation.

Colombian man sews mouth shut to protest economic plight

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — An unemployed man has sewn shut his mouth and locked himself behind an iron mask to demand the government attend to his family's desperate economic plight.

Luis Miguel Aldana, 52, told The Associated Press on Saturday that he started the peculiar protest five

days ago, after being locked out of his apartment in Bogota. Instead of paying two months of rent, Aldana says he bought shoes for his three children.

Now he is demanding the government provide a loan to jump-start a cottage textile business and pay health care bills for his wife and

children. Without the loan, he says his family will end up living on the streets.

"I'm doing this to get attention because people have a heart of iron and also a face of iron — they don't listen to anybody and think this is a joke," said Aldana, speaking out of the corner of his mouth that is not

sewn shut.

Aldana currently is living in a neighbor's house, where he sits in bed with his hands and legs shackled in chains.

Despite soaring economic growth the past three years, Colombia's unemployment rate remained stubbornly high at 10.6 percent in August.

Mom arrested after boy calls 911 from car to report her driving

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — An 8-year-old boy riding in a car with his mom called 911 several times to report that she wasn't "acting normal," leading to her arrest for investigation of drunken driving and other charges, authorities said.

Paulette Lynn Spears, 33, was arrested Saturday after she drove to a fire station and said she had a medical problem.

Guided by her son's description

of what he could see from the car, as well as by global positioning technology to track the phone calls, deputies arrived at the station less than a minute later.

"He said 'I don't know where we are, and Mom's not acting normal,'" sheriff's Sgt. Randon M. Walker said.

At one point, Spears took a cellular telephone from the boy, told the dispatcher not to worry and hung up,

Walker said. The boy called back, and again his mother cut short the call, Walker said.

"The mother kept interrupting the 8-year-old," he said. "It happened at least twice."

At one point, Walker said, Spears apparently bit the boy's hand to get the telephone away from him.

Four minutes before the boy's first call, dispatchers had received a report of car that matched the description of

Spears' car being driven erratically.

The boy and a 5-year-old child, who was also in the car, were placed with an aunt. As of Monday, Spears remained in jail for investigation of drunken driving, two counts of reckless endangerment and assault of a child. It was not clear if she had a lawyer to speak for her because she had not appeared in court.

Records show she has at least one conviction for drunken driving.

Underwater pumpkin carvers compete off Florida Keys

KEY LARGO, Fla. (AP) — Not content to carve their pumpkins in the traditional way, several divers carved jack-o'-lanterns more than 30 feet below the ocean's surface.

Ken and Linda Smith of Sebring, Fla., took top honors Sat-

urday for their "scary pumpkin" at the 10th annual Amóray Dive Resort Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest at the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. Their prize was a free dive trip.

Carving underwater wasn't

easy, Ken Smith said.

"The pumpkins want to float, so that makes it difficult," he said. "So you're working against your own buoyancy and the pumpkins'."

Some contestants dropped a

weight inside their pumpkins to keep them on the bottom. Then they sliced and pared to create their entries alongside yellowtail snapper and other fish.

The contest was staged about five miles off Key Largo.

Current world champion wins national sudoku tournament

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — When it comes to sudoku, 7 and 9 are the numbers to beat.

Thomas Snyder took seven minutes and nine seconds to solve an advanced puzzle to win the first Philadelphia Inquirer National Sudoku Championship on Saturday.

Snyder, 27, of Palo Alto, Calif.,

won the \$10,000 prize and a spot on the six-person U.S. World Sudoku Team, which will compete in the third annual World Sudoku Championship next year in Goa, India.

Snyder is the current world champion, having won the second world competition, held in the

spring in Prague.

The tournament, hosted by New York Times crossword editor Will Shortz, attracted 857 contestants and 302 spectators, ranging in age from 6 to 87.

Officials said the total participation made it the largest live puzzle tournament ever held.

Sudoku, a Japanese number puzzle, consists of a grid of nine rows of nine boxes, which must be filled in so the numbers one through nine appear just once in each column, row and three-by-three square.

It looks like arithmetic but requires the application of logic.

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private security contractors in Iraq, and recognize that it is impractical to eliminate such protection altogether. The military has resisted assuming responsibility for guarding large numbers of U.S. officials, and the State Department's own security force is too small and already stretched too thin.

The group's closely held report also identified a gap that left private guards for diplomats in Iraq outside

the direct control of U.S. civilian or military law, and outside Iraqi law, a U.S. official said. It was not clear whether the report recommends placing private contractors squarely under U.S. civilian law, but Congress has already acted to place such guards under military law when working for the Pentagon.

The Iraqi government is demanding that Blackwater be expelled from the country within six months and that its employees be subject to Iraqi law.

One person familiar with the report said the group did not focus on the specific events of Sept. 16, looking instead at the rules of engagement, responsibilities and oversight for all security contractors.

The group told Rice she cannot wait for the results of a separate FBI inquiry into the Blackwater shootings, but should act within days or weeks and with a sense of urgency, the person said.

Rice agreed, the person said. The group, led by a State Department official with long experience in Iraq, presented its findings to Rice on Monday and she is expected to act on them this week.

The group strongly recommended that Rice coordinate her next move with the Pentagon, and she plans to speak with Gates soon, a State Department official said.

The panel included a retired senior diplomat, a retired four-star general and an intelligence expert.

Gates has already suggested he favors consolidated control of security contractors working for numerous U.S. government agencies, and discussed the idea briefly with Rice before the State Department's review was completed.

A separate Pentagon review recommended the U.S. military have more control over contractors in Iraq and that private guards fall under the military code of justice in some cases, Gates has said.

He said new guidelines for military commanders in Iraq probably will increase the number of private security contractors who will face prosecution or discipline for violence.

Gates said the five-member review team he sent to Iraq after the Blackwater shootings found a need for better coordination between the security details and the military.

Gates was in the Czech Republic when Rice met Monday with the panel she had named, and the two had not yet discussed the findings, a State Department official said.

Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell said last week that Gates thinks "it is worth exploring" whether one chain of command should oversee all private security contractors in Iraq.

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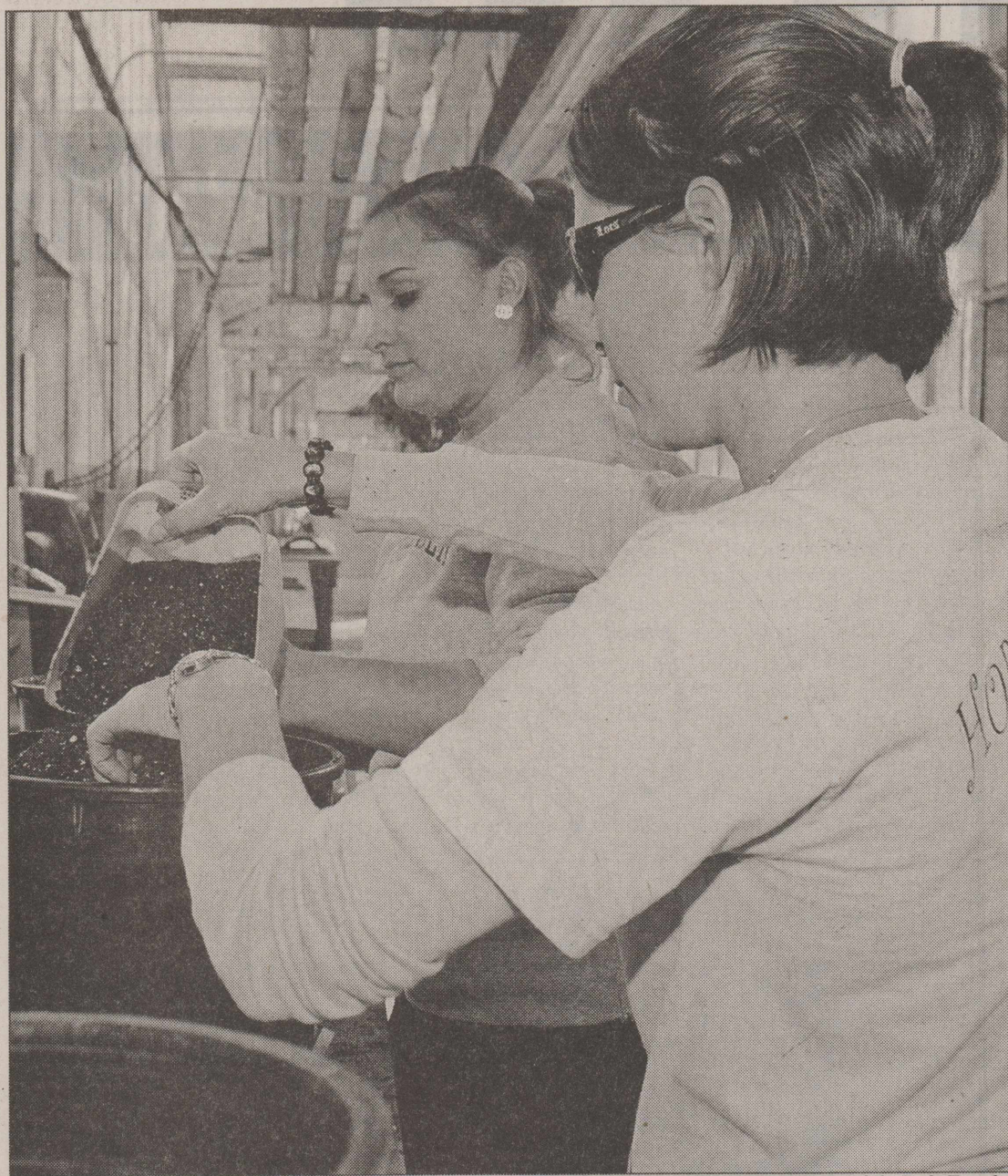


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EMPLOYEES AT THE greenhouse and horticultural gardens, Allison Watkins, a senior horticulture major from Midkiff, and Jennifer Harlien, a sophomore horticulture major from Orange Grove, fill pots with potting soil in preparation for moving outdoor plants inside for the winter season.

Dating violence awareness campaign kicks off at TCU

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Across the Texas Christian University campus Monday, some stark messages blared from bright red signs: "What is love?" "Are you dating someone who controls you?" "Are you dating someone who isolates you?"

The attention-getting posters aim to make students aware of the signs of relationship abuse and how to get help.

"It's a very important issue among people my age," said Heather Tansill, 21, a TCU senior from Seattle who is helping with the awareness campaign. "Relationship violence begins with emotional and environmental problems and not physical abuse. If you know the signs, you can get out of it before it becomes a problem."

The TCU project is part of the three-year, \$2 million statewide

"Red Flags" awareness campaign implemented by the Texas Council on Family Violence and funded by the Texas Attorney General's Office and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

According to a study issued by the council last year, half of 16- to 24-year-olds in the state have experienced dating violence, either as the target or the abuser.

Vote

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controversy and media attention, and students may not be prepared to vote.

"A lot of students don't realize that you can vote an absentee ballot," she said, "and they don't realize that if you're a resident in the state of Texas and you've moved from one county and you're here going to school, you can actually come down here and vote during early voting during a federal election."

Stinson said while voters can request an absentee ballot from the county they are registered to vote in, students not registered to vote in Lubbock County can vote in elections not specific to a particular county or district, including presidential, senate and gubernatorial elections.

While the Elections Office does make efforts to publicize upcoming elections, including posting notices in local newspapers, and radio and television stations, Stinson said raising public awareness falls largely on other organizations.

"A lot of the parties do voter drives and what have you, and we attend them if we're asked, and we try to help promote them if at all possible," she said.

Registered voters, including members of student organizations at Tech, can assist other people in the process of registering to vote by becoming volunteer deputies through the Office of Elections, Stinson said.

"They come in, and we go through a packet that we've put together, we go through the elections codes set up by the secretary of state's office to tell them what they can and can't do, and we explain to them 'you can't promote a certain candidate or a particular party when you're registering other folks to vote,'" she said.

Student organizations, including the Tech chapter of Young Conservatives of Texas and the Tech Law Democrats, organize voter registration drives and sometimes have members become volunteer deputies.

Brian Ridley, chairman of the Young Conservatives of Texas at Tech and a graduate student from Ardmore, Okla.,

said the voter registration drives that his organizations hosts are not exclusively for its members or conservatives.

"Whenever we hold events on campus, we'll be there to help all students who want to register to vote," he said.

Roberto Ambrosino, Jr., president of the Tech Law Democrats and a law student from Pittsburgh, said he believes it is important for political student organizations to raise awareness about issues that are not receiving the public's full attention.

"I'm going to go on a limb and say there's probably not a lot of people that are aware of this upcoming referendum," he said, "which is one of the reasons why we thought that we should try to make some kind of effort, at least, to educate everyone."

Ambrosino said the Tech Law Demo-

WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

So. California fires displace more than 250,000

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Wildfires fanned by fierce desert winds consumed huge swaths of bone-dry Southern California on Monday, burning dozens of buildings and threatening hundreds more from Malibu to San Diego, including a jail, a hospital and nursing homes.

More than a dozen wildfires had engulfed the region, killing at least one person, injuring dozens more and forcing hundreds of thousands

of evacuations. Overwhelmed firefighters said they lacked the resources to protect property.

"We have more houses burning than we have people and engine companies to fight them," San Diego Fire Captain Lisa Blake said. "A lot of people are going to lose their homes today."

Nearly 250,000 people were forced to flee in San Diego County alone, where hundreds of patients

were being moved by school bus and ambulance from a hospital and nursing homes, sheriff's spokeswoman Susan Knauss said.

About a dozen blazes erupted over the weekend, feeding on drought-parched land from the high desert to the Pacific Ocean. One person was killed and several injured in a fire near the Mexican border, and dozens of structures have burned across the region.

Turkey sends more troops to Iraq border

SIRNAK, Turkey (AP) — Dozens of Turkish military vehicles streamed toward the Iraqi border with heavy artillery and ammunition Monday after Kurdish guerrillas killed a dozen soldiers and claimed to have captured eight in an intensifying crisis threatening to spill into Iraq.

Arab nations joined the U.S. and Europe in urging Turkey's government not to attack suspected guer-

rilla bases in the Kurdish region of northern Iraq, while Turkish citizens rallied across the country demanding action against the rebels.

Iraq's president claimed the guerrillas would announce a cease-fire. But the rebels denied that, saying a cease-fire they declared in June was still in place.

With tensions worsening, the Turkish foreign minister said his government was pursuing a dip-

lomatic solution to halt rebel operations out of havens in Iraq, but warned that it wanted to see results soon if an escalation in military action was to be avoided.

An AP Television News cameraman saw a convoy of 50 Turkish army vehicles, loaded with soldiers and weapons, including 155-mm howitzers, heading from the southeastern town of Sirnak toward Uludere, closer to the border.

Bin Laden calls on insurgents to avoid 'extremism'

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Osama bin Laden called for Iraqi insurgents to unite and avoid divisive "extremism," speaking in an audiotape aired Monday and apparently intended to win over Sunnis opposed to al-Qaida's branch in Iraq.

In the audiotape broadcast on Al-Jazeera television, bin Laden said insurgents should admit "mistakes" and that he even advises himself not to be extreme in his leadership.

The tape appeared to be in response to moves by some Sunni Arab tribes in Iraq that have joined U.S. troops in fighting al-Qaida members, as well as other Sunni insurgent groups that — while still attacking Americans — have formed coalitions opposed to al-Qaida.

"Some of you have been lax in one duty, which is to unite your ranks," bin Laden said in the audiotape. "Beware of division

... Muslims are waiting for you to gather under a single banner to champion righteousness. Be keen to oblige with this duty."

"I advise myself, Muslims in general and brothers in al-Qaida everywhere to avoid extremism among men and groups," he said, saying leaders should not build themselves up as the sole authority, and that instead mujahedeen should follow "what God and his prophet have said."

Government's obesity ads too soft on fat, say critics

ATLANTA (AP) — Drunks swimming in gin, smokers in body bags and dopers living with their parents deep into adulthood. Those are among the public service ads shown in the past. But the government's new batch of obesity spots declines even to show a fat person,

let alone wag a finger for gluttony or sloth.

No one is advocating public service announcements that ridicule fat people; experts say such spots would do more harm than good. But critics complain that the three new spots premiering this month are a wimpy

attack on the costly and deadly explosion of obesity in America.

"It's so namby-pamby I think people will shrug it off," said Michael Jacobson of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a Washington-based advocacy organization.

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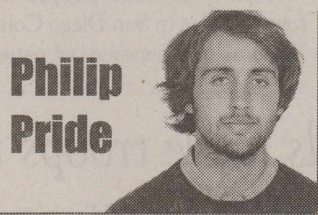
Disdain for the average: I want YOU to kick ass

Most people, when asked whether or not they are average, scoff at the notion of existing as an average individual. When one professor asked my class of 30 whether anyone possessed mere average ability, I alone raised my hand — it was as if I had broken some unwritten rule.

Where did this fear of the average come from? Upon reflection of my childhood, and witnessing the parents of today, I realized that this is the land — not of opportunity — but of the green participatory ribbon; of getting ice cream after a soccer game in which your team loses by double digits, of the mindset that everyone is special, of expecting an A on a test for which no studying occurred.

The societal implications of such a mindset, from my reasoning, act to the detriment of society and Texas Tech, because if everyone sees themselves as special he or she might not be as motivated to achieve excellence. Since the “special kids” are excellent already, why should others try so hard?

The one attribute that continues to define Tech throughout the decades is the consistent ability to do more with less; Texas A&M and the University of Texas always received more monetary consideration and attention from the State and Federal Governments. Look how often Gov. Perry vetoes deserved appropriations for Tech but, at such times Tech scraps up enough determination and grit to excel past the lauded — and at times stagnate — laurels of



Philip Pride

the other elite universities of Texas.

Preceding the inception of Texas Tech, West Texas was seen as an intellectual backwater not deserving of a premiere state university, and it is that nature which still exists now, hence Tech lacks flagship university status. The reason I am the average student is because, when motivated, I know I can do amazing things; just as I also believe to the core of my being that, when motivated, every Tech student can produce amazing results that will improve the world around them.

But, we cannot rest on our complacency of being “above average,” we must realize that the average Tech student should excel past all others’ expectations only to meet ours; the Tech student should strive for excellence and bruise the rear of anyone satisfied with past, or perceived, accomplishments.

UT possesses the perception of being the premiere university in the state, let them keep thinking that while we work with what we have to exceed past their clout towards the expectations of the average Tech student, which includes doing amazing acts.

That being said, as the newly appointed co-editor of the opinions

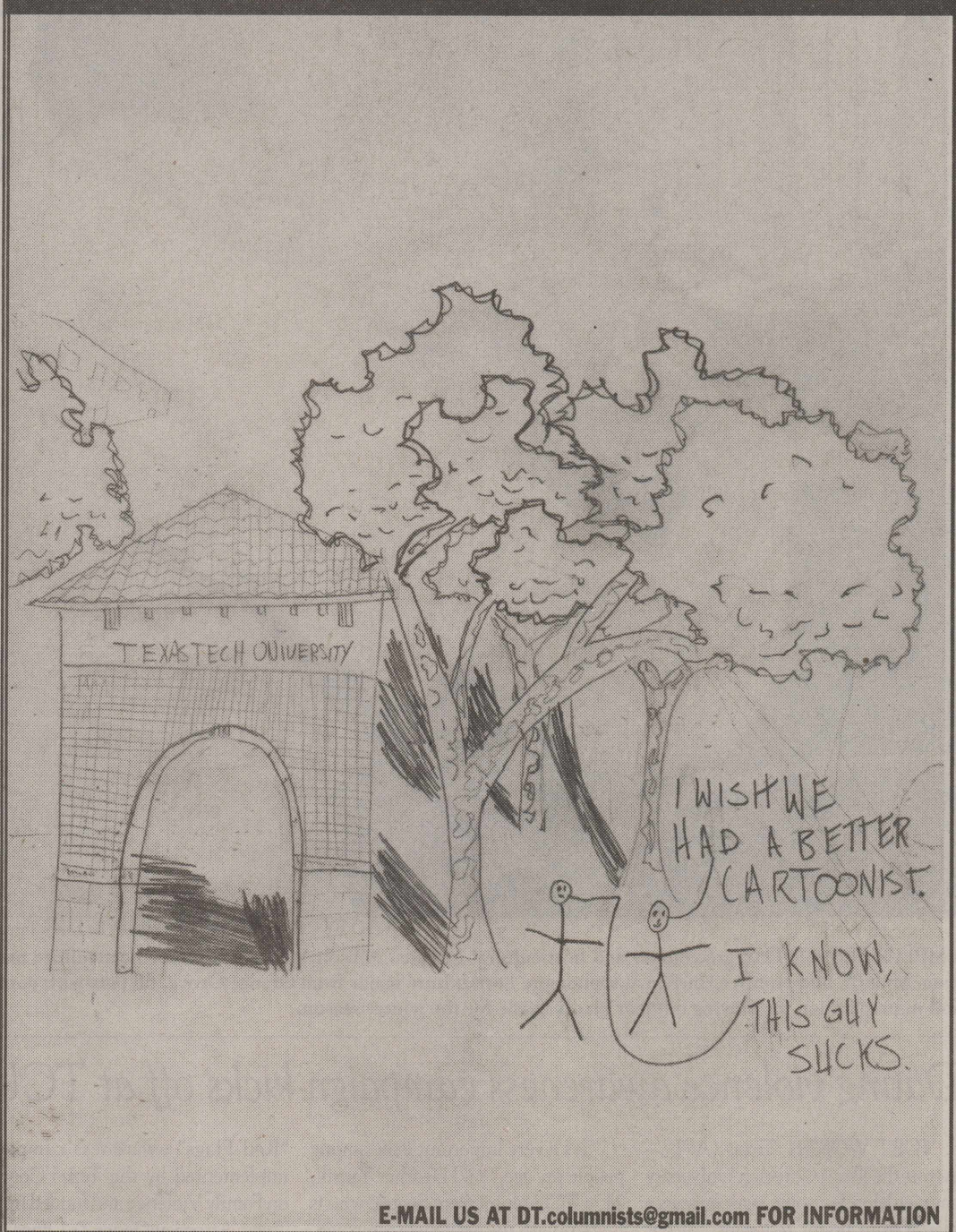
section for *The Daily Toreador*, I solicit your creativity. Because, what is Tech? Is it a collection of buildings in Lubbock/Seville, Spain; or does the university reside within the individuals that attend and instruct here? The faculty members, the students, the staff members, the administration and the alumni: we are Texas Tech.

When we graduate, the university travels with us on all our adventures; when people meet us, they meet Tech. The creative thoughts of the students need a place for expression, and since *The DT* is read widely amongst many students, the words contained within the pages of the paper contribute to the improvement of the academic community, but the paper and the university at large need your contribution. We need your thoughts to prevent intellectual stagnation, and we need your creativity to help the university improve for the better. Since you are the university, the better you improve yourself, or specifically, the more of yourself that you allow to be expressed, the better you improve the university.

Talk to me, or Britney Drumm, about writing an opinions column, and by contributing to the paper you will also be contributing to the growth of the university. We eagerly look forward to meeting anybody with ideas and cannot wait to see what can be accomplished. Lets kick some ass.

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West Texas dress code

By ALLISON GRIEST

Ask anyone, who isn't from Texas, to answer the question of how typical Texans dress, and you will likely hear something to the effect of, “Well, Texans wear cowboy hats, boots, belt buckles and Wrangler jeans. Oh, and they all talk with a funny accent.”

While I am from Texas, I attended Indiana University my freshman year (and no, I am not necessarily following Bobby Knight for my education).

When Halloween season rolled around, approximately 15 people (I kid you not) asked me if they could borrow my cowboy boots and cowboy hat. They wanted to be cowboys and cowgirls for Halloween — how original. These 15 people knew I was from Texas, and they knew I liked horses. I did not have boots or a cowboy hat with me at IU, but these people just assumed I would have immediate access to such things. However, I was a freshman living in the dorms and surviving without a car. I had no form of transportation to a barn or horse facility, so I did not bring my “cowgirl” clothing pieces to IU.

I wasn't surprised to find that students at IU had stereotypical views of Texans. Interestingly though, several students were extremely disappointed to find out I didn't have a distinctive southern drawl.

I also rarely used the word “y'all,” and this was extremely unsettling for people. They were so fascinated with the fact I was from Texas that they wanted me to speak with a fake Texas accent. I was also frequently asked, in all seriousness, “Do you ride horses to school?”

Wow.

This stereotypical perception of a Texan was expected from people at Indiana. What can you expect from a person who has never been to Texas? The only ideas they have about Texans come from old western movies, photographs, paintings and current “Texas” celebrities (it's true; many students at IU expected me to speak and wear cowboy boots just like George W. Bush.)

Oh Hoosiers.

However, I would think a campus like Texas Tech and a city like Lubbock would be very welcoming of the cowboy ensemble. A southern/Texas accent is widely accepted here, so why is it when I walk around the Tech campus, mall or Wal-mart wearing boots, western jeans and a belt buckle, people look at me funny? Am I being too sensitive? Do people look at me because they are simply “people watching” — a pass time almost everyone thoroughly enjoys?

If this is West Texas, why do so many people look so troubled when they see dirt, dust and mud on jeans and boots? Let me share a commonly unknown fact: When there is dirt caked on a pair of boots, the dirt is not going to come off easily. Cowboys and cowgirls don't wear dirty boots with the intention of making floors look muddy. They simply don't have time to change shoes.

Another little known fact: Boots are comfortable and durable. Why invest in three different pairs of flip-flops that wear out on the soles and fall apart, when you can invest in one pair of boots that will survive rain, wind and dust? Boots also save your toes — we all know how much it hurts to stub your toe when you're wearing flip-flops.

And stop making fun of cowboy hats. Baseball caps are great because they keep the sun off your face, right? Well, cowboy hats keep the sun off of your face and neck. Genius! While I do think wearing a cowboy hat to a theatrical performance or movie theatre is a bit much, wearing a cowboy hat outside is not silly. It makes sense, people wearing cowboy hats don't have to squint and don't have to pop their collars to keep the sun off their necks.

Needless to say, people can make fun of western outfits all they want. All I want is for people to stop looking at western outfits as alien ensembles. We live in West Texas. Of all places, this outfit should be understood and accepted.

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THE MATADOR COMETH

MATADOR LETTER OF ADDRESS:

Greetings Red Raiders, I am the Matador.

I am here to offer my advice to the student population of Texas Tech, in much the same vein as Dear Abby (but far more superior and elitist.) I have noticed an increase in issues on campus ranging from relationship problems to troubles regarding ethics and politics. So, I encourage you to send your concerns and questions to ttumatador@gmail.com.

While I may not be formally “qualified” to provide answers to your problems, I have gained an exceptional amount of knowledge and experience from feuding with my parents, whom I have not spoken to in 15 years — (A&M graduates ... They really don't have an independent spirit) — and my most memorable experience with the opposite sex was when I accidentally touched a girl's hand on a bus (maybe the mask and cape is a little too domineering? I digress ...)

I give you a taste of my past in order for you to gain confidence in my expertise. Anyway, feel free to write in about anything, and I will be happy to impart as much wisdom as I can muster.

Much Respect,
The Matador

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Global warming denial is shallow river in Texas politics

By LEAH FINNEGAN
DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN — Until last month, Gov. Rick Perry had given us a nice, long vacation from his ridiculous yammering on the fallacy of global warming, which, using his logic, is probably the greatest hoax the world has seen since those aliens landed in Roswell in 1947. But to Perry, America is certainly more susceptible to an alien attack than an environmental apocalypse as a result of climate change. The latter just isn't happening.

Because, as Perry stated in a Sept. 7 speech, it is not your GMC Jimmy's nor British Petroleum's nor the entire state of Texas' fault that our earth is becoming a bit crispy. It is the

media, of course, that is blowing the issue out of proportion to create a culture of fear. Or even worse: A culture of Al Gore. And Perry is sick and tired of it.

“I've heard Al Gore talk about man-made global warming so much that I'm starting to think that his mouth is the leading source of all that supposedly deadly carbon dioxide,” he said in the Sept. 7 speech.

We're beginning to think that Perry and his stooges, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Rep. Phil King (a Republican from Weatherford), must have some kind of bet running about who can be the last global warming dissenter standing.

All three claim that there are tons of “scientists” who are “jumping off the bandwagon” every day and flip-flopping on and off of

the anti-earth platform. But these “scientists” are pseudoscientists — Perry's office has yet to back up his erudite claims with specific research from actual, accredited scientists.

There are those (including a few science professors here at UT) who deny climate change by saying that the earth has been warming and cooling for billions of years. But most scientists agree that the climate is warming at a worrisome clip, although they do not all see eye-to-eye on the speed and implications of warming trends.

But anyone, science degree-holders or not, can see and feel the omnipotent physical proof of climate change. Take, for instance, the cover story of this week's New York Times Magazine, “The Perfect Drought.” Accord-

ing to an assortment of Nobel laureates and distinguished scientists interviewed for the story, we needn't only worry about our oceans overflowing and continents drowning — global warming may deplete our freshwater stores before that happens. In this age of uncertainty, we can count on climate change.

While the West turns into a piece of toast and Chicago becomes the new Honolulu, Perry has at least been persistent in stating that global warming is not a political issue.

That's the only thing out of his mouth lately that doesn't belong in a landfill. Because really, do the 2,500 scientists on the United Nations panel on climate change have a distinct political agenda? One would think they have better things to worry about.

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Casey Affleck delivers stellar performance in 'Gone Baby Gone'

If "The Assassination of Jesse James" doesn't prove it, this movie sets it in stone: Casey Affleck is the real actor in the Affleck family. Ben Affleck can stick to directing and screenwriting, which he does admirably in "Gone Baby Gone."

The story takes place in the slums of Boston, where Casey Affleck plays a private investigator, Patrick, living with his girlfriend, Angie (Michelle Monaghan). Patrick grew up in this rough neighborhood, and, while he finds more success in life than his childhood friends, he clearly still has "street cred" among them. After all, he stayed there and was true to them. He has cocaine-dealing friends, but they're the good kind of coke-dealers (as only Hollywood can have us believe).

Chris Kellerman



When 4-year-old Amanda McCready goes missing from her mother's apartment, Amanda's aunt hires Patrick and Angie to "augment the investigation" since the Boston police department hasn't had success. The initial investigation reveals Amanda's mom is a drug mule, and in fact was doing coke at a bar the night Amanda was taken. Patrick and Angie assume Amanda may have been kidnapped after a drug deal went wrong.

Morgan Freeman plays the police

captain in charge of finding missing children, and Ed Harris is the detective who serves as a liaison between Patrick and the police. After the entire team finds the man who may have Amanda, they set up a night meeting on a cliff to exchange her for a large sum of money. Shots are fired, the suspect ends up dead, and Amanda's doll is seen floating in the waters below.

The above represents only one-third of the story, and I'll give too much away if I go further. It's a twisty, complicated plot with major shocks, and just when you think you know what's going on, you're surprised with a new revelation.

This is an excellent movie. Certain elements of the plot and setting are reminiscent of "The Departed" — a corrupt Boston po-

lice department, a rooftop ending and really bad language. But unlike the rich, witty and good looking people in that version of the Boston crime world, "Gone Baby Gone" is the story of middle- to lower-class people with little education. They make up the most ignored sect of society in movies; think "Hustle and Flow." Another big contrast with "The Departed," where most of the cast get killed, but at least all the bad guys are dead, is that here we're dealing with much tougher questions of morality.

"Gone Baby Gone" was adapted from a book by Dennis Lehane, and though I haven't read it, I imagine it's great. This is one of the most exciting, powerful and morally complicated film plots of 2007.

Another film comparison I must

make, in terms of the questions of morality, is to "Million Dollar Baby." Patrick, like Clint Eastwood's character in "Baby," is a Catholic who faces huge moral dilemmas. Ultimately, the "big decision" Patrick makes is the opposite of what "Million Dollar Baby" would have chosen.

Casey Affleck is having a great year after co-starring in "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford," and now he delivers another fine performance. While this role wasn't quite as challenging or stunning as Robert Ford, I think it could boost Casey's chances for an Oscar next spring.

Supporting performances from Ed Harris ("A History of Violence") and Amy Madigan ("Field of Dreams") are great. Morgan Free-

man is also good, but in how many more movies will we have to hear him declare, "We will prevail?" Just wondering.

The film begins with Patrick telling us the advice his priest gave him on how to get to heaven. The priest quotes Jesus: "Behold, I am sending you like sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and simple as doves" (Matthew 10:16). Patrick tries his best throughout the movie to hold onto that high standard. It's up to the audience to decide if he succeeds. In my mind, he does.

Five out of five guns up



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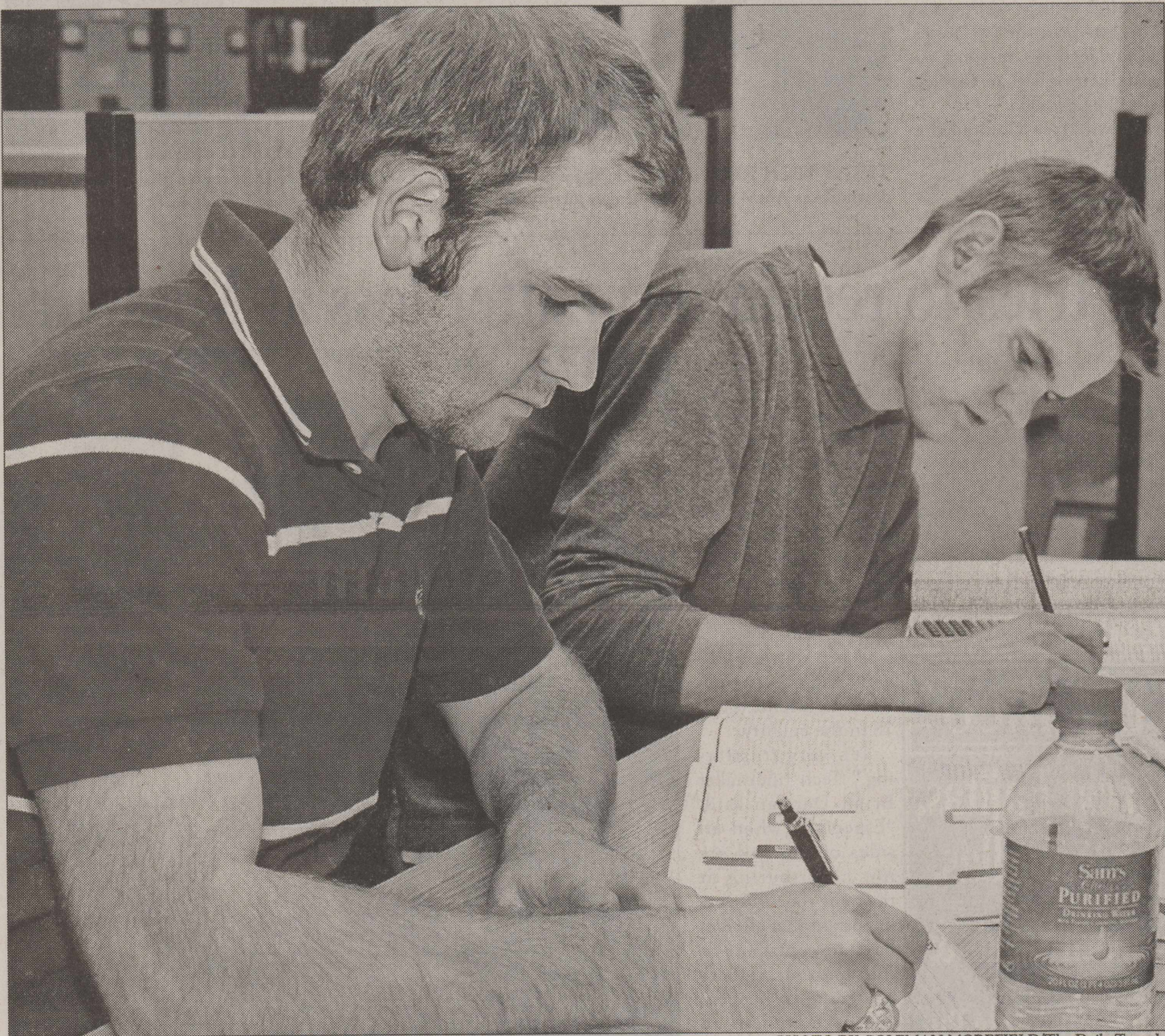


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DAVID JACKSON, A senior civil engineering major from Schertz, and John Watson, a senior mechanical engineering major from Lubbock, study in the library Monday afternoon for a Fundamentals of Engineering exam.

Absinthe absence finally ends

By JOHN ASKEW
IOWA STATE DAILY (IOWA STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — It's seen a worldwide resurgence thanks to popular culture, and now, for the first time in 95 years, absinthe can be legally enjoyed in the U.S. — but only in select states.

The opaque green liqueur was initially banned because it was found that the drink contained thujone, a potentially toxic chemical that supposedly accounted for the wild hallucinations experienced by some who have imbibed it.

"From what I've heard, you see things when you drink it, like a green fairy, but I also did hear that there was some sort of poison in it," said Patrick Kohn, Iowa State University sophomore in geology. But since early May, one approved brand of absinthe has been available in three states — New York, New Jersey and Illinois.

Leading the resurgence into the states is Lucid. The thujone-free absinthe created by Viridian Spirits LLC located in Manhasset, N.Y.

"Over the past decade, we've seen absinthe truly re-emerge on the European scene," said Jared Gurfein, president of Viridian, in a company press release. "The legalization of absinthe in Europe as well as its recent appearance in popular culture has led to a resurgence of interest in the U.S., and we wanted to fill that demand."

Although enthusiasts have

gotten around the regulations on absinthe by ordering online or smuggling it through customs, Lucid's approval by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau may help curb the influx of illegal varieties.

The bureau expressed concern over the marketing of the product, considering it has the age-old reputation of causing drinkers to hallucinate.

"They wanted to make sure that we were going to market this responsibly, that we didn't intend to piggyback on some of the myths," Gurfein said in a New York Times article.

Interestingly, the company hired French absinthe guru T.A. Breaux to develop the unique blend required to pass U.S. restrictions.

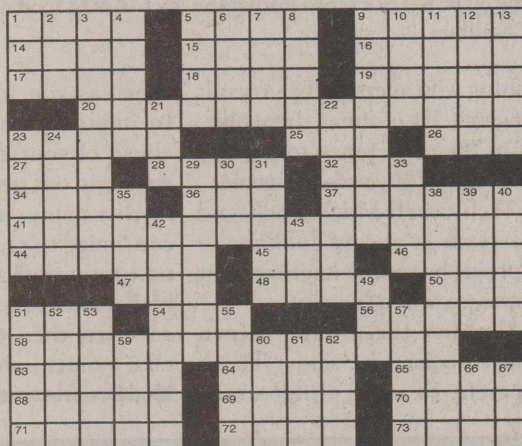
"T.A. Breaux has spent many years testing vintage bottles of absinthe produced in the 1800s," Gurfein said. "In those years of testing, Breaux found, quite remarkably, that absinthe made in its heyday actually contained few or none of the impurities that might otherwise have made it illegal under modern U.S. law."

Breaux said that by keeping to traditional recipes, Lucid's absinthe will be historically true to form.

"I think this would be something I'd want to eventually try because of all the times you see it in the movies," Kohn said.

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Tech football looks to avoid repeating 2006

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech football team may be experiencing déjà vu.

In 2006, the Red Raiders suffered a 38-21 loss to Missouri followed by a 30-6 beating at the hands of Colorado.

After a 41-10 loss to No. 13 Missouri Saturday and Colorado next on the schedule, the Red Raiders are looking to avoid the same fate two years in a row.

Tech coach Mike Leach said this year's team is more attentive in not allowing back-to-back losses to Missouri and Colorado for a second year in a row.

"I think our group's pretty focused, and I think everybody wants to do well in the work ethic of this group," Leach said. "How they've hung together on everything, I think, has been very impressive. That's what's exciting about them; that's what makes this team one of the most fun to coach that I've ever had."

The Red Raiders suffered their third straight loss and fifth of the last seven to the Tigers Saturday. Missouri quarterback Chase Daniel

threw for 210 yards against the Tech defense, and Tech quarterback Graham Harrell was intercepted by the Tiger defense four times. Tiger running back Jimmy Jackson, in the absence of the team's leading rusher in Tony Temple, ran for 59 yards and three touchdowns. Fellow tailback Derrick Washington had nine carries for 66 yards.

In 2006 against Colorado, the Buffaloes managed three field goals from former kicker Mason Crosby, two of which were longer than 50 yards. Colorado gained a 23-0 lead over the Red Raiders in Boulder, Co. with 4:06 left in the fourth quarter. The Buffalo defense held the Red Raiders to 31 yards on the ground. The win for Colorado ended a 10-game losing streak for the team and gave Colorado coach Dan Hawkins his first victory at the helm for the Buffaloes.

Colorado is coming off a loss to an undefeated Kansas team, but holds a 2-2 record in the Big 12 Conference. Colorado has four wins on the season, two more than the Buffaloes had last season.

The Buffaloes feature quarterback Cody Hawkins, who has

completed 145-of-260 passes for 1,680 yards and 11 touchdowns. Hawkins averages 255.8 yards per game, which is good for fifth in the conference.

"I think last year's group pulled together in a short period of time and ultimately did some great things too, Leach said. "All this stuff is kind of a moving target, but, I feel real good about our players and their commitment to go out there and do well and practice well."

Tech defensive back Chris Parker said the team is not worried about the back-to-back losses in 2006 as much as the task at hand for the Tech defense Saturday.

"All we're focused on right now is getting back on the field, getting ready to play Colorado," he said. "It's going to be a different scenery out there this week. We don't think of it as we're going back to last year, the two losses. We're just focusing on going out there and getting back on the field and playing Colorado."

Tech will face Colorado on ABC at 11 a.m. at Jones AT&T Stadium.

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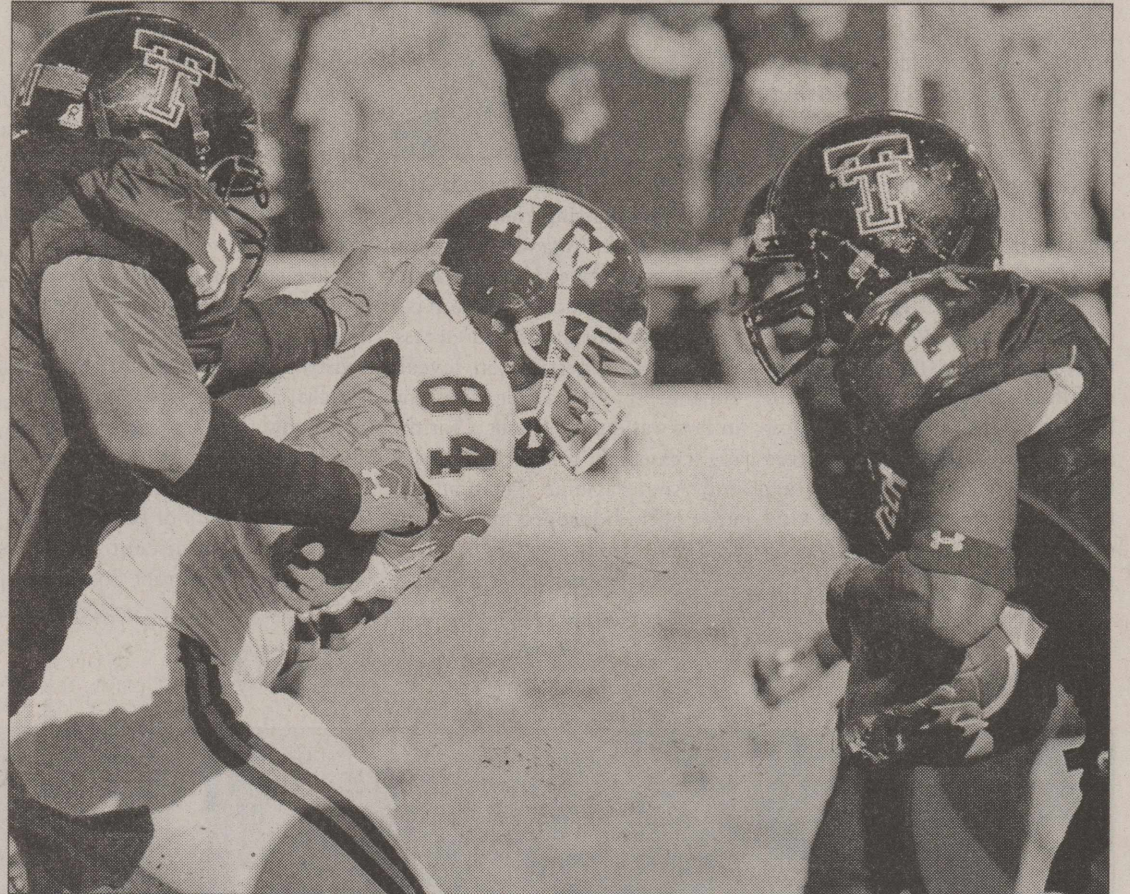


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TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Shannon Woods runs down the field as Tech center Shawn Byrnes takes down Texas A&M defensive lineman Jeremy Brown on Oct. 13 at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Rocky road: Tech defense tries to regain form after loss at Missouri

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Before Ruffin McNeill took over for Lyle Setencich as defensive coordinator, Tech allowed more than 43 points per game. In the three games following the

switch, the Red Raiders gave up an average of 10.3 points per game.

Then came the game against Missouri, when the Tigers put 41 points on the board.

Tech defensive back Chris Parker said this season is as dif-

ficult for the defense as other have been in the past, but being prepared to beat adversity is key to defeating the challenge.

"You (have to) be ready to overcome (adversity) and stay together as a team," he said. "That'll help you a lot."

Tech ranks eighth in the Big 12 Conference in scoring defense, allowing 28.5 points per game. The Red Raider scoring defense

sits at No. 44 in the nation.

The defense has successfully defended the pass, allowing 182.5 passing yards per game — good for No. 14 nationally. Tech defensive back Jamar Wall has four interceptions and is tied for best in the Big 12.

After allowing 212 yards on the ground, the Tech defense is No. 78 in the country.

"It's very frustrating," Tech linebacker Brian Duncan said. "Especially when all sides of the ball are not contributing at the same time. It's very important that all sides have to contribute at the same time. If that's not going to happen, you have burdens on more on one side of the ball than the other."

The Buffaloes are sixth in the conference in passing offense and fifth in rushing offense. Saturday, Tech will run into Colorado running back Hugh Charles, a senior tailback second in the Big 12 in

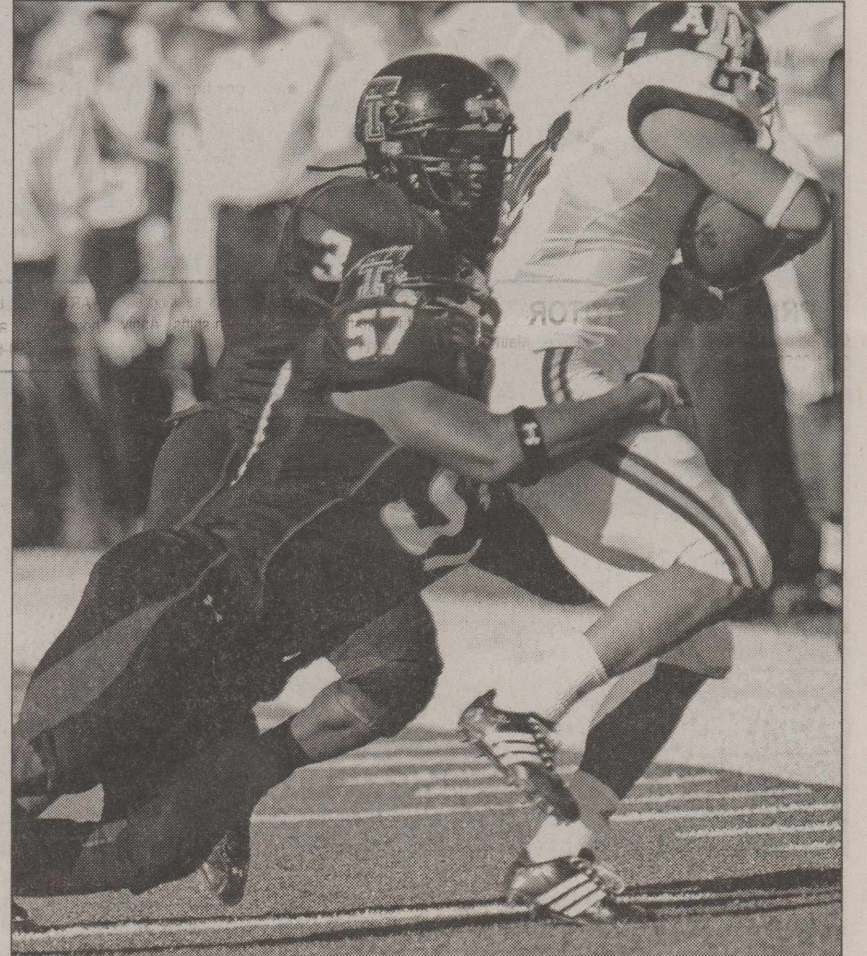


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TEXAS TECH DEFENDERS Brian Duncan and Jamar Wall attempt to take down Texas A&M receiver Kerry Franks during the Tech-A&M football game Oct. 13 in Jones AT&T Stadium.

rushing who averages 107.2 yards per game. He is one of three players in the conference to average more than 100 yards per game.

Tech coach Mike Leach said the team is always looking to improve, but as the improvement comes, so will adversity.

"I think the group's driven to get better," he said. "That's apparent to me. I think some-

times as you improve, you try to improve more, and you get ahead of yourself. And, I think we went out and pressed much of this game, and I just think continued to press. The unfortunate fact was that we never really had momentum, and as we faced adversity then you (have to) go take momentum. You can't do it

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Peaking: Esquivel and Cypert reach new heights in senior season

By ALEX YBARRA
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Throughout their respective collegiate careers, annual changes in players, coaches or formations became routine for senior forwards Kim Cypert and Priscilla Esquivel.

This season, however, change came



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TEXAS TECH SENIOR forward Priscilla Esquivel jumps to head a soccer ball during Tech's 1-0 shutout against Oklahoma State Sunday.

in the form of the Big 12 Conference Tournament, which has eluded Texas Tech women's soccer for seven consecutive seasons.

Tech (6-6-2, 4-3-1 in Big 12) all but clinched a spot in the tournament with a 1-0 win against No. 18 Oklahoma State at R.P. Fuller Stadium. Oklahoma, through a series of several events, could prevent

the Red Raiders, fourth in Big 12, from entering the tournament.

Tech coach Tom Stone said the seniors did not back down from the challenge of another coaching staff this season, and the rest of the team recognized that.

"(The seniors) must feel like they've persevered," he said, "because every time there's a coaching change, there's a transitional period, and that transitional period is difficult."

Stone said this season's transition occurred before the Big 12 schedule began in Colorado Sept. 28, and Cypert and Esquivel provided their undivided attention from day one.

"I think there's a lot of admiration for the way these two have put their effort into this season," he said. "We said at the very beginning there are only two seniors. If you don't play for them, who's going to play for you when you're a senior?"

Although she will be gone next season, Cypert said she cherishes the notion that she remained an integral part of rebuilding Tech soccer during her career, and she can remember the atmosphere that surrounded the team when she and Esquivel played as freshman.

"Practice was different, people were different," she said. "It was like we didn't believe we could win. We came out there to practice to do whatever we could. There was no environment of winning."

In the 2004 and 2005 seasons, Esquivel and Cypert's freshmen and sophomore seasons, Tech compiled a record of 4-34 overall and 0-20 in Big 12 play.

Because of their earlier struggles junior

goal keeper Tina Rincon said Esquivel and Cypert never take their wins for granted.

"Obviously we want to get used to winning," she said, "but for us, every win we get is different because we've been here when Tech soccer was at its lowest point. We've been here to help build the program."

When he arrived, Stone said his coaching staff recognized a valuable asset in Esquivel's style of play, which helped perpetuate the team's change in technique this season.

"The number of times the ball touches her and she holds it for our team is extremely high for a college player," he said. "The percentage of times that she keeps possession has got to be one of the highest than any of the forwards we've seen."

Esquivel said she wants her brother, Javier, who serves in the United States Army and is stationed in Iraq, to see her play in person. In order for that to happen, Tech will need to play deep into the Big 12 Tournament.

Javier Esquivel is scheduled to return home in November.

"He wishes he could be here so bad," she said. "He's just cheering me on in spirit. He calls me after every game to say congratulations."

Stone said he realizes that the interaction between the seniors and underclassmen prepares his players for the future.

"They have great perspective," he said. "They have a nice message to the other players: Take advantage of it while you're here, because you never know when something good may happen."

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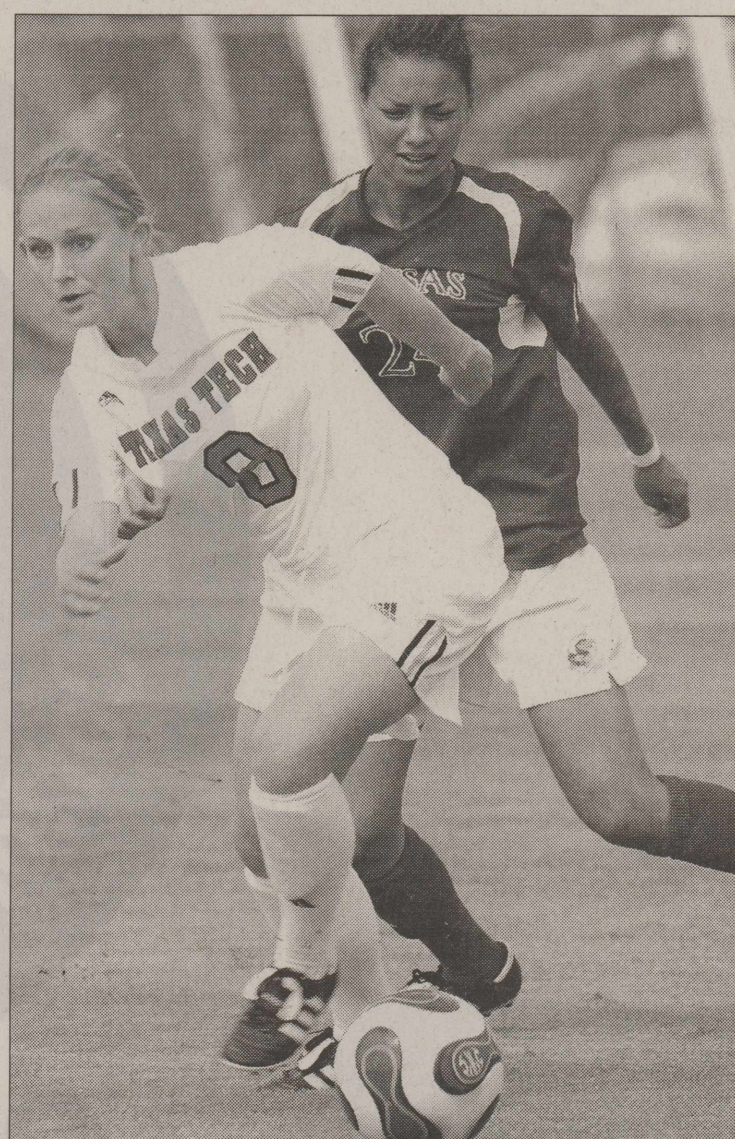


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TEXAS TECH SENIOR forward Kim Cypert has helped her team to four wins in the Big 12 Conference this season.

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