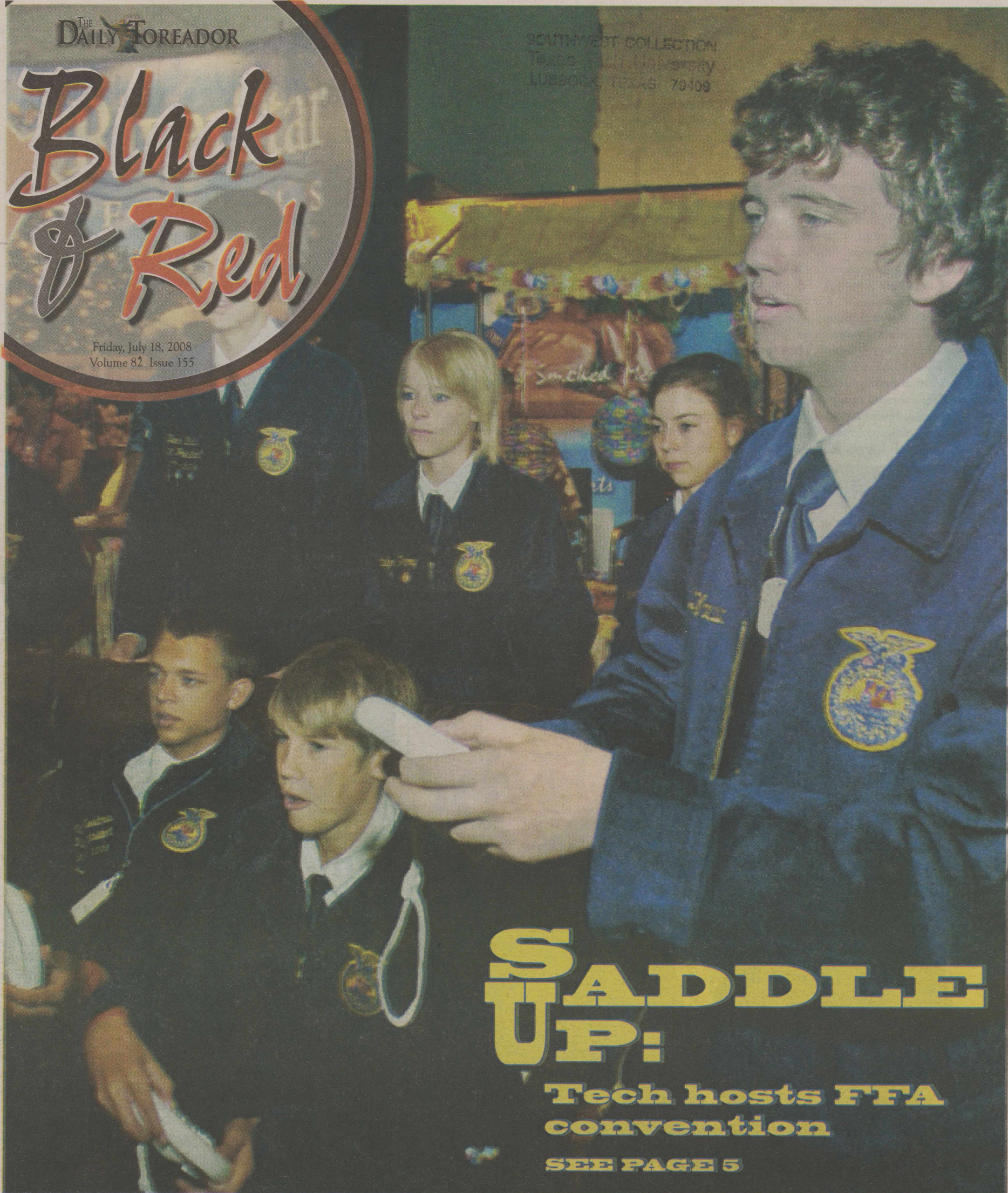


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Officials advise students to exercise caution in wake of July's sexual assaults

BY BRIDGET DE STEFANO
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South Plains residents may be tempted to rest easier after Tuesday's arrest of a Plainview man who police believe may have kidnapped and sexually assaulted two Lubbock women in early July, but officials at the Lubbock Rape Crisis Center are advising residents to remain cautious.

Timothy Barbian, 33, was arrested early Tuesday morning in Plainview and is facing charges in Lubbock County of sexual assault and aggravated kidnapping.

Barbian, who Lubbock police said also may be linked to three similar rape cases from 2006, was transferred from Hale County to the Lubbock County Jail on Tuesday afternoon.

Lt. Jon Caspell of the Lubbock Police

Department said the suspected assailant had a specific type of target in mind — possibly prostitutes.

Despite Tuesday's arrest, he said local women need to revert to simple safety procedures to protect themselves from potential sexual predators.

"Think back to safety 101," Caspell said. "Don't get into the car with anybody you don't know, don't go out walking around downtown — you know, just simple things."

General safety precautions are important for Tech students, Caspell said, regardless of the environment and the type of people in it.

Linsey McCutchin, community educator and volunteer coordinator for the Lubbock Rape Crisis Center, said the majority of sexual assaults occur during

holidays and summer months.

The reason there are more cases during the summer is because people increase their physical activity when the weather is warmer, she said. Also, there is more drinking, especially among college students, which can alter a person's judgment and decision making while heightening the risk factors of rape.

Students should even be cautious about who they surround themselves with, McCutchin said, because the majority of sexual assaults are committed by victims'

Measures for reducing the chances of sexual assault

While there are no safeguards to prevent sexual assault, some precautions can be taken to reduce risk.

- Do not use alcohol or other drugs — they decrease one's ability to make sensible decisions.
- Trust your gut feelings. If a place or person is suspicious or causes uneasiness — leave.
- Always take enough money for a phone call for help.
- Check out a first date or blind date with friends. Meet in and go to public places. Take public transportation or drive own car.
- Leave social events with friends, not with a new person.
- Always watch drinks and never leave it unattended. Do not accept beverages from strangers.

Source: National Crime Prevention Council pamphlet provided by Texas Tech Police Department

acquaintances, such as family or friends.

"Stranger rape is not as common as one might think," she said.

Rape also is most common in a victim's house or assailant's house McCutchin said.

The key, she said, is to keep one's guard up and not let anyone cross the boundaries of safety.

In the event that a rape does occur, McCutchin said, LRCC immediately is notified — either through police dispatch, hospitals or individual calls — for every reported case. The center then sends trained volunteers to the hospitals to aid patients.

A victim receives a sexual assault exam from sexual assault nurse examiners at either Covenant hospital or University Medical Center, she said. The process, which is referred to as medical accompaniment, may take anywhere between eight and 12 hours, and aims to collect evidence, such as DNA samples, for possible prosecution.

After the exam, LRCC volunteers use collected evidence to report a statement to police investigators as legal documentation.

If prosecutors take the case to trial, a LRCC volunteer can accompany the victim through the trial process, she said, where volunteers, doctors and agency representatives may be called upon to testify.

McCutchin said the LRCC also offers free counseling in one-on-one sessions or group counseling for the victims, who may be intimidated by the emotional process.

"Any time we can be supportive and non-judgmental and just be an advocate for them, then we will," McCutchin said.

Deputy Chief of the Texas Tech Police Department, Gordon Hoffman, said there have been reported cases of rape on campus within the last few years; however, they are fairly uncommon.

If Tech police receive a report of sexual assault, they thoroughly investigate the case, he said. Throughout the ensuing investigation, they will call upon the LRCC and other counseling services on campus.

The majority of past rape cases on campus were committed by the victims' acquaintances, he said, and alcohol typically

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was involved.

Hoffman said date rape drugs, such as Rohypnol and GHB, commonly are slipped into a drink to sedate victims. This often occurs, but many cases never are reported.

In some sexual assault cases, however, Hoffman said a lack of evidence often leads to acquittal.

Hoffman said he advised students to drink responsibly and to be aware of what is in their drinks, who made it and who gave it to them.

Victims who think they have been drugged and raped should collect their urine or vomit and not bathe or change clothes, McCutchin said, because these items can be used as evidence.

Hoffman said the police department has strived for more visibility and safety on campus by hiring more officers and adding security officers in the dorms. However, it is the students' duty to exercise safe practices, which often are the first line of defense against sexual assailants.

The university has 84 blue phones scattered around campus, indoors and out, that are direct lines to the police department and designated for obtaining information or reporting an emergency.

"We try to provide as safe of an environment as we possibly can," Hoffman said. "That's what our goal is."

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University administrators confident about removal of accreditation probation

BY MIA WALTERS
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Texas Tech administrators believe the university is well on its way to shedding its accreditation probation.

In December 2007 the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges put Tech on accreditation probation—but continued its accreditation—when the university failed to meet one of the association's 82 accreditation standards.

The association's annual meeting is scheduled to begin Dec. 7 in San Antonio. During the meeting, officials will review Tech's progress and decide if its probationary status should be lifted.

According to a statement released by the university's provost, a SACS representative visited Tech in June and gave its faculty a positive evaluation, indicating that Tech is doing everything it can to be removed from its probationary status.

The administration and staff worked for months in order to make progress toward removing Tech's probationary status, according to the statement.

"The July letter from the Provost is just about trying to communicate to the Texas Tech community on where we are in our progress of meeting this final recommendation," said Valerie Paton, vice provost for

planning and assessment.

Faculty-core teams were created for each of the core-curriculum categories of subjects to work on solving the issues that put Tech on probation, said Gary Elbow, chair of the technology and applied science committee.

The creation of these teams, one element of Tech's accreditation strategy, is an example of the university taking all steps necessary for its removal from probationary status, he said.

The university was asked to demonstrate its core curriculum meets the specified learning objectives that have been set forth by the association, Elbow said, and a report will be submitted to SACS at the end of August that will demonstrate this.

Paton said several changes have been implemented to improve Tech's core curriculum, changes which officials hope will help remove its probationary status.

One change, Paton said, is the curriculum has become more focused on its respective subjects by removing 215 courses from the general education categories. All of these courses required prerequisites.

Expected learning outcomes for students have been clarified, Paton said, and the expectations have been printed in the 2008-09 class catalog so people can see them clearly.

There also are multiple assessments designed to assess core-curriculum classes

on both a course-by-course and college-by-college level.

While administrators embedded new assessments for individual courses, they also looked to broader assessments, such as the College Senior Survey and the Collegiate Learning Assessment. Findings from these broad assessments helped them modify individual courses.

After December's meeting, Paton said, Tech administrators will receive an informal notice about the university's review. A formal letter notifying the university of the SACS decision, however, is not expected to come until the first or second week of January.

She said she does not expect any problems, however, and anticipates the probation on accreditation to be lifted in December.

"Our faculty have just done a great job

of coming to the table, focusing on the needs and addressing them with significant academic expertise," Paton said. "We have faculty leaders engaged in this process who have extraordinary academic reputations across the nation and are very knowledgeable about how to assess their academic areas."

This process has been beneficial for students and faculty, Elbow said, because it allowed faculty to evaluate the core curriculum and how well it serves students.

"This is a continuing process which will contribute to improving the effectiveness of the core curriculum and providing students with a better educational experience," he said. "There may be some inconveniences and adjustments along the way, and we all will need to be patient and flexible, but in the end we will have a better defined and more effective core curriculum."

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Coffee wars: Ailing Starbucks needs to brew new strategy to remedy closings

Starbucks recently announced the closure of 500 of its shops, and this is in addition to 100 shops already slated for closure.

According to BBC News, around 12,000 employees will be terminated, and most of the stores that will be closing have opened only in the past two years.

While current economic troubles may be a scapegoat for the company, Starbucks must face-up to the fact that economic troubles aren't horrible enough to amount to the drastic cut. Yes, the economy may be going through a slight recession, but cutting 7 percent of a company's workforce reflects on more than just a rough few months.

What specifically went wrong for the chain?

With the huge success that Starbucks had in the past few years, the company decided to open too many new shops too quickly, which was ultimately a bad reaction on their part to the market. Now, Starbucks must backtrack in reaction to the troubled economy and respective competition that only continues to gain

Jaclyn Thies



footing. Starbucks' plans for the involve opening a significantly lower number of stores relative to previous years.

While Starbucks was busy opening stores on every empty plot of concrete, other coffee chains and fast food restaurants banked on coffee's success as a means of pleasing 9 a.m.-to-5 p.m.-working Americans. The competition reacted by creating new drinks and shiny prices, which became a big problem for Starbucks when the economy started to tank. In the past, Starbucks responded to their low sales by bumping up drink prices a few pennies at a time. Most consumers didn't notice the tiny price bumps, but — with a nation now more willing to save up extra money for gas and groceries than they are for that morning

cappuccino — they started to notice. The fixation of prices on everyday, mundane purchases became the ability (or inability) to buy that extra gallon at the gas station. Therefore, consumers who used to let the price factor slide now are pocketing every nickel and dime and heading for the cheaper product.

Dunkin' Donuts generally offers better prices, and, not surprisingly, their winter sales quite impressively surpassed those of Starbucks. Sonic and McDonald's also have unleashed new espresso drinks in the past years that are pleasing when considering their low prices.

So, how did Starbucks react to the competition?

Well, they changed their logo. While their logo used to reflect a harmless mermaid, it evolved into what you might call a naked, full-figured mer-prostitute, at least in the words of Mark Dice, the founder of The Resistance against the logo.

He is quoted in the Star Tribune as describing the new logo as "a naked woman on it, with her legs spread like

a prostitute." Dice goes on to personally rename the chain "Slutbucks" for extra emphasis, in case we missed his point the first time around. Needless to say, the logo change didn't entice Americans. They say sex sells, but in the case of the naked mermaid, it failed to increase sales numbers. While other coffee retailers were making profit off of their marketing techniques, Starbucks remained, at best, stagnant.

Before you feel sorry for Starbucks and their naked mermaid and rush in line to get a raspberry mocha, consider that there will be some perks to the closing of so many Starbucks stores.

In addition to nationwide chains gaining revenue from Starbucks' bad luck, local shops will be given a chance to shine. Local economic growth is almost always a better thing, allowing cities to keep the money close to home.

Also, Starbucks employees will be on top of their game.

Tired of not getting enough foam in your cappuccino?

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Many of the 12,000 employees that will be terminated from Starbucks will try to relocate at the remaining Starbucks cafes, meaning that the more inexperienced barista boys and girls will have to fold up their aprons and call it a day.

To put in bluntly: The cuts will force Starbucks to step up its game, which is good for the consumer and for the company in the long run.

In the mean time, is it really too 'latte' for Starbucks to clean up their act?

Certainly, it is time for a new marketing strategy. But, since I'm not getting paid for offering my tips to Starbucks, I guess I'll have to wait until they cut me a check. Something tells me that won't be soon, but, just in case hell freezes over, I'll be waiting around.

On a more positive note, at least Starbucks is guaranteed one thought for comfort: Americans always will be eager to support any company willing to brew a better pot.

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Change in Budweiser's ownership may have grave consequences, may trigger Apocalypse

BY SCOTT NATHAN GREEN
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Considering the United States's perception in the global community, the last thing we need is for the world to know how vile our beer is.

Belgian company InBev bought Anheuser-Busch, which brews nearly half of all U.S. beer, in a \$52 billion deal. The European company announced its intentions to promote Budweiser internationally to the level of Coca-Cola. But Budweiser, like all other top American beers, is swill. Just look at our

two most popular domestic brands — there's Miller Lite, which tastes like pennies, and Bud Light, which tastes like bland pennies.

Hopefully, InBev will take mercy on the beer drinkers of the world and put a stop to Anheuser-Busch's practice of re-bottling expired batches of Budweiser as Natural Light. Without Natty Light, fraternities would turn to the next cheapest method of getting drunk: sucking on wet naps.

In the best-case scenario, the purchase would bring European beer sensibilities to America. To find out what Belgian beer tastes like, go buy some Stella Artois. It

tastes like Euros.

Stella Artois is one of about 200 beers brewed by InBev. I've never tried the others, but they've got to be good. For example, they make St. Pauli Girl, a brand that goes to the trouble of hiring Playboy Playmates as spokesmodels, then keeps them fully clothed in advertisements. That requires a lot of confidence in their product.

So maybe, beerwise, things will turn out okay. But that's not the end of the story. InBev is also reportedly looking to unload

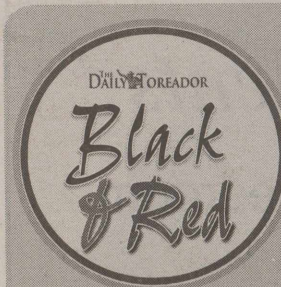
Anheuser-Busch's non-beer assets. This includes theme parks like Busch Gardens and SeaWorld. Can we really trust the Belgian conglomerate to keep these parks' best interests in mind? What if SeaWorld's new ownership hires illegal Mexican killer whales to replace hardworking American orcas?

But ultimately it comes down to the beer, and the risk that Budweiser proliferation could actually hurt people. It's already happening in Belgium where, within hours of the Anheuser-Busch sale, Prime Minister

Yves Leterme offered to quit his post.

While I can't prove that this potential governmental collapse is actually due to American beer, I can baldly assert so if I claim I am "speculating."

InBev's purchase will topple world governments and, worse, slightly alter SeaWorld. That means the time to act is now. We have to buy back Anheuser-Busch by pooling our money, every beer-tasting penny of it. But if that doesn't work, there's always wet naps.



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Lubbock, Tech host FFA convention, draw thousands to area

BY ANGELA FARMER
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This week's in-style fashion on Texas Tech's campus: blue corduroy jackets.

The Hub City is hosting the 80th annual Texas Future Farmers of America Convention, which started Tuesday and ends today at the United Spirit Arena.

More than 10,000 high school students from across the state came to Lubbock for this year's convention.

FFA is a national student leadership development organization for students of agricultural education. The Texas FFA Association consists of more than 950 chapters and more than 63,000 members across the state.

Rodeo performances, an agricultural science fair, motivational speeches, workshops and performances headline this year's convention, which many university officials see as a prime opportunity for recruiting.

Although it is an organization mainly for high school students, some local chapters offer a junior FFA program, which consists of seventh- and eighth-graders. Tech also has its own collegiate chapter. Active members of Texas FFA Association, along with alumni, family and friends all are visiting Lubbock this week.

The organization's acronym, FFA, once stood for "Future Farmers of America," but now the organization prefers to be known simply as "FFA," because it is more than just a farm organization, said Tiffany Humphrey, communications coordinator of the Texas FFA Association.

Another aspect of the program, for instance, is agricultural science education in the classroom.

"We would not have FFA if it wasn't for the academic side," she said. "Our ag-science teachers, they teach courses, and then FFA is a part of that. It's more of the extracurricular arm, I guess you would call it."

FFA is different from other extracurricular programs because it is defined by the U.S. Department of Education as being integral to an instructional program, said Tom Maynard, executive director of the Texas FFA Association. Local chapters are funded by public education, alumni groups and other affiliate organizations.

Many attribute FFA's popularity to the livestock shows, Humphrey said. The livestock shows serve as an important learning tool by teaching students the responsibilities and financial aspects of how to raise an animal.

Public speaking is a great leadership aspect of the organization, he said, because it teaches students how to prepare speeches and speak in front of crowds. At its core, FFA is a student leadership organization.

"There's a lot of different things that go into the organization," she said. "I think that's why we can offer so much to so many different kids. You might be into the stockshow thing, but somebody over here might be into something completely different. There is something for everyone in our organization, and that's what we really pride ourselves on."

Camille Quinones, a high school graduate from Austin, said she was an

active member of the organization for three years and served as president of her local chapter for one year. She will be attending Purdue University to study agricultural communications and journalism this fall.

FFA is a diverse organization, Quinones said, and some students, for instance, may be studying plant production or floristry, which is the study of how to produce and handle flowers, while other students may want to work in the marketplace and sell products. Students in these fields, however, need the knowledge of where those products come from and how to produce them, and FFA serves as a teaching tool for them.

"I've learned a lot about leadership," she said. "I've seen that leadership comes from the passion you put in, not the position you're given."

FFA student officers serve one-year terms. They have the opportunity to give a retiring address which is their last speech as an officer.

Many Tech students are involved with the convention throughout the week, said Todd Brashears, professor of agricultural education at Tech. For example, the agricultural science fair is put together mainly by graduate students from the Agricultural Educa-

tion Graduate Student Association.

This year, the Texas FFA Association awarded more than \$2 million in scholarships to more than 300 students who earned them through academic performance, agricultural competitions or leadership development. Competitions range from marketing plans and agricultural communications to judging dairy foods, poultry and livestock.

Similar to other organizations, the FFA holds conventions to conduct business, Maynard said. During the convention, many individuals are recognized with awards and scholarships. It is also the only time of the year when members from across the state come together.

"We've got a great partnership here with Lubbock and Texas Tech," Maynard said. "We think it's a great opportunity for our members to come and be on a world class campus and be surrounded by lots of agriculture. I think it's a great opportunity for Texas Tech to see a lot of good students."

Every year, the convention takes place in different cities across the state, Humphrey said, but Tech is the only university to house the convention on campus, which can serve as a recruitment tool, especially for Tech's Department of Agricultural Education & Communications.

"It's a good opportunity to get these kids before they graduate, especially the younger ones," Humphrey said. "They come in as freshmen. They come every year, so there's three or four years of being able to put your school in front of them."

With information booths set up inside the arena, Tech is taking advantage of the opportunity to recruit students, to inform them about the university's degree programs and hopefully draw interests of the students, said Scott Burris, adviser for the Tech collegiate FFA chapter, and assistant professor for agricultural education & communications.

Burris said having the convention on campus has been a successful recruitment tool for his department as well as other departments. FFA members have a common agricultural background. However, they will pursue different degrees at different colleges of the university.

"The number one thing that a college can do to recruit students is to get them on campus," he said. "These guys are all here because they're leaders of their chapters, or they've won some type of award and they're being recognized here. So you're looking at 10,000 of the best high school students in the state."

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Tech opens residence halls to house FFA visitors without accommodations

BY MATT COBB
STAFF WRITER

They came. They saw. They needed a place to stay.

People from across the state who flocked to Lubbock to attend the 80th-annual Texas FFA Convention arrived only to find that they had no hotel accommodations.

Because of complications involving overbookings at several hotels in Lubbock, nearly 500 FFA attendees found themselves without a place to stay during the convention, which started Tuesday and ends today, said Angela Forney, assistant director for environ-

mental management and retention at Texas Tech.

Tech was able to open rooms in several of its student residence halls to accommodate those "bumped" from their hotels, she said. There were approximately 250 people who initially planned to stay in the residence halls, but after the hotel issues occurred, the university had to make more rooms available.

"About a week before the event, we were contacted by the visitors bureau and were told that it seems like a number of hotels had overbooked," Forney said. "They asked us if we were able to house more folks, and that's when we went into

overdrive and made rooms available for those who needed them."

The majority of the people staying in the campus residence halls are high school students, she said, though there are some parents and chaperones who are staying in the residence halls as well.

The city's visitors bureau, Visit Lubbock, is working out a way to pay for the FFA attendees who were relocated to Tech's residence halls, Forney said.

"Some of the hotels have called us and they're paying for some of their guests that have gotten bumped," she said. "The hotels are going to be paying us, and Visit Lubbock is going to be paying for part of it."

FFA attendees are not the only people facing hotel issues, Forney said. Many incoming students attending Tech's New Student Orientation are staying in on-campus residence halls because of a lack of vacancies at local hotels.

"We have some New Student Orientation guests, as well, that are not going to be able to stay at hotels because they're booked with FFA folks," she said, "and so some of them are staying on campus."

There were so many people with hotel issues, Tech had to open up rooms in an additional residence hall, said Tom Vargo, manager of conference services at Tech. All of the FFA attendees who planned to stay on campus initially were going to stay in only one of the residence halls.

"There are about 900 people staying in Coleman and Chitwood right now," he said. "Everyone started off in Coleman, but due to the large amount of people, we had to open up Chitwood as well."

Despite complications with local hotel accommodations, Vargo said, this year's FFA convention has been beneficial to both Lubbock and Tech. The convention draws thousands of Texans to both Lubbock and to Tech's campus each year.

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Quitman Keener, from Morietta, concentrates on a game of washers at the Texas FFA Convention Tuesday afternoon inside the United Spirit Arena.

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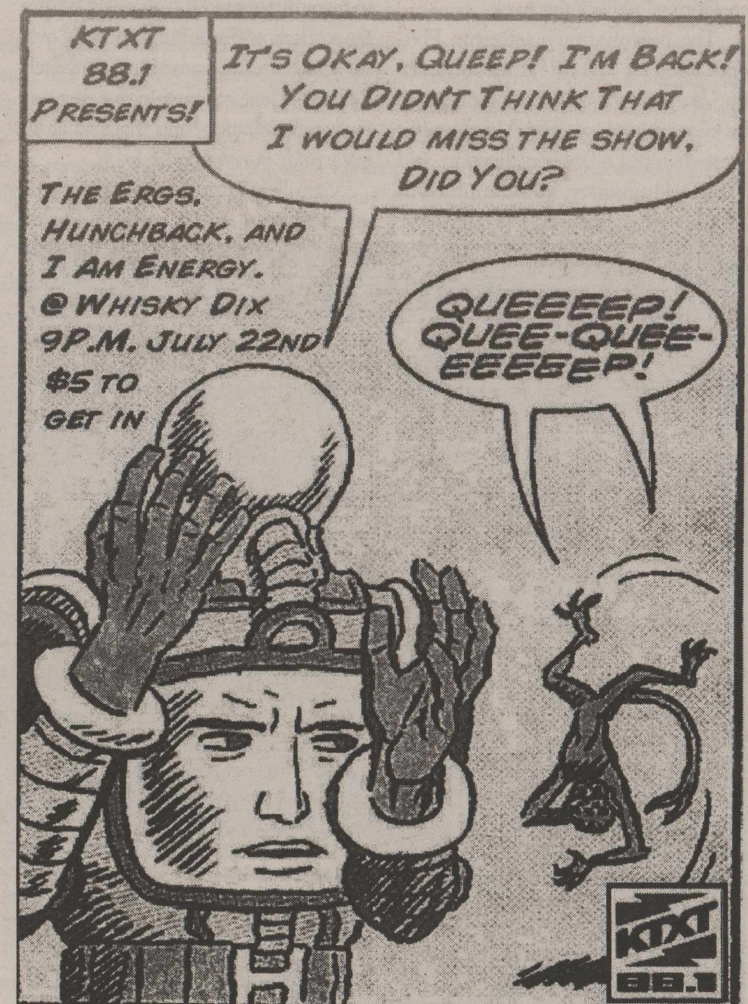
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Wind, rain, then a break in weather at British Open helps players

SOUTHPORT, England (AP) — The day started with howling wind and soaking rain. By afternoon, the showers had stopped and the breeze tailed off.

Rocco Mediate was among those taking advantage of the break in the weather.

Mr. Everyman proved his performance at the last major championship was no fluke, becoming the first player at the British Open to break par Thursday. His 1-under 69 was quickly matched by Graeme McDowell and Robert Allenby, all of them late starters seizing on their meteorological good fortune.

Mediate chipped in for birdie at No. 17, then knocked in a 12-footer for another birdie at the final hole. Clearly, he's gotten over his playoff loss to Tiger Woods at last month's U.S. Open.

"I love it here," said Mediate, playing the British for the first time since 2002. "It's great to be back."

McDowell and Allenby also headed to the Royal Birkdale clubhouse with birdie-birdie finishes, joining Mediate atop the leaderboard.

This was a day that could be divided into two very distinct groups: Those who had to tee off in the morning, and those who checked in later.

Out of the first 26 threesomes — exactly half the 156-player field — there were 19 scores in the 80s and two other players quit before they could get there, too. There wasn't one red number in any group. The average score was 77, the numbers jacked up by steady, sometimes heavy rain and winds gusting up to 35 mph.

Among the horror stories: Phil Mickelson lost a ball in the tangly rough; Vijay Singh signed for an 80,

and so did Ernie Els, the worst score ever on his sterling Open record; Sandy Lyle and Rich Beem simply gave up.

Certainly, Kenny Perry must have been chuckling to himself after taking all that grief for deciding to skip the oldest of the majors because he didn't think it suited his game.

"It got to the point where you just don't care," moaned Pat Perez, who went off in the second group of the day and shot 82. "Now I know why Kenny stayed home."

Compare that with the afternoon. The next 10 groups to finish produced all three of the co-leaders, as well Greg Norman and Adam Scott, each at 70. No one in the latter half of the bracket had yet to shoot worse than 79.

The 45-year-old Mediate revitalized his sagging career at Torrey Pines, where he lost a 19-hole playoff to Woods but became the hero of average Joes everywhere with his "what in the heck am I doing here" demeanor.

After his dramatic win, Woods headed back to surgery for further repairs on his ailing left knee, knocking him out for the rest of the year. Mediate carried on, picking up right

where he left off at the last major.

And this time, at least, he won't have to worry about fending off Woods, all warm and comfy back home in the States.

Before the weather improved, it was virtually impossible to cope with holes such as the gargantuan sixth, a 499-yard layout that played into the teeth of the wind. Boo Weekley was forced to play driver on two straight shots — and he still didn't reach the green.

"If this is the summer," said Weekley, a native of the Florida Panhandle, "I couldn't live here."

Two-time U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen and 2003 Masters winner Mike Weir put up the best scores among the early starters, both shooting 1-over 71s.

"Par is irrelevant on a day like this," said Craig Parry, who hit the first shot of the tournament and struggled to a 77. "You can only laugh and take it on the chin. The golf course is going to win."

Goosen overcame a double-bogey at No. 6 and somehow managed to put up four birdies in brutal conditions that made golf's oldest championship a stern test even without Woods looming over the field.

"One of the best" was how the South African summed up his round. "It was a battle out there."

Weir also had a double-bogey on his card. But he countered it with the first eagle of the tournament at the 17th, where he knocked a 5-iron from 235 yards to 12 feet and sank the putt.

"Starting the day, I definitely would have taken 1-over par," the Canadian said. "The wind was at

strong as I've ever seen."

Despite a sore wrist, defending champion Pdraig Harrington got off to a solid start with a 74. The Irishman would have been even closer to the lead if not for a bogey-bogey finish, but was pleased with his round given that he seriously considered withdrawing just a day earlier.

"I think the bad day helped," Harrington said. "You had no time to think about anything else but your next shot."

The guy he beat a year ago, Sergio Garcia, shot a 2-over 36 on the front side.

Beem called it quits after reaching the midway point with a score 10 strokes higher. His first seven holes went like this: bogey, quadruple-bogey, bogey, bogey, bogey, bogey, double-bogey.

"If I had continued, I don't think I would have broken 90," Beem said.

Lyle, who won the Open at Royal St. George's in 1985, reached a similar conclusion. The 50-year-old pulled out after playing the first 10 holes in an 11-over 49.

"I felt I could do myself more harm than good," he said. "It could take three weeks to recover from this."

They were hardly the only ones struggling. Mickelson, whose game isn't well-suited for links golf, couldn't find his ball after hitting into the rough at No. 6. He had to take a penalty and wound up with a triple bogey, on his way to a 79 that goes down as the worst start of his Open career.

Els, considered one of the favorites with Garcia, fell apart down the stretch with three straight 6s and eclipsed the 78 he shot in the opening round at Royal St. George's in 2003.

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