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Oil regulators approve emergency expenditure

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas energy regulators, trying to cope with the biggest oil boom in decades, dipped into an environmental cleanup account Tuesday so they can whittle down a backlog of well permit requests and expand drilling.

The Texas Railroad Commission voted unanimously to tap up to \$750,000 from the Oil Field Cleanup Fund, an account normally used to plug abandoned wells and remediate contaminated drilling sites. The money in the account comes largely from industry permit fees.

NATION

Stocks extend fall as Street weighs plan

NEW YORK (AP) — Financial markets extended their declines Tuesday as investors worried that lawmakers were beginning to doubt the necessity of a broad government bailout for financial institutions as a way to revive ailing credit markets.

Top economic officials updating Congress about efforts to work out a \$700 billion financial rescue plan faced a greater degree of second-guessing from lawmakers than some investors had expected. The Dow Jones industrials, which had been higher for the first half of the session ended at the lows of the day, tacking a 161-point loss onto a steep drop from Monday.

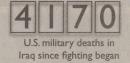
WORLD

Ahmadinejad criticizes 'bullying powers'

UNITED NATIONS (AP) -Iran's president accused "a few bullying powers" of trying to thwart his country's peaceful nuclear program and declared in a speech Tuesday before the U.N. General Assembly that "the American empire" is nearing collapse

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad sharply attacked the United States and NATO, accusing them of acting as aggressors in Iraq and Afghanistan, and of starting those wars "in order to win votes in elections.'

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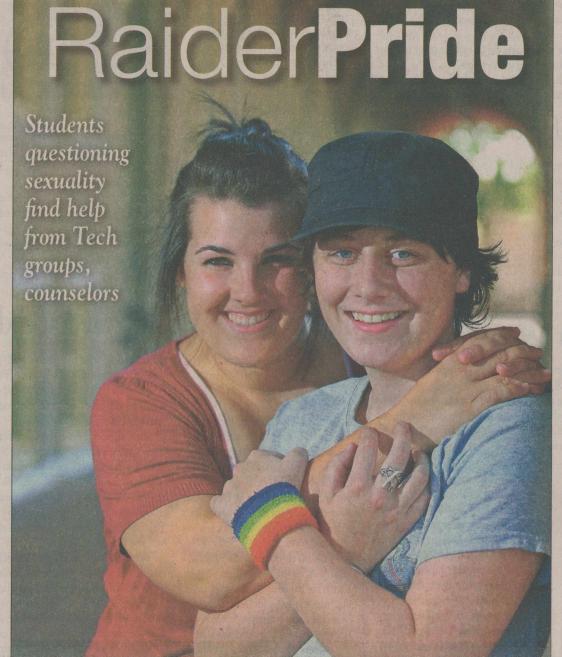


PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toread

ANNMARIE WALKER, A sophomore theater major from Magnolia, and Clair Puzio, a sophomore biology major from Houston, are two students who may find solace in Tech's GLBTQ programs.

By LAURA WALTZER STAFF WRITER

d tions.

One common orientation is no exception.

Whether an individual is der, a counseling psychologist openly gay student.

their sexual orientation or just junior prom." need a place to talk about issues, anxieties or concerns.

students have is where they belong in the world," Snyder said. school dance. "There are so many categories exactly where they fit."

her weathered jeans and com- the dance." mented about how she'll wear

whatever she wants. tion. It's who I am, what I am GED. but not all that I am," Puzio by my sexuality."

After coming out to her par- a few people didn't understand veryone has ques- activist for GLBTQ groups across about.'

"I was lucky," Puzio said. "My question among college stu- parents were really accepting and school, the real obstacles did not dents is where to belong. Many supported me through it all. They students classify themselves in understood me and still loved me one way or another, and sexual for it, and a lot of gays don't get that."

Entering her sophomore year straight, gay, lesbian, trans- at an all-girl's catholic school in gender, bisexual or queer, at Houston, Puzio informed admin-Texas Tech, there are many istrators that she was a lesbian. groups dedicated to helping Determined not to hide from who students grow and understand she was, Puzio asked what her their sexuality, said Erin Sny- limitations and rights were as an

"They said I had the same Beginning in late Septem-rights as everyone else," Puzio ber, a Tech GLBTQ support said. "I wasn't any different from group will be available for all the other girls, and no one really students who are questioning seemed to mind. That is until my

Working on the school's decorations committee, Puzio in-"One common question formed her teacher that she would be taking a "female friend" to the

"Everything just went downand labels. It's hard to know hill from there," she said. "The second I came out, the whole Sexual orientation, however, school knew, so it's not like it was does not make a person who a surprise. My friends, teachers, they are, said Clair Puzio, a even the administration was on gay sophomore biology major my side when they told me that from Houston, who pointed to I couldn't bring my girlfriend to

Though she could have taken the case to court, she instead "Being gay isn't my defini- dropped out and received her

"There were just so many peosaid. "I don't stereotype myself ple there that I loved, who loved me," Puzio said. "Just because

ents when she was 15 years old, me, wasn't cause enough for me Claire has been an outspoken to hurt the ones I really cared

The College Years

Although challenged in high come until college, Puzio said.

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EVENTS

Thursday, Oct. 2 Tim Miller: Sex/Body/Self, performance and lecture Human Sciences building, Room 169, 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 6 "Journey to a Hate Free Millennium" film and discussion Student Union Building, Senate Room, 2:30-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 7 "The Transgender Person: A Family and Friend Perspective" Department of English, Room 201, 2-3:15 p.m. "For the Bible Tells Me So" film and discussion

Wednesday, Oct. 8 "Academics and Transgender" Student Union Building, Matador Room, 2-2:50 p.m.

Room 169, 6:30-9 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9 Inclusion of Transgender People" Student Union Building, Mesa Room, 9:30-10:50 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 10 "Workplace and Transgender" Student Union Building, Mesa Room, 9-9:50 a.m

Enrollment increases

Numbers not on pace with push to 40,000

By JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

highest enrollment in school history for the fall 2008 semester,

The final enrollment for the fall 2008 semester is 28,422 students, second only to the 28,549 students enrolled in the fall 2003

Tech's enrollment increased by 162 students from fall 2007 to fall 2008, but, according to a previous interview with Chancellor Kent Hance in The Daily Toreador, that number is about 500 students less than the pace necessary to grow to 40,000 students by 2020.

Tech President Guy Bailey said although the numbers were not as high as Hance said they should be, Texas Tech has the second the numbers generally average out over a decade.

The university does not have an according to enrollment numbers enrollment plan yet, Bailey said, but released Tuesday by the univer- administrators are working with consulting company Noel-Levitz, which provides enrollment-management assistance to universities, in order to come up with a plan.

He said in previous positions he has occupied at other universities attempting to increase enrollment, some years yielded higher enrollments, and some years lower.

The loss of several administrators, including former Tech president Jon Whitmore and former provost Wil-

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Texas court: McCain, Obama to remain on ballot

By ADAM YOUNG NEWS EDITOR

rejected the Libertarian presidential candidate's request to remove John McCain and Barack

Obama from the Texas ballot. The court denied without explanation the request of for- for the cammer Georgia Congressman and presidential candidate Bob Barr's request Tuesday, accord- said Barr's ing to the Associated Press.

"We're pleased that Texans was denied will have the opportunity to access on ton, spokesperson for the Texas paperwork in time. Secretary of State's office.

The Barr campaign contends because they were not formally can't be overlooked," he said.

nominated by their parties. fast deadline is just a suggestion when it comes to the Republi-

sell Verney, campaign manager for the Barr campaign.

The Libertarian campaign is The Texas Supreme Court consulting with its attorneys to determine if it will challenge the ruling, said

> vis, media coordinator Verney

Andrew Da-

select the qualified candidate of the West Virginia ballot because their choice," said Ashley Bur- it failed to file the appropriate

"When the Libertarian Party goes around state to state to get McCain and Obama, as well as ballot access, we're told in one their running mates, missed the state after the other that deadlines Aug. 26 filing deadline to be are deadlines — they're strict, on the Texas ballot on Nov. 4 they're hard, they're fast and they

Representatives of the Texas "Here we have the State of Secretary of State's Office have Texas saying that a hard-and-said repeatedly that the Texas ballot — including the names of

cans and Democrats," said Rus- LAWSUIT continued on page 3

Utah officials may have found body of missing Tech grad student

By MATT MCGOWAN AND ADAM YOUNG THE DAILY TOREADOR

Utah officials believe they have found the body of a 61-year-old Texas Tech graduate student from

Chief Ron Seacrist of the Tech rolled as a Police Department said Michael graduate res-Leonard Krasnick was found in a taurant hotel San Juan County forest on Friday institution with his head on his backpack, management which leads investigators to believe he died in his sleep.

records confirmed his identity beginning of the semester.

ongoing investigation could be released by the San Juan County Sheriff's Office, authorities at the Utah Medical Examiner's Office confirmed they

believe the body is Krasnick. Krasnick,

who was enstudent at

Tech for the fall semester, was re-While officials believe he did ported missing earlier this month not die recently, Seacrist said, after mentioning plans to go on a an analysis of Krasnick's dental camping trip in Utah before the

Lubbock police and law enforce-Officials do not believe foul ment officials in Utah, New Mexico play was involved in his death, and Arizona began investigating Krasnick's disappearance on Sept. 3, Though no details about the at which point they believed no foul

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MySpace boast nets partiers \$320K Okla. tax bill

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Be careful when you boast.

Oklahoma college students who bragged on MySpace that their party business had served thousands of revelers have been hit with a state tax bill of

The Oklahoman reported Sunday that 2007 tax documents indicate that the party business Kegheadz hosted more than 100 events over nearly five years.

But co-founder Julius Baroi estimates his business hosted just over 20 parties in 1 1/2 years, netting less than \$2,000. Another co-founder, Jordan Glover, says tax officials were misled by "hype" on the business' MySpace site that was designed to attract more partiers.

The site boasts that Kegheadz has "over 1 billion

Tax Commission spokeswoman Paula Ross says she

Neb. college town legislators ban the porch couch

in a ratty recliner might not be allowed in Lincoln any longer.

The city council voted 5-2 Monday to ban porch couches and other indoor furniture used outside.

No one testified against the proposal during the council's public hearing last week.

Supporters of the ban say it's a way to help revital-

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Relaxing on the porch ize older neighborhoods. It also likely targets college students who move in and out of rental homes. Lincoln is home to the campus of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

> An aide to the mayor says he doesn't intend to veto the ordinance, which goes into effect Oct. 7.

At least 10 other cities have similar bans, including Ames, Iowa, Boulder, Colo., and East Lansing, Mich.

City bylaws bring down pirate ship tree house

yard of a house in a tony British Columbia neighborhood is a little less welcoming for pirates now.

Architect Andrew Dewberry and a crew of friends spent Saturday dismantling the pirate ship tree house he's had in his Vancouver yard for two years. He said he had no choice after a court ordered it to be removed for not complying with city bylaws.

Dewberry had to explain the situation to his sons Jack, 9, and Sam, 7, before the tree house came down. whether the tree house violated city bylaws.

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — The front He said, "They've had a lot of joy with the tree fort." Jack, who stood with a friend and watched the dismantling, said, "We wanted to sleep in it over the summer one time, but we didn't get around to it and now we can't.'

In July, the judge in the case admired the workmanship of the ship, complete with plastic cannons, in a perch 6½ feet up a large, leafy tree in front of the family's home. But the judge said its merits were irrelevant to

Chicago O'Hare hosts 5K race on newest runway

up on O'Hare Airport's newest runway Sunday, but they weren't boarding a flight. They were running a 5K.

But try telling them that. Several participants in the "5K on the Runway" race made mock jet sounds and threw out their arms to pan-

CHICAGO (AP) — More than 2,000 people lined tomime an airplane. Some even ran with floppy plastic jets on their heads.

Real jets using adjacent runways screamed just hundreds of feet overhead during the race, and bright red signs along the route warned they were in an area where aircraft were moving.

Krasnick

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play was involved.

Lubbock police said Krasnick was last seen on July 8 in Albuquerque, N.M., where he had dinner with a friend and mentioned his plans for the upcoming trip. This was the last verfiable time he was seen.

The search focused on the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in southern Utah.

Marianne Karraker, public information officer for the recreation area, said she had not heard of the discovery of Krasnick as of 4:30 p.m. CST and could not say if he was found in the recreation area, which lies partialy in San Juan County.

Karraker did not return subsequent phone calls by press time to confirm if Krasnick was found in the approximately 1.2 million-acre recreation area.

Earlier this month, Karraker said park rangers had not conducted a "focused search" for Krasnick, but a pilot searched areas of interest in the investigation as part of a daily airplane route. Rangers also saw no evidence of Krasnick during routine, back-country territory patrols before Sept. 5 in the recreation area.

The Lubbock Police Department could not be reached before press time. >>> matthew.mcgowan@ttu.edu

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SACS committee visits Tech to assess probationary status

By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

A four-member committee from the Southern Association of College and Schools visited Texas Tech this week to review information the university sent SACS regarding academic improvements.

The committee's visit comes after a December 2007 ruling by the association to put Tech on accreditation probation for failing to assess its students' core-curriculum competencies upon graduation.

Sally Post with Tech's Department of Communications and Marketing, said the SACS committee arrived on campus Tuesday and will be here until Thursday.

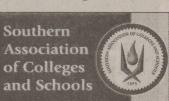
Belle Wheelan, president of SACS, said if the committee determines the information about improvements to be accurate, it is likely that Tech's probationary status will be lifted.

The final decision will be made at the SACS annual meeting, which is scheduled to begin Dec. 7 in San Antonio.

December 2007 during the annual SACS meeting after failing to provide the information and evidence that identifies programs in the general education core curriculum to be of college-level competencies.

Despite Tech's probationary status, Wheelan said, Tech remains a fully-accredited university.

If the visiting committee finds



certain courses not worthy of being considered college level courses, she said, it could place Tech on a second probationary period.

SACS also could vote to remove Tech's accreditation. Removal of accreditation would impact federal financial aid and possibly state

But Wheelan said he does not

Tech was placed on probation in believe Tech's accreditation is in jeopardy.

"I'm optimistic that Tech will be taken off probation," said Wheelan, who does not have a vote in the December meeting. "They have done the best they can do to correct this. They know how important this is and they're doing everything they possibly can."

A statement issued by then provost William Marcy in June said a SACS representative visited the university and gave Tech's faculty a positive evaluation, indicating Tech is doing everything it can to be removed from its probationary status, according to a previous article in The Daily Toreador.

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

Post said the visiting committee will not speak with the media on their findings.

Vice provost Valerie Paton met with the committee Monday but was not available for comment.

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Pakistanis say suspected US drone shot down

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani soldiers and tribesman shot down a suspected U.S. military drone close to the Afghan border Tuesday night, three intelligence officials said.

If verified, it apparently would be the first time a pilotless aircraft was brought down over Pakistan and likely would add to tensions between Washington and Islamabad over recent American cross-border incursions into the country's lawless tribal regions.

The three officials said the aircraft was hit at the village of Jalal Khel in South Waziristan after circling the area for several hours. Wreckage was strewn on the ground, they said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

A U.S. military spokesman in Afghanistan, Capt. Christian Patterson, said officials were looking into the claim.

intelligence officers said two U.S. helicopters crossed a mile into Pakistan late Sunday over North Waziristan, but flew off after Pakistani troops and tribesmen opened fire. The Pentagon denied any incursion by U.S. helicopters.

While causing widespread anger among Pakistanis, the apparent raids by U.S. forces, including missile strikes and a ground assault, have underlined Washington's concerns that the government is unwilling or incapable of rooting out the Taliban

and other extremists on the border. The U.S. is known to operate drones in neighboring Afghanistan that are sometimes used to conduct surveillance of suspected militant The report came a day after hideouts inside Pakistan and occasionally launch missile attacks on the havens. Washington generally does not acknowledge the strikes,

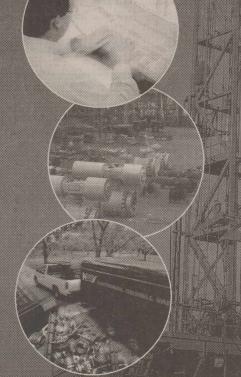
which Pakistani officials say often

miss their targets and fuel support

for the militants.

South Waziristan and other tribal areas in Pakistan's northwest are a haven for al-Qaida and Taliban militants who cross into Afghanistan to attack American and NATO troops as well as for Pakistani extremists who are striking targets in Pakistan.





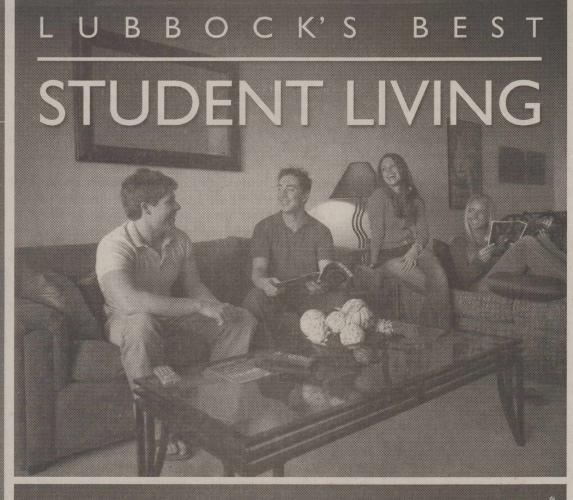
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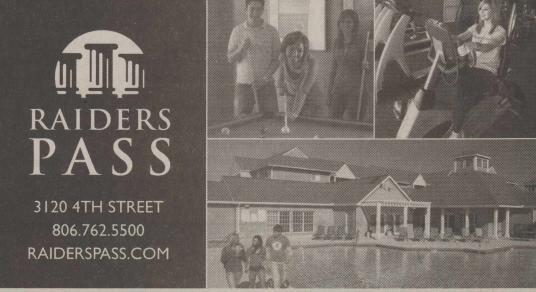
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"I lived in an accepting town in Houston," she said. "Being gay wasn't that big of a deal. If you did care, you just didn't say anything about it. But Lubbock is a completely different story."

Puzio became the president of the Gay Straight Alliance at Tech this month.

"I know how hard it is to try and feel like you fit in," she said. "I want to be able to hold my girlfriend's hand and kiss her in public, and have people smile, not gawk and sneer. We've come so far as to where we were 50 years ago, and all I need to do is make a difference in someone's life. Whether that person is gay, straight, bi, whatever, Influencing and opening the mind of one person is more than enough for me."

The GSA and the GLBTQ organizations at Tech joined together to help students across campus,

"Getting involved in the community to let them know we're here and we're just the same as you is all it takes," she said. "I know things won't change today or tomorrow or maybe in a few years, but being a part of this cause, knowing that one day I'll be considered normal is enough for me."

To encourage the gay community at Tech to get involved in the campus, the GSA and GLBTQ support group have opened meetings and other events for students of questioning sexualities to attend.

The GLBTQ meetings will be hosted from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays in the Student Counseling Center and are strictly confidential, Snyder

"They will only be open for a few weeks," she said. "After that, only those who have been coming all along will be able to attend. We want to keep this confidential, comfortable and safe for anyone who wants to join."

Only those students who are facing challenges with their sexuality may attend the meetings, but every topic is welcome.

'We talk about 'coming out' to friends and family - anxieties due to confusions - but we also talk about regular college issues," Snyder said. "There are discussions about relationships, classes, depression or any other topic a college student would want to talk about."

Topics of discussion range from sexual orientation in a religious

community to families, classes and in the work place, she said.

"It's great to know there is somewhere to go in such a conservative town," Puzio said. "Compared to Lubbock, Tech is fairly liberal, but there are still the few people that make accepting your sexuality hard to deal with.'

The GSA meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 5 of Holden Hall, Puzio said. The GSA is open for everyone of any sexuality.

"We have officers and members that are not only gay, bisexual or lesbian, but straight too. The whole point of GSA is to form an alliance, a relationship, with the straight community at Tech," she said.

Pairing up with the GLBTQ support group, Puzio is asking for the counselors to speak to students about probing issues within the gay community such as AIDS, safe sex and how to deal with a straight community.

"Though to really make a difference, people have to understand us, who we are and that we're no different than anyone else," she said. "Gay and other sexual orientations have been around for a long time, the only difference is that now, we're taking a stand."

Variation of Sexual Preference: Nothing New

From the Greeks to the Romans, fierce warriors and philosophical idealists, the idea of homosexuality has always been present, even in

For centuries the exploration of other sexual orientations hasn't been uncommon among other societies, said Don Lavigne, a professor of classics in Tech's Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures. Rather than labeling a person straight, gay, etc., ancient societies chose to look at power, masculinity and the attraction for another person as a way to label a human being.

"There was a different emphasis on gender and values," Lavigne said. "The Greeks chose to categorize gender by penetration. The male, who was more dominant, was the one who would penetrate. Whether he penetrated woman, slave, boy, didn't matter, just as long as he was the dominant participant."

Older men would take a young boy under their wing to teach them skill and mentor them, he said. It was not uncommon to learn that a sexual relationship had formed between the two. And in that society,

it was okav. "It was the man's job to be mas-

culine," Lavigne said. "Man is all powerful, and even war heroes were known to have other male relation-

They were more philosophical in their thinking, and it was always dealt in a delicate way, he said. As long as the male did not penetrate a boy who was almost a citizen, or coming of age, then an older man would not be at fault. It was the man's objection to penetrate, to have that sense of power.

"The Romans, however, seemed to look at the act of desire and being a passive or active participant more in sexual relationships," he said. "Desire for another man was no problem. It was for the romantic aspect of a relationship, and it didn't matter who desired whom."

Man was the active entity in a relationship, Lavigne said. Anyone else was the passive participant during sexual encounters. As long as the man remained the active half, it was acceptable within society.

"We tend to think of object of desire as a characteristic, the Greeks and Romans thought of it as acts," he said. "Whether the act of desire was toward another man, or for another woman, did not matter."

Though there are not many sources dedicated to women in these times, Saphos, a famous lesbian poet, wrote about the act of desire.

"Having a female desire was not lifelong, but it was a standard part in becoming an adult in society," Lavigne said. "Women, unlike today, didn't marry for love. So even if they did have a sexual relationship with another woman, they still married

This philosophical thinking is what shaped the idea of homosexuality, he said. The act of desire, even if toward someone of the same sex, was still accepted among society.

Sexuality Today

Even though generations have passed since these ancient times, the acceptance of homosexuality is still a delicate matter.

Though society has come a long way from the Greeks and Romans, homosexuality is still a fair and complicated subject for most people, Kim Stanley, a psychologist at Tech,

"Since the McCarthy era, society has certainly grown in their understandings," Stanley said. "From witch hunts in the government to Stonewall — an epic moment in the homosexuality community - the idea of gay, lesbian or bisexual orientation has become more tolerant."

What was once a silent word is

now a movement among societies that will maybe make homosexuality normal, she said.

NEWS

"Look at how far we've come," Stanley said. "People wouldn't even utter the word gay, and now there are shows dedicated to the subject. 'Queer Eye for the Straight Guy,' 'Will and Grace,' and even 'Ellen,' who is an open gay activist, are among the most popular shows on television."

"Even in our youth, it is easy to see how much has changed in the past 20 years or so," she said. "The youth today is more outspoken, more comfortable with admitting that they are gay."

'The need to adhere to a strong identity has lessened," Stanley said. 'Research shows that teens are becoming more resilient and accepting toward other gay students. Society is really becoming more accepting and tolerant, making it easier for those who are gay, to feel like they belong."

Though hate crimes and discrimination still occur, the homosexual movement continues to develop

A New Understanding

"People tend to look at other people in a dimensional way," Stanley said. "But we have so many intersecting characteristics and identities, that to just simply name a person gay is almost impossible. We all have so many other attributes, and society is acknowledging that the gay community is more than just that."

Not just the straight community, but the gay community as well, is becoming more understanding, Stanley said.

"Students, especially college students, sometimes feel that even if the acceptance of homosexuality is evolving, they still have nowhere to go," she said. "That's why the counseling center is encouraging for questioning students to come and participate on campus."

Tech mental health experts want students to know that they are safe and welcome, Stanley said. Though everyone has a different opinion, Tech counselors are an open and understanding staff.

The GLBTQ and GSA meetings will begin this month, and students are encouraged to join.

"Though so many changes have occurred in society, we still have a long way to go," Puzio said. "I know that one day being gay won't matter, but until then, I'm here to say that we're out, we're loud, we're here. You can't make us go away.'

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Provost Search Committee meets, outlines search details

By JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech Provost Search Committee convened for its first meeting Thursday and outlined a timeline as well as qualifications for possible applicants.

Michael Shonrock, chairman of the search committee, said one goal of the committee is to submit recommendations to Tech President Guy Bailey before the Tech Board of Regents meeting in December.

Advertisements will be posted in several higher education journals, and the committee will review applications from possible candidates and take recommendations and nominations for candidates, either locally or nationally.

Shonrock said the provost is an important part of the university because that person is considered the chief academic officer, and only one of the responsibilities of the provost is to recommend to the president of the university that students receive their degrees.

"This is the person who has one of the largest responsibilities on any campus," he said, "because the academic mission is the largest part of every college and university."

Applications will be accepted starting Oct. 3. The applications are available online, and should be submitted before Oct. 31 to ensure review by the committee.

The committee will begin reviewing applications Nov. 3, Shonrock said, and will conclude the review process Nov. 7. At that point, he said several airport interviews will be conducted with finalists, and two-to-five finalists will be invited to visit the campus for another interview.

Academic Search, Inc., will assist the committee in finding a provost, he said. The company has helped universities search for academic leadership since 1976, and

also was used to find Bailey. Bailey said he believes the committee he selected will do a good job screening and "selling" the university to potential candidates.

When the candidates are narrowed down to two or three and recommended to him, he said he would take close consideration in recommendations from students

Bailey said he is looking for a candidate who has a strong academic focus, is innovative and creative with leadership and is a good listener.

"It's going to be an exciting time for the institution, this is a real opportunity for us," he said. "If we're able to get the right person, and I have every reason to believe we will, it will be a very positive thing for everybody."

In a document drafted by the committee, several desired traits of the future provost were listed:

Possession of a terminal professional degree or doctorate, strong academic credentials, a senior leadership background, successful strategic planning and financial management record, commitment to a student-centered learning experience, responsiveness to enrollment growth and research productivity, ability to strengthen and expand relationships for Tech, strong communication skills and ability to articulate the role of the university to the public.

Any inquiries, nominations or recommendations for the provost position should be directed to the e-mail address, provost.search@

Bailey created the search committee in response to William Marcy retiring from the position of provost Aug. 29.

Jane Winer, former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, was appointed interim provost on Sept. 1. » jon.vanderlaan@ttu.edu

Lawsuit ←

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 McCain and Obama — was certified properly, according to the AP.

The ruling was welcomed by members of the Texas Democratic and Republican parties.

"Today's ruling by the Texas Supreme Court is a win for Democrats, Republicans, Independents and every Texan who wishes to exercise their right to cast a ballot for the candidate of their choice this November." Texas Democratic chairman Boyd Richie said in a statement. "... Now that there is no question as to who will be on the ballot, the TDP looks forward to promoting all our Democratic candidates and returning responsible government to Texas

Today's

Texas Republican Party spokesperson Hans Klingler said he believes the party properly filed paperwork for McCain and Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's candidacy on the Nov. 4 ballot.

"The Texas Supreme Court (Tuesday) upheld that contention and agreed that the paperwork was filled properly by both the Texas Republican Party and the Democratic Party," he said. "The Texas Democratic Party and the Republican Party of Texas followed the letter and the spirit of the law, and we will have Sen. McCain, Sen. Obama and Sen. Biden and Gov. Palin on the ballot in November and leave things up to the Texas voters, which is where it should be."

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Enrollment

may have contributed to lower university. enrollment numbers.

the most attractive universities intellectually." in the state, and he is especially pleased with the increase in graduate student enrollment.

Enrollment among graduate students increased 2.7 percent to 4,670 students, 124 more than the 4,546 in fall 2007.

Bailey said graduate students help the university in several ways — from becoming teaching assistants to increasing research at the university.

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Another trend the final enliam Marcy, make the small in- by 21 points since fall 2007, crease in enrollment a victory, which Bailey said speaks well 6,329 degrees awarded. Bailey said, because those losses for the quality of students at the

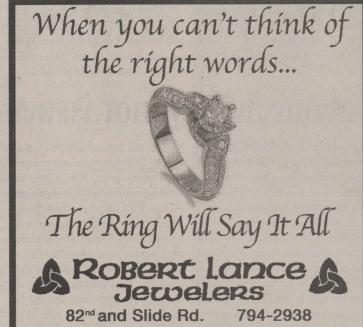
Bailey said he believes the the best students," he said, "and said. "At the same time, we want pon.vanderlaan@ttu.edu increased enrollment at the uni- it means the students you're in versity shows that Tech is one of class with will be a better group



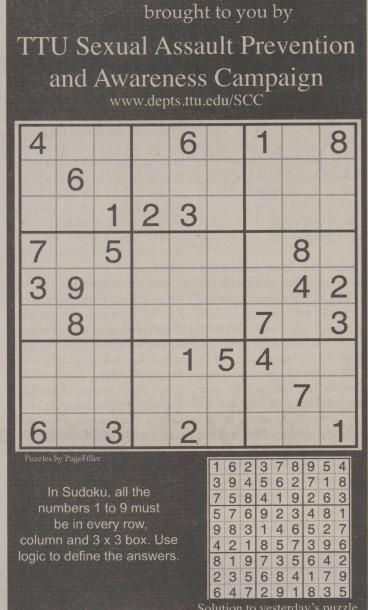
The number of students who to continue to be competitive rollment statistics reported was graduated also grew to a record with other universities around that average SAT grades from number in 2007-08, and Bailey incoming freshman increased said he hopes that number will

"We're getting our share of success means graduation," he percent from 2007.

The final enrollment report continue to grow from the record also found the percent of incoming freshmen who graduated "We'll put a strong emphasis from the top 10 percent of their on student success, and student high school class increased 17.8







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Gratuity more than just a nice gesture

The other day I was cleaning up a disastrous mess that was left on a table by one of God's precious children when I realized that they had decided to forgo paying for my

Hopefully, the hundreds of you who are also working for tips to help defer the tremendous costs of claim with their employer. They higher education haven't encoun- also have to tip out a certain pertered too many people who decided centage to hosts, hostesses, bus help to show complete disregard for and bartenders based on the amount gratuity.

Why is tipping so important? wages that restaurants pay servers is of your check. not their compensation for waiting are expected to perform.

there are no more tips to be claimed, and the restaurant as the provider the server is still performing these of goods and services. duties for an hour or more at the rate of \$2.13. These duties include, for their time and effort. This is why but are not limited to, cleaning up it is not necessarily expected that your mess after you are done eating you should tip at a buffet. You are (plates, glasses, used napkins, etc.), doing the work of getting your food sweeping and mopping, washing and drink yourself, although some on a perand drying silverware or dishes, places have servers taking care of centage general maintenance and so on.

Servers also pay taxes on their yes, you should tip them). hourly wages, as well as their credit

of their ticket sales. If you do not leave your server a tip, they actu-To start, most servers only re- ally lose money, because they still ceive \$2.13 per hour. The paltry have to tip out based a percentage

When a customer comes into a on customers, but instead is what restaurant, they "employ" the server covers the side work that servers for the duration of their visit to tend to their needs and to act as After the tables are gone and a liaison between them as a client

> The customer is paying the server drinks (in case you are wondering, of the bill

card tips and any cash tips they require different amounts of work

from the server, based on the size of a server, it has generally become staff more. the accepted social standard that the

Then there are the principles customers. The increase in the cost skills to acquire a better-paying job Because it can be hard to gauge how done away with, restaurant owners menu prices. much work any one table requires would be required to pay their wait

You would feel more strain on revamp our whole social structure It would be hard for restau- wages would go down because we minimum wage.

of the party and what was ordered. of basic economics. If tipping were of wages would be reflected in the and simply cannot afford to survive

the wallet by going out to eat. Our just so you can save a few bucks? If you do not want to pay for the were no longer making tips, service you are receiving at a sitwhich means we would lose down restaurant, then take your apbuying power. I may no petite and business to a drive-thru longer be able to afford where the employees aren't being to go to wherever it is paid \$2.13 per hour (try leaving that you are work- fast-food employees a tip sometime,

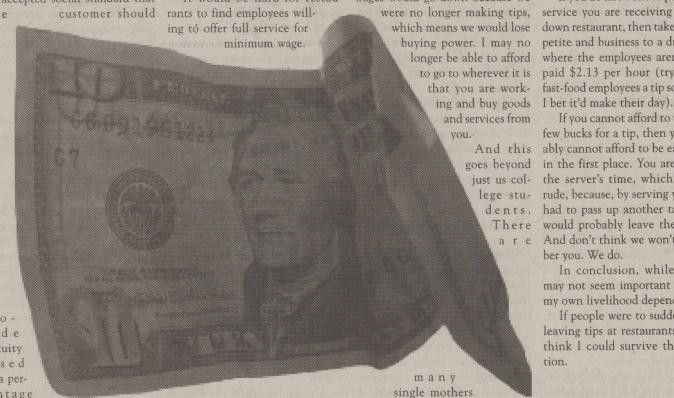
> If you cannot afford to the extra few bucks for a tip, then you prob-And this ably cannot afford to be eating out in the first place. You are wasting just us col- the server's time, which is quite lege stu- rude, because, by serving you, they dents. had to pass up another table that There would probably leave them a tip. a r e And don't think we won't remember you. We do.

on minimum-wage jobs. Should we

In conclusion, while tipping may not seem important to some, my own livelihood depends on it.

If people were to suddenly stop leaving tips at restaurants, I don't think I could survive the transi-

■ Nassiri is a junior electronic



you might have are applied).

They would have to pay above nationwide that are de-

(generally 15 percent to 18 percent and beyond minimum wage to at pendant on tips to support their media and communication ma-Different groups of people will of the amount, before any discounts tract enough stable, competent families. They are not fortunate jor from Victoria. E-mail him at employees to take care of their enough to have the education or shane.nassiri@ttu.edu.

In response to Mr. Saunders' ers out. So basically we pay for article, "Tipping shouldn't be you to eat. How nice of you to mandatory," I feel that we in- come to my place of work, my work for lousy wages should set steal right from my pocket. the story straight.

are multiple jobs - such as starts to pay me \$10 per hour. your local hairdresser, your In order to compensate for the Saturday golf caddy and your pay raise for roughly 9 milemphasize the "extra") for the will rise significantly, and that services they provide; however actually would be mandatory the servers who wine and dine to pay. you on your next night out Tipping encourages good do not.

per hour. On average this your steak is overcooked or if equals about a \$30 paycheck your drink is empty. I put in the 15- to 20-percent tip you my patrons are satisfied so they bartenders and bussers who get Don't go out to eat. about 3 percent of that. I guess that doesn't matter to you, good. though, if you are boycotting tipping.

adequate servers who agree to only source of income, and

Let's take a look at your First and foremost, there solution, Mr. Fix-it Say my job speedy pizza delivery boy — lion servers across the United who do get paid extra (and I States, the price of your dinner

service. If servers were paid Most of us are paid \$2.13 hourly they wouldn't care if every two weeks. I hardly call the extra effort to make sure give me "above and beyond" will tip me accordingly. So if the price of your food — not you want to save a buck, Mr. to mention that the hostesses, Saunders, my advice to you:

I hear Ramen Noodles taste

■ Katee Boyd is a junior By the way, if someone stiffs agriculture communications us, we still have to tip the oth- major from Kerrville.

Today's journalism too opinion-based

T'm wondering where people are Accretainly not from any unbiased Janine

The increasing number of analyst programs being passed off as journalistic television is a huge issue with me. In a time where so many people are urging for transformation, it's not in our best interest news solely from one of these sources is not keep them there? cheating themselves of a truly informed conscience.

wade through the opinions long enough to get to the facts. Now, that may sound

news, I want to hear concrete information, not what some pundit thinks. I'd rather listen to political strategists or seasoned journalists. At least there you're projections involved.

Don't get me wrong, entities such seem to be buying it by the truckload. as the New York Times, CNN, and Fox Our culture has become one that longs are almost entirely opinion-based. News absolutely report specifics. I just for over-the-top journalism, and the only find it hard to believe that anyone can thing it does is degrade our informational

And the big problem for me is that like a contradiction, being that this is the effects of this style of reporting have my opinion, but look at the title of this the potential to be quite damaging. I've witnessed it even on our own campus. I When I turn on the news, to get the recently asked a friend of mine, a fellow student, why she was voting for Barack Obama, and her answer was, "Because he's for change".

While that may be true, what kind more likely to hear some statistics or solid of basis is that? I'm worried about what will become of easily influenced voters As a matter of fact, if you look at most who are exposed to very little credible

news coverage.

I partially blame technology.

Each news channel swamps their programming with attention-grabbing bursts of opinion-based rhetoric, and as if that isn't bad enough, blogs have become those who are indifferent. the order of the day. It's a huge factor that perpetuates this growing problem.

to sell out to the hype. Anyone - young of these media outlets' Web sites, there's where blogging would be included on ingly stylistic. Appreciate opinion for or old, educated or not — who gets their a section specifically for opinions. Why the list of likely news sources. I do not what it is: a view, belief, or judgment. doubt however, that they possess sub-I have a theory about that: It's sen- stance in many cases. The issue lies in things into account. The best decisions sationalism at its worst, and we viewers that though witty and sarcastic at times are made by becoming informed. and definitely entertaining — blogs

> sors and politically active (or at least interested) students are reading them ttu.edu.

in record numbers and with increasing consistency.

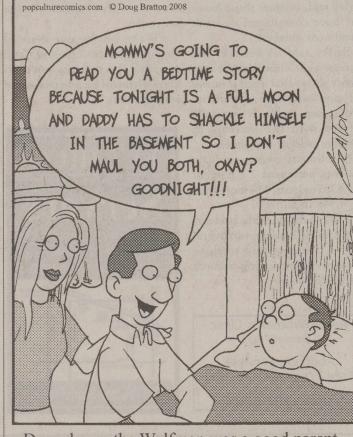
Understand, I firmly believe that any person who is out there looking for the information is at least a step ahead of

My only hesitation is that the source of information be balanced. Recognize I'm sure we never imagined a future that the news media is becoming increas-

Base your conclusion by taking all

■ McCord is a senior communica What's incredible is that profes- tion studies major from Lubbock. E-mail her at janine.mccord@

Whether you are voting McCain



Deep down, the Wolfman was a good parent.

2008 Presidential election about money, not issues

By JOSHUA DELANO THE DAILY COUGAR (U. HOUSTON)

speech to the shareholders of Teldar tics that we learn in our entry-level Corporation and coined the famous political science course - politics phrase, "Greed is good, greed is right?" That expression sums up this elec- all boils down to three questions. tion.

Sen. Barack Obama said this elec- what means? tion isn't about him; it's about the people. Well, he's right. It's about you and always saved for last. No matter your greed. If you make below \$250,000 if we are considered rich, middle a year, you should vote for Obama be- class or poor, so many Americans cause he will bring about greed — or are just simply greedy, and we want change you can believe in.

million dollars, well, we want more. is that of community, of sharing, Since Obama says he is going to cut of a certain proximity to one taxes for Americans making below a another. Furthermore, if you ask quarter of a million dollars, then that most people about Americans means more money for us. Likewise, and our country, most will either since he is a typical liberal that means allude to our greed or, at the very more government programs and dollars least, mention our modern and for people like you and me who aren't privileged way of life. millionaires.

candidate for you if you do make above will protect us from terrorists, but \$250,000 per year, especially if you in the back of our mind we just fall into McCain's characterization of want to know what's in it for us. "rich" at the \$5 million and up mark. This means more tax cuts for rich folks, harder for a rich man to enter into more big military government con- the kingdom of heaven than it is tracts vis-à-vis Boeing and Halliburton. for a camel to go into the eye of a It also means no more capital gains tax, needle. What road are we on? Are which Obama won't impose on the rich we a nation that will be the Good and middle class investors.

Forget all the social issues, the price of oil, the race and age of the candidates. All that is just como you remember in the mentary and smoke and mirrors on film "Wall Street" when the periphery. This election boils Michael Douglas gave a down to the very meaning of poliis who gets what, when and how. It Who governs? For what ends? By

Yes, the means. The best is more. If you go to other countries, Those who make less than a quarter the general feeling among many

Obama is inspiring and is mo-Sen. John McCain, however, is the tivated to change things, McCain

> The Bible tells us that it is Samaritan and help our brother

in need? Or are we the country that food to eat. Meanwhile, here we are wants to invade and take oil, gold, looking for more government programs, that favors our free market system?

ungrateful of what we have. I am grate- qur fill. ful, but I also think of all those in the world who have so little and even need or Obama, vote your pocketbook.

land and then liberate any backward more capital gains, more money and culture to turn it into a democracy more government sponsored programs - subsidized dirt cheap homeowners So many countries that have so insurance for the wealthy who want little seek to emulate us. When a new to build near a river or an ocean, more technological innovation comes out, food stamps, government health care even if it is made in China, Americans and the like. I am not degrading these are typically the first consumers intro- programs. I am merely pointing out duced to that product. Some may say the level of wastefulness and the fact that I am being way too harsh or even that we Americans never seem to get

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Burkhart Center provides resources for autistic students

By HANNAH BOEN STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research will conduct social group meetings twice a month for students with autism and Asperger's syndrome.

The social group meetings allow students to discuss problems and share advice. The center's goal is to improve the quality of life for people who appear on the autism spectrum.

The center has been educating family and community members about autism since 2005. They offer free research-based programs for families and individuals affected by autism spectrum disorders.

Michelle Wegner and Kristin Rudd, staff members at the center, organized the meetings to help students cope with social issues they may encounter at Tech.

Senior history major Sarah Leclair attends the social group meetings because she has Asperger's syndrome, a form of autism.

Leclair, a member of a pre-law

portunities to socialize outside the has an opportunity to help others social group meetings. However, she doesn't get to be around anyone else struggling with Asperger's on an average day.

"It's a struggle to be at Tech," Leclair said, "It's a challenge every day. There are a lot of professors, teachers and students who have no clue.'

Special education major Kristin Rudd, a job coach for the Burkhart center, said she thinks the social group meetings are a great opportunity for autistic students to socialize and do things a college student typically does.

"They're learning social skills," said the junior from Kansas City, Mo. "If anybody's had any problems that week, they can brainstorm together to find a solution."

Rudd and Wegner said they both hope to see the program expand beyond campus.

An expansion could give students more of a social environment to interact in rather than meeting on campus, Rudd said.

Wegner said the unique thing fraternity, said she has a lot of op- about the meetings is that everyone

and give advice.

"Everyone puts in their input on how they might deal with it," Wegner said. "They don't have the best social skills. In that group, we work on how they can express what they're feeling and how they can use that in their everyday life."

Leclair said her favorite thing about the meétings was being able to meet, talk and relate to people that she would not get to meet outside the group meetings.

"The meetings do enhance my quality of life," she said, "It gives me a change to give back to people. If there's something I've already learned, I can explain it in a new way and help them out."

Leclair said, when it comes to autism, there is usually more than one way to deal with a problem, and the social group meetings allow for input from several people.

The next social group meeting will be hosted Sept. 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Burkhart center, located in room 105 of Tech's Education building.

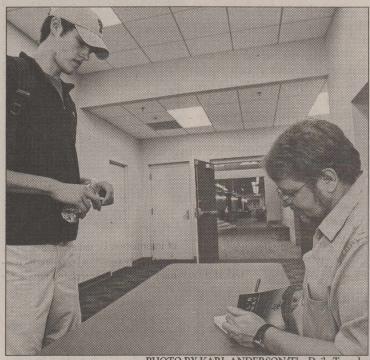
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SARAH LECLAIR, A senior history major from Dallas, is a member of the college-aged group for Autism and spectrum disorders. Leclair has had an on-the-spectrum disorder, Aspergers, since she was 18 years old.

Summer reading author speaks to students about immigration



LUIS ALBERTO URREA, author of "The Devil's Highway", signs a wanted to be gardening with my wife copy of his book for Evan Spring, a sophomore business major from Ft. and writing poems, but at a certain point Worth, outside the Student Union Senate Room after he spoke to students you have to tell the story." from the Summer Reading Program Tuesday.

By TINA L. ARONS STAFF WRITER

Luis Alberto Urrea uses his diverse background as inspiration for his novels.

Urrea spoke to students Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Student Union building about his personal history and his experiences writing "The Devil's Highway," a true story about immigration.

The Texas Tech Center for Campus Life choose his novel for its 2008 Summer Reading Selection and provided students with opportunities to meet the author Monday and Tuesday.

The novel follows the journey of 26 men who attempted to cross the Mexican border in 2001.

Urrea said he faced many difficulties and a few threats while investigating the circumstances surrounding the crossing, which 14 of the men did not survive.

"I was warned three times for writ-PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador ing the book," Urrea said. "And I just

from his past.

He spent his childhood in Tijuana, tied bandana. Mexico, before his family moved to the San Diego projects and, later, a workingclass neighborhood.

He was the first of his family to atdegree from the University of California the man he would. at San Diego and a master's degree from the University of Colorado-Boulder.

Tijuana and the surrounding area.

During this time, he said, he wrote in

to write the story because of inspiration ences and, one day while he was writing, is all about." he was approached by a man in a tightly

> he was doing and he explained about his journal.

tend college and he earned an bachelor's about him in his journal, and Urrea told migration issues.

After college, Urrea said he spent some garbage dump and, when I die, I will time with missionaries as a relief worker in be buried there. So, you tell them I

"That's what writing is all about,"

Urrea told students he was driven his journal to keep record of his experi- Urrea said. "That's what bearing witness

Urrea said he attempted to include as much accurate information about Urrea said the man asked him what immigration between Mexico and the United States as he could when he wrote "The Devil's Highway," but it is The man asked if he would write every person's job to be aware of im-

He challenged students to learn He said the man replied, "That's more about the illegal citizens that live good, man, because I was born in the among them and to keep up-to-date with immigration news.

"We need to educate ourselves,"

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Hurricane Ike causes blood supply shortages in Texas

By TERI RULAND THE BATTALION (TEXAS A&M)

Blood donation centers lost four days of donations because of Hurricane Ike evacuations.

"Every day we need 900 units [of blood]," said Sheena Abraham, a public relations associate for the Blood Center of Brazos Valley.

There have been blood drives scheduled throughout the Brazos Valley including Bryan, College Station, Huntsville and Madisonville to make up for lost blood donations.

"Every donation saves three lives because of the components of the blood: red blood cells, platelets and plasma," Abraham said.

She said each of the components can be given to a different patient and patients in hospitals need blood every day, not just during emergencies.

"The Blood Center of Brazos Valley provides blood to [St. Joseph's Regional Health Center, College Station Medical Center and Brazos Valley Physician's Organization]. Every day there [are] premature babies, cancer patients, sickle cell anemia patients in there, and they all need blood donations on a daily basis," Abraham said.

Blood donations stay within the community the blood is donated. Abraham said it is important to have blood ready for when it is needed, rather than have emergency blood

"[We helped with a] week-long blood drive with M.D. Anderson, the blood bank out of Houston, Carter Blood Care out of Waco and the Blood Center of Brazos Valley, which is [located] in College Station," said Alpha Phi Omega member and a Texas A&M senior agricultural communications and journalism major Matthew

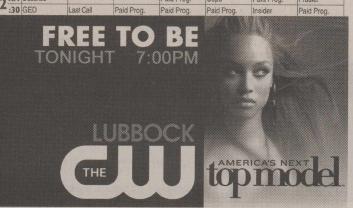
Miranda said it was the first time to do a blood drive on campus but the quota was met every day. The fraternity will be helping with another blood and received four and a half units of Red Cross and Scott & White out of

WEDNESDAY

drive in November with the American blood over a period of about five days, which was over half the blood in my body," said Zara Perciful, a senior con-"I was diagnosed with a qualitative struction science major who received platelet disorder, [a clotting disorder], platelets when she was 14 years old.

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thursday night arts!

September 25

Sassy Salsa 6:30-9pm Painting Studio 6-9pm A Taste of Clay 6-9pm Painless Piano Lessons 6-9pm Film screenings 7-9 pm > Bonus Feature - REPRISE

Thursday Night Arts are free with LHUCA membership. \$5 for nonmembers. Flatland Film Festival 3-day Pass available for \$35 - call or log on for more details!

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Painting with Paper 6-7pm Boo Art! 7:30-8:30pm Clay for Everyday 6-9pm Painless Piano Lessons 6-9pm Sassy Salsa 6:30-9pm

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FFF's competition films from around the country. Saturday, September 27th, 4pm

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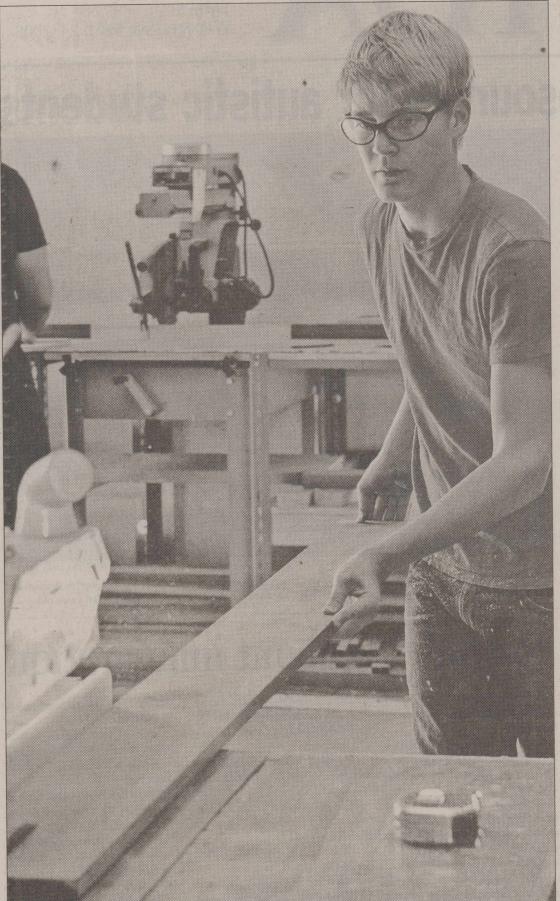


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TRAVIS SMITH, A sophomore theater design technical major from The Woodlands, cuts wood to make a flat for the dance studio Tuesday.

Recycling opportunities appeal to students

STAFF WRITER

Don't be afraid to roll these where to be recycled. three Rs.

slogan: Reduce, reuse and book, a portion of the profit will recycle. Some Texas Tech students do, but they may never see the fruits of their labor from separating glass from

According to Oberlin College's Web Site, the amount of recvclable waste an average American throws into the garbage during their lifetime is 600 times the amount

of his or her lent to 90,000 pounds.

glass bottles, aluminum cans education systems. and paper can benefit Lubhelp them to save money, said Waste Services department.

"Our center needs people to wood mulch."

find their way back into every- Forest in Colorado. day uses that benefit the Lubbock community Morin said.

program that offers customers site, www.buildaforest.com. the option to recycle obsolete textbooks to save trees.

the store are transported else- place."

"For every used transaction, Most folks have heard this that is buying or selling a used benefit as well.

help to replant trees," is a forest."

being used next grounds and park benches.

camadult weight, which is equiva- paign, obsolete textbooks are

"Our next project is the donate bock community members and a book, build a forest program," lochum said. "This program will Penny Morin, a coordinator allow a tree to be planted for for the City of Lubbock Solid every textbook donated. The tree will be planted in your honor."

Students nationwide have donate more clear and colored responded positively to recycling glass," she said. "We have a their books to help build forests, machine that turns the glass Jochum said. In the first year into mulch, which we give of the campaign, a forest was away for free. The benefit planted in the Gallatin National of glass mulch is that it lasts Forest in the Montana region. much longer than traditional Last year it was voted by students that the trees would be planted Recyclable materials can in Pike and San Isabel National

Tech students are invited to vote for the next location by Double T Bookstore has a logging on to the company's Web

"We are trying to get the students and faculty consciously Double T's "Buy a Book, involved in recycling," said Lee Build a Forest" campaign began Bobbitt, president of Tech's two years ago to help students Student Government Associaparticipate in conjunction tion. "We are trying to get each with the Arbor Day Founda- college to put blue recycling bins tion, said Shane Jochum, vice in each building. This is hard president of retail marketing to get faculty to approve since for Nebraska Book Company, it is more than just recycling. Inc., which owns several book- There are factors such as money stores in Lubbock. For every to provide the bins, people to 11 eligible transactions — pick the bins up and the gas and used textbooks that are either transportation of the bins. We bought or sold back - \$1 is want Tech students to become

donated to the foundation, and actively involved in making the obsolete textbooks donated to Lubbock community a cleaner

Beside its environmental benefits, recycling has a financial

Jarvis Metal Recycling will give cash for recyclable materials he said. "Our goal is such as aluminum cans, plastic 100,000 trees, which jugs, paper and cardboard, Morin said. These materials will be re-Also, Jochum cycled back into the community said, books not for the construction of local play-

> But some students at Tech donated to the recycle to provide a better future company's for the next generation, not to Bridge fill their wallets.

"I get really frustrated when I see people carelessly throwing paign. away newspapers and cans," said Ashley Johnson, a junior English major from Corpus Christi. "They always end up in huge pile shipped overseas to underde- in landfills that take millions of Recycling materials such as veloped countries to aid their years to deteriorate. My parents taught me to recycle when I was metephanid.d.stephens@ttu.eduycling

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Overcome with grief, the orphaned elephant ran away to a city (which bore an uncanny resemblance to Paris) and there he met a woman who showered him with gifts, including a suit "of a becoming shade of green."

So began the adventures of Babar, the beloved protagonist of nearly four dozen children's books and now the subject of a small, charming exhibit at New York's Morgan Library & Mu-

It turns out that the woman who told that bedtime story, Cecile de Brunhoff, was married to a painter whose family were well-connected publishers. Her husband, Jean de Brunhoff, transformed the bare-bones tale his wife told their sons into one of the best loved children's books of all time, "The Story of Babar, the Little Elephant.'

Jean de Brunhoff wrote six more Babar stories after the first one was published in 1931, before dying at age 37 of spinal tuberculosis. Several years after his death in 1937, the family franchise was taken over by Jean and Cecile's eldest son, Laurent, who had listened to the bedtime story for the first time as a child of 5.

Now 83 and living in New York, Laurent de Brunhoff, also a painter, has written 37 more Babar books that have transported the elephant and his family all over the world, and even into outer space. Several years ago, Babar ventured into the realm of fitness with "Babar's Yoga for Elephants."

In 2004, the Morgan Library, which is known for its collection of rare books and manuscripts, acquired nearly all the working drafts for Jean de Brunhoff's first book, as well as drawings for the first book written by his son, "Babar's Cousin: That Rascal Arthur," published in 1946.

focus not an option for Tech

By ALEX YBARRA STAFF WRITER

the season in four years, the Texas Tech Kansas State. football team does not want to lose its rhythm after thumping UMass 56-14 on Saturday in its most well-rounded output week, he said.

really sharp on that, and just get good work," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "I cause you only get so many opportunities one is a problem." to improve."

team will not practice Friday before heading into a short practice Saturday.

Raiders a chance to focus on fundamentals Sunday with the usual Monday off, evand rest some ailing bodies heading into eryone would show up for what would Heading into its first bye week during the Big 12 Conference opener Oct. 4 at be a "sloppy" Tuesday practice.

tries to avoid falling into during a bye think it'll work out for the best."

"We're working on fundamentals, rhythm if you let it — you don't get good sive presence have been the storylines paying attention to detail, trying to be work," said Leach, whose team is 4-0 for the Red Raiders. under him for the third time since he was hired in 2000. "Then there's the two national lead with 10 interceptions, think each week you gotta get a week extremes: Some guys may not resist the better, whether you're playing anybody temptation to overwork the guys, and or not, you have to get a week better be- some guys may underwork them. Either

Strong side linebacker Bront Bird said After having Monday off as usual, the he does not think this Tech team will have ened on third down this season, holdany problems becoming complacent with its work ethic.

> lem) if a team gets lackadaisical and doesn't take it seriously, but I about things," said Bird, who is third don't think that's gonna happen at all. I think we're just gonna look chance to get better and rest our

actually prefers to stay busy during the week, admit- heal up."

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Leach said the week off gives the Red team received off on Saturday and

"It's smart the way we're handling it However, there are some traps Leach and everything like that," he said. "So I

Through the first four weeks of the "I think sometimes it can break your season, the running game and defen-

Defensively, Tech is tied for the which also ties the team's total from 2007 — putting it 11 interceptions away from tying the single season school record.

In addition, the defense has stiffing opponents to a 22.2 percent third down conversion percentage — good "I guess there for third in the nation. The improvecould be (a prob- ment is vast when compared to how Tech ranked 90th in the category last

On the ground, Tech is averaging 5.92 yards per rush and 146.5 rushthink this team ing yards per game thanks to Baron is pretty mature Batch and Shannon Woods' return to prominence. The two have combined for 794 total yards on the ground and on the team with through the air, while rushing for nine 21 total tackles. "I total touchdowns — Woods has seven rushing touchdowns this season.

Bird said he hopes Batch and Woods can reenergize before the Red Raiders run into some thick defenses at it as another in a tough Big 12 schedule.

"There's a couple guys on our team who are nicked up right now," bodies at the same Bird said. "Baron Batch, and I think Shannon Woods, are nicked up right Bird said he now, but those guys are running so hard I couldn't be prouder of them. It gives everybody an opportunity to

ting that if the >>> daniel.ybarra@ttu.edu

With bye week ahead, losing Tech, Missouri volleyball both searching for first Big 12 win

By KEVIN CULLEN STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech and Missouri volleyball have a lot in common so far

The Texas Tech volleyball team (5-8, 0-2 in Big 12 Conference play) takes on Missouri (5-6, 0-2 in Big 12) at 7 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena.

The Red Raiders are coming off the Spike Ike tournament in Denton where they went 2-1 to finish in second place. The Tigers, however, are losers of their last two Big 12 matches, falling to Oklahoma and Baylor; the same two losses Tech has on its conference record. Both teams also are looking for its first conference win in its third try.

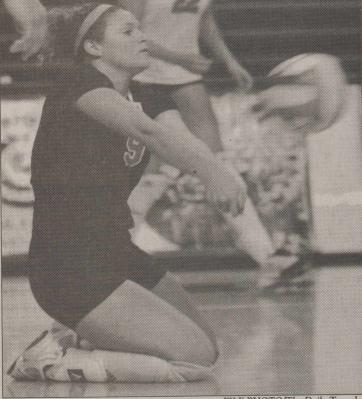
"(With) Missouri, we are gonna have to come back with our tough serving," said Tech coach Nancy Todd. "In all these Big 12 matches and everything you do, you have to have some tough serving to take people out of system and be able to score on your side, that type of thing. That's what we are gonna focus on most."

Todd said along with serving, Tech will focus mainly on its passing and defense against the Tigers.

Historically, Missouri has been one of the most consistent teams in record in kills in 2007 with 4.54 per matches ended with losses. the Big 12.

consecutive NCAA Tournaments. The only other team in the conference over the libero spot this season and has conference. We have a lot of new that can boast such a feat is perennial national championship contender Nebraska.

year compared to last year, Todd said, who saw significant action last season. Most notable among those changes is the loss of two standouts from last season's tournament team, outside hitter something Todd said her team can use >>> kevin.m.cullen@ttu.edu



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TEXAS TECH JUNIOR libero Jenn Harrell shows off her defensive skills as she hits the ground for a dig. She recorded 33 in her last tournament.

Na Yang and libero Tatum Ailes.

set in conference play. Ailes ended her The Tigers have reached eight career second on the Big 12 digs list. Missouri's Caitlyn Vann has taken

proved beneficial to her team, leading people so it's taken them a few weeks the Big 12 with 5.21 digs per set. "They have a little bit probably of

Missouri has changed a little this a different team this season," she said, "but they're always good - very good although it does return eight players team, very good coaching. So it should be a nice match."

in its first two Big 12 matches is

to be successful as conference play Yang set a Missouri single-season continues, even though the previous

"Every team is competitive and everybody is there to win," she said. "It's a high level when you're in this to kinda figure that out. You can't just show up and expect to win. They wanna win every time and they are competitive. A new group working together and gelling together and making it through matches has been The experience Tech has gained the issue for us, but every time it has gotten better."

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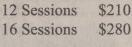
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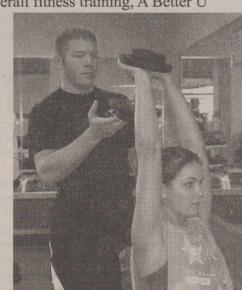
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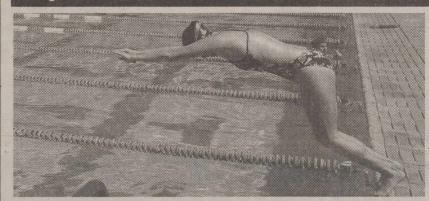
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Big 12 looking for national recognition in women's soccer

By STEVEN RYAN STAFF WRITER

Big 12 Conference teams are known for being dominant in many sports: football, baseball and basketball.

But women's soccer — not so much.

The Big 12 has been progressing steadily in the sport of women's soccer since its inception in 1996, but still is struggling to be a force reckoned with on the national scene.

Last season, the Big 12 sent five teams to the NCAA tournament. In the soccertimes.com coaches poll, there are five teams from the Big 12 ranked in the Top 25.

But in the 12 years since the conference began, none of the teams have made women's soccer version of the final four: The College Cup.

"That's the only thing this conference is really missing, because I would say from top to bottom we are as good as anybody," Tech coach Tom Stone said. "We just needs in terms of a final statistics in being a contender."

The Big 12 has had close calls in recent years with making The Col-

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need someone to get there and lege Cup. In 2006, Texas looked represent this conference because like it would break through after other in the first weekend. If you it is a feather that this conference finishing the regular season with a 17-3-2 record, earning the Long-

tournament. The Longhorns came up short from the NCAA right now."

when they were upset by Portits season one game short of The Cornhuskers. College Cup after being defeated quarterfinals.

Stone said he believes one of ance of coach John Walker. the reasons the Big 12 has not sent a team to The College Cup yet is season in school history, going because the NCAA does an unfair 21-1-2, and winning the confer-NCAA tournament.

tournament, but when the NCAA penalty kicks. tournament brackets came out.

"We don't get the one- Cup." through-64 draw that basketball want a Big 12 team in the final 5-1-1 record in those contests. four, how can you have our top two

No team has come closer to land in the third round. In the making The College Cup out of same year, Texas A&M ended the Big 12 than the Nebraska

Over the last 12 seasons, the by 18-time national champion Cornhuskers have made the Sweet North Carolina in the national 16 eight times and the national quarterfinals twice under the guid-

In 1999, they had their best job in making the brackets for the ence tournament. They rolled through the first three rounds of Last season, Texas and Texas the NCAA tournament and were A&M finished first and second one win away from The College in the final Big 12 Conference Cup before narrowly falling to standings and the conference Notre Dame on sudden-death

"It is just a matter of time," the two teams were drawn to meet Walker said. "There's been too each other in the round of 32. many good Big 12 teams over the Texas won the game 3-2, forcing years and sometimes it can be a the Big 12's second best team out post here, or a penalty kick there of the tournament in the second but it shouldn't be long before you see a Big 12 team in The College

Texas A&M and Texas have gets," Stone said. "We get a geo- gone out of the way to schedule graphical draw which in many teams from arguably the top two

Stone said the Big 12 Confer- the drought. horns a No. 1 seed in the NCAA teams playing in the opening week-ence is one of the best in the end? We are not getting any favors nation this year and has up to six yet is disappointing," Stone said. there, whoever it is."

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Lubbock Challenger brings early success for Tech doubles

STAFF WRITER

The Lubbock Challenger has proved to be a successful venture thus far for some of Texas Tech men's tennis players.

The newly formed tandem of Christian Rojmar and freshman Raony Carvalho won its first doubles match against Alberto Francis and Nicholas Monroe in the main draw Monday.

Tech coach Tim Siegel said Rojmar, who has played in the No. 1 doubles spot for three vears, earned valuable experience playing with the freshman Carval-

"Obviously this is not as important as what they do in college," he said, "but this can only help with their confidence and getting to know each other. Christian has played No. 1 the last three years in doubles. Here he is with a brand new partner, but Raony is a great tennis player. This guy can play tennis. It's great to see them do well."

The No. 1 duo will play again Thursday at a time to be determined.

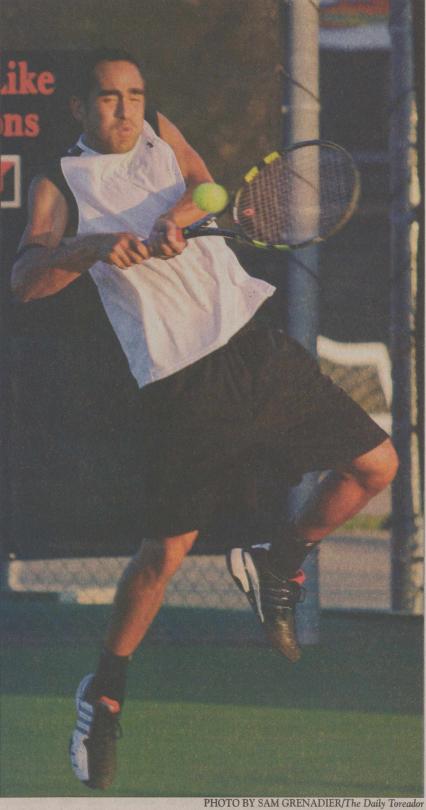
It is important for all the doubles teams to perform well, Siegel said, especially last year's No. 2 team of Michael Breler and Markovic.

"They were actually our most inconsistent team," he said. "They have the ability.

years, but I need to see them play well this fall."

Michael McClune and Stephen Amritraj Tuesday, but suffered a 6-4, 6-4 loss in the first match of the draw.

Tech's No. 1 singles player, Sinisa Markovic, lost his match in the main draw to Greg Ouellette.



TEXAS TECH'S MICHAEL Breler competes in the doubles tournament at the

They've played together for two Markovic and something he could draw on down the road as he tries

Lubbok Challenger, Tuesday afternoon at the McLeod Tennis Center.

to fill the No. 1 void left by Tech's Markovic and Breler took on all-time winningest singles player, three doubles teams and a singles Bojan Szumanski.

> The Lubbock Challenger features many notable players including the No. 88 player in the world, Vincent Spadea, and other Top 200 players.

The competitive field is some-Siegel said though he lost, the thing Siegel said will benefit his match was valuable experience for players this weekend when they

will play in the Baylor Invitational in Waco. He said it also adds to the accomplishment of Tech having player qualify for the main draw.

The Challenger is the Red Raiders' only appearance in Lubbock for the fall season. Other visits the team will make are in the regional area, such as College Station, Austin and

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Witness: Simpson made no illegal plans

time friend and former co-defendant with O.J. Simpson agreed with a defense lawyer Tuesday that Simpson's meeting with two memorabilia dealers a year ago was supposed to be completely legal.

"Nothing illegal was going to occur, correct?" defense lawyer Yale Galanter asked former Simpson buddy Charles Ehrlich in his second day on the stand.

"Correct," Ehrlich answered. "This was nothing but a recovery

of stolen property, correct?" Galanter continued.

"Correct," Ehrlich replied

Ehrlich, 54, of Miami, testified Monday that he saw two people with guns during the alleged armed robbery and kidnapping at the Palace Station casino hotel a year ago.

One wielded a black gun, Ehrlich

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A long-testified under questioning from as Simpson and Stewart until he Clark County District Attorney David Roger.

"It was being waved around," Ehrlich said.

Simpson and co-defendant Clarence "C.J." Stewart have pleaded not guilty to 12 charges including armed robbery, coercion, assault with a deadly weapon and kidnapping stemming from the September 2007 confrontation. They face prison if convicted.

Simpson contends he was meeting with memorabilia dealers Bruce Fromong and Alfred Beardsley only to recover items that were rightfully his. Five men came to the meeting with Simpson, but he has said he didn't ask anyone to bring guns to the meeting and that he didn't know anyone in the room was armed.

Ehrlich faced the same charges gun away.

pleaded guilty Aug. 4 to reduced charges — attempted accessory to robbery and attempted burglary - and agreed to testify for the prosecution. Ehrlich faces a possible sentence ranging from probation to

five years in prison. In his testimony Monday, Ehrlich said he remembered someone shouting "put the gun away" or "put the gun down," and thought it was Simpson.

Jurors have been told the gun was wielded by Michael McClinton, who like Ehrlich and two other former co-defendants took a plea deal in

That would support testimony last week from Fromong, who testified last week he remembered Simpson waving his arm up and down while someone said to put the

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McNair expects Texans to play at Reliant

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans plan to play their home opener at hurricane damaged Reliant Stadium on Oct. 5.

"I can't say with absolute certainty," Texans owner Bob McNair told The Associated Press Tuesday. "But let's put it this way, I'd be shocked if we did not play there."

The stadium's retractable roof lost five pieces in the storm and officials said large pieces of debris had fallen into the stadium during Hurricane Ike. The roof probably won't be fixed in time for the game against Indianapolis, but McNair said that game and the remaining home games could be played with the roof open.

"We fully expect that we'll play

the Colts in Reliant Stadium," he said. "Probably the rest of the year we'll play and use Reliant as an open-air stadium. It was designed to operate that way, either open or closed so we'll get to enjoy it open for a while."

If he had to put a percentage on the chance the Texans will play the Colts at home, he said it would be in the high 90s.

He said there are a few minor problems to be fixed for the stadium to be ready, but that engineers who have studied the venue since the storm have found no structural

The Texans are playing their first three games on the road after their scheduled home opener against Bal-

timore was moved to Nov. 9 because of the storm. McNair said returning home to play in their own stadium should be a bright spot for an area reeling from the devastation caused by the hurricane.

"I think it will be. It will be big for us to have them too," he said. "We need their support and that will be a big lift for us.

The Texans lost 31-12 at Tennessee on Sunday to drop to 0-2 this season. McNair is hoping for a better result this week against Jacksonville because his team has had more time to deal with the

Several players' homes suffered significant damage in the storm and many remain without electricity.