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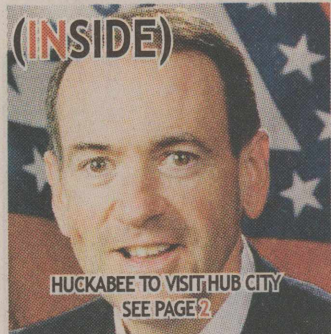


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Train carrying chemicals derails

ALPINE (AP) — An official says cleanup is under way in West Texas after a freight train carrying hazardous materials derailed. Some residents were evacuated temporarily but no chemicals were released.

A Union Pacific spokesman says the train was traveling from Louisiana to California when 86 cars jumped the track late Tuesday night. The two-person crew was not injured.

About a dozen homes were evacuated near Alpine, Texas, about 220 miles east of El Paso. Residents are returning home after officials determined no chemicals had leaked.

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Humane Society sues USDA after recall

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Humane Society sued the federal government Wednesday over what it said is a legal loophole that allows sick or crippled cattle, called "downers," into the food supply.

A U.S. Department of Agriculture rule change made in July allows some downer cows into the food supply, the Humane Society of the United States alleges in its lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C.

WORLD

Iraq strikes down election measure

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's presidential council rejected a plan for new provincial elections and sent the bill back to parliament Wednesday for reworking, a setback to U.S.-backed efforts to promote national reconciliation.

The ruling came despite a reported telephone call by Vice President Dick Cheney to the main holdout on the three-member panel, which has to sign off on laws passed by the legislature.

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House approves taxes on oil companies

Taxes on largest companies awaits Senate approval

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legislation, approved by the House of Representatives, would cost the five largest oil companies an average of \$1 billion over that period, according to a report by the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Those companies paid \$23 billion last year in federal taxes on oil and gas.

to veto the legislation if it passes the House.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., noted it was two years ago, when oil cost \$55 a barrel, when Bush said oil companies need no government subsidies to pursue more oil or gas.

"With the price of oil hovering around \$100 do we really believe this incentive is justified?" asked Hoyer. "Do these companies need taxpayer subsidies to look for new product? They don't need any

incentive."

Republicans said the measure unfairly targeted a single industry.

"It punishes the oil and gas industry. This is wrongheaded. It will result in higher prices at the gasoline pump. It's spiteful and wrong," said Rep. Jim McCrery, R-La.

The top Republican on the Ways and Means Committee, which developed the tax proposals, he cited statistics that show that oil companies already pay more taxes than many

other industries.

Hoyer acknowledged "this legislation alone will not bring down gas prices." But he said the measure will provide a needed boost to alternative energy industries — solar, wind, biofuels, and geothermal — and help promote energy conservation. "That may bring down gas prices three years from now, 10 years from now," he said.

The bill would roll back two lucrative tax breaks for the five largest U.S. oil companies.

BOBBITT WINS BIG

After 3,431 students voted Tuesday and Wednesday, Texas Tech Student Government Association election results were revealed to a group of anxious candidates and supporters standing by Wednesday evening.

Soon to represent students are Lee Bobbitt for president, James Baumgartner for internal vice president, Austin Pennington for external vice president and Arindam Mazumdar for vice president of graduate and professional affairs.

Bobbitt said she has been working toward SGA president since October and has known since her freshman year that she wanted to be SGA president.

"Every SGA president since I've been a freshman I've been really close with, and they've always encouraged me and worked with me," Bobbitt said. "Now I can feel like I have accomplished everything I've wanted to at Tech. It makes me feel really old to know that it's now my turn to take over student government."

The first thing she said she would do upon taking office was clean the office of Mason Moses, current SGA president.

"The second thing I'll do is start picking up where Mason left off and take it to the next level and be more of an active spokesperson," Bobbitt said.

According to the SGA 2008 General Elections Results Report, Bobbitt received about 80 percent of the total votes, compared to Philip Pride's 17 percent.

When it came to internal vice president, Baumgartner won by receiving 50.43 percent of the votes, according to the report. His opponent, Dailey Fuller received about 48 percent of the votes.

To win, a candidate must receive 50.1 percent.

Baumgartner said he believes the winning votes came from students he talked to outside of the Market at Stangel/Murdough and the University Library.

"For the last two hours, I sat in front of The Market and got 10 to 20 people to vote and sat outside the library and got about 30 people to vote," Baumgartner said. "That literally made the difference."

Upon taking office, he said he wants to encourage the senators to visit all of the student organizations so "they know I'm good on my word."

Pennington, elected as external vice president, said because the three shared similar viewpoints, he teamed up with Bobbitt and Baumgartner to campaign for office.



LEE BOBBITT, RIGHT, receives congratulations after winning the race for President of the Student Government Association in the Student Union Building Wednesday evening.

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University Medical Center returns to normal admission procedures

By MATT MCGOWAN
STAFF WRITER

University Medical Center officials discontinued the hospital's diversion of patients Wednesday and resumed normal patient intake operations.

Greg Bruce, vice president of corporate services at UMC, said Tuesday's temporary diversion of patients gave the center an opportunity to manage the patients already admitted into the hospital. With existing patients' needs met, the facility was able to reopen its doors to new patients.

"With the diversion that we had (Tuesday), that allowed us to stop the flow of patients into the hospital and kind of manage the backlog of patients we have here," he said.

Due to an influx of patients during this year's cold and influenza season, Bruce said Tuesday, the hospital reached its maximum capacity and had to suspend its intake of some patients.

The hospital began diverting patients transferred from other hospitals or directly from physicians Tuesday, he said. Patients in critical condition, however, still were admitted to the hospital.

According to a UMC press release, the number of patients seeking care varies greatly throughout the course of a year. Tuesday's high demand for care exceeded normal needs, but the diversion helped the hospital return to normal operations.

"When this occurs, we have systems in place, such as (Tuesday), to safely manage existing and incoming patients," Bruce said in Wednesday's press release. "Our systems were designed to provide a safe environment for our patients and our visitors. The system worked well (Tuesday)."

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THE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL Center emergency room is located at Sixth Street and Indiana Avenue on the west side of the complex.

Huckabee set to be in Lubbock

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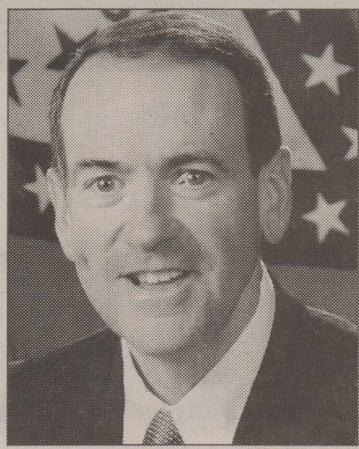
Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee is scheduled to be in Lubbock at 9 a.m. Friday at the Silent Wings Museum, 6202 N. I-27.

Hank Ives, an organizer for the Huckabee for President campaign, confirmed Lubbock residents will have an opportunity to see Huckabee, a former governor of Arkansas, Friday.

"He is wanting to become president of this country," Ives said, "and he thinks this will help."

Andrew Vaughn, a founding member of the Lubbock Mike Huckabee for President 2008 online meetup group, said he encourages not only supporters of the former Arkansas governor to attend the event but others as well.

"Obviously we want all the people who support Huckabee to come out,"



HUCKABEE

could appeal to across to people across the board," he said. "His approach to conservation issues appeals to not only Republicans, but independents and even some Democrats. He takes a lot of common sense issues that other people don't take."

Approximately 250 to 500 attendees can be expected at the campaign rally, Vaughn said, and members of the Huckabee meetup group will be at the event early handing out signs and preparing for the rally.

"There has been quite a bit of excitement in the community that I've been able to detect," he said. "I believe that there are a lot of people in Lubbock and in the South Plains that aren't convinced that John McCain is the most conservative choice."

Vaughn said he recommends that anyone interested in attending the rally should arrive at the event around 8 a.m. to ensure admittance.

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Unknown threat made to Human Sciences building

Several students and faculty waited outside the Human Sciences building Wednesday for the Texas Tech Police to let them back in after an unknown threat was made.

Andrew Bevely, the computer lab coordinator for the building, said someone threatened the building, but he did not know what the threat was.

Bevely said they were told to

evacuate, as he posted signs to inform his lab students they needed to exit the building.

Barbara Bass, assistant to the dean of the College of Human Sciences, said Tech police only searched the Child Research Development Center and the Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery.

The buildings were not evacuated formally, Bass said, but the police did a walkthrough of the buildings and

asked people to leave.

Bass said they were informed someone called the police, but she does not know anything about what the threat was or who called.

The Tech Police Department declined to comment on the situation until it can gather more information, and representatives of the Lubbock Police Department were unavailable for comment.

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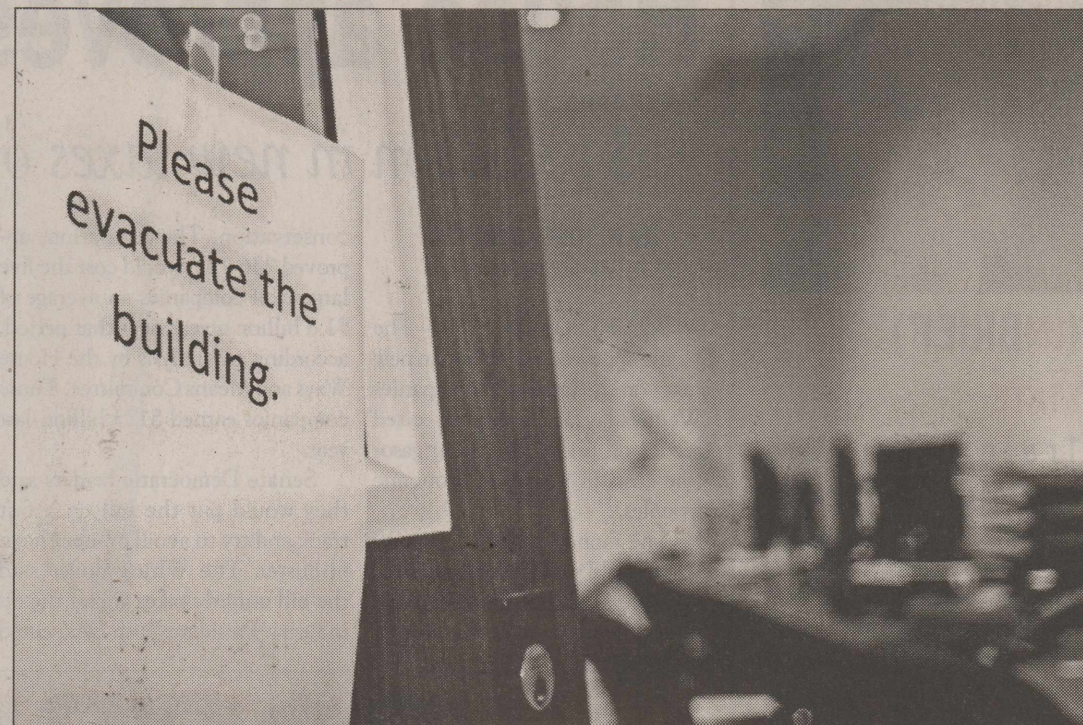


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THIS SIGN WAS hung on a door in the Human Sciences building Wednesday afternoon after the police recommended people evacuate the building.

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"To be completely honest, I was more concerned that the three of us get elected together than just myself," Pennington said. "That's the main reason I feel so good."

Because the three have worked well together thus far, he said he believes the three officers will mesh well once taking office.

"We've all got similar ideals and views on where SGA will go from here, and I think it really helps out to work together," he said. "The first thing I'd like to do is start working for better relations with student organizations. It's no secret how bad some of the relationships are — (I) want to patch those things up."

According to the report, Pennington captured about 65 percent of the total votes while his opponent, Josh Frost, received about 33 percent.

Mazumdar, who received about 78 percent of the votes according to the report, said he campaigned by talking to people personally and letting them know what his issues are. Jaime Cantu, his opponent, received 20 percent of the total votes.

"I told them what I'm running for," Mazumdar said, "health insurance, park-

ing and building a connection between graduate students and the SGA."

As of now, Mazumdar said, international students are required to purchase a specific health insurance plan, which is significantly higher than others. He said he would like students to have a choice when it comes to choosing a plan.

He also said he would like graduate assistants and teaching assistants to have all-day parking passes on campus.

Mike Gunn, SGA election commissioner, said while about 800 more students voted in the 2007 SGA election, this year's election was not a failure.

"Whenever you get more than 10 percent of your population to vote, you've got a good election," Gunn said. "So it's a good turnout."

Before the race, Pride, Bobbitt's former presidential candidate opponent, said he believed Bobbitt would do a good job if she does what she thinks is right.

"Basically it comes down to my friends versus her friends," he said before the race. "She might have more friends, but I have cooler friends."

Newly elected SGA officers were not the only ones celebrating Wednesday night, as the election also included an opportunity for new senators to be elected.

Students elected senator-at-large include: Josh Frost, Zoe Georgopoulos, Katie McCracken, Travis Isom, Allison

Purtell, Kyle Crowl, Brad Bellah, Ryan Snyder and David Ross.

Students elected senator for their respective colleges include: Jenna Jones, Dee Jay Wilde, Luke Davis, Tris Liebelt, Sarah Saunders, Laura Stout, James Miranda, Trey Butler, Katy Wright, Christin Collier, Amelia Martin, Piper Shannon, Colton Smith, Cassie Leaman, Katie Weissman, Olivia Chris, Kristy French, Kristie Lopez, William Henderson, Trey Bailey, John DeWitt, Caitlin Haworth, Stratton Haley, Justin Roberts, Holt Martin, Jeff Griffin, Christina Conway, Kathryn Harris, Jeff Ingram, Mark Kronberg Jr., Clint Brown, Maanisaad Shahriar, Joey Damiano, James DeWitt, Ricardo Morales, Neha Kothari, Purvi Shah, Vedik Shetty, Berny Mullappally, Jaime Cantu, Amit Pisat, Deepali Butani, KaKa Adams, Trey Horkey, Michael Bowles, Hannah Fielden, Paige Smith, Jo Kirkman, Jackie Peterson, Ben Salehi, Alex Eaker, Suzanne Williams, Randy Fox, Drew Graham, Brittany Waldenmaier and John Magee.

The election results will remain unofficial until being certified at the next SGA Senate meeting scheduled for March 6.

The new officers will be inaugurated at a banquet scheduled for April 4.

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McCain, Obama tangle long distance over al-Qaida

TYLER (AP)—Republican presidential hopeful John McCain mocked Barack Obama's view of al-Qaida in Iraq, and the Democratic contender responded that GOP policies brought the terrorist group there.

The rapid-fire, long-distance exchange Wednesday underscored that the two consider each other likely general election rivals, even though the Democratic contest remains unresolved.

McCain criticized Obama for

saying in Tuesday night's Democratic debate that, after U.S. troops were withdrawn, as president he would act "if al-Qaida is forming a base in Iraq."

"I have some news. Al-Qaida is in Iraq. It's called 'al-Qaida in Iraq,'" McCain told a crowd in Tyler, Texas, drawing laughter at Obama's expense. He said Obama's statement was "pretty remarkable."

Obama quickly answered back while campaigning in Ohio. "I do know that al-Qaida is in Iraq and that's

why I have said we should continue to strike al-Qaida targets," he told a rally at Ohio State University in Columbus.

"But I have some news for John McCain," Obama added. "There was no such thing as al-Qaida in Iraq until George Bush and John McCain decided to invade Iraq. ... They took their eye off the people who were responsible for 9/11 and that would be al-Qaida in Afghanistan, that is stronger now than at any time since 2001."

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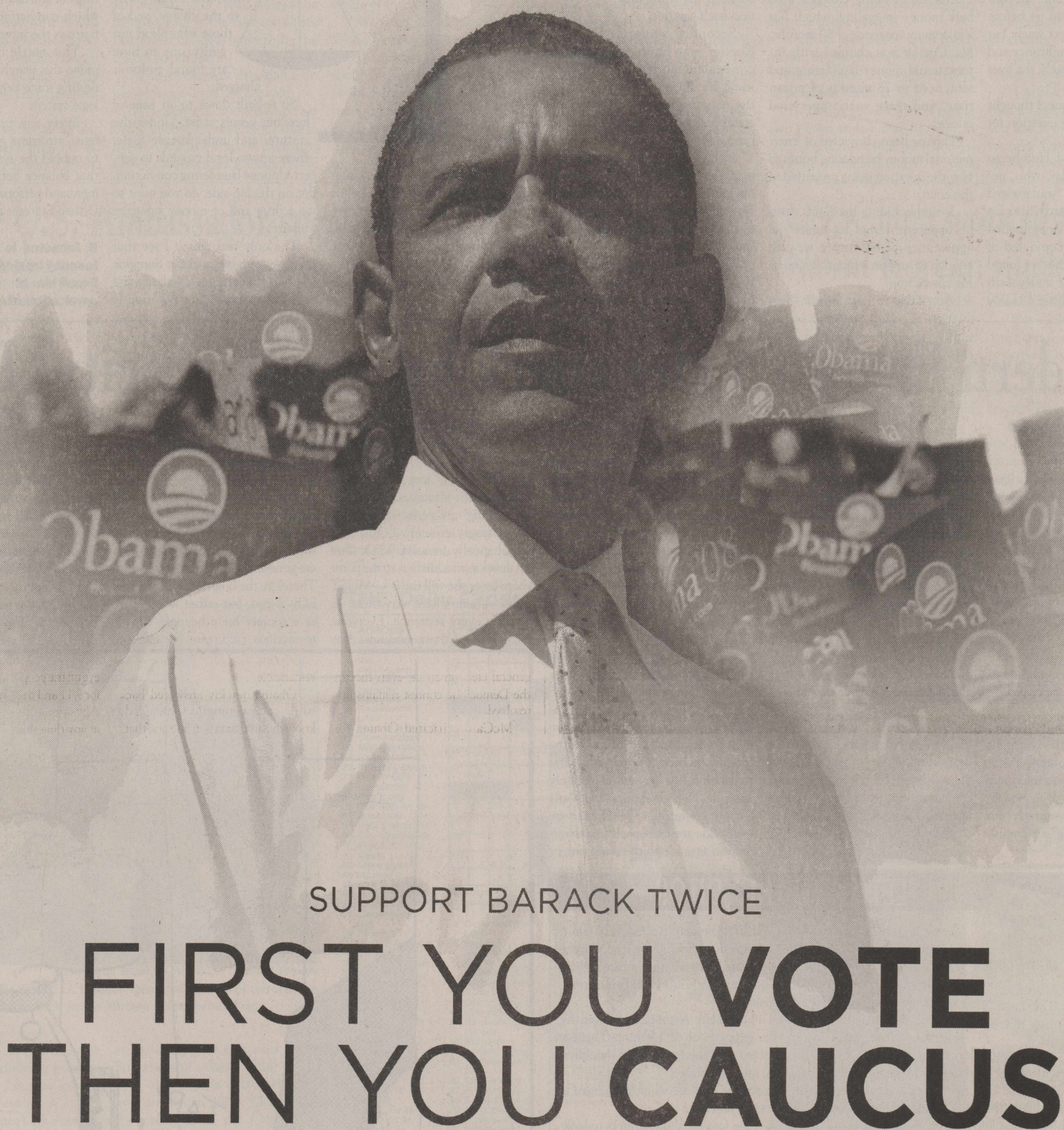
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American court system a division of freedom, order

This past Monday, former Texas Tech Law alumnus and adjunct professor Jerry Beard argued before the Supreme Court. I had the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. with Beard's daughter, my good friend Amber Beard, to observe the proceedings.

The case, entitled *Cuellar v. United States of America*, was a minor case when compared to cases such as *Roe v. Wade*, *Marbury v. Madison* or even the 2nd Amendment case scheduled to go before the Supreme Court next week; but still, it held its own significance and affected, however minutely, the lives of all Americans.

After hearing the case, I thought it posed an interesting question for this week's column.

The case involved Humberto Fidel Regalado Cuellar, who, according to case briefs, "was arrested while traveling towards Mexico with a large sum of money hidden in the car... He was convicted of money laundering... Officers found a hidden compartment underneath the floorboard containing \$83,000

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wrapped in duct tape bundles inside blue Wal-Mart sacks and marked with a Sharpie as to the amounts in each bundle."

Instead of being charged with bulk money smuggling, which has a maximum sentence of 60 months, Mr. Cuellar was charged with international money laundering and sentenced to 78 months of prison time, and three years supervised release.

Having been convicted of international money laundering brings to bear the question being presented to the court:

Is simply hiding the funds, with no apparent way to create the appearance of legitimate wealth, enough to support a money laundering conviction?

According to Jerry Beard: "Sec-

tion 1956, the money laundering statute, requires an intent to minimize the criminal taint of unlawful proceeds. But the statute does not criminalize concealing money's existence."

In this case, Cuellar's conviction should be reversed for two reasons. First, while the method of the transportation involved may have been designed to conceal, the transportation itself was not.

Secondly, while Cuellar may have concealed money itself, he did not conceal the nature, source, location, ownership or control of the unlawful proceeds.

In layman's terms, Jerry Beard argues even though the money was obviously drug money returning to Mexico presumably to pay off whom ever sent drugs across the border into the United States, Cuellar was only the courier taking that money to Mexico, and he made no effort to conceal the source and nature of

the money — no effort was made to conceal that it was obviously drug money going to Mexico.

So technically, under the government's argument for Cuellar, when-

involved in a complex and sophisticated drug-smuggling operation. The stance of the government, which would be validated should the court rule in its favor, is that "fighting criminal finance requires intervention at every stage of the laundering chain."

The money laundering statute is the government's best weapon against criminal finance; one in nine convicted plead guilty to the charge, and of those who plead not guilty, one in nine are found guilty as charged.

So it boils down to an issue of freedom versus order. Under the statute, and under simple logic, there are no legal grounds to support a money laundering conviction. But on the flip-side, do you want to see a drug and or money smuggler walk free?

The only real reason I see that the case even went to the Supreme Court is that the local federal, and fifth circuit courts are notoriously

conservative. Taking the broad intent of the statute as grounds to convict a smuggler.

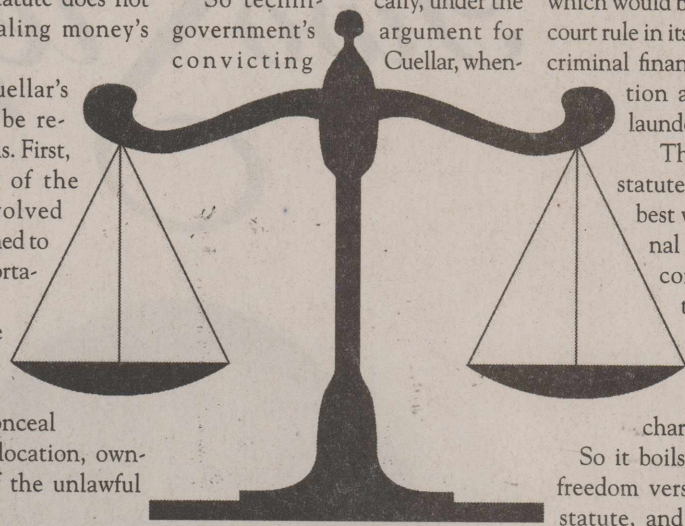
At this level, a ruling in favor of the government reinforces the government's ability to crackdown on criminal finance but leaves room to incriminate the potentially innocent.

A ruling in favor of the defense limits the power of the government to stop criminal finance from occurring but sets definitive definitions by which convictions are justified and narrows the intent of the statute.

This battle of freedom versus order, this search for balance, is the driving force behind the American legal system.

Every day, prosecutors and defense attorneys go into courtrooms to uphold the system and maintain that balance between law-enforcement and personal liberty. Cuellar v. United States is no different.

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ever you put money in your pocket and walk to class, preferably a class south of your current location, you can be convicted of international money laundering.

But despite that simple logic, the question is that of traditional government rhetoric. Cuellar undoubtedly

Is modern English under attack by verbal atrocity? LOL!

By **MOHAMMED IBRAHIM**
THE ORACLE (U. SOUTH FLORIDA)

(U-WIRE) TAMPA, Fla. — Rhetorical chivalry is dead. Its body lies limp in the back alleys of cyber-capitalism, passed up by spiky-haired, 20-something business school grads thumbing away at their iPhones. And in 1989, Timothy Berners-Lee inadvertently facilitated its discreet demise with the introduction of the World Wide Web.

Welcome to the "gimme-a-sec" generation. Fueled by espresso shots, instant messaging and turbocharged SUVs, it's not enough for today's go-getters to wait for something. They need it yesterday, with overnight shipping and a tracking number.

Such condensed expression comes at a cost that seems trivial in modern society, but could retrospectively turn out to be inestimable: The English language is deteriorating.

OK, so this generation that needs to do everything in a faster, simpler manner is killing any and all classical modes of communication, but innovation often emerges from the ruins of the outdated. It's a violent process. Case in point? The creative gem of our commercialized generation: LOL.

This painfully simplistic interjection, the brainchild of AIM and pre-teen insight, was willed into existence merely as an agreement to any humorous dialogue in general. Its addition was superficial nearly to the point of futility — but not quite. LOLs were like floaties for the shallow swimming pool of Internet conversation. They weren't necessary, but they provided some level of reassurance.

Several years — and countless blogs — later, LOL has absorbed many communicative techniques that were lost in binary translation. Its value completely changes according to the context of its use. The following is

a set of examples of the acronym's versatile nature:

LOL is used to defuse a potentially hostile statement, as in "Well, it's not like you ever help out, LOL." It also helps one avoid giving an uncomfortable answer to "Am I really like that?" Example response: "LOL, I dunno."

LOL decreases the magnitude of a situation: "So I totally failed the orgo exam LOL." Injecting sarcasm and changing the mood of a topic are other uses.

You've noticed I have yet to explain what phrase this three-letter acronym represents. There are two reasons for this. First of all, to be uninformed enough to require one, you must have virtually no access to the Internet. Second, the phrase's literal translation has become completely extrinsic. Nobody applies it with any amount of sincerity. Even if one were to chuckle at a message, it would warrant an upgrade to the more potent

"LMAO" or "ROFL."

The question is: Why has there been no public (over)reaction? The public is typically adept at accepting such linguistic atrocities. (R.I.P. and "bling bling" are perfect examples.) Interestingly enough, LOL has a pathologically invasive M.O. One can develop an addiction to the point where he or she will use it — MUST use it — somewhere, anywhere, in virtually every sentence. Everyone knows one of these geniuses. Any

sentence devoid of LOL might imply unintended seriousness. The aforementioned genius is caught in a trap.

So is LOL really that bad? Historically, no. Innovation is minimalist by nature. As long as the public is on the same page, such developments are generally considered progressive. Therefore the question isn't whether LOL is bad, but rather whether we as a society have become willing to sacrifice culture in the name of

progress. The impact of LOL won't be known for another couple of decades. Maybe its concept will be indoctrinated into the English language. Perhaps it will make an appearance on VH1's "I Love the 00s" and create a moment of mass nostalgia. For now, though, as has always been the case, the few amuse each other by poking fun at the many gripped by the byproducts of modernization. What can I say? LOL.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Every day, I walk from the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center to campus and notice that nothing is being done behind the fence where the leisure pool is going to be. I just want to know whether we are paying money for the construction of the pool and nothing ever is being done, or is something halting the construction?

For example, the Student Government Association voted to increase the original budget of the leisure pool, and I think that is a good thing because students finally got involved with this project, but shouldn't someone be working on the pool before we decide to raise the budget?

I understand that it is not something for the athletic department because when they have a project, it gets done, and fast. Shouldn't our pool be completed with the same urgency?

I mean, I love athletics, and I go to every game I can think of, but is it time for our administrators to look at the students as an entire body and say in their minds, "What can we do to make this university better?" Then maybe students would give back by showing up to events like basketball games and baseball games that are always less than half full — unless ESPN is in town.

Give the students the same priority you give the athletic department, and maybe they will include going to a sporting event in their priority. It's worth a shot.

As students, we need to unite and support our fellow student athletes in all sports. I think the best example for the lack of support is basketball. We have this beautiful arena and a new coach who wants to get students involved, but we don't budge.

If you have been to a basketball game lately, you know the only support the team has is from the few faithful students who go to the games, the Saddle Tramps, and the loudest woman on Earth — I believe she is called Mama D.

Even the Fro-Bros have been selling out; they rarely show up painted unless they are on ESPN. Local supporters don't know what spirit is. At the last game, the loudest cheer from the alumni/season ticket holder section is when the cheerleaders perform, and that is just wrong.

So I'll end this rant with a question for you all: Where is our school spirit?

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Brian could not get any peace in the backyard once Senator Larry Craig moved next door.

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Tech students consider lesser-known presidential candidates

By LAYLA KOSHNOUDI
STAFF WRITER

With the Texas primary on March 4 approaching, Texas Tech students are speaking up about their political positions.

Among the tables set up outside the Student Union Building this week and last, only one was dedicated to raising awareness of a presidential candidate, and that was Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas.

Sylecia Putnam, a general studies major from Victoria, attended the table and distributed information about Paul.

Though his ranking in the polls indicates a Paul victory is far from likely, Putnam said, that is not the point.

"It's about the way we'd like to see policies change and the movement: what he's for, what his policies and issues are for," she said. "We're talking about beyond the presidential campaign."

James Jacob, a senior molecular and cell biology major from Dallas, said after expressing discontent with

the current state of the conservative politics, he was advised to look into the politics of Paul, at which point he became a supporter.

"Nowadays, conservatism means constant war," Jacob said, "and Ron Paul has consistently voted against this war."

Jacob said he believes the lack of support for Paul is the result of a widespread misconception among people in the United States.

"People say he's radical, but if you go back 90 years, you'll see that his views are not the radical," he said, "but they're actually in line with traditional conservatism and the Constitution."

Brandon Smith, a senior anthropology major, said while he does not support all of Paul's policies, he believes Paul is the best candidate because of his ideas concerning the role of government.

"The government shouldn't tinker with our lives," Smith said.

Rick Bennett, a retired member of the Lubbock community, came to Tech to join the student campaign for the congressman. He handed out

informational handbills and shared his insight as a supporter and close follower of the Paul campaign.

"The party has moved left of Constitutional," Bennett said. "Ron Paul is what the Republican Party used to be."

Bennett said he believes upholding the Constitution should be the litmus test for a presidential candidate.

"(Paul) is a man with 20 years of history as a U.S. Representative; he is the most Constitutional voter in all of Congress," Bennett said. "He's not a Johnny-come-lately like everyone else."

A change in foreign policy is dire, Bennett said, because the current approach is detrimental to the future of the country.

"We wind up building the New World Order with American blood and American money, which is totally contradictory to the intent of the fathers who said 'be friends, have trade and avoid foreign entanglements,'" he said. "It's not our business to self-appoint ourselves as the global cops of the world,

getting involved in other people's civil wars."

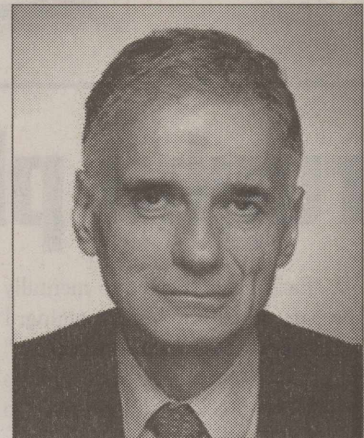
Bennet said he believes the lack of awareness and support for Paul is due to apathy and ignorance on the part of many Americans.

"(Americans) want to be on the winning side," he said.

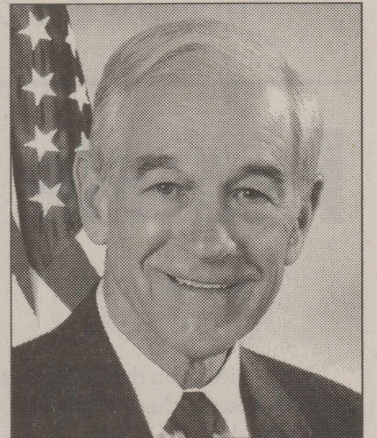
Cullin Davis, chairman of Tech chapter of Young Conservatives of Texas and a freshman international economics major from Lufkin, said though the majority of the members of his organization disapprove of many of the political positions of Republican frontrunner Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., he believes McCain likely will win votes because he is the only candidate with a real chance of winning.

In the current system of presidential elections, Davis said, the vast majority of weight consistently falls into the hands of those with the resources to play the political game.

Charlene Chang, a senior retail major from Arlington, said she finds it frustrating that certain candidates are underrepresented.



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"It's a shame that money has so much to do with it," Chang said. "It would be great if funding weren't such an issue, then we could be exposed to all of the candidates, not just the major players."

Putnam said she believes mainstream media coverage of the presidential election leaves the majority of people in the dark.

"It's funny because a lot of people don't even realize that he's still in the campaign or that he was even running in the first place," Putnam

said. "There's been such a media blackout on him."

Ralph Nader, who recently joined the race for president in his fifth attempt at the office, is another example of an underrecognized candidate.

Davis said he does not consider Nader a serious candidate.

"I think the only reason he runs for president is because he has too much money and not enough friends," Davis said.

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Former U.S. Ambassador speaks about terrorism in Africa

By JON VANDERLAAN
STAFF WRITER

Even though Africa's importance to the United States is not as great as Asia or the Middle East, it should not be overlooked, said former U.S. Ambassador Robert Houdek in a lecture Wednesday.

"Everything good and bad could be in our backyard tomorrow," Houdek said. "We cannot ignore — we cannot have an isolationist policy. Whether we like it or not, we are one with them."

He said Africa's importance

is more difficult for the United States to gain access to them.

He said by going into a large, sophisticated city, terrorists not only are lost among the millions of people who live there, but they also are allowed access to resources such as banks, airports and other modern advantages that would not be afforded to them in less sophisticated cities.

One of the threats Houdek talked about was al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, an organization operated out of North Africa which he said is the most dangerous group in Africa.

He said there was a fear that

mainly because of the versatility of the passports issued by the country.

He said if a person was to obtain a South African passport, he or she could travel to almost any country without a visa.

Another issue of importance is the newly created U.S. Africa Command, AFRICOM. Houdek said the command is off to a bad start.

He explained the United States divided the world into regional commands, and the new command for Africa is looking to build the headquarters on the African continent.

The problem with placing

this command center in Africa, Houdek said, is that it creates yet another target for terrorist organizations. He said if the United States placed this center in Africa, it would be more difficult to protect those who go to work there.

Houdek said while there is no significant threat of a terrorism act from Africa on United States ground, he believes it is still very important to keep up with intelligence and have a military presence in Africa to protect the many U.S. citizens who are on the continent.

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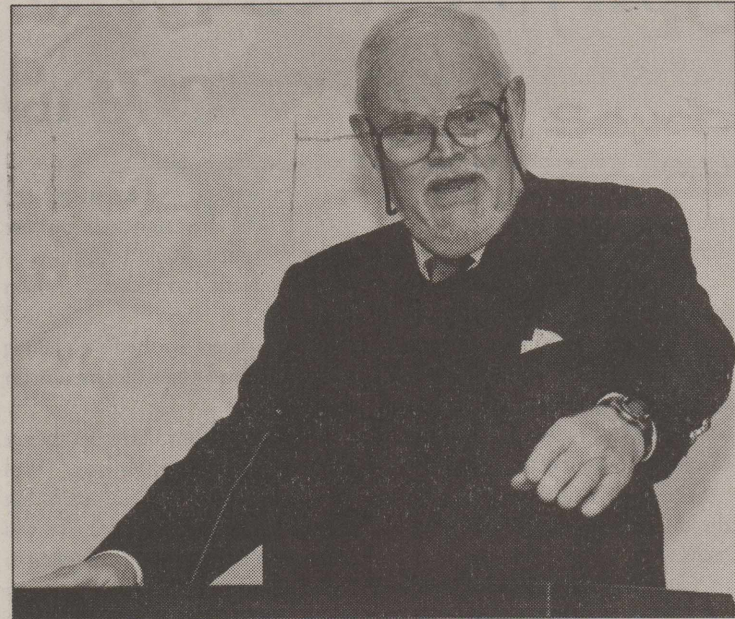


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AMBASSADOR ROBERT G. Houdek speaks on the idea of terrorism in Africa Wednesday afternoon in the Human Sciences building.

to the United States will grow every day, and students need to be aware of this because of the globalization of resources.

Houdek, a former U.S. Ambassador to several African countries in a career that had him working with African affairs for more than 25 years, spoke about the threat of terrorism in Africa to a room full of students and non-students in the Human Sciences building.

He said it is very difficult to provide military solutions to terrorism because the military needs outstanding intelligence.

It is often better for terrorism organizations to run their operations out of more sophisticated cities, Houdek said, because it

al-Qaida members would go to Somalia and other similar countries after Saddam Hussein was overthrown in 2003. This led to the creation of the Combined Joint Task Force — Horn of Africa.

However, the biggest issue in Somalia right now is that Somalis are killing Somalis, Houdek said. This is strange because they are the same ethnicity, speak the same language and have the same religion.

Somalia is such a closed country, he said, that if you are not able to provide the names of up to 13 generations of forefathers, they know you are not Somali.

Houdek said South Africa is also a major concern to him,

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- Sugar-coated
- Part of a traffic trio
- Algonquian language
- Severity
- First-rate
- Resistance
- Start of a quip
- Corn holders
- Mild expletive
- Exemplar
- Patella's place
- City in GA
- Lip curlers
- Doc's org.
- Cut with an ax
- Bond foe
- Part 2 of quip
- Clip alternative
- Grant of TV
- Kiddy
- More glacial
- Nomad
- Part 3 of quip
- Andrews movie
- Snake-like fish
- Commercial bits
- Finished putting on, as a blouse
- NASA vehicle
- Miscellany
- Shoot from hiding
- Becomes mellow
- Son of Judah
- End of quip
- Few and far between
- Deal (out)
- Libreville's country
- Kimes, of Madrid
- Load, as cargo
- Elite social category

DOWN

- Alum
- Former Italian bread
- Not "fer"
- Line dance
- Unit of work
- Dune material
- Lugs
- Readily available
- Kitchen implements
- Domestic pest
- River to the Gulf of Lion
- Fire remnant
- Back-and-forth curves
- Edmonton hockey player
- To this, that or it
- Give a right
- A way away
- Sushi bar soup
- "The King and I" heroine
- Intelligence
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- Sty dweller
- Gyro bread
- Obscene
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- Little piggy
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- CSA commander
- Milk curdler
- Ill-mannered individuals
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- Same here
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By Alan P. Olschwang
Huntington Beach, CA 2/28/08

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US, China work to resurrect North Korean nuclear deal

TOKYO (AP) — Senior U.S. and Chinese diplomats worked Wednesday to lure North Korea back into an international effort to rid the Stalinist state of its nuclear weapons by fine-tuning details of how and when Pyongyang would be rewarded for its actions.

The concepts remain preliminary, although officials told The Associated Press that one aspect involves setting out a more distinct timetable for Pyongyang to see concrete benefits for completing each

phase of the denuclearization process.

This could include guarantees of simultaneous action on the part of the United States such as economic and trade assistance, development aid and diplomatic recognition in return for specific North Korean steps, they said.

Arranged on extremely short notice, the closed-door meeting in Beijing came as Condoleezza Rice was wrapping up a three-nation Asian tour during which she sought and won support from South Korea, China and Japan to jump-start the stalled process.

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■ Organized 2002 West Texas Campaign Caravan for state and regional Democratic Candidates, setting up rallies with local organizers in a four-day swing through all of West Texas.

■ Instrumental in securing the funds to purchase the debt-free, year-round Democratic Headquarters.

■ Help organize Annual Fundraising Banquet and Annual Art Auction.

■ Charter Member, Texas Democratic Women, South Plains Chapter.

■ Participated in the following local and regional campaigns:
▲ Maggie Trejo ▲ Marina Garcia
▲ Gilbert Flores ▲ Todd Klein
▲ Mary Nell Mathis ▲ Joe Hefflin
▲ Charlie Stenholm

Party Participation

Attendance Precinct Chair Monthly Executive Committee Meetings:

▼ Zero

Attendance Annual Fundraisers:

▼ Two?

Consistent Local-Party Financial Contribution:

▼ Zero

Cooperation with County Chair:

▼ Zero

Never would work with college friend, Irma Guerrero, for the party and refused nomination for Vice Chair in 2005.

Party Participation

Attendance Precinct Chair Monthly Executive Committee Meetings:

★ Every Month

Attendance Annual Fundraisers:

★ Attended all 14

Consistent Local-Party Financial Contribution:

★ Monthly Donation

Cooperation with County Chair:

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Female rugby player strives through the scrum

By JORDAN EICHER
STAFF WRITER

Sweat drips down the back of her neck. A crowd gathers on the field. Physically, she knows she's ready. It's the mental preparation that comes into play now, and then the whistle blows.

Anneke Brand, a sophomore agriculture and applied economics major from Comanche and a member of the Texas Tech women's rugby team, knows what it takes to grind knees with some of the best female rugby players in the nation, and all this after just a year and a half of involvement in the sport.

"Each game, I have to mentally prepare myself for what's coming; I get pretty nervous before each game," she said. "But once the whistle blows and the ball is kicked, I am good to go and just play my game."

Brand plays forward in what is known as the eight-man position, and she is known for picking the ball out of the scrum and stiff arming people. She recently has made the Texas Select Team with nine other teammates and also

Women's National Under 19 team this weekend in Florida.

The man who probably has seen the majority of Brand's progression believes she has a good chance at a place on the team.

"She's got a very ligament shot," said Bob Middleton, coach of the women's team and anatomy lab instructor from DeSoto. "She has amazing speed; she's almost 6 feet tall, but

she is one of the fastest people on our team, and she's in amazing shape. She's an athlete in every sense of the word."

Both Brand and Middleton agree she has jumped some hurdles since she began playing the game.

"In the beginning, she couldn't pass, couldn't catch, so learning how to play, she caught on fast," Middleton said. "She makes my job a lot easier, because she just caught on really quickly and she's just very dedicated."

Brand said she thinks her biggest bump in the road was mental.

"I guess physically I am in shape, but mentally, I'm taking 18 hours, I have a job and playing I'm rugby, so I really have to manage my time,"

time and effort.

"It's really not a scary sport, you just have to know how to play safe and keep yourself protected," Brand said. "There are girls out there trying to break your neck, but if you come to practice every day to stay in shape and learn, then use your common sense, you'll be fine."

Brand said she believes playing rugby still holds many opportunities for her, and for those reasons, she will continue to give it her all.



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she said, noting all the effort is worth it. "You're getting tackled, you're hurting, but it's so much fun."

And, Brand said, regardless of what many players continue to get bumped and bruised for, her reasons for playing the game are simple.

"A lot of players do get a stress relief, but for me, it was one of those things that I tried because it was new," she said. "So it's more for the love of the game now; I just love it."

Brand said although what she does is not for the faint of heart, it is possible for anyone who puts in the



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"The best part of coming out of any game," she said, "win or lose, is knowing that our team gave 110 percent the entire 80 minutes of the game."

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New Wii Fit offers physical exercise

By ANGELA CLEARY
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(U-WIRE) BOULDER, Colo. — With young and old alike flocking to the appeal of the new Wii, some are questioning whether the Wii is taking place of regular activity.

Questions have arisen regarding the Wii's impact on physical activity and whether or not it is a replacement for physical exercise.

Wii aficionados, however, say they believe the Wii has benefits to offer.

"They develop advanced depth perception and hand-eye coordination at a rapid rate," said freshman business major Jackson Pierson Plesa.

Other Wii supporters say the Wii is like nothing seen before because it offers

a different experience for gamers.

"The point of the Wii is to immerse the player in the experience on a broad scale," said Adam Barenblat, a senior film studies major.

Barenblat says the Wii appeals to a broad audience.

"The Wii is appealing to every single age group right now," Barenblat said. "There are retirement homes that are installing these things. It's different and that's a great thing."

Regardless of the debate on the benefits of the Wii, Barenblat said the newly designed Wii Fit will provide exercise. Barenblat attended the 2008 Game Developers Conference that was held in San Francisco, Calif. where he had the opportunity to test what is currently the only Wii Fit in the country.

"Wii Fit is a pad that you stand on — it's called a Wii Balance Board," he said. "As you perform the actions on the screen it measures the pressure on certain parts of your feet to make sure you're doing the exercise correctly. It's difficult."

The Wii Fit offers an opportunity for gamers to exercise while engaging in a game. Developers say the Wii Balance Board was inspired by Sumo Wrestlers.

"I wanted to make something unique, something very different," said Shigeru Miyamoto, creator of the new Wii Fit.

The new game will be released in the United States for the Nintendo Wii on May 19.

Outside of new releases such as Wii Fit, gamers entertain various notions regarding the future of the console and

exercise.

"I believe the future of Wiis and videogame consoles in general is a vest worn in which you play video games and the vest stimulates you according to the damage your character takes because hardcore gamers would be thrilled by the excitement and realism," Pierson Plesa said.

Other gamers say there's no telling what game developers will come up with in the future.

"Nobody has any idea what they're going to do next," Barenblat said. "That's the great thing about Nintendo. Six months before [Wii] was released it was called Revolution. They were trying to start a revolution, they were trying to change things there is no telling what they're going to do next."

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ERICKA FREDRICKSEN, A junior psychology major from San Antonio, takes a light reading Wednesday in a Mass Communications studio for a project in her Photo 2 class.

'Brothels' film seeks to incite student action

By M. AASIN PENA
DAILY TARGUM (RUTGERS)

(U-WIRE) NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — There are not many children in the United States who can say they were born in a brothel. But for children in India, this is a harsh reality present throughout the city of Calcutta and many other parts of the country.

Students viewed the 2004 film "Born into Brothels" Monday at the Rutgers Student Center on the College Avenue campus. The film documents the lives of several children whose mothers are prostitutes at brothels in Sonagachi, the largest red-light district in the city of Calcutta in India.

Writers House Executive Director Carolyn Williams, an associate professor in the English Department, said this documentary shows how even making films can change the world in some way.

"I hope that [students] will feel that they can do something to improve the situation of some tiny corner of the world, and I hope that they will get the idea that making something like a film or writing can actually change the world," Williams said.

The event was organized and set up by the Writers House through its Writers House Master Class Series, which invites filmmakers to come and speak about their films and their experiences making them.

The event was also co-sponsored by over 40 student organizations, such as Ubuntu, Rutgers Hillel and Amnesty International.

Some of the organizations set up exhibits outside of the student center to get students interested and raise awareness of how students can get

involved in social action. While making the film, photojournalist Zana Briski offered to teach the children photography, giving them an opportunity to photograph their daily lives in brothels.

The film won over 40 awards, including an Academy Award in 2005 for Best Documentary Feature Film. After the screening, students listened to director Ross Kaufman - who also served as the editor, producer and cinematographer — speak about the experience of filming the documentary over an 18-month period and the struggles the children endured.

For School of Arts and Sciences first-year student Joanna Minh, seeing the lives of prostitutes from a child's perspective surprised her.

"I thought it was interesting to learn about the children because I thought it would be more about the mothers and the other women, but it ended up being mostly about the children," Minh said. "It was sad to see what it's like actually growing up in that kind of environment."

Though the film resulted in a debt of \$80,000, Kaufman and Briski were both able to raise \$200,000 for the education of seven children and their families. The photographs are also being sold to help the children.

Despite the discouraging situations of the children and their families in the brothels, Kaufman said he saw happiness in their eyes instead of what he had previously thought.

"When I turned on the footage, I expected [to see] depressing material about the plight of children living in the red-light district and in dire circumstances," Kaufman said. "Yet, what I saw when I turned on the tape was joy and beauty from these children with a radiant light and

great energy and having a great time taking photographs that just blew me away."

Because of her work in Calcutta, Briski helped set up Kids With Cameras, a non-profit organization that raises money and awareness for the children of Calcutta.

Kaufman traveled to over 60 cities throughout Europe and the United States in an effort to raise money.

Both Briski and Kaufman also plan to build Hope House, a home where up to 150 children from Calcutta's red-light district will be able to stay and receive up to high school level education through Kids With Cameras.

For College Avenue Dean Matt Matsuda, this event was a way for students to learn about the University's organizations and the social work they accomplish.

"My office promotes a mission of social action [and] such things as global engagements and the business of doing good, which means that we hope that doing good will become everybody's business, in a sense," Matsuda said.

Rob Gray speaks about vision in everyday life

By BRIDGET DE STEFANO
STAFF WRITER

A faculty member from Arizona State University lectured about "Vision in driving, flying and sports" at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in room 301 of the Psychology building.

Rob Gray, an associate professor and department head in the Department of Applied Psychology at Arizona State, discussed his method of studying visual-motor control in everyday activities, called "active psychophysics."

He began by giving credit to the progression of Texas Tech as a counterpart in the collegiate science field.

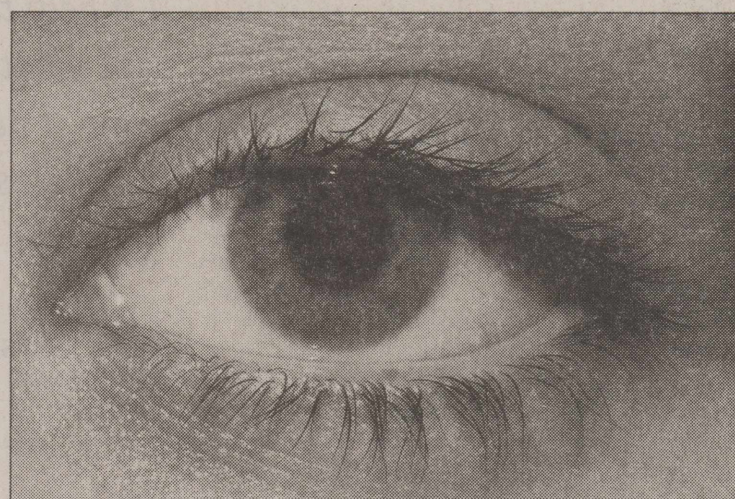
"As a fairly new program in the human factors of applied psychology, Texas Tech is one of the programs that we look up to most as a peer program and aspirational program," Gray said, "so it is an honor to be invited."

Gray wanted to show students how he came about developing his own research program, which he said is a difficult thing to do straight out of college when it seems everything already has been done.

He read an award published by the APA stating, "Gray's approach produces research that is both fundamentally rigorous and relevant to his approach."

This praise was extremely flattering to him, because he said he "always wanted to have scientific rigor-do well-controlled experiments, but not something that would be buried in a scientific journal that no one is ever going to look at."

Vision in driving, flying and sports are the three main factors Gray examines in his research. These everyday functions — difficult or not — require challenging experiments involving controlled



and isolated optical variables in field studies and laboratory psychophysics, while allowing full control over the visual stimuli.

His attention is focused on the subjects of driving, flying, and sports because he adopted an interest in all three while growing up in Canada. Gray played hockey as a young child and said he always had a fascination for how people control their actions, especially in sports. For example, the expertise professional baseball players demonstrate has led Gray to research what hitters look for while on the mound.

"I have often wondered why baseball players can hit the ball and I can't," he said. "Is it all because they are just faster, bigger, stronger? However, we see that is not the answer at all; they just know what to look for."

Gray wants to use the active psychophysics procedure in field research to have rigorous control over stimuli and well-established methods in his experiments.

Along with understanding sports, Gray wants to understand why people make mistakes when driving to reduce errors in automobile accidents.

"Driving is a national tragedy that is avoidable, in my opinion," he said. "I have always wanted to be able to

improve this situation."

With the active psychophysics procedure, Gray tested human responses to staring at an open road while driving, which can lead to motion adaptation.

Gray credits his third inspiration, aviation, from Martin Regan who works at York University in Canada, where Gray received his doctorate. in experimental psychology. Regan and Gray had a lot of contact with pilots in Canada while Gray was in grad school. He currently is working as a consultant on a flight simulator design for U.S. Air Force.

"I am not a pilot myself," Gray said, "but I was interested in how pilots do low-altitude flight, how they land in a complex environment and how they know if they are on the right angles on the runway."

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Former anorectic, bulimic speaks during Feed Your Body and Soul Week

Singer, songwriter, author and speaker Jenni Schaefer will speak from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday in room 202 in the Business Administration building.

Schaefer, who was diagnosed with bulimia and anorexia, will discuss her battle with "E.d.," whose initials stand for eating disorder. The Nashville, Tenn., native uses her battle with eating disorders to reach out to people who share her

previous struggle with the disease.

Schaefer was inspired by psychotherapist and author Thom Rutledge who suggested Schaefer view the disease as a relationship. Hence, the name "Ed."

Once she was able to "divorce" Ed and begin her quest to find the road to recovery, she decided to share her experiences with others in a book titled

"Life Without Ed: How One Woman Declared Independence From her Eating Disorder and How You Can Too." The book contains everyday exercises to help readers discover that same road. In addition to the book, Schaefer has an inspirational song by the same title and plans to release an accompanying CD.

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Senior spotlight: Tech tennis teams look toward senior for support

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech men's and women's tennis teams have the leadership they need to get through this season.

With the Tech men playing their final 13 matches against ranked teams and the Tech women preparing to head into Big 12 Conference play after this weekend, players such as Janet Durham and Bojan Szumanski are key to the Red Raiders' success.

"I think (Durham is) looked up to a heck of a lot," Tech women's coach Cari Groce said. "She's a very strong leader, and I think it's been wonderful because we've had such a large young class. Starting this summer, when some of them were in town

for workouts and going to summer school, immediately Janet let them know how we work hard, this is what we do, this is how we represent. She's always been a terrific leader. Someone I could go to with 'did you let everybody know we're going to do this?' She makes it happen."

Durham entered this season as the only senior on the women's team.

The Tech women have their fair

share of freshmen and sophomores on the team, making Durham much older than some of her teammates.

As a result, Durham earned a nickname that may stick with her for a long time.

"I think the girls really look up to me, with me being a senior," Durham said. "I guess they kinda expect me to have the answers, and I don't know why they call me 'mama bird,' but I think the nickname is made up because I'm like three years older than them."

At first, Durham had other senior counterparts, but the Flour Buff native said this season is similar to last season when Lakann Wagley was the only senior around.

"When I first got here, I wasn't the only senior," she said. "I came in with like three other girls. I'm the only one left, so I really haven't thought about it until last year. I guess after last year, Lakann was the only senior. I'm kinda looking forward to it after last year, to be the only senior, because it just feels good to be kinda like the leader."

Durham has started the season off on the right foot, along with a Tech women's team with young players excelling every week.

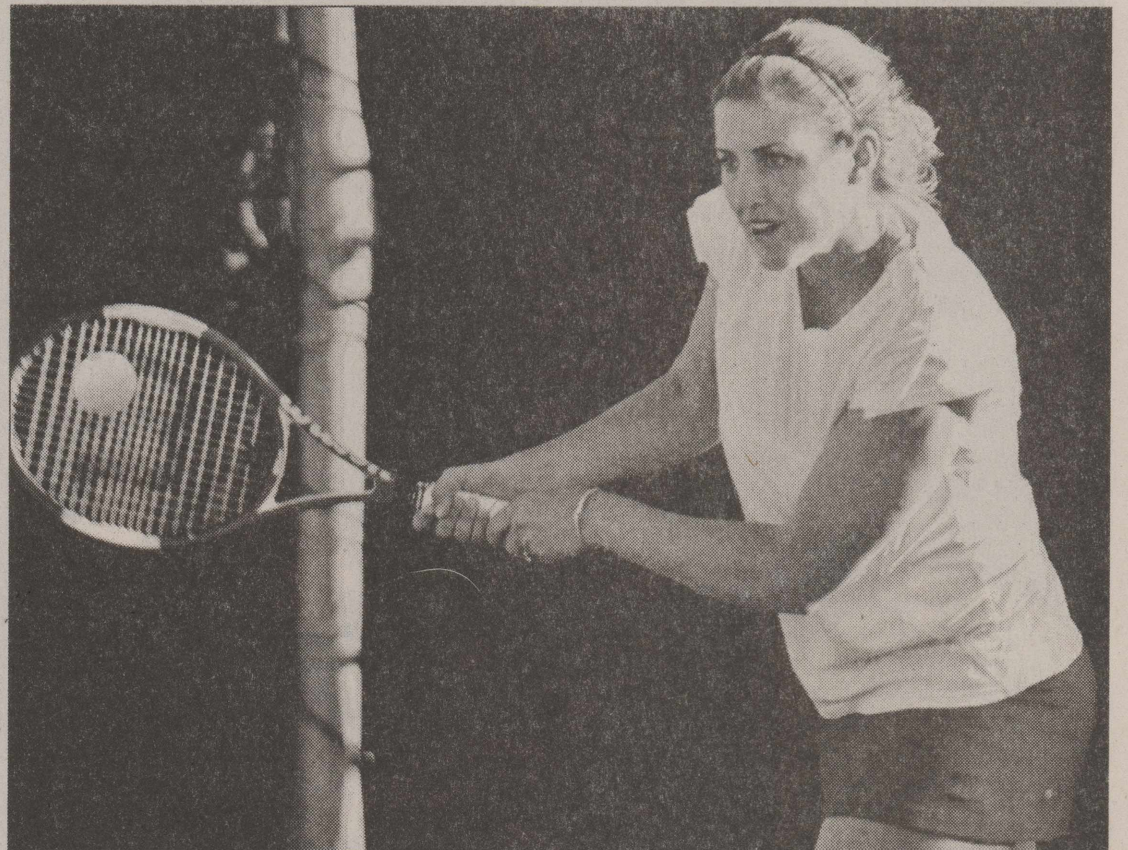
She boasts a 7-1 singles record along a 4-5 doubles record.

Durham said when things get tough for her teammates, she hopes they can come to her with their problems as the long season continues.

"We're all really close on the team, so if they have problems on and off the court, they can come

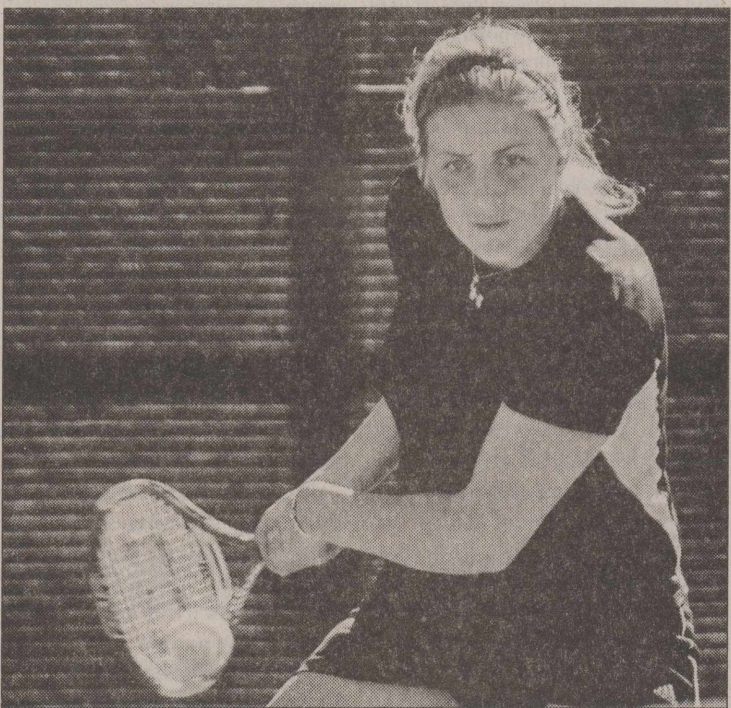
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— JANET DURHAM
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TEXAS TECH SENIOR Janet Durham is the only senior on the women's tennis team this season. She has a 7-1 singles record with a 4-5 doubles record.



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TEXAS TECH'S Janet Durham leads the Tech women against TCU and SMU this weekend in Fort Worth and Dallas, respectively.

to me and ask me about whatever, basically," she said. "I'll help them out with whatever they want. I have some really close friends on the team. We talk about everything."

The Tech men have three seniors on their team, but two — in Lenoir Ramos and Ilya Babinciu — are in their first years as Red Raiders.

Tech men's coach Tim Siegel said Ramos did not have the privilege of going through the normal process of being on the team, but he is adjusting well.

"He went to school a couple of years in Brazil," Siegel said. "We're actually trying to see, if possible, if he's going to be granted an extra year

of eligibility right now, though he is listed as a senior. It is an adjustment period for two reasons. One: it takes time to develop, and he obviously is not able to go through that. Also, he came in, in January, and he came in two weeks late. He really started out behind, but he's working his way, playing No. 3 all year. He hasn't had the kind of results that he would've liked so far at 6-3. I think as he continues to get in better shape and get adjusted to the way things are, I think he'll be fine."

Szumanski is in the middle of a season where he and Christian Rojmar sit as the No. 2 ranked doubles team in the nation.

The duo is undefeated in nine matches as the Red Raiders' No. 1 doubles team.

Last season, the Red Raiders had the vocal leader in Dimitrio Martinez, but Siegel said Szumanski leads in a different way.

"Bojan is not maybe as vocal as a leader as let's say we've had in the past," Siegel said. "Dimitrio Martinez was more of a true leader. But Bojan has become much more of a leader this year as co-captain, and he and James Wilson have been very good captains, and James is the junior, but James is really a fourth-year junior. Bojan leads by example."

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Congressional committee asks justice department to investigate Clemens

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roger Clemens failed to convince Congress he was telling the truth.

So the leaders of a House committee want the Justice Department to investigate if the star pitcher lied under oath about using performance-enhancing drugs.

In a letter sent Wednesday to Attorney General Michael Mukasey, House Oversight and Government Reform Committee chairman Henry Waxman and ranking Republican Tom Davis said Clemens' testimony that he "never used anabolic steroids or human growth hormone warrants further investigation."

The seven-time Cy Young Award winner gave a sworn deposition behind closed doors Feb. 5, then spoke alongside his accuser, former personal trainer Brian McNamee, at a public hearing Feb. 13.

"We are not in a position to reach a definitive judgment as to whether Mr. Clemens lied to the committee," Waxman and Davis wrote. "Our only conclusion is that significant questions have been raised about Mr. Clemens' truthfulness."

The letter noted Clemens' testimony was "directly contradicted" by the sworn statements of McNamee, who said he injected Clemens with steroids and HGH at least 16 times from 1998 to 2001. Waxman and Davis also pointed to the deposition and affidavit of Clemens' good friend and former teammate, Andy Pettitte, who told the committee Clemens "admit-

ted to him in 1999 or 2000 that he had taken human growth hormone."

"The contradictions and conflicts in what Clemens had to say, as compared to what others had to say, raised the issues about him," Waxman said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "I don't think there was an issue about Brian McNamee, but there certainly were issues about Roger Clemens."

Waxman's committee turned its attention to the matter because Clemens' repeated and vigorous denials of McNamee's allegations questioned the legitimacy of the Mitchell Report, prepared by former Senate majority leader George Mitchell and released in December.

After Clemens and McNamee stuck to their he-said, he-said stories under oath, it was expected that one or the other — or perhaps both — would be referred to the Justice Department for a criminal inquiry. Instead, only Clemens faces a possible perjury investigation, after the committee decided not to refer McNamee.

"Not everybody can be right, and the preponderance of the evidence in this case points to the fact that Clemens' comments are the most incongruous," Davis told the AP. "We are asking Justice to see what was the truth and what wasn't the truth."

The Justice Department may decide to pursue or ignore Congress' request. Spokesman Brian Roehrkasse said the department "is reviewing the letter and has no further comment at

this time." If an inquiry is opened, it likely would be by federal investigators in Washington.

Clemens' prominent place in the Mitchell Report already tainted the legacy of a player who ranks eighth in major league history with 354 wins and is considered the greatest pitcher of his generation. That generation's greatest hitter, home run king Barry Bonds, was indicted in November on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice stemming from his 2003 testimony to a grand jury in which he denied knowingly using performance-enhancing drugs.

IRS Special Agent Jeff Novitzky, a key member of the team prosecuting Bonds, sat in the second row during the Clemens-McNamee hearing.

"Now we are done with the circus of public opinion, and we are moving to the courtroom," Clemens' lead lawyer, Rusty Hardin, told the AP in a telephone interview. "Thankfully, we are now about to enter an arena where there are rules and people can be held properly accountable for outrageous statements."

Clemens didn't answer questions Wednesday when approached by reporters at the Houston Astros' spring training camp in Kissimmee, Fla. Pettitte, with the New York Yankees in Florida, declined comment through a team spokesman.

"It's what we expected, but Brian is not joyful about this. No one is celebrating," said McNamee's lead lawyer, Earl Ward. "We think it's a

sad and unfortunate situation that one of baseball's greatest pitchers now has the potential of being a defendant in a criminal case."

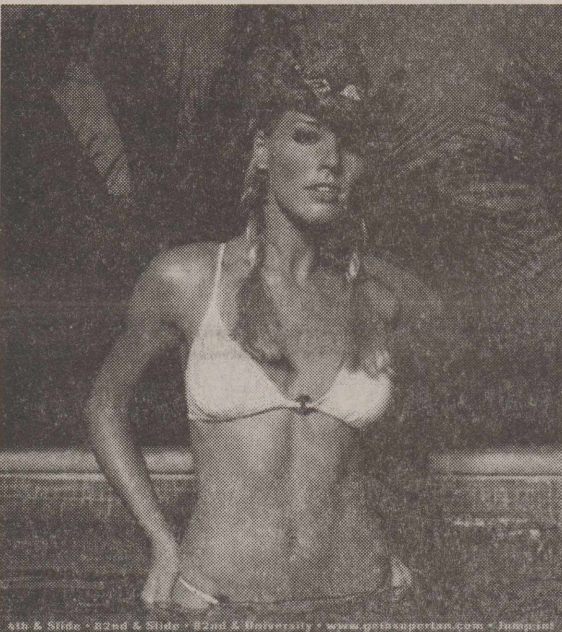
Waxman sent committee Democrats an 18-page memo prepared by his staff outlining reasons for the criminal referral. The memo summarizes "seven sets of assertions made by Mr. Clemens in his testimony that appear to be contradicted by other evidence before the committee or implausible."

Those areas involve Clemens' testimony that he has "never taken steroids or HGH;" that McNamee injected him with the painkiller lidocaine; that team trainers gave him pain injections; that he received many vitamin B-12 injections; that he never discussed HGH with McNamee; that he was not at then-teammate Jose Canseco's home from June 8-10, 1998; and that he was "never told" about Mitchell's request to speak to him.

Those same issues are highlighted in the letter to Mukasey, which stated: "We also understand that federal law enforcement officials may have access to additional evidence on these matters." That is a reference to needles, blood-stained gauze and other items McNamee turned over to federal prosecutors in January for DNA testing.

Davis, who was the chairman of the committee when it held its 2005 hearing with Mark McGwire and Rafael Palmeiro, said Justice should focus on the core question of whether Clemens used performance-enhancing drugs.

"The material issue here isn't whether Roger was at a party or not, whether he took lidocaine or not," Davis said. "The material issue is whether he took steroids or HGH or not."



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Tech women's golf team finished in 14th place in Puerto Rico

By KEVIN CULLEN
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The Texas Tech women's golf team finished in 14th place in its spring season opener at the Puerto Rico Invitational.

Tech coach Stacey Totman said the team was unable to put a whole tournament together but showed promise throughout the event.

"For two of the three days, we played right there with the best teams in the country," she said. "Unfortunately for us, this week it was a 54-hole event, and that middle round, we kind of let our (individual) rounds get away from us there towards the end. But as far as postseason goes, we beat some teams we needed to beat, and we are excited that we take off again next week."

Tech was one of the few teams in the field that had not begun yet its spring season, and it showed at times during the tournament, Totman said.

"This tournament was good for us to shake off the rust, and we look forward to better things in the next week," she said. "I don't really know if the girls were knowing what to expect right at the beginning. We went and put a really solid first round together, played our way into the tournament. The second round, they just started

pressing more. We were nine shots out of the lead, I think they were trying to make up all nine shots in one round. I think not playing — not having a tournament in a while — really showed in the second round more than any other round."

The team finished the tournament strong with its lowest team round total coming on the last day with a 13-over par 301.

"They just came out the last day with some determination and played pretty solid," Totman said. "We probably needed to get some more help out of our four and five players than what we got, so hopefully that will change next time we go out."

Tech had two freshmen in the lineup in Puerto Rico: Robyn Scott and Stephanie Smith. Scott, in her second collegiate event, led the team with a three-round total of 227, 11 over par, and Smith carded a 228.

"I think Rob and Steph just did a fantastic job," Totman said. "Robyn has been hurt since she got here, since she came in to school last fall. We weren't really sure if she was going to be able to go or what we were going to need to do there. She is just a really determined young lady, and she went out and put up some great numbers for us. Stephanie Smith, I just can't say enough about her and her game. She has come in as a freshman and has just been very surprising and very, very consistent. I just think over the next couple

of years, those two kids are going to do a lot of really, really good things."

Along with the freshmen, junior Megan Dowdy carded a 228 to finish in a tie for 44th place with Smith. Juniors Ulrika Van Niekerk and Gloriana Soto finished with scores of 235 and 245, respectively.

The tournament featured numerous Top 50 teams. All the teams that placed in the Top 5 in Puerto Rico currently are ranked among the 30 best teams in the nation, including No. 16 Alabama, which won the team title. The top Big 12 Conference finisher was No. 34 Oklahoma in a tie for 11th place.

Tech's next tournament is March 7-9, and Totman said the Red Raiders will use the time between events to shore up some holes in their games.

"We are going to go to work on the short game," she said. "The grasses that we have been going to have been a little bit different than what we are used to. We (are) going to try to improve our up-and-down percentage, we need to get up and down a little more; we are missing greens."

Totman said before the next tournament, the team will do some qualifying amongst the golfers and possibly have a different lineup next tournament.

"I definitely anticipate some changes," she said. "There are some kids back at home that have been practicing hard and working hard in qualifying that have been on these golf courses before. If they go out and play well this week, you'll probably definitely see some changes."
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Cardinals release Spiezio after police issue arrest warrant

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — Uti-lytman Scott Spiezio was cut by the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday, released after police issued a six-count warrant for his arrest following a December car crash.

"We hope Scott will continue to seek appropriate help and wish him the best in baseball, but more importantly in life," Cardinals general manager John Mozeliak said.

Spiezio, who missed more than a month last year while getting treatment for substance abuse, did not play in Wednesday's exhibition game against St. Louis University at Jupiter, Fla.

His agent, Barry Meister, did not immediately return a message left by The Associated Press.

The warrant filed Tuesday by Irvine police alleges driving under influence, driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content of .08 percent or more, hit and run, aggravated assault, assault and battery.

Police said the accident occurred Dec. 30. The maximum penalty is two years in state prison.

"We've never been able to talk to him," Irvine police Lt. Rick Handfield said. "The detective has expressed an interest in having

Mr. Spiezio come to California." Spiezio won World Series championships with Anaheim in 2002 and St. Louis in 2006. He has cultivated a hard-rocking image during his 12 seasons in the majors and plays in the heavy metal band SandFrog.

The 35-year-old Spiezio was entering the final season of a two-year, \$4.5 million contract. He was released the same way most players are cut, for failure "to exhibit sufficient skill or competitive ability."


That means the Cardinals owe him this year's \$2.3 million salary plus a \$100,000 buyout of a \$2.5 million team option for 2009 — because of that, the likelihood of a grievance by the players' union is small.

Spiezio batted .272 in 119 games with 13 homers and 52 RBIs in 2006. Last year, he appeared in only 82 games due to injuries, illness and treatment, managing only four homers, 31 RBIs and a .269 average.

When the Cardinals activated from the restricted list last September, Spiezio said, "I was out of control for a while. I learned a lot and I'm ready to start contributing in a good way now."

At the time, Spiezio said he'd been struggling with substance abuse for six or seven months, although he wouldn't disclose the substance, saying "I'll save that for the book."

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No. 10 Oklahoma beats Tech 65-55

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

Any momentum the Texas Tech Lady Raiders gained during the last two and a half games was snatched away by Courtney Paris and the Oklahoma Sooners.

Paris recorded her 87th consecutive double-double with 19 points and 22 rebounds, leading No. 10 OU to a 65-55 victory against Texas Tech Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

It was Paris' first 20-rebound performance since Dec. 30 against South Carolina, in which she had 24.

Tech (16-12, 4-10 in Big 12 Conference play) was looking for a third straight win, and for the first 20 minutes it looked like the Lady Raiders could pull it off.

With a 36-29 lead at halftime, Tech nearly matched its point total from a 79-38 loss to OU earlier this season, but the second half was a different story.

Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale said she has gotten used to her team picking one half to dominate a game.

"We've had a whole lot of one-half games," Coale said. "We really have, whether it comes in the first or the second. More often than not it comes in the first. (The) halftime speaker gets way too much credit for what happens in the second half. It is simply a decision that our guys make."

OU freshman guard Danielle Robinson added 19 points, while guard Jenna Plumley and forward Ashley Paris combined for 21 points.

The Lady Raiders led OU in rebounds, 21-12, and had a 13 point advantage in bench points at halftime, but Tech coach Kristy Curry said the energy shifted to OU's side in the second half.

"We weren't aggressive," Curry said. "It starts mentally; we weren't attacking. We didn't reverse the basketball, we didn't make them guard us. You want to make Oklahoma come out and guard you."

Tech guard Jordan Murphree led Tech with 18 points, while point guard Maria Moore had 12 points and forward Dominic Seals added 10.

OU (21-5, 11-3) shot 40 percent from the field in the second half, while the Lady Raiders made only 22.7 percent of their shots.

Courtney Paris bounced back from a seven-point, four-rebound first half, and she said Tech senior center Erin Myrick caused her to struggle early.

"I was the one forcing up bad shots," she said of her first half. "I think some of that credit goes to Erin Myrick. She's one of the few girls in women's basketball who's strong enough to kind of

fight with me and hold me. I think that was kind of the difference in the second half. I think she was kind of worn out in the second half."

Ashley Paris and Courtney Paris played with Myrick on the West Coast All Stars AAU team in California during their high school career.

On Senior Night, Myrick fouled out of the game but scored eight points and grabbed five rebounds while giving the Paris sisters a tough time down low.

Courtney Paris had 11 offensive rebounds in the game with 18 rebounds and 12 points coming in the second half alone.

She scored OU's first seven points in the second half, leaving Tech with a 39-36 lead, with 15:31 left in the game.

"I think we needed to keep going with our (first half) momentum into the second half," Murphree said. "I don't think we did that; I think we made too many little mistakes in the second half."

Plumley came out of the gates and sank two straight 3-pointers to help the Sooners take an 8-2

advantage in the first half, but Myrick sparked a quick turnaround for the Lady Raiders.

After she drew a foul from Ashley Paris and hit a pair of free throws, Myrick made a steal that led to Moore knocking down a 3-pointer.

Moore would hit another jumper on Tech's next possession making it 10-7 with 16:37 remaining.

Seals scored Tech's next three points to cut the score to 12-10 and Moore tied it up on the next play with a layup inside.

OU stretched the lead to 16-12 but Tech went on an 11-1 run en route to a 23-17 lead.

Murphree scored all 12 of her points in the last eight minutes in the first half.

A minute later, Moore hit a jumper, but OU's Robinson answered with one of her own.

Tech led 47-42 with 11:40 left in the game, but Courtney Paris hit a bucket that led to a 19-6 run for the Sooners.

Tech did not make a field goal after the 7:12 mark in the second half, all five of the Lady Raider's points came from the free throw line.

"I think the biggest thing is (if) you look, we missed nine free throws, if I'm not mistaken," Curry said. "We don't have ourselves in a position to be successful. Again, it comes down to those little mistakes that all add up."

Tech's next game will be against Oklahoma State at 6 p.m. Saturday in Stillwater, Okla. daniel.ybarra@ttu.edu

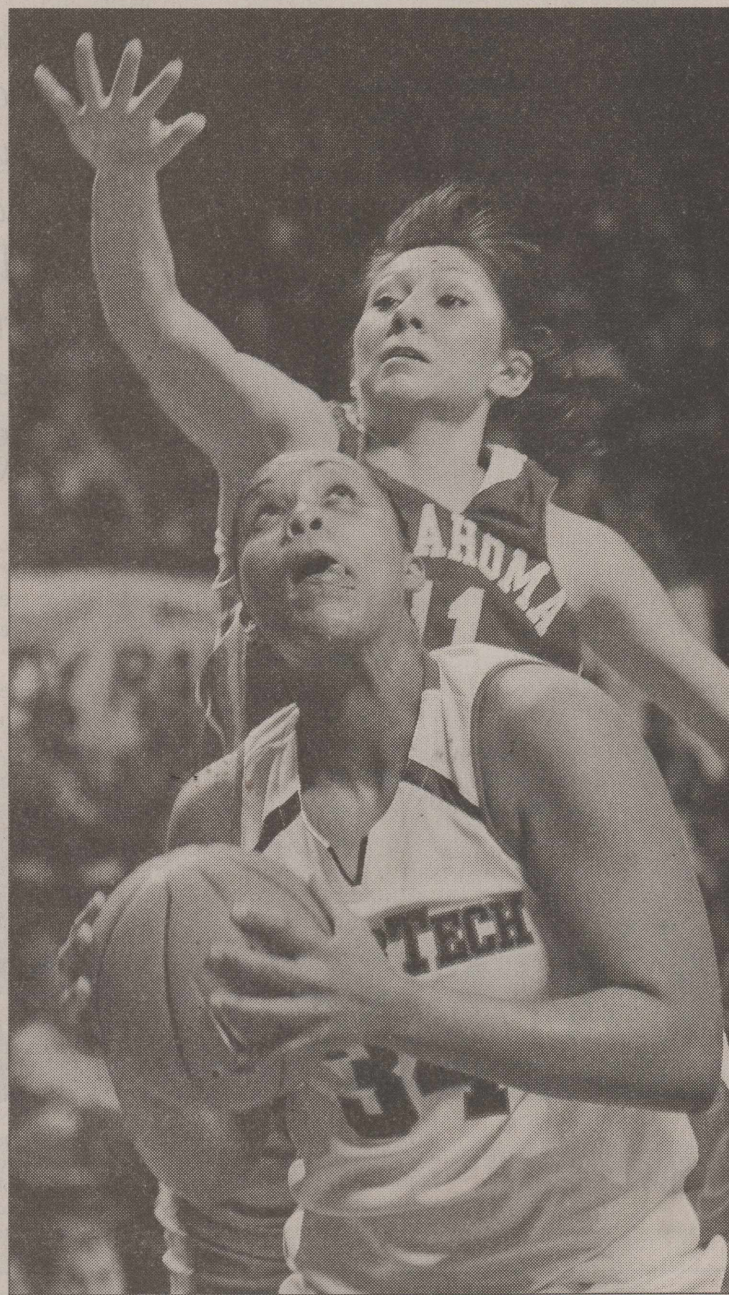


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SENIOR CENTER ERIN Myrick goes up for a shot against Oklahoma's Jenna Plumley. Myrick finished with eight points and five rebounds in the Lady Raiders' 65-55 loss to the Sooners Wednesday night in Lubbock.

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— KRISTY CURRY
LADY RAIDERS
HEAD COACH

Former Tech receiver Amendola shows talents at NFL Combine

By ADAM COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Former Texas Tech receiver Danny Amendola's goal of playing for an NFL team is far from finished, but his experience at the NFL Combine is one he will not forget. Amendola did various drills at the Combine, hoping to gain the attention of various NFL scouts. He also met some of the top collegiate players from the 2007 season and had a chance to workout with the players he has seen only on TV.

"It went well for the most part," Amendola said. "Met some cool guys. Caught some balls from some good quarterbacks. It was fun."

Amendola said he created friendships with many players from various schools as some of these players were quarterbacks who threw to him while he ran routes.

"I met Matt Flynn down there,"

he said. "We became good friends. I met Billy Pittman and then Eddie Royal from Virginia Tech. Some of the quarterbacks like Chad Henne and Brian Brohm, I talked to them a little bit. They're cool guys. Down to earth. You see them on TV, and they're all on "SportsCenter" and Heisman watch-lists, but they're down to earth guys. It was cool to talk to them."

Amendola was the only Red Raider invited to the Combine this year. The rest of his teammates, such as safety Joe Garcia and cornerback Chris Parker, have Pro Day as their major chance to impress scouts.

Amendola said he was more anxious than nervous about being in the Combine's environment.

"I wasn't nervous about anything," he said. "I was just really ready to compete. I tried to show some scouts what I could do, and if they like me, hopefully I'll get the chance to

play on the next level."

Amendola said he feels like he performed well.

He bench-pressed, ran the 40-yard dash, the L-Drill and the shuttle. He also ran routes, which was his chance to show his skills on the field.

Amendola benched 225 pounds 13 times. He ran a 4.65 in the 40-yard dash. He ran the L-Drill in 6.8 seconds and ran a 4.19 in the shuttle.

"I feel like running routes and catching the balls was probably the best thing I did," Amendola said.

This was not the first time Amendola ran into other collegiate players from various schools.

"While I was working out in Atlanta, I was catching balls from Sam Keller," Amendola said. "He was my roommate in Atlanta. I did that for four weeks."

The receiver's work is not done, as he plans to participate with his former teammates in Pro Day March 13.

"I'll be doing everything there," Amendola said. "Whatever it is they ask me to do. Running routes on the 40."

Amendola said he looks forward to return to a familiar place in Lubbock.

"(I will be) coming home, staying at my own house," he said. "(I will) stay with all my friends and obviously work hard and try to improve on Pro Day."

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