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Texas makes preparations for Gustav

BEAUMONT (AP) — The possibility of Tropical Storm Gustav slamming into Texas as a powerful hurricane put the state and residents on alert Thursday as the deadly storm continued a path toward the Gulf of Mexico.

Gov. Rick Perry issued a disaster declaration for 61 counties in case Gustav arrives early next week along the coast, where some people Thursday were already filling up their gas tanks and stocking up on water and supplies.

Forecasters say the tropical storm could make landfall Tuesday anywhere from Texas to the Florida Panhandle. With top sustained winds just below hurricane strength, Gustav was projected to become a major Category 3 hurricane upon entering the warm and deep Gulf waters.

NATION

RNC turns to appeal for hurricane aid

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Republicans hurried to turn the opening day of their national convention into a fundraising drive for hurricane victims, with presidential candidate John McCain's wife and first lady Laura Bush appealing for Gulf Coast help. McCain visited a disaster relief center in Ohio.

Party officials in St. Paul kept a watchful eye on still-dangerous Hurricane Gustav Monday to decide next steps for their shortened convention. They said they still expected McCain to address the convention at Thursday night's finale.

WORLD

EU warns Russia over partnership talks

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The European Union will postpone talks scheduled with Russia this month on a wide-ranging political and economic agreement unless Russian troops pull back from positions in Georgia in line with a cease-fire agreement, French President Nicolas Sarkozy says.

He says the EU will have to re-examine its partnership with Russia if the agreement is not respected. Sarkozy told reporters Monday he plans to travel to Moscow on Sept. 8 for talks with the Russian leadership.

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Hurricane Gustav drenches gulf coast

Lubbock, state of Texas ready for evacuees from storm's floods, winds

By ADAM YOUNG
NEWS EDITOR

Hurricane Gustav veered from a feared direct collision with New Orleans but pounded the Gulf Coast with 110 mph winds Monday and faded as it moved inland.

But the remnants of Gustav are expected to produce heavy rains in Louisiana and Texas and the city of Lubbock is prepared to host evacuees.

The Lubbock City Council convened for an emergency session Friday to accept Gov. Rick Perry's request to assist in relief efforts and approve

funding up to \$500,000 for housing, food, clothing and other emergency items to be reimbursed by federal emergency fund, according to a city news release.

"Lubbock is in communication with the state of Texas during this process, as Lubbock is a proactive partner in our emergency preparedness," Lubbock Mayor Tom Martin said in the release. "I hope all involved appreciate the fact that people across the state are working to help keep people safe during this time."

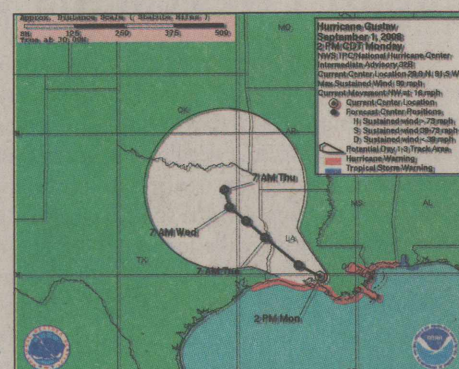
Lubbock is an area evacuation hub and can accommodate up to 800 evacuees, said Robin

Raney, CEO of the American Red Cross South Plains Regional Chapter in a previous issue of The Daily Toreador. If evacuees are sent to the city, they will stay at the City Bank Auditorium and Coliseum and the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The storm was expected to move into Texas by today and drop as much as 20 inches of rain in the state by Thursday, according to The Associated Press.

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FALSE START

Tech breaks record for most penalties in a game in 49-24 win against EWU Saturday

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By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

About the only thing consistent in the Texas Tech football team's first game of the season was the thud of laundry against the turf.

Going up against a Football Championship Subdivision team in No. 7 Eastern Washington (0-1), the No. 12 Red Raiders' 49-24 victory Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium was not a comfortable show for the 49,887 fans in attendance, at least until after the first quarter.

"We were extremely spotty," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "I think that we played in spurts the whole night, and a lot of the credit goes to Eastern Washington."

Quarterback Graham Harrell, who said he had a hard time finding a rhythm despite throwing for 536 yards and scoring three touchdowns, called it a "sloppy game."

The Red Raiders committed 18 penalties — a school record — for 169 yards, which nearly broke its record of 183 penalty yards set last season against Rice.

Tech's previous record was 17 penalties in a game, which happened against Baylor in 2000.

Leach said the penalties could be attributed to a lack of focus.

"I think what you're gonna find, some are like aggression," he said, "but I think we're gonna find out on a lot of them that we could have better technique."

With Tech (1-0) up 13-0 late in the first quarter and on the Eagles' 4-yard line, Harrell found 2007 Biletnikoff winner Michael Crabtree one-on-one for a touchdown. After a Donnie Carona extra-point attempt was blocked earlier in the game, Tech needed to convert a two-point conversion, which it did.

Crabtree had a relatively quiet night considering he recorded at least 100 yards in 11 of 13 games last season. He finished with 73 yards and one touchdown on nine receptions.

Slot receivers Eric Morris and Detron Lewis stole the show. Each had nine receptions, while Morris had 164 yards and Lewis

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PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

MICHAEL CRABTREE IS run out of bounds by Eastern Washington's Zach Johnson (41) and Ryan Kelley (3) at Jones AT&T Stadium Saturday.

Pedestrian use of personal electronics poses safety risks

By MATT MCGOWAN
FEATURES EDITOR



PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreador
STUDENTS CROSS BROADWAY Wednesday afternoon.

When Cindy Maxwell drives her bus route through Texas Tech's campus, she knows what to look for: plugged-in pedestrians who, instead of looking back at her, are glued to a little screen.

Although officials cannot accurately gauge how many serious personal electronics-related pedestrian accidents have occurred in Lubbock, the unrelenting rise in the use of personal electronics may be the main ingredient in a recipe for disaster.

"Last week, I was driving between Wall Hall and Gates (Hall), and there was a kid standing on the curb talking on his cell phone," said Maxwell, an eight-year veteran of driving buses. "I just knew he was going to step out. I was going real slow and I had a whole bus full of kids and was just creeping along. He just walked. Never looked up."

While the majority of pedestrians' distractions stem from cell-phone conversations and text messaging, she said iPods and other personal electronics also inhibit a student's situational awareness as they

stroll through campus.

Determining how many pedestrian accidents involved electronics can prove tricky for investigators, said Capt. James Shavers of the Lubbock Police Department, because many victims refuse to admit that they were distracted when they got into the accident.

The lack of statistics, however, does not rule out risk, he said, especially when one considers the pervasive nature of electronics in society.

Shavers said he once saw a student wearing headphones as he walked toward campus through a construction zone.

"I was having to blow my horn and hit my siren because he had his iPod going," he said. "If he couldn't hear me with my siren next to him, then he couldn't hear somebody yelling, 'Hey, look out. There's a bulldozer coming.'"

Cpl. Jack Floyd with the Texas Tech Police Department said he cannot recall any serious accidents on campus that involved pedestrians who

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TODAY	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Isolated T-Storms	Scattered T-Storms	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Isolated T-Storms
High 83 Low 59	High 77 Low 57	High 86 Low 58	High 84 Low 61	High 86 Low 63

University names interim provost

Jane Winer, former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, was named interim provost of Texas Tech effective Monday.

President Guy Bailey, who appointed Winer as interim provost, said the university will conduct a nationwide search for a new provost, according to a university news release.

Bailey said he hopes to complete the search by the end of the year.

Winer will fill in for William Marcy, who retired from his position as Tech's provost Aug. 29.

"Jane Winer has served with distinction as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences since 1991," Bailey said. "Jane is well respected by the faculty and has a solid record of administrative excellence at Texas

Tech." Winer has been employed by the university for more than 30 years, according to the release. She previously served as a professor of psychology, an associate dean of research in the College of Arts and Sciences before she was appointed dean in 1991. She also served as the director of multiple psychology training programs and is well-published.



WINER

"I am honored to serve as interim provost for President Bailey as Texas Tech is a special place for

me," Winer said in the release.

Before his retirement Marcy led nine teams that implemented several changes to courses at the university in compliance to a probationary status with SACS, one of many agencies that accredit the university.

Part of Winer's job will be to supervise the accreditation situation with SACS. Last December, SACS placed Tech on probation, as previously reported by *The Daily Toreador*. There will be another evaluation conducted this December.

The provost is the chief academic officer of the university and is responsible for all educational components and activities, including research and academic personnel, according to the release.

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Campus involvement considered key in reducing student depression, suicide

BY MIKE GRAHAM
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The transition from home to college can be difficult, and many students come to Texas Tech alone with few or no friends. Old friends may quickly become involved in new activities offered by Tech, leaving some students on their own in a very intimidating environment.

"Lots of studies show Americans feel increasingly isolated," said Jason Wasserman, a professor of sociology at Tech.

Wasserman said the average American changes jobs approximately every three years. Because of moves for work, people often have to sever ties from home by moving away from their established friends and family.

"Coming to college is a microcosm of those isolating patterns," Wasserman said. "You leave home, your family and community. Being thrust into a situation where you lack any strong, emotionally rich social ties can produce depression and other mental health consequences."

Chris Brownson, director of the National Research Consortium Counseling Centers in Higher Education, said a survey of students at 70 public and private universities in the country indicates about 50 percent of college students considered suicide at least once in their life.

Brownson, who also is the director of the University of Texas at Austin's Counseling and Mental Health Center, said about 18 percent of students surveyed defined themselves as having at least once seriously considered committing suicide. Eight percent of students said they had attempted suicide at least once.

Brownson said there were some differences in the numbers from every school, but it has not been determined if a school's location or a student's hometown make a significant impact on students'

likelihood to consider suicide

Wylie Tene, the spokesperson for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention said via e-mail the suicide rate for college students is low, especially compared to college-aged persons not attending school.

Despite the lower rate, Tene said nearly 1,100 college students commit suicide every year.

"Depression is the leading cause of suicide," she said. "Depression is a real illness. The best way to prevent suicide is to recognize the symptoms early and seek treatment."

Loneliness was reported as the second leading cause of students who considered suicide, according to the survey.

"Having a sense of community and purpose can help students feel more connected," said Courtney Knowles, executive director of the Jed Foundation, which focuses on mental health issues suffered by college students.

"Those connections may make it more likely that they will reach out to a friend for help if they are struggling," Knowles said.

Waylon Randolph, a junior sociology and criminology major from Houston, said he considered several student organizations, but rushed in the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

"I felt real alone at least for the first two weeks of college," he said. "I didn't know anybody here. It was a whole new atmosphere. Rushing Alpha Phi Alpha opened up doors for me to meet a lot of people that I wouldn't have normally met from different cultures and backgrounds."

Many Tech students become involved in social, religious, professional and school spirit organizations.

"I'm in Saddle Tramps," said Jacorey Mosley, a junior marketing major from Arlington. "We uphold all of Tech's traditions. It's a great group of guys, it keeps us focused on making grades. It could be three in the morning and someone would be there to listen to your problems. Any organization will help you. There will always be someone there for you."

Greek life has always been a popular starting point for students seeking to carve a niche for themselves. Jason Biggs, adviser for the Texas Tech Inter-Fraternity Council said 538 males and 700 females enrolled for formal fall 2008 rush.

"I've met a lot of great people and (Kappa Delta) helps me get involved off and on campus. That helps you keep your mind off home," said Claire Waddell, a sophomore early childhood development major from Plano in the Kappa Delta Fraternity.

Carrie Bradshaw, a freshman mass communications major from Sundown took advantage of a Jed Foundation Retreat before school started with other first year Tech students and a group of student counselors.

"I haven't felt lonely because I met a lot of people at the foundation retreat," Bradshaw said. I hang out with a lot of people that I met from there and I'm probably going to become a part of Navigators which is a Christian organization that does community service work and takes mission trips."

James Baumgartner, Student Government Association internal vice-president and a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, said he did not start his college career with such a thick resume.

"My freshman year, I didn't pledge a fraternity," Baumgartner said. "I wasn't too involved with my major either. My cousin was in student government and convinced me to try it and that allowed me to start branching out from the people immediately around me."

Baumgartner said he believes participating in student organizations is vital to the college experience.

"There are 28,000 students to meet and you're only meeting a tiny portion if you're not involved," he said.

Students who feel depressed or suicidal or concerned about friends can seek help at Tech's Student Counseling center.

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Japan PM resigns to avoid 'political vacuum'

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's chronically unpopular prime minister abruptly resigned Monday after a yearlong struggle with a deadlocked parliament, leaving the weakened ruling party to grapple with a stalled economy and rising calls for snap elections.

The resignation of Yasuo Fukuda, 72, deepened a two-year stretch of political instability at the helm of the world's second-largest economy. It came only days after the government announced a stimulus package to counter flagging consumer spending.

Fukuda, who took office just under a year ago, said he was clearing the decks for a more popular successor to take over ahead of a tough special session in the parliament, where the ruling party controls the lower house and the opposition dominates the upper.

"We still have time before discussion of key policies starts in the upcoming parliamentary session, and this is the perfect timing not to cause people too much trouble," Fukuda said, explaining that he was exiting to avoid a "political vacuum."

Fukuda suffered throughout his

term from anemic public backing — the latest poll showed him with only 29 percent support — and repeated embarrassment at the hands of the obstructionist opposition in parliament.

The resignation announcement came a month after Fukuda installed his most widely expected successor, former Foreign Minister Taro Aso, as secretary general of the Liberal Democratic Party, in a Cabinet shake-up aimed at boosting support for the government. Aso, who lost against Fukuda in the race for premier last year, has not said whether he would run again.

The resignation, which will probably not take effect for a couple of weeks, surprised Japan and was solidly condemned by the opposition as a sign of deep instability within the LDP, which has ruled the country almost without interruption since 1955.

"It's just incredible that the LDP is getting rid of Fukuda and he is actually quitting... without thinking of the people at all," said opposition Social Democratic Party leader Mizuho Fukushima.

The opposition, which took control of the upper house in elections last year, has pushed for snap elections for the more powerful lower house, but the LDP — aware that it would likely lose seats — has so far resisted. Fukuda's sudden resignation, however, could be a sign the LDP is rushing to put a fresh leader in place before calling a snap ballot.

The resignation prolonged the political uncertainty that has plagued Japan since the popular Junichiro Koizumi left the premiership in 2006 after five years in office.

Koizumi's hand-picked successor, Shinzo Abe, lasted only a year in office, resigning in September 2007 for health reasons. Fukuda had been considered a steady elder who would lend stability to the office, but he was never able to overcome divisions in parliament.

The opposition, led by the Democratic Party of Japan, repeatedly delayed Fukuda's most closely watched legislative initiatives in parliament, such as the renewal of Japan's anti-terror mission in the Indian Ocean and the selection of a new central bank governor.

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India rushes doctors, medicine to flood victims

SAHARSA DISTRICT, India (AP) — Indian authorities rushed doctors and medical equipment to flood-devastated northern India on Monday to ward off outbreaks of disease among the hundreds of thousands of victims crowding

relief camps, officials said.

Nearly half of the 1.2 million people who were left homeless when the Kosi River burst its banks two weeks ago, spilling over north India's vast plains, had been rescued by Monday, and officials said they

hope to reach the rest in the next three days.

About 250,000 refugees were in government and relief agency camps, said Prataya Amrit, a top disaster management official in Bihar state, the scene of the flooding. Many of the rest have taken shelter with families or friends.

Meanwhile, rescue efforts pressed ahead, led by more than 2,000 extra military personnel sent to the region.

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Fugitives make America's Most Wanted, could be in West Texas

By JON VANDERLAAN
STAFF WRITER

In the nine days since eight inmates escaped from a Curry County, N.M., jail, four of the fugitives have been caught, and authorities are not ruling out West Texas as a destination for the remaining four.

Matt Chandler, Curry County, N.M., district attorney, said New Mexico authorities, after capturing one in Lubbock and another in Cactus — north of Amarillo — are exploring the possibility that more of the fugitives may have fled to West Texas.

The latest capture occurred Thursday in Albuquerque, N.M., according to The Associated Press.

Chandler said his office has received a lot of information and worked hand-in-hand with the U.S. Marshals and Texas authorities.

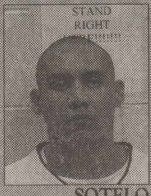
The escapee who was caught in Lubbock, Raynaldo Enriquez, was transported back to New Mexico, he said.

Recently, "America's Most Wanted" posted information on their Web site about the fugitives from the New Mexico jail.

David Mead, a deputy with the U.S. Marshals, said the nationwide exposure the case is receiving by having information on "America's Most Wanted" Web site is good because it will cut down where the fugitives will be able to go and hide. Sooner or later, they will be recognized by someone.

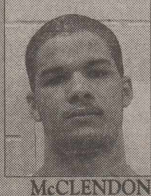
"The best thing they can do is turn themselves in because it's just a matter of time before they are located and arrested

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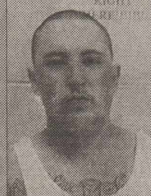
SOTELO

Victor Sotelo is 26 years old and has pending charges for aggravated assault. He is 5'3" and 135 lbs. with black hair and brown eyes.



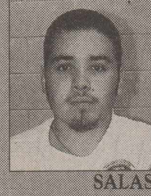
McCLENDON

Larry McClendon is 19 years old and has pending charges for murder and aggravated robbery. He is 6'1" and 152 lbs. with black hair and brown eyes.



CHAVEZ

Louis Chavez is 18 years old, 5'2" and 177 lbs. He has black hair and brown eyes. The charges against Chavez were not disclosed.



SALAS

Edward Salas is 21 years old and was convicted of murder and had a pending transfer to the New Mexico Department of Corrections.

now," Mead said.

The more media attention a case like this gets, he said, the easier it makes it for law enforcement.

The eight inmates escaped Aug. 24 from a Clovis, N.M., jail. Two of them were caught within a day, and two

more were caught within a week. Four inmates are still at large, and New Mexico authorities are investigating the possibility of finding the fugitives in New Mexico or in West Texas.

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WHO'S THAT GUY?



PHOTO BY KERRY LENTZ/The Daily Treador

President Guy Bailey and his wife, Jan Tillery, are escorted across the field by Raider Red to receive the game ball Saturday evening at Tech's first home game of the season.

Rescuers appeal for tents after deadly China quake

BEIJING (AP) — Rescuers appealed for temporary housing and tents Monday after a week-end earthquake in southwest China killed at least 36 people, injured hundreds and left tens of thousands of homes in ruins.

The temblor Saturday in Sichuan province, which the U.S. Geological Survey measured at magnitude 5.7, struck along

the same fault line as a May 12 earthquake that killed nearly 70,000.

"We need temporary houses ... we need more than 10,000 tents," said Zhang Hai, head of the foreign liaison office of the Communist Party propaganda department in Panzhihua city. "This is a mountainous place and so we can't build temporary

houses everywhere."

The beginning of the school year, which was supposed to be Monday, was postponed for a week because authorities were inspecting damage in classrooms, he said.

"We still can't bring all kids back to their previous classrooms," Zhang said.

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Tech organization works to raise money for St. Jude's medical research

By LAURA WALTZER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

At St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, medical researchers are trying to find a cure for their patients.

At Texas Tech, a student-led organization, Up 'til Dawn, is donating its time to try and make a difference in the lives of the young patients at the Memphis, Tenn. children's hospital.

"Up 'til Dawn is an organization created to help families and children at St. Jude hospital," said Zach Bean, executive director of the organization and a senior Tech student from Amarillo. "Every fall, we hold an event in honor of the

friends and family there, sending out pre-written letters to ask for monetary donations to fund the daily operations of the hospital."

Money raised during the Nov. 11 event will be donated to St. Jude Children's hospital to be applied toward cancer and other research.

"One of the great things about St. Jude is that, the minute they have a scientific breakthrough, they share that with other hospitals around the nation," Bean said. "Not only do they help out kids in this country, but they treat patients from around the globe, trying to make a difference where it's needed most."

The event consists of bands, testimonials, games and prizes, and of course, food for anyone who wants



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to participate. To be a part of this year's event, participants can form a team with their friends or help the board organize certain activities.

"They will sign, address and write encouraging notes to friends or relatives asking for their help with St. Jude," Bean said. "There are prizes that can be won based upon the number of letters that both

individuals and teams write during the event."

Up 'til Dawn not only is interested in gaining participants for the event, but also is looking to recruit anyone who wants to join the organization itself.

"It's really easy to get involved," said Kaci Sticklan, a member of the organization and a Tech student.

"Knowing that these kids and their parents are so grateful for us being part of their lives is so rewarding. It changed my life."

Many positions are available for students who want to get involved, such as volunteers to look for sponsorships, donations, bands and campus marketing.

"We're really looking for people

who want to help on the board of Up 'til Dawn," Bean said. "We don't care how old or what else they are involved in. The only requirement they need is that they love kids."

In the past, only students have signed up to help participate, but this year, Up 'til Dawn is asking for the faculty to join as well.

"We really want this to be a campus-wide event," Bean said. "There's no greater feeling than knowing that your time and efforts are helping a child heal, and I would love to share that with other people."

A patient at St. Jude is treated free of charge, said the organization's Assistant Director, Mackenzie Scott, a senior Tech student from

Lubbock. All the money raised goes directly toward this cause, making the organization a really eye-opening and uplifting entity at Tech.

"It takes \$1.8 million a day to keep St. Jude's open," Bean said, "so any donations are really appreciated."

Eager to make this a campus-wide event, Up 'til Dawn is focusing its efforts within the community of Lubbock, asking for a person's thoughts, time and hearts in order to really make a difference in the world today.

To join the board or form a team for the organization, contact Zach Bean at zach.bean@ttu.edu.

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Pedestrians

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were distracted by electronics, but he understands the Russian Roulette-type risk associated with being plugged in while walking near traffic.

But that doesn't mean it hasn't happened elsewhere.

"We've been kind of lucky," said Dr. Juan Fitz, a doctor who works in the emergency room of Covenant Medical Center, "but we have had the reports of this kid from El Paso who was in New York. He had just gotten engaged. He was excited and telling his friends. Basically he wasn't paying attention, got into the street and got run over."

"The last text message he sent was telling them what he was going to give her for their wedding."

Not all pedestrian accidents involve cars, Fitz said. In fact, the electronics-related pedestrian injuries that he has seen in the emergency room resulted from people who weren't paying attention as they climbed up or down stairs.

"When you're out, look around,"

he said. "You'll see a lot of people text messaging, on the phone, looking down. They're not paying attention. That's very unsafe. Very unsafe."

As a bicyclist who rides six miles per day, Fitz said he never wears headphones when he cycles and leaves his cell phone at home so he can be "constantly listening to traffic."

"If you're going to talk on (cell phones), stay stationary," Maxwell said. "Don't walk and talk on them. I know that's impossible, but it's for their life, their safety. Just stay stationary for a minute or call them back, you know. A bus is big."

Many pedestrians assume they have the right-away on campus, Shavers said, so they assume cars automatically will stop for them, which is an unsafe assumption.

Taking risks when it comes to pedestrian-car accidents is a serious gamble, he said, because cars will severely injure pedestrians, regardless of whose fault it was.

"Even if you're right, that's not necessarily going to keep you alive," Shavers said, "so you need to be alert and watch for traffic."

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"If you're going to talk on (cell phones), stay stationary."

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Around eight o'clock Wednesday evening, the anticipation of the crowd gathered in Gaston Hall was palpable — it seemed that many of the assembled students half-expected Heath Ledger's iconic Joker to vault onto the stage, that impish smile on his face and a freshly sharpened pencil in his hand. But when Michael Uslan, the originator of the "Batman" film franchise and executive producer of this summer's blockbuster "The Dark Knight" appeared, he presented an entirely different image: a kind-faced, silver-haired 57-year-old, with ostensibly nothing in common with the Joker — except for a rather garish necktie.

When the University Lecture Fund hosted its Fall-Kickoff Event, hundreds of Georgetown students, faculty and alumni gathered to hear Uslan share his reflections on life and show business.

Before taking questions from the audience, Uslan gave a brief sketch of his childhood love affair with comic books, his early days in the entertainment industry, and finally the fulfillment of his childhood dream: "I wanted to produce the definitive dark, serious film version of Batman."

Uslan stressed that comic books were a major part of his life from the very beginning; for instance, he related

his mother's claim that, as a young boy, he taught himself to read with comics. By the time he went off to college, Uslan said, he owned around 35,000 comic books (dating all the way back to 1939).

One of Uslan's most emphatic lessons of the evening was to "take what you love and make it your work." He learned this lesson from his time at Indiana University in the early '70s, where he seized an opportunity to design his own experimental curriculum. Uslan became the country's first instructor in the study of comic books, finding himself at the center of the news media's attention.

Within weeks, Uslan had comic-book giants Stan Lee (of New York's Marvel Comics) and Saul Harrison (of DC Comics) on the phone. An internship led to a crucial screenwriting gig — an early draft of the film adaptation *The Shadow*. After creative opportunities dried up, Uslan retreated, selling 20,000 comic books to pay for law school.

His return to the entertainment business wasn't quite what he expected, how-

ever: Uslan spent three and a half years as a lawyer for United Artists, working behind the scenes on such classic films as "Rocky," "Apocalypse Now," and "Raging Bull." "It's so much better to take a calculated risk than to tell your children and grandchildren what 'I could've been,'" Uslan said, referring to his departure from UA in order to buy the film rights to "Batman." Ignoring Harrison's discouragement — "it's dead as a dodo" — Uslan formed Batfilm Productions in October of 1979, but unfortunately Harrison's warning gained credibility when every Hollywood studio consequently rejected Uslan's proposals.

Ten years later, the success of Tim Burton's "Batman" vindicated all of Uslan's tireless efforts and fulfilled his childhood ambitions. The film, which starred Michael Keaton as the Caped Crusader and Jack Nicholson as the maniacal Joker, was the top grosser of 1989. It virtually defined the superhero movie as it exists today; the original's moody art direction and music became trademarks of the genre.

Today, Uslan portrays himself as someone whose dreams came true with a lot of hard work, some luck and a sound outlook on life and its vicissitudes. Uslan urged the fresh faces in Gaston Hall to work at what one loves, to always have a "plan B," to be persistent and to take the right risks. In other words, Uslan offered a good deal of hackneyed advice that somehow seemed more valuable in light of his enormous success.

Still, the ever-humble Uslan was enthusiastic in giving credit for "The Dark Knight's" phenomenal popularity to writer/director Christopher Nolan, whom he called "a master," star Christian Bale and the late Heath Ledger, "a consummate actor" in Uslan's words. Uslan expressed his supreme confidence from the very beginning in Nolan and everyone else involved in the creative direction of the film, thanks to his experience in making 2005's reboot "Batman Begins" and the crew's "respect for the integrity of [the] property."

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US returns control of Anbar to Iraqis

BAGHDAD (AP) — The U.S. military handed over control of once brutally violent Anbar province to Iraqi forces Monday — marking a major milestone in America's plan to eventually send its troops home.

But American officials warned that the struggle against al-Qaida in Iraq and other insurgents was not over in the western region, the scene of some of the bloodiest battles in Iraq since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

"This war is not quite over, but it's being won and primarily by the people of Anbar. Al-Qaida has not been entirely defeated in Anbar, but their end is near and they know it," said Marine Maj. Gen. John Kelly, the top U.S. commander in Anbar, during the handover ceremony.

The return of security control to Iraqi authorities doesn't mean U.S. troops, who number about 25,000 in the region, will leave Anbar. The vast, mostly desert region extends from the western outskirts of Baghdad to the borders of Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

But U.S. troops will cut back on security patrols and focus on training Iraq's army and police.

President Bush hailed the turnover as a major achievement, saying the region had been "transformed and reclaimed by the Iraqi people."

"Iraqi forces will now take the lead in security operations in Anbar, with American troops moving into an overwatch

role," Bush said in a statement.

For years, Anbar, the 11th of 18 provinces to switch to Iraqi control, was the center of the Sunni insurgency. The city of Fallujah became the symbol of Sunni resistance until it fell to American troops in November 2004 in the most intense urban combat of the war.

The province was the base of the shadowy al-Qaida in Iraq and its leader, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who used the area as a staging ground for attacks in Baghdad until he was killed in a 2006 U.S. airstrike.

Just two years ago, a Marine intelligence report concluded that al-Qaida had made such inroads that the war was "lost" in Anbar.

But later that year, some in the region's Sunni Arab community mounted a backlash against al-Qaida in Iraq. Many Iraqi tribal leaders opposed al-Qaida's brutal tactics, including mass killings of Shiite civilians and of some Sunni leaders who refused to accept al-Qaida's rule.

The disaffected Sunni sheiks organized so-called awakening councils that joined forces with U.S. troops to push al-Qaida from the province. That enabled U.S. forces to gain control of the provincial capital of Ramadi and other cities long considered killing zones.

Now Anbar is considered one of the quieter parts of Iraq. Yet bitterness remains between the awakening councils and the central Baghdad government, predomi-

nantly Shiite.

That could complicate broader political reconciliation efforts on the national level.

During Monday's ceremony, for example, the head of the local awakening council complained that the central government was not giving Sunni tribesmen enough credit for fighting al-Qaida, and placing too much attention on their past ties to Saddam Hussein.

Monday's ceremony had been postponed several times in recent months, with delays blamed on weather and a last-minute disagreement between the governor and the central government over control of security forces.

But security concerns also played a role. As recently as late June, a suicide bomber wearing a police uniform killed more than 20 people, including three Marines and several prominent pro-U.S. tribal leaders, in the town of Karmah, 20 miles west of Baghdad.

Meanwhile in Baghdad, a senior aide to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said Iraq has submitted a list of proposals to tweak a draft of a U.S.-Iraqi security agreement.

The changes were submitted to the U.S. government in Baghdad, said the aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not allowed to release the information.

WALKING HIGH



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FANS USE THE new walkway that was temporarily open for Saturdays football game

Killings of 5 Afghan children inflame tensions in two separate incidents

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Foreign and Afghan forces killed five children in two separate incidents Monday, further inflaming tensions in the country over the killings of civilians by troops from the U.S. and other countries.

NATO said it accidentally killed three children in an artillery strike in eastern Afghanistan. It said NATO forces fired the rounds after insurgents attacked its patrol in Gayan district of Paktika province and one of the rounds hit a house, killing three children and injuring seven civilians.

In a separate incident, foreign and Afghan forces killed a man and his two children and during a raid near Kabul, police and witnesses said. Angry men gathered at the victims' house in the Ukkheil area east of the capital, where the three bodies were displayed inside a mud-walled compound. The man's wife was wounded in the operation, said Yahya Khan, a cousin.

In another sign of the sensitivity over civilian deaths, NATO issued an unusual statement warning that the Taliban planned to make a false claim about the killings of civilians in the south.

The latest deaths deepened strains between the Afghan government — under

pressure from an increasingly irate public — and foreign forces in the country who are accused of killing dozens of civilians only in the past few weeks.

Afghan officials accuse foreign forces of killing up to 90 civilians during an Aug. 22 operation in the country's west. The U.S. denies the accusation, saying its troops and Afghan commandos killed 25 militants and five civilians in the operation.

The raid in the eastern outskirts of Kabul was conducted by U.S. troops backed by Afghan intelligence agents, said police officer Qubaidullah, who like many Afghans goes by one name. He said the raid killed a man and two of his children and wounded his wife.

The raid left the house with broken windows and bullet holes in the walls. Three other men, all the victims' cousins, were detained during the operation but later released, Khan said.

U.S. coalition spokesman 1st Lt. Nathan Perry said no American troops took part in the operation. NATO-led forces said they had no information about the raid and could not confirm their troops participated either.

Separately, NATO said it was anti-

ciating a Taliban claim of further civilian casualties in the south. In a statement late Sunday, NATO said it had received information from "a reliable source" that insurgents planned to

“Insurgents ransacked three compounds and killed three women and an unspecified number of children.”

NATO

ing the civilians were wounded in two separate incidents involving insurgents.

“Insurgents ransacked three compounds and killed three women and an unspecified number of children,” in Helmand's Sarevan Qaleh village, NATO said in a statement, quoting one of those wounded.

“He then reported that the insurgents had shot him in both kneecaps before fleeing,” it said.

The claims could not be independently verified and have not been reported by Afghan authorities.

NATO said it condemns the “use of the plight of innocent civilians for propaganda gain by insurgents.”

The warning of a possible civilian casualty claim came hours after the separate U.S.-led coalition command said its troops killed more than 220 insurgents in a week of fighting in the same province. The coalition did not say where the militants were killed.

It was unclear whether the two reports were related.

The issue of civilian deaths is a particularly sensitive topic in Afghanistan following the Aug. 22 bombing of the village of Azizabad in Herat province by the U.S.-led coalition. An Afghan government commission said 90 civilians were killed, a finding backed by a preliminary U.N. report.

The U.S. military has said 25 militants and five civilians were killed, and that it is investigating the incident.

The U.S. has long said insurgents use false civilian death claims as a propaganda tool to undermine support for international forces and the government of Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

Claims of civilian deaths can be tricky. Relatives of Afghan victims are given condolence payments by the government and the international military forces, providing an incentive to make false claims.

But Karzai has castigated Western military commanders over civilian deaths resulting from their raids. The Taliban and other insurgents use the deaths as leverage to turn Afghans away from the government, he says.

The top NATO spokesman in Afghanistan, Brig. Gen. Richard Blanchette, said Saturday that the U.S.-led coalition, Afghan government and United Nations would jointly investigate the Aug. 22 raid.

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EWU proves parity in college football could be real

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern Washington is not into moral victories, but if it was, the Eagles would be 1-0 on the season as far as they're concerned.

The Eagles may have taken a 49-24 loss to No. 12 Texas Tech, but if anything was proven, it was that the line between Football Championship and Bowl Subdivision teams is getting thinner by the minute.

"Really as you can guys can see, we can compete at this level," EWU quarterback Matt Nichols said. "I just think it takes a little bit too long to figure that out. After we spotted them 21 points, the rest of the half we were winning 17-7. Obviously you can see the talent that the I-AA level does have."

Numerous moments point toward parity in college football and FCS teams' competitive edge against FBS teams. In week 1, Delaware of the Colonial Athletic Association, took a 14-7 loss to Maryland. Also in week 1, McNeese State lost to North Carolina 35-27. One of the more recent victories for FCS teams include an Appalachian State win over Michigan to kickoff the 2007 season.

EWU coach Beau Baldwin said these and the Eagles' game against Tech are all examples of how college football is changing today.

"From I-AA playing up a level, I definitely think it's become a little closer than it used to be," he said. "But to me, this game especially, it wasn't just playing upper level. It was playing upper level against a team that I think is potentially a Top 10 team in the country."

Besides taking the second quarter 17-7, the Eagles tied Tech at seven in the third quarter.

With Nichols starting the game with an interception to Tech linebacker Brian Duncan, Eastern Washington found itself in a hole quickly. Nichols said all it took was some catching up to the Red Raiders' style of play.

He said once he and his teammates were used to that style, the game felt like something they already have experienced.

"I felt like for everybody else, you kind of catch up to that game speed they have," Nichols said. "Everything slows down. From the second quarter on, it just kind of felt like a Big Sky (Conference) game."

EWU receiver Tony Davis led his team with 13 receptions for 114 yards and a touchdown, the only one by an Eagle receiver for the game.

Facing a team like Tech can make a player nervous, but Davis said once a player loses that fear, he can become more comfortable and make more plays.

"I had jitters coming in," he said.

"After that first drive, I settled down and just realized it's just another game. The whole time, we felt like we had something to prove. People outside of our team didn't think that we belong. We don't think there's a huge difference between our divisions."

The closest the Eagles were in the game was 28-17 going into halftime and 42-35 midway through the third quarter.

Davis said the mindset at halftime in the Eagle locker room was a winning one as they knew they had a chance to upset the No. 12 team in the nation. He said the plays that could have been in favor of Eastern Washington pushed his team back more than it should have.

The Eagles entered this season No. 7 in the nation among FCS teams and expecting to compete for a Big Sky and national title. Their tour against FBS teams is not over yet, as they face Colorado on Sept. 6.

With Colorado next on the schedule, Nichols said recent history proves no FCS team should be taken lightly.

"I'm sure a little bit was (Tech) coming in the game too, thinking they're playing a lower level team," he said. "As you can see with (Appalachian) State and some of the other teams lately, I-AA is kind of catching up a little bit."

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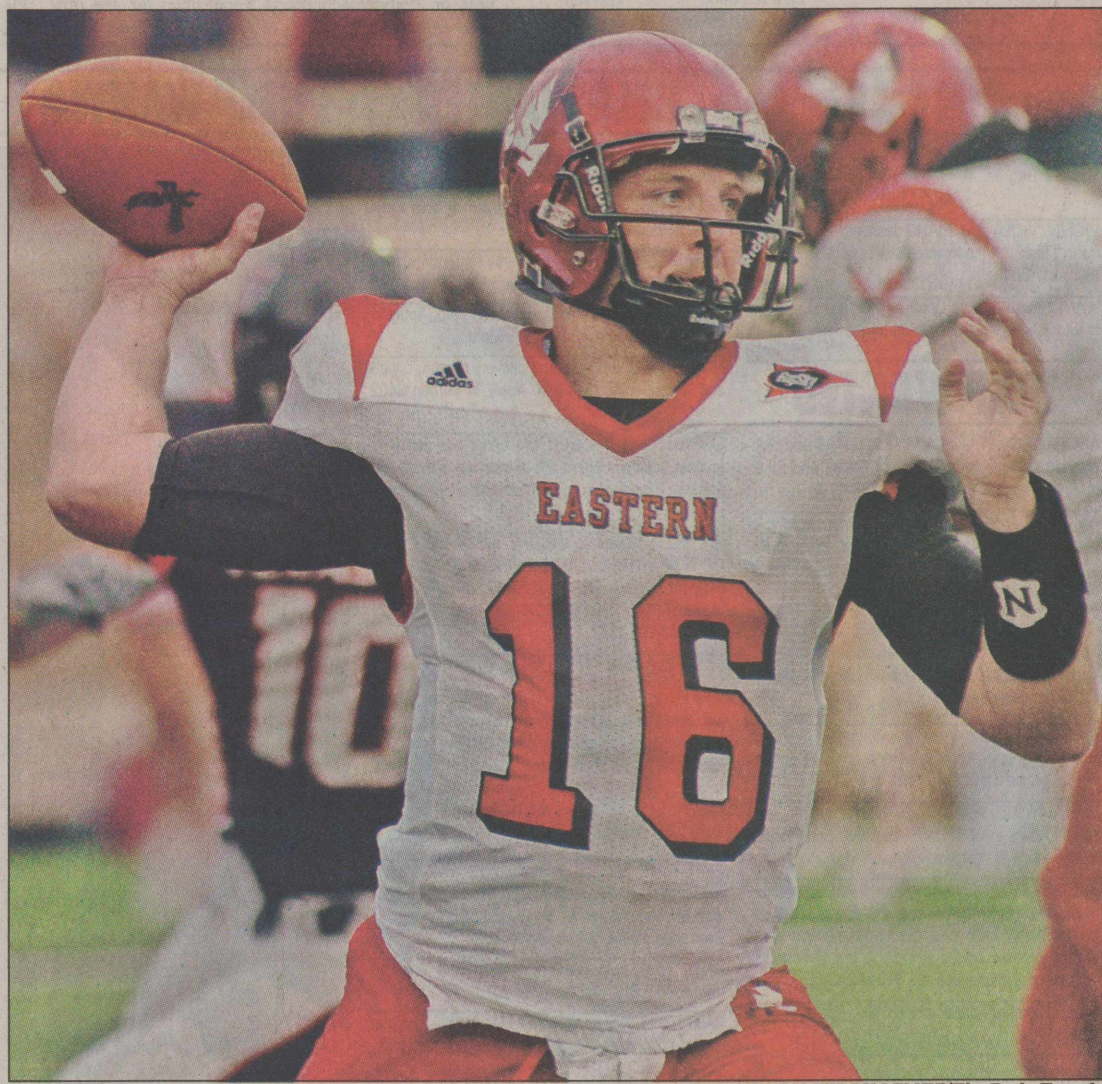


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EWU QUARTERBACK MATT Nichols led the Eagle offense that attempted 63 passes against the Red Raiders.

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163 yards receiving.

A seemingly-disappointed Morris said there was no excuse for how close the game ended up being.

"I guess you could say (we were humbled)," Morris said. "It's something that will end up opening our eyes. We're not going to pat ourselves

on the back and say at least this happened now; at least we got the win. That's not the kind of team we are."

After Crabtree's touchdown put Tech up 21-0, EWU found a way to get in the game when defensive back Matt Johnson intercepted an underthrown pass from Harrell and returned it 37 yards to Tech's 7-yard line.

"We needed a play like that to happen somewhere, whether it was special teams, offense or defense,"

EWU first-year coach Beau Baldwin said. "(Johnson) did a great job with that. Sometimes in these games you just have to have a few more things go right early, otherwise it becomes really tough when you're playing against a quality opponent."

Fullback Alexis Alexander crossed the goal line to put the Eagles on the board, 21-7, 1:45 into the second quarter.

Running back Shannon Woods

scored his second touchdown of the game, making it 28-7 later in the quarter, but EWU turned in a seven-play touchdown drive after one of Tech's five special teams penalties gave the Eagles the ball at their own 46.

A 55-yard field goal by EWU kicker Felipe Macias made it 28-17 going into halftime.

Tech found breathing room in the fourth quarter when running back Aaron Crawford powered in a

6-yard touchdown and Baron Batch broke free for a 26-yard touchdown, making it 49-24 with 2:08 remaining in the game.

EWU quarterback Matt Nichols threw for 335 yards, a touchdown and three interceptions. Nichols' main target, 2007 All-American receiver Aaron Boyce, caught three passes for 12 yards.

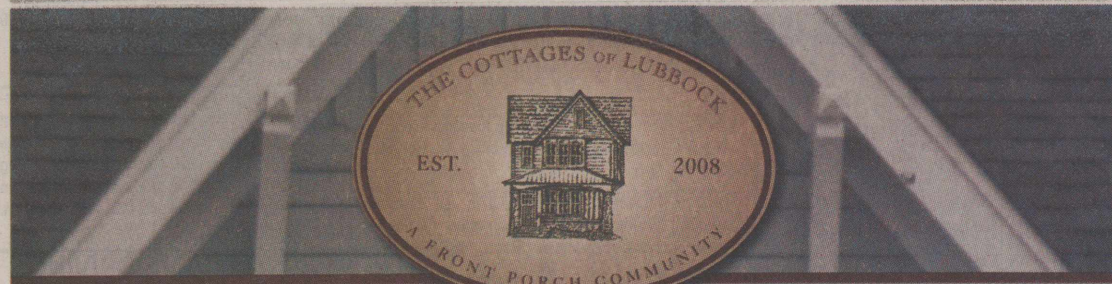
At the end of the day, the Red Raiders know another performance

resembling how they played Saturday will not be enough against tougher opponents.

Leach said he would be surprised if Eastern Washington is not in the national championship picture come the end of this season.

"We here at Texas Tech," Leach said, "we need to entertain a far higher dose of respect for all the teams we play."

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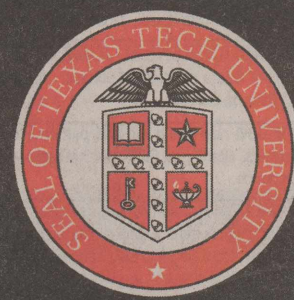
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