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STATE

Texas requires legal status for IDs, license

AUSTIN (AP) — People who are not U.S. citizens must now prove they are living legally in the country before receiving or renewing a Texas driver's license or identification card.

Under the new administrative rule, the Department of Public Safety will require immigration documents that prove a person's lawful status.

After verifying an immigration document, DPS will include the designation "Temporary Visitor" and the date the person's status expires on the card, the governor's office said in a statement Wednesday. The face of the card also will look different, making it easily distinguishable.

NATION

Fed grants AIG \$37.8 billion loan

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Federal Reserve on Wednesday agreed to provide insurance giant American International Group Inc. with a loan of up to \$37.8 billion, on top of one made to the troubled company last month.

Under the new program, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York will borrow up to \$37.8 billion in investment-grade, fixed income securities from AIG in return for cash collateral. These securities were previously lent by AIG's insurance company subsidiaries to third parties.

WORLD

Russia, Georgia disagree over troop pullback

KARALETI, Georgia (AP) — Russian troops pulled back from their positions outside Georgia's breakaway province of South Ossetia but held their ground in contested areas, setting the stage for more tension between the two countries that waged war in August.

Georgian Interior Ministry spokesman Shota Utiashvili told The Associated Press the Russian withdrawal was a positive move, but he added that Georgia would not consider it complete until the troops leave the town of Akhagori, near South Ossetia, and the Kodori Gorge in another Moscow-backed breakaway province, Abkhazia.

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Fed slashes interest rates, stocks lose again

By JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wall Street bounced higher and lower Wednesday trying to make up its mind about an unprecedented coordinated interest rate cut by central banks around the world. In the end it settled on a familiar feeling — fear — and plunged again.

The Federal Reserve, desperately trying to jump-start the lending that keeps the U.S. economy moving,

dropped its closely watched federal funds rate to 1.5 percent. The cut from 2 percent took the rate to its lowest level in more than four years.

Central banks in England, China, Canada, Sweden and Switzerland and the European Central Bank also cut rates after a series of high-stakes phone calls over several days between Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his counterparts.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost another 189 points, or 2 percent, to close at 9,258. It was the sixth straight

day of losses for the Dow. The index has shed more than a third of its value, nearly 5,000 points, since its all-time high, set one year ago Thursday.

The Dow opened down more than 200 points. Within an hour, it was up almost as much. A late morning sell-off gave way to an afternoon rally, and the Dow was ahead for the day in the last half-hour of trading — then took a dive at the close.

The day's losses were lighter for the Nasdaq composite index and the Standard & Poor's 500. Wall Street

as a whole fared far better than Asia, where some stock exchanges were down 9 percent, and Europe, where some lost 5 percent.

The Fed in concert with the European Central Bank made emergency interest rate cuts after the Sept. 11 terror attacks in 2001. But Wednesday's cuts were unprecedented with the number of nations that participated, the Fed said.

For millions of Americans, the Fed's cut means borrowing money becomes cheaper. Home equity loans, credit cards and other floating-rate loans all

fluctuate depending on what the Fed does.

Bank of America, Wells Fargo and other banks cut their prime rate by half a point to 4.5 percent, also the lowest in more than four years, after the Fed announced its decision early Wednesday.

Fed watchers believe the central bank might cut rates further when it meets later this month, and perhaps again in December, in hopes of cushioning the blow if the United States falls into recession.

TV, M.D.

Study: TV dramas contribute to public's medical knowledge

By TINA L. ARONS
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Watching television might be educational after all.

A collaboration between health educators and television show writers may raise the educational bar for prime-time dramas such as "Grey's Anatomy."

Researchers from the Kaiser Family Foundation joined forces with writers and staff members of the television show "Grey's Anatomy" to introduce accurate information about HIV-positive mothers into the story line for the episode that aired May 1.

Before and after the show's broadcast, the foundation conducted surveys to measure how much of an impact the television show's content had on its audience's medical knowledge.

"People learn through the media," said

Glenn Cummins, a professor of electronic media and communications at Texas Tech. "That's a no-brainer."

However, Cummins said, education through television is not always intentional.

"It's just how we learn," he said. "There has been a long-standing acknowledgement that television teaches us things."

Through the experiment, researchers wanted to address a topic that was appropriate for the show and not well understood by the American public, according to the study's published report.

The chance of transmitting untreated HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, from a mother to her child is about 25 percent, according to

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Despite extra charge in contract, Tech hockey future still uncertain

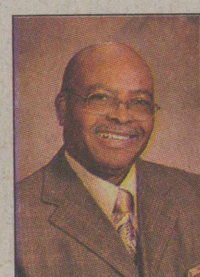
By JON VANDERLAAN
STAFF WRITER

Lubbock City Council members Floyd Price and Linda DeLeon hosted a press conference to discuss the proposed contract between the city and the Texas Tech hockey team.

The new contract, which would charge the hockey team an extra \$4,000 and shorten the contract by one month, will be voted on during today's council meeting.

The two council members, who have supported the renewal since the first contract was brought before the council Sept. 25, said because this contract includes the \$4,000 that

city reportedly lost in the previous contract with the team, the council should have no reason to reject the contract.



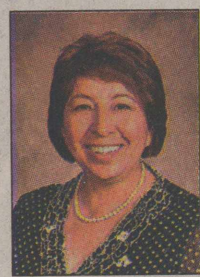
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although all the money the city lost was

accounted for in the new contract, the vote would still fail by a 5-2 vote.

The council members said if the vote is not passed today, the team would need to move to a different home, and many cities already have expressed interest in being the home to the team.

For this contract to be approved, DeLeon said, it would take political pressure from voters to the mayor and the four other council members that voted against the contract.



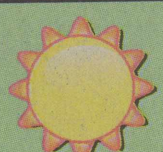
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A handout during the press conference listed 24 non-profit organizations the city partially funded — including 4th on Broadway, the Juneteenth Celebration and the Race for the Cure — several of which cost more money to the city than the contract with the Tech hockey team.

DeLeon said if the city council is not willing to support the hockey team, they are either isolating one non-profit organization or they will eventually decide to cut more non-profit organizations.

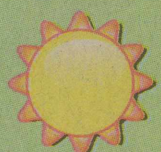
The vote on the new contract for Tech hockey is at 7:30 a.m. today at Lubbock City Hall.

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Lubbock experiences increase in number of food-borne illness cases

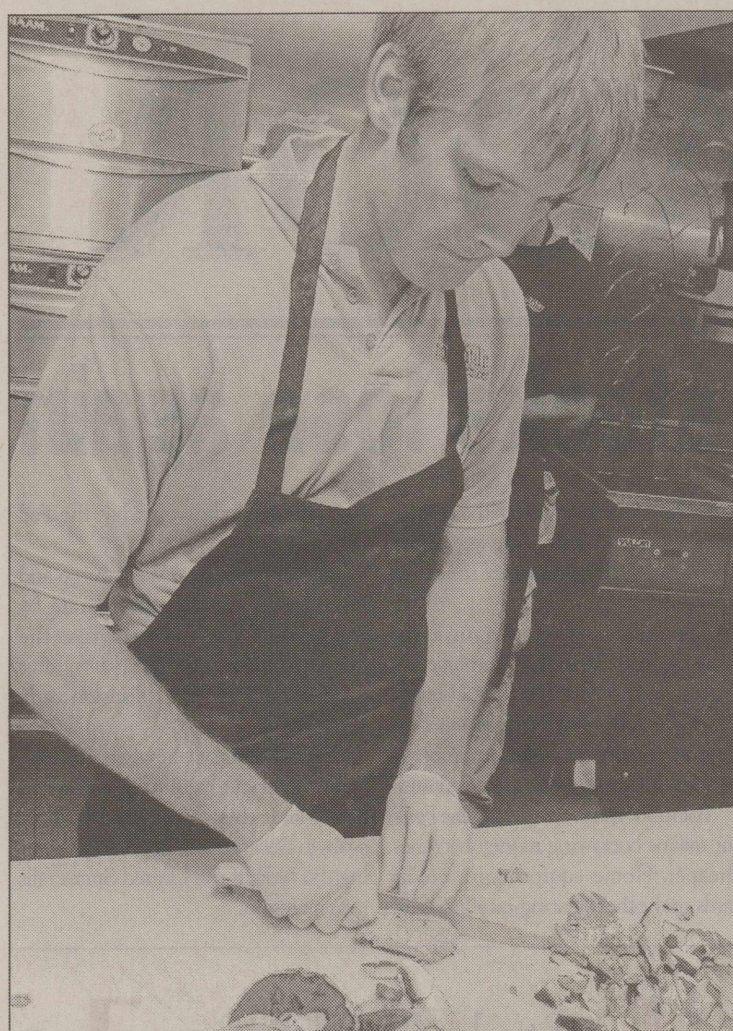


PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreador
SENIOR PATRICK MCDONALD, a restaurant and hotel institution management major from Austin, prepares food Wednesday at the Union Grill. Managers at the Student Union Building are serve-safe certified, which trains them in teaching employees good personal hygiene and sanitary food handling procedures.

By MATT COBB
STAFF WRITER

Don't forget to wash your hands, because a food-borne diarrheal illness is on the rise in Lubbock.

The Lubbock Health Department has received 44 reported cases of shigellosis since Sept. 6 — five times the expected monthly amount.

Shigellosis is food-borne diarrheal illness that can last for four to seven days, said Beckie Brawley, public health coordinator for Lubbock's Health Department. Symptoms of the illness include diarrhea, fever, vomiting and abdominal cramping.

"People who might have (shigellosis) need to go to the doctor," she said. "They can shed bacteria for up to two to four weeks without antibiotics."

Shigellosis is contagious and can be spread from person to person, Brawley said. Keeping your hands clean is the easiest way to avoid catching the illness.

It is important to always wash your hands before you prepare food or after you use the restroom, she said. This is an illness that is both prevented and transferred easily.

Even though there has been an increase in shigellosis cases, this year has not seen the highest

amount of cases reported in Lubbock to date, Brawley said.

"There were over 600 reported from 1997 to 1998," she said. "The peak was October through December, so we are in that peak time right now."

The ages of people who became infected with the illness range from one year to 75 years, with the average age being four years, Brawley said. Shigellosis is more common in children than adults.

Lubbock's Health Department is not sure where the illness originated in Lubbock, she said, although typically there is an increase of cases when school begins.

Kelly Bennett, the medical director for Tech's Student Health Services, said she is unaware of any cases of shigellosis being reported on Tech's campus. Tech's Student Health Services reports all cases of the illness to Lubbock's Health Department.

People must remember to wash their hands before they prepare food, she said. The illness is often transferred from person to person through the sharing of food.

"It is person-to-person in that the person who has it goes and makes food," Bennett said. "It's important to keep your hands clean."

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Correction

In Wednesday's issue of *The Daily Toreador*, the number of championships Tennessee women's basketball coach Pat Summitt has won was stated incorrectly. It should have said Summitt has won eight national championships. *The Daily Toreador* regrets the error.

Tech researchers analyze cotton payment program

By JON VANDERLAAN
STAFF WRITER

Average Crop Revenue Election, a new program included in the 2008 farm bill, may not be the best economic choice for West Texas farmers, the Cotton Economics Research Institute director at Texas Tech said.

Darren Hudson, one of the authors of the analysis of the program, said the program would give farmers of irrigated cotton 30 percent less revenue than the Counter-Cyclical Payment program that was used from 2002 to 2008.

The two programs, he said, are designed to pay farmers whose markets are not doing as well as the state average. Farmers get a choice in which system they would like to use, which is why the research institute analyzed the new program.

In the CCP program, if the state revenue is less than the state revenue guarantee amount, the farmers receive a payment. However, the ACRE program adds an additional stipulation — the revenue on individual farms must be less than the benchmark farm revenue, which is determined by averaging the highest three yielding years in a five year period.

Based on this information, Hudson said, irrigated cotton crops in Texas

would have reached the "triggers" for payment 20 percent of the time in the last 20 years under the new system. The current system sees farmers receiving payments 65 to 70 percent of the time.

A Midwestern corn farmer would benefit greatly from this program, he said, because the state they are in is much smaller. Because Texas is so large, the crops greatly vary across the state, and the state average does not accurately reflect large areas such as West Texas.

"Basically what you're saying is that a cotton farm in West Texas is very different than a cotton farm in the coastal bend," Hudson said. "But they all get lumped in that new program, so it doesn't work well for either one of them — the average is too far away from where they are."

Although the program is not good for cotton farmers in Texas, he said, it may be beneficial for farmers who have other crops in addition to cotton crops, or farmers in other states.

Hudson said he does not believe Tech will be affected greatly by the program, as Tech researchers still can choose which program is more profitable for the Tech research farm. He predicted the difference only would be a few hundred dollars.

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AUTHOR OF ANALYSIS PROGRAM

Galveston scrambles to heal beaches after Hurricane Ike

GALVESTON (AP) — The coast here doesn't have the whitest sand or the clearest water, but to millions of Houstonians and other Texans, this is the beach. And thanks to Hurricane Ike, it's also a mess.

The remains of houses, rotting cattle carcasses and other debris are scattered along Galveston Island. In some spots, all the sand was sucked

back out to the Gulf of Mexico, leaving only rocks.

Galveston-area officials are scrambling to clean up the sand, which draws throngs of out-of-towners who spend millions on food, rental housing and shopping. They say they're relieved that the most popular beach spot along the seawall is largely intact, but they've asked

Congress for \$100 million to help them bring the beach back to life.

"Without beach restoration and erosion protection, our economy will suffer greatly," Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas said.

Galveston is not exactly Aruba. It sports brownish-gray sand, and the murky Gulf waters are tepid by midsummer. Jellyfish, seaweed

and sand fleas normally pepper the beach.

But it is the closest beach to Houston, the nation's fourth-largest city, and it is a prized retreat for often sweltering southeast Texas.

Beaches on the eastern end of Galveston remain heavily littered by debris like water heaters, tires, sofas and the occasional rotting cattle corpse.

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Huckabee Student Lounge to open Friday

The College of Architecture will celebrate the opening of the Huckabee Student Lounge 11:30 a.m. Friday.

Pam Smith, a spokeswoman for the college, said the opening ceremony for the lounge will consist of a small presentation by the college and a ribbon cutting ceremony by Andrew Vernooy, the dean of the College of Architecture, several current students in the college and Scott Gorenc, a spring 2008 graduate of the college who represented graduate students from the College of Architecture in Student Government Association and initiated the request for SGA's matching gift.

The lounge was constructed with funds donated from the Huckabee & Associates architecture and engineering firm based in Fort Worth. The CEO of the company, Chris Huckabee, a 1991 graduate of the college and matched a donation from the Texas Tech Student Government Association, according to a news release from the College of Architecture.

Financial details were not disclosed. "As former students, we're excited to know students now have a place to relax," said Josh Brown, an associate with Huckabee & Associates and 2003 graduate of the College of Architecture. "This is something students were missing and we're proud to keep the Huckabee name in the college."

Smith said the lounge always will be open for architecture students but students will need their student I.D.s to gain access to the lounge in the evening.

The lounge features a create-your-own-snack bar and has internet hook-ups for students with laptops.

"Architecture students work around the clock," Smith said. "Students have not had a nice place in the building to relax. This lounge will give students a nice place to take a quick break or rest between classes."

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US says 2 American journalists vacationing in Lebanon are missing

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Two American journalists vacationing in Lebanon have not been heard from since Oct. 1 and are believed missing, the U.S. Embassy said Wednesday, appealing for information on their possible whereabouts.

An embassy statement said Holli Chmela, 27, and Taylor Luck, 23, reportedly left Beirut en route to the northern Lebanese port city of Tripoli.

The city is a predominantly Sunni Muslim city where militants and Islamic fundamentalists are known to be active. It has witnessed sectarian fighting in the past few months as well as two car bombs targeting Lebanese troops that killed 25 people and left dozens others wounded.

Earlier this week, the embassy had issued a statement to its citizens about potential violent actions targeting Americans in Lebanon and called on its nationals to increase their security awareness. It said the threats were particularly high in the first half of October.

The embassy says the pair had arrived in Lebanon on Sept. 29 from Amman, Jordan for a vacation and

told a friend on Oct. 1 that they were traveling from Beirut to Tripoli through the coastal town of Byblos in the north that day. They were then to cross by land to Syria before returning to Jordan where they were due to report to work on Oct. 4.

"The families ... are asking for the public's assistance in providing information on the possible whereabouts of the two U.S. citizens," the statement said.

Lebanese security officials told The Associated Press they are searching for the two.

The officials said authorities are searching for the two based on information they had gone missing and were trying to ascertain whether they had left the country. They spoke on condition of anonymity in accordance with military regulations and because of the sensitivity of the subject.

The alleged disappearance of the two Americans was reported earlier Wednesday by the local Al-Akhbar newspaper, which said they arrived in Lebanon Sept. 29, stayed in a hotel in Beirut and checked out the next day, without leaving the country. They have not been heard of since, it said.

Rivals competing for voters' trust on economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the deepening U.S. economic crisis rippling around the globe, Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain seem to agree the question facing anxious voters is: Who do you trust?

"All we heard from Sen. McCain was more of the same Bush economics that led us into this mess," Obama said in Indianapolis the day after their second debate. "He thinks we won't notice" downsides of his health care proposals, but "we're not going to be hoodwinked. We're not going to be bamboozled. We're not going to let him get away with it."

In Bethlehem, Pa., McCain shot back: "I don't need lessons about telling the truth to American people." If he ever did, McCain said, he "probably wouldn't seek advice from a Chicago politician." On taxes, health care and subprime mortgages, McCain said Obama "won't tell you" his real record.

Each also rolled out new TV commercials suggesting his rival was

not telling the truth, and campaign aides for both launched other character attacks.

With the election in four weeks and the final debate in one, Obama leads in key states but has yet to sew up the race; The 47-year-old, first-term Illinois senator is still working to dispel skepticism that he has what it takes to be president. As time runs short, McCain is searching for a way to marshal support as the spreading economic woes cut against almost all Republicans after President Bush's eight years in the White House.

In Tuesday night's debate, both Obama and McCain railed against Washington and Wall Street and belittled special interests and lobbyists; each cast himself as the only candidate who will fight for everyday Americans. Also, Obama argued that McCain would perpetuate the policies of the unpopular Bush, while McCain cast Obama as a risky liberal who backs more government spending.

On Wednesday, the Federal Re-

serve and five other central banks on both sides of the Atlantic implemented a coordinated emergency interest rate cut but the move supplied only a short-lived bounce to world markets. Major stock indexes on Wall Street and in Britain, Germany and France all ended the day down again.

In separate statements as the day began, Obama and McCain applauded the Fed's action. Each portrayed himself as the only one on the side of anxious Americans watching the economic upheaval drain their retirement accounts and hinder their ability to get loans.

"I am committed to protecting the American worker in this crisis," McCain said. He promoted his plan, announced at the debate the night before, that would direct the Treasury Department to buy up bad home mortgages by using nearly half the \$700 billion from the recent bailout package. "I will get the economy back on track," McCain added.

The Republican also said he would balance the federal budget

by the end of his term, although the Bush administration predicts the deficit and a recession would further complicate that task.

Initially, Obama sought to reclaim a piece of McCain's mortgage proposal. He previously had said the government should consider doing just that, and on Wednesday said the Treasury Department officials "should use the authority they already have to purchase troubled assets, including mortgages." He also renewed his call for a second economic stimulus package for the middle class, saying: "More urgent and vigorous action is necessary to stem this crisis."

Later after McCain released more details of his plan, Obama's campaign said McCain's plan would end up rewarding troubled mortgage companies with even more taxpayer dollars and assailed it as "even more costly and out-of-touch" than ever imagined. In a shot aimed at raising doubts about McCain's temperament, they called his plan "erratic policy-making at its worst."

TV medicine

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the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Children of HIV-positive mothers who have received treatment have less than a 2 percent risk of contracting the disease.

"The show is already health related," Cummins said, "so it seems natural to teach people more about health and medicine."

In the study's "Grey's Anatomy" episode, an HIV-positive woman discovers she is pregnant and considers an abortion. Izzie, one of the show's characters, informs her patient that with proper medical treatment she has a 98 percent chance of having a baby who is HIV-free.

Cummins said health educators unsuccessfully used public service announcements in the past to inform the public about a broad array of health-related issues.

"If it looks like a commercial or sounds like a commercial, people will tune it out," he said. "Integrating it into entertainment is much more effective."

According to the study, randomly selected regular viewers of "Grey's Anatomy" were questioned three times. A survey was given before the show, a week after the show and six weeks after the show.

Before the show aired, 15 percent of viewers were aware that

properly treated HIV-positive women have more than a 90 percent chance of having a healthy baby.

A week after the show aired, 61 percent of viewers answered correctly. Six weeks later, 45 percent of surveyed viewers retained the knowledge.

"Retention is a challenge," Cummins said, "but at least it's a start."

Natalie Chavarria, a senior cellular and molecular biology major from Houston, said she started watching "Grey's Anatomy" because she plans to attend medical school.

"I think they need to find a good balance between drama and more medically related stuff," she said. "If they go too far one way or the other, they'll lose a part of their audience."

Chavarria said adding more accurate medical information might make the show less entertaining to the general public.

"For the people in the field or people like me who want to take that career path, it may make it more interesting," she said.

Dr. Kelly Bennett, medical director of Tech's Student Health Services, said she does not watch the show, which is "more a soap opera than an accurate portrayal of doctors and their practices."

However, she said, she watched a similar show, "ER," as a medical student.

"The first three years, I watched the show to learn," she said. "Then, by the time I graduated, I watched the show to critique it."

Statistics from Kaiser Family Foundation's 'Grey's Anatomy' case study:

- According to the Nielsen ratings, this particular episode of Grey's had 17.5 million viewers.
- About 46 percent of them absorbed the HIV-related information in the show.
- That would mean about 8 million people learned correct information about mother-to-child HIV transmission rates.
- About 30 percent of surveyed viewers responded that they talk about the show with family and friends.
- A Google search found about 35 different blogs that had discussed or at least repeated the statistic that an HIV-positive woman has a 98 percent chance of having a healthy baby with proper treatment.
- A blog called Grey Matter included a fact sheet on the issue from the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention and it received about 400 comments from readers.

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation

Although they can be "melodramatic," Bennett said, television dramas such as "Grey's Anatomy" and "ER" may contribute to the increased medical knowledge she has seen in patients at the Student Health Center.

"I think most of our students

are very sophisticated compared to the general population," she said. "I don't have to explain some medical terms because they've seen it on TV. They know what a CAT scan is. It's nice to have a patient base that is so informed."

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Palin's running mate fails to impress at debate

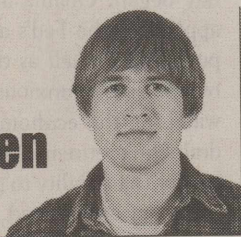
Remember John McCain?

You know, Sarah Palin's running mate. The old guy with the creepy smile and the awkward habit of calling everyone "my friend." (I really wish McCain would buy a Prince Valiant wig and start addressing Barack Obama as "friend-o.") At one point in Tuesday's debate he referred to Obama as "that one," which is nearly as obnoxious.)

Amid the hubbub (or should I say hubba hubba?) of the other half of his ticket, it was easy to forget about McCain. Certainly, Palin is a fascinating character, and I bet they'll make a powerful/hilarious movie about her someday ("Legally Blonde" not withstanding).

But in a lot of ways, the fascination with Palin is like the fascination drivers feel when passing a car accident. I think it has to do

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with our obsession with death, or in this case, political death.

Indeed, some have noted that it is almost cruel what John McCain has done to Sarah Palin by picking her. It's like a coach purposefully choosing a really terrible player as his starting quarterback. Sure, the coach will take some heat for making a bad selection, but not as much heat as the player will take for being a bad player.

So yes, it was a mighty catastrophe, McCain's choice of Palin, and for a while it seemed the entire presidential election was going to revolve around the Alaskan governor, a mother of

five, passport-less until last year. McCain faded away for a while. (It is not the assertion of this piece that McCain chose Palin as his running mate to make himself look better by comparison, although we shouldn't fully dismiss that theory.)

Watching the debate Tuesday, I was reminded about John McCain, the candidate, rather than the man who picked Sarah Palin as his running mate. There wasn't much to see.

McCain looked pale and worn (especially in high-definition —

whoa Nelly!), and he seemed to be breathing heavily. But he seemed confident, since he really likes town hall style debates.

McCain also likes impromptu zingers; when a bewildered Tom Brokaw asked whom he would choose as secretary of the treasury, McCain said, "Not you, Tom," and smiled mischievously.

Obama looked like he took the event more seriously, and a couple times seemed genuinely distressed when he wasn't able to respond to an attack. "I'd like to respond 'cause I

think it's important," he'd say.

Meanwhile, the audience — 80 undecided voters — looked pretty much like America: anxious, overweight and badly dressed. The producers seated three bald guys near each other, since I guess that's an important voting block. The two mustached guys in the audience were sitting next to each other, too. Most entertaining of all was the poor 15-year-old kid with the sweaty hand who didn't know where to look but was clearly telling himself, "Do not look at the camera. Do not look at the camera. I wonder what's for dinner."

"The audience here in the hall," said Brokaw at the outset, "has agreed to be polite and attentive, no cheering or outbursts. Those of you at home, of course, are not so constrained."

It was easy to get distracted analyzing the crowd, since the debate

was sort of a non-event. Each spent a lot of time correcting misrepresentations rather than answering Brokaw's questions. However, a stark difference between the candidates was made obvious when Brokaw asked, "Should health care in America be a privilege, a right or a responsibility?"

"I think it's a responsibility," said McCain. "... but government mandates I'm always a little nervous about. But it is certainly my responsibility."

When it came his turn, Obama said, "Well, I think it should be a right for every American."

McCain has served his country for a long time, but only one man looked presidential on Tuesday night, and it was not him.

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Bailout bill only serves to expand power in Congress

With all of the pork, Washington looks like a pig sty.

Last week Congress passed the 442 page, \$850 billion Wall Street bailout bill. Except now proponents of the measure have decided that a friendlier term is "rescue bill," as if simply changing the name will inspire more people to support the mass socialization of our financial system.

The bill — originally a three-page outline submitted to congress by Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson — quickly ballooned into the massive ambiguous document put into law. Since there is so much controversy surrounding this bill, I knew I had to write about it. So in the search of a well-studied opinion I did what I sincerely doubt many lawmakers have even done, I read the bill.

The first thing I noticed after reading the first two pages was how many times the Treasury Secretary was mentioned and how much power this bill allocated him. His name occurs 322 times, and in section 101, subsection C, item number 3; the Treasury Secretary is given the explicit power to designate any financial institution as an agent of the federal government and require them to carry out their duties as the federal government requires.

Does anyone else think that giving one person the power to seize and dictate a bank's action however he sees fit is a bad idea? Do you realize that Congress just gave one person totalitarian control over potentially all

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the financial institutions in the country with limited oversight?

Are we simply supposed to hope that he doesn't abuse this power? I think we have enough bad examples of how people will abuse the power given to them if they get the chance to know this is a bad idea.

Secretary Paulson may be a good guy; he may take the authority given to him and use it responsibly to resolve this crisis, but what about the next guy? The secretary is appointed by the president, and we are about to elect a new one. What if the person the new president appoints isn't as trustworthy as he or she should be? I think that allowing one person to have massive amounts of power with minimal consequences for abuse is a set up for disaster.

Also contained within the bill are numerous earmarks that have very little to do with establishing financial stability. There is a \$2 million tax credit for toy wooden arrows hidden in the 26-page energy section of the bill, as well as a tax exemption for rum from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

I may just be missing the purpose of this bill but I thought it was to stabilize our financial markets, not provide

congressmen a blank check to win reelection. How will easing the tax burden on toy wooden arrows help resolve any problems on Wall Street?

The bill also funnels money into leftist groups like the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, or ACORN. The bill imposes a tax on Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, of which the revenues go to various groups including ACORN, which has been involved in numerous voter fraud scandals over the years.

Coining this bill as a "rescue plan" is an insult to the American people's intelligence. A rescue is what happens when the Coast Guard saves a person from drowning in a hurricane. This bill should be called "Congress's attempt to expand its power and spend money on wasteful projects under the guise of aiding the country."

This bill halfheartedly treats the symptoms of a greater underlying problem in our financial systems without truly addressing the cause. It brings more private firms under the direction of the federal government and will explode the national debt.

Our generation will be the one that has to deal with the ramifications of these actions, and the unangling of this massive web of government overreaching will take a lot of work that will most likely never happen.

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Clean coal: a down and dirty affair

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I was very disappointed with vice presidential candidates Sen. Joe Biden and Gov. Sarah Palin when they were asked about "clean coal" in their debate last week. Both candidates voiced their support for clean coal, and Biden even denied he had ever stated there was no such thing as "clean coal." Neither of these responses startled me. Both presidential candidates Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. John McCain have repeatedly talked about "clean coal" at their rallies as part of their energy plans.

Can anyone actually explain what "clean coal" is? No, because it's an oxymoron, with an emphasis on the oxymoron part. It would be like me trying to convince you there's such as thing as clean dirt. There's currently no such thing as "clean coal." Nada. Of course, if I spent \$35 million on advertisements, I might be able to convince you that clean dirt exists. A group backed by the coal industry has spent \$35 million so far this year on advertisements talking about how coal-fired power plants can be clean. It's working: The candidates have been walking along like dogs on a leash, beholden to promoting a falsehood to further their careers. Politicians saying anything and

everything to get elected? I know, you're shocked.

I know a few of you are laughing at me, saying, "But Matt, there is such a thing as clean coal; it's where coal-fired power plants capture their carbon emissions and store them underground." You got me. Except we don't have the technology to do Carbon Capture and Storage. In fact, the Department of Energy isn't expecting to have a successful demonstration of CSS until at least a decade from now. We're probably going to put a man on Mars before we even have the technology for "clean coal." Even then, the coal won't be clean. The department's goal is to cut its emissions by 90 percent.

So the earliest time we could ever have our "clean coal" is in about a decade. The only problem (OK, there are many problems) is the CSS technology is expected to make coal power cost 78 percent more than conventional coal-fired plants. So "clean coal" won't be even close to cost competitive against any of our sources of energy. No one will buy it; that's the beautiful thing about the free market. So if no one is going to buy the "clean coal," then why is the government wasting \$1.3 billion trying to develop it? It would be more productive to burn that money and use the heat to power Obama's teleprompter.

We're spending money to develop CSS because the majority of Americans are repulsed by the carnage burning coal wrecks on our communities and our planet. The coal industry knows it. They know if they can't convince us that they can burn it cleanly, their days are numbered. If politicians were more concerned about serving the public interest, rather than the special interests, they would come clean about coal. If they can't, we should clean them out.

Students must stay aware of current affairs

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Having attended a boarding school for the last four years, I am altogether too familiar with the term "bubble effect." This metaphoric phrase describes the coddled isolation common amongst the verdant courtyards of academia.

Students become so caught up with school that they become isolated from the "real world." The primary symptom is severe ignorance of current events, politics and global affairs. What I find ironic is that in such a technologically advanced world, the "bubble effect" is still a very real epidemic.

It's mind-numbingly easy to be so caught up in school that one completely loses touch with the world at large. I think this holds true especially at a place like MIT where one's weekdays usually are not counted by dates but deadlines for p-sets.

There's also an unconscious aversion to doing things like watching or reading about the news because of its intellectual stimulation. "What? Nonsense!" one may splutter in disbelief. At higher education institutions, everything and anything can become a source of intellectual discussion. Every college student is interested in discussing the financial crisis over Dunkin' Donuts.

Right. The college student may lightly note the financial crisis only in the context of how difficult it is to obtain an internship. Then they would probably plow through and discuss the upcoming frat parties on the weekends.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not condemning the college student for doing what they do. Rushing from lectures to recitations and seminars, it's a relief at times to get away from the world of academia. Choosing between conversing about the pros and cons of a sustainability bill and sleeping, I'm pretty sure most would pick the latter. I might

even be guilty of the same thing depending on what day of the week it is.

The problem is, however, what the college students are not doing. If one views keeping up with current events as a chore, it becomes a burden. The truth is that news and a basic knowledge of current affairs shouldn't fall under the category of academia but instead be considered part of one's obligations as a good citizen.

Seeing that you live in the country, you should know about the financial situation at hand. Sure, it may not affect you directly at the moment but does one have to understand and know of something only when it is in the context of the individual? This thought strongly disturbs me.

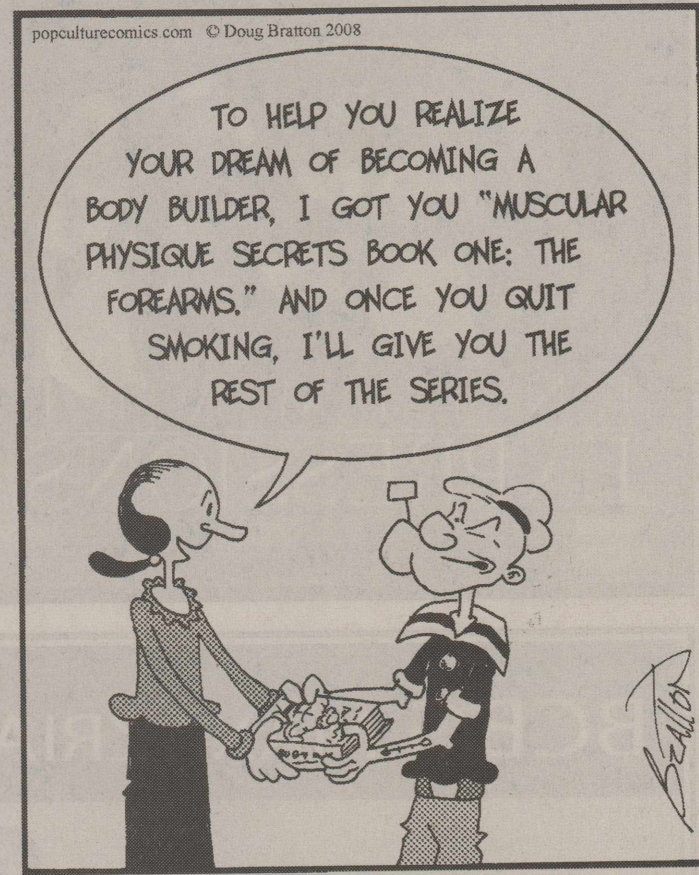
With the wide range of media and sources of information, it's not difficult to tap into tidbits of current events. There are even fewer physical and financial limitations than in the past to prevent us from hearing about global happenings. It's simply a matter of breaking our indifference to reality and the academic bubble. Though one may feel comfortable and satisfied

with being shielded from the "real world" when at college, eventually one must come face to face with the outside.

It's probably not possible to be as attuned to current affairs as those in the work field. Things like tax increases or rising prices of gas are often not tangible worries. We will not feel the same way towards the financial crisis as those who have been laid off from their positions in companies like Lehman Brothers.

We should, however, at least make an effort to know of these things. Checking The New York Times online or the BBC's headlines once or twice daily would take a total of ten to fifteen minutes from your day. That's about the same amount of time it would take to Facebook stalk that cute boy who always sits two rows ahead of you.

When you fall into the pattern of checking the news every day, it no longer becomes a chore but a part of your lifestyle. It keeps one of your feet in the real world and will prevent you from settling into the seductively comfortable — but ultimately debilitating — academia bubble.



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Web 2.0 only beginning; whole new Web world awaits

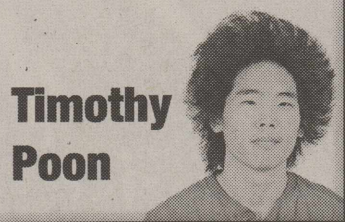
It wasn't that long ago when the Internet was quite possibly the biggest eyesore the world had seen since Harold Warren's cinematic train wreck "Manos: The Hands of Fate."

It seemed like being as flashy and extravagant as possible had a direct correlation to being perceived by the masses as more creative and important. If a Web site didn't have an animated image of its name revolving in a dazzling rainbow display, then it most likely wasn't that great of a place to be.

Forget about design, too. Back in those days, having white text on a gray background with blinking borders was perfectly acceptable and, in fact, encouraged. In retrospect, maxing out with a 56K connection was probably a good thing.

Had we been exposed to all of the earlier Internet's obsolete, barbarous form through a larger bandwidth, I doubt many of us would still be alive.

Enter the modern age and it's clear to see things have shaped up quite nicely. The beast has been overhauled into a beauty with graphic designers taking into consideration



Timothy Poon

color palettes, readability and usability as they pave the way for the superficial layer of online interactions. The World Wide Web Consortium has implemented standards to ensure everyone plays by the same rules and it thus guarantees that coding anarchy is far beyond the realm of possibility.

This new and decidedly improved era of the Web has been coined "Web 2.0." It is generally characterized by use of new or more developed technologies like AJAX and syndication and aggregation of feeds that produce communities of collective information and data. A great example would be to look at YouTube, Facebook or Flickr. All three thrive on user-contributed data, be it videos, written word or photos.

Prior to this in the Web 1.0 days,

all of these sorts of files and information would be stored and displayed privately through personal Web sites and mostly known to only a limited amount of friends and acquaintances. Web 2.0, however, allows a community of strangers to clamor around new additions to their service and add to, comment about or make their own entirely fresh meat.

Clearly, this is all headed somewhere.

Ask yourself just where, if anywhere, the Internet could go from here. The Web already offers, regardless of credentials or intentions, with as many suspect facts, unfounded opinions and hilarious dancing animal videos. Essentially, the Web, as it is, has managed to produce a great deal of innovations that no one would dare dream of a mere decade ago.

Web 3.0, which it presumably will be called, is going to take this, as they say, "up a notch." Internet speeds will reach a blistering pace, effectively allowing users to operate just as fast online as if they were perusing their own desktop offline. This will be important to what the

third iteration of the Internet will be eventually characterized by: complete integration of the online data cloud into daily life.

It's already easy to see the Internet has nestled deep into our daily monotony with its e-mail, social networks and instant messaging. However, with Web 3.0 it will be darn near impossible to avoid.

Eventually, online applications like Google Docs will replace software suites like Microsoft Office, and online desktop environments like eyeOS will become the only reason to fire up your computer desktop. Software like Google Gears and Adobe AIR are already making online application fully functional off-line or out of a browser. By the time Web 3.0 comes to full bloom, those two programs will allow any Web service you desire to operate from your desktop as if it were software you had purchased from a store.

Semantic standards and validation will still be important, but—as mobile technology catches up and becomes sufficient as a full PC counterpart, not just a gadget or accessory—everything the Web has to offer

will be just as readily available on the go with your mobile phone. This will mean complete integration between your school or work life with everything you leave at home in the hands of your heavy, stationary powerhouse computer.

With so many applications available to the public, it's inevitable that professional software will become equally obtainable to the non-professional. Online-only alternatives will eventually crop up for the likes of Photoshop and LightWave 3D, allowing those who didn't have sufficient means before to try their hand at all the technological endeavors they could ever wish for.

Much like how there are musical prodigies, there are comparable software prodigies for their respective fields. This means that, by the way of Web 3.0 and its expanded Web 2.0 collective intelligence, it will be like putting a guitar in the hands of every child on Earth and seeing who can make the best music.

Web 3.0 will blur the line between the expert and the amateur and it will offer the best (and unfor-

tunately the worst) the world can produce in even more expansive communities than Web 2.0 has.

The next step may already have a name, but it could lead in any number of directions. For all the experts and analysts who make a living on predicting trends and patterns of the Web, nothing is for sure just yet.

The best case would be if somehow innovation again came in spades and produced another unfathomable revolution through a new Web experience as different and unique as watermelons are to waffles.

The worst, without a doubt, would be taking a step back because of paranoid delusions of information security and proprietorship of new technologies, allowing everything the past 10 years has produced to regress back into the traumatic days of online exploration, a time when 98 percent of the Internet was comprised of Neopets fan sites hosted on Angelfire.

Let's hope it never comes to that.

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Nintendo conference offers reassurance to devoted fans, promotes new gadgets

While the Nintendo Wii continues to delight families, newer gamers and senile grandparents everywhere, much of the gaming industry's faithful have been left asking, "What about me?"

The company was finally able to address some of that hardcore audience's concerns last week with two back-to-back events—one in Japan and another in San Francisco.

Almost everything was revealed at the Fall Conference in Japan, which was conducted first to compensate for the time difference between the regions. One of the largest pieces of news (and the one that was the most heavily rumored leading up to the event) was the announcement of a redesign of their immensely popular portable, the Nintendo DS.

Like the DS Lite before it, the new "DSi" will attempt to improve upon the original system's design. The redesign gets rid of the slot that allows you to play GameBoy Advance games on the system (a minor loss for new gamers, as GBA games are no longer produced) in favor of making the system slightly slimmer, and thus more portable. The screens



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are also 17 percent larger, now measuring 3.25 inches.

The system also now supports two cameras, along with software with which to use them. Considering this in addition to more Internet features and capabilities (such as a built-in Web browser), it almost seems as if the folks at Nintendo are slowly working toward a more "all-purpose" machine, akin to Sony's PlayStation Portable or even Apple's iPhone.

Unfortunately, while Japan should see the new DSi before the year's end, Nintendo of America president Reggie Fils-Aime said North American markets won't see the system until late 2009.

So it's a good thing Nintendo showed off a ton of other stuff to keep us busy in the meantime.

On the Wii side of things, the company again showed off "Wii

Music," a title that resembles games like "Guitar Hero" and "Rock Band" in that you make music, but is so absurdly simple that it will likely only appeal to parents and small children. Players can "play" a large variety of instruments to the tune of such classic hits as Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" and "Material Girl," which of course are very similar songs. The game will be released Oct. 20.

But before hardcore gamers were able to cry out in extreme agony, Nintendo quickly said, "Not so fast."

They announced that they will be addressing many concerns people have with the Wii hardware. Perhaps most importantly, they will

soon allow Wii owners to save their downloaded games onto an SD card, freeing up extremely precious system space. They also announced chat software for their upcoming "Wii Speak" microphone, allowing people to chat with other Wii owners around the globe.

Software-wise, the company announced two modern sequels to games that some gamers have been clamoring to see more of for some time now. The more recognizable of these is a new "Punch-Out" title—an update to a classic boxing game from the old NES days in the 80s and 90s, when gaming was just beginning to take off.

They also revealed "Sin and Punishment 2." This is a weird one, because the original "Sin and Punishment" was an action-arcade game for the Nintendo 64 that was only released in Japan (the title has since been released on the Wii's Virtual Console as a downloadable game in the United States), but it has a cult following of fans who have been made extremely happy.

For the DS, Nintendo showed off "Fire Emblem: Shadow Dragon," "Mario & Luigi RPG 3" and "Rhythm Heaven," all of which will appeal to different aspects of the core gaming audience.

In many ways this is exactly what

Nintendo's Electronic Entertainment Expo conference should have been earlier this year. They made several big announcements that were needed to maintain a grip on their audience of the gaming faithful—which is more important, considering that other companies are going to try to steal those fans at the Tokyo Game Show, which is going on right now.

There have been rough times for Nintendo fans lately, but thankfully it seems as if they aren't completely forgotten.

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Native American enrollment doubles

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American Indian and Alaskan Native enrollment in higher education institutions in the U.S. has doubled in the past 30 years, according to a recent report.

According to the Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics, 26 percent of American Indians ages 18 to 24 years old were enrolled in colleges and universities in 2006.

More tribal colleges and universities have opened in the past 30 years, which may have led to the increase, said Loriene Roy, a UT library and information sciences professor.

"Native American students take the option of attending a tribal college due to the incentives such as financial aid that their tribes may offer," Roy said.

The UT School of Information offers scholarships that specifically target American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Roy said. The school, with 57 master's degree programs in information sciences, offers such scholarships as the Honor Generations Scholarship to American Indians and Alaskan Natives interested in careers in tribal librarianship.

The five-year scholarship, which ended this May, was funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and grants from first lady Laura Bush and the Tocker Foundation, which supports librarianship in rural areas. Six students graduated from the program, and the last student involved will walk the stage in December. Each student focused on tribal school, community or academic librarianship.

"We attract these students with financial aid, a welcoming environment and the incentive of being able to bring work and education back to their tribal community," Roy said.

Janice Kowemy, who received her master's in 2007 in information studies, was a scholarship recipient. She now works at the Laguna Pueblo Public Library in her hometown in New Mexico.

"There's much more encouragement of family members now than there used to be," Kowemy said.

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ANDREW WIDMER, A graduate student studying wind science energy from Austin, enjoys a game of tennis Wednesday at the recreation sport fields.

Students explore Lubbock mountain biking

By HANNAH BOEN
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Texas Tech's bicycle riders are hitting the West Texas trails, bicycle trails, that is.

Students gathered at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Outdoor Pursuits Center to travel to Lubbock's Dunbar Historical Lake for a mountain bicycle ride.

Student leaders guided both amateur and experienced riders through mountain biking trails Wednesday evening. The center will continue hosting its bicycle rides on Wednesdays throughout this semester.

"This is supposed to be an introduction to what Lubbock has to offer," said student leader Kenny Williams. "Most people don't even realize you can go mountain biking in Lubbock."

Williams, a senior marketing and management major from Dallas, said sometimes he is the only student leader for the rides. However, because of his medical training, he does not feel nervous for any reason.

Assistant Director for Recreational Sports Jordan Messerer said because of the group's flexibility, riders only are expected to do what they feel comfortable with.

"If they're comfortable to ride on their own, they can," he said, "or they can ride with leaders and pick up some tips."

Messerer said the event can be fun for even the most inexperienced riders who may not have a mountain bicycle but can rent one from the OPC.

He said the group rides are a perfect opportunity for a new rider who is unsure about experiencing mountain biking.

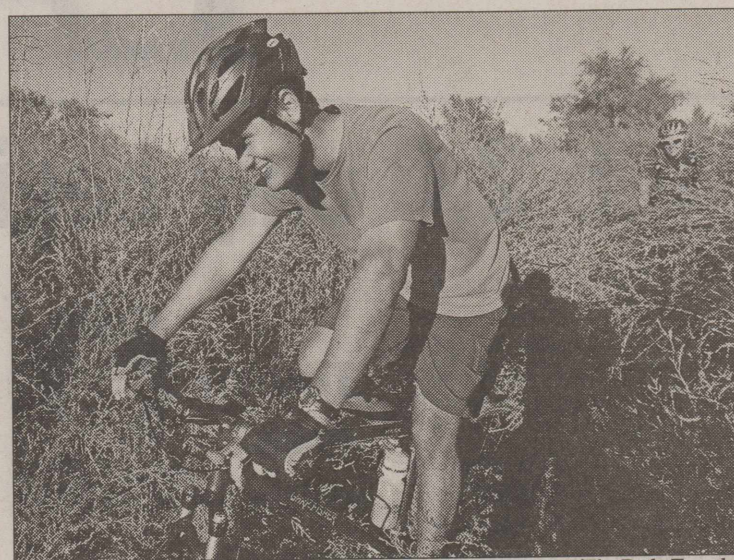


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MICHAEL GRAJEDA, A senior biology major from Richardson, and Cameron Cox, a senior History major and an instructor with the Outdoor Pursuits Center from Roswell, N. M., ride mountain bikes Wednesday on the Dunbar Historical Lake Mountain Bike Trails.

"It's an overall vision the center has," he said, "to give opportunities to students other than just what's on campus."

Messerer said the average attendance for the Wednesday night rides is six students and two or three student leaders, but he hopes to see the program grow because it is a healthy way to enjoy Lubbock.

Bicycle riding can be intimidating, Messerer said, but anyone can enjoy the beginner trails.

"The beginners have great instructors and students that are very friendly and encourage people to try new things," he said.

Williams said the rides thus far have included people from every skill level.

"We've had everything from a girl who just bought a bicycle and didn't even know how to work the gears,"

he said, "to guys who were faster than me."

For students who prefer road rides, Messerer said the OPC offers a paved-trail ride at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Williams said for road rides, the group takes different routes throughout Lubbock, including Lubbock's Canyon Lake trails and Buffalo Springs Lake trails.

The Canyon Lake trails take bicyclers on a 20 mile round-trip ride that tours six area lakes, Messerer said.

Williams said he hopes inexperienced riders will not be afraid to try something new and join the group rides. He said student leaders and staff are pushing beginners to get to the OPC and learn how to become better riders.

For more information on equipment, hboen@ttu.edu can visit the

Princeton panelists say cell phone use skews election polls

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The surge in cell phone usage, as well as absentee and early ballots, are handicapping the accuracy of polls for the 2008 presidential election, pollster Joe Lenski '87 said in a panel discussion on voting behavior and the trustworthiness of polling in Princeton's DODS Auditorium on Tuesday.

Lenski, who studied mechanical engineering at the Princeton, was the third speaker on a panel composed of social scientists and pollsters. The panelists agreed that state polls are inaccurate, gave reasons for this and suggested improvements. "How many of you don't have landline phones?" Lenski asked the audience of undergraduate and graduate students.

Many hands shot up, supporting the panelists' point that polls

today are inaccurate because their samples do not include enough young people, who are more reliant on cell phones.

Contacting people by cell phone, though, is twice as expensive as calling a landline, said Larry Hugick, chairman of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. He explained that "[contacting people via cell phones] will not happen until we prove that [only dialing landlines] is a major issue."

The panel was composed of two social science professors and two pollsters. Christopher Achen, a politics professor, and Andrew Gelman, a statistics and political science professor at Columbia, addressed what drives voting.

Achen said that people tend to make irrational associations between past events and political candidates, adding that people generally vote against incumbents

when times are bad.

He provided the example of shark attacks along the New Jersey shore in 1916, when Woodrow Wilson, Class of 1879, was president. "Wilson lost as many votes in Monmouth and Ocean [counties] as Republicans lost during the Great Depression," in the presidential election that followed a few months later, he explained.

"When the economy is down, voters tend to vote against the economists," he added, explaining that "the Republicans are taking the hit" in this election cycle for that reason.

Gelman, author of "Red State, Blue State, Rich State, Poor State: Why Americans Vote the Way They Do," disagreed with Achen on this point.

"I'm not sure comparing shark attacks to the Republicans taking the hit for the economy is accurate,"

he said. "The shark attack comparison is a little too charitable to the Republican Party. There have been problems in the economy for the past couple of years."

Gelman also said that variation in voting trends lies with the rich, not the poor, and added that religion influences the voting of the rich more so than that of the poor, saying "religion is the opiate of the elite."

He added that social issues carry more weight now than in the past, especially among wealthy populations because they do not focus only on economic concerns.

Stephanie Alvarez, a freshman, said she came to the panel to learn more about polling. "Anyone's general opinion is that it's easy to call someone and get a percentage, but it's so much more complicated," she said. "I'll probably go to Wikipedia and look up polling information when I get back."

Hugh Hefner opens up about breakup

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hugh Hefner is down a girlfriend.

Hefner and Holly Madison, one of E!'s "The Girls Next Door," are no longer dating. Hefner said he's been "down in the dumps" about the split.

The 28-year-old model-actress stars in the reality series with Kendra Wilkinson and Bridget Marquardt as one of the 82-year-old publisher's girlfriends who live with Hefner in the Playboy Mansion.

"If Holly says it's over, I guess it's over," Hefner said in a telephone interview Wednesday. "She's still here in the house. Until a few days ago, we were still sharing the same bed."

Hefner was surprised to hear Madison discussing their breakup, but acknowledged he knew a split was imminent after he told Madison that they never would wed or have children.

In a video posted on TMZ.com Tuesday, Madison said she's no longer with Hefner. She also said she is "still filming stuff together" with Wilkinson and Marquardt.

Hefner said Madison learned the pair would never have children or get married six months ago, adding: "The

fact that she was depressed after that, I didn't know at all. That was a revelation in the last days and weeks. Quite frankly, we thought when the time came, we would make a combined statement and we expected that combined statement would be somewhere in the weeks and months ahead."

"The Girls Next Door" premiered on E! in 2001 and is in its fifth season. Hefner said he and the three women are committed to a sixth season, but he plans to seek out new live-in lovers. Hefner said 19-year-old Playmate Karissa and Kristina Shannon are living in the mansion, but they aren't his girlfriends — yet.

"It's now apparent there will be some new faces in my personal life and on the show," he said. "There's been moments that I've been down in the dumps about all this, and (personal assistant) Mary (O'Connor) told me to cheer up and pointed out that there are girls lined up outside the front gate. At my age, that's hard to believe, but it seems to be true."

Hefner's relationship with his remaining two girlfriends — Marquardt, 35, and Wilkinson, 23 — may also be in flux. Hefner said Marquardt is in Europe filming the new Travel Channel series "Bridget's Beaches," and Wilkinson may soon move out of the mansion and get her own apartment. Hefner said E! is interested in spin-offs with all three women.

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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Alan P. Olschwang
Huntington Beach, CA
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KATIE CRITCHFIELD, A junior apparel design major from Georgetown, presents her garment made of T-shirts on her model Callie Spry, a junior retail major from Abilene, to a panel of judges during her surface design class as part of the class's version of Project Runway Wednesday in the Human Sciences building. The challenge for the project was to design a garment using T-shirts.

Poor economy slows study abroad industry

By SEETA REBBAPRAGADA
INDEPENDENT FLORIDA ALLIGATOR (U. FLORIDA)

As a result of the poor economy, the study abroad industry has slowed, and the number of students in some organizations has decreased, said Chris Schiffhauer, the executive director of operations for Abroadco, a study abroad company.

The study abroad industry has experienced a trend of students choosing the shorter and less expensive summer programs, said Kelly Corrigan, the marketing and university relations director for University Studies Abroad Consortium.

Corrigan said her organization and others are having difficulties making study abroad trips accessible to all students.

Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae aren't stopping UF students from going overseas, but the high price of studying abroad has forced students to alter their plans to make the trip more affordable.

As a result of the current economic turmoil, the study abroad industry has slowed, and the number of students in some organizations has decreased, said Chris Schiffhauer, the executive director of operations for Abroadco, an Arizona-based independent study abroad company.

Schiffhauer said he thinks many employers value studying abroad.

He said studying abroad is a vital part of a college education, so families will find a way to send their sons or daughters overseas.

"We have noticed that the number of students who are using financial aid to study abroad has increased," he said.

Because the currency exchange rates are unfavorable to the U.S. dollar, Schiffhauer said, his company was required to raise its prices.

UF study abroad advisers couldn't be reached for comment.

Kelly Corrigan, the marketing and university relations director for University Studies Abroad Consortium, a Nevada-based independent study abroad company, said despite the downward-spiraling U.S. economy, the number of students interested in studying abroad has remained the same.

However, the study abroad industry has experienced a trend of students choosing the shorter and less expensive summer programs, Corrigan said.

She said she believes her organization and others are having difficulties making study abroad trips accessible to all students.

"I think what we're challenged with is finding scholarship opportunities for the students and making sure there are tons of options for them," she said.

Kristel Gomez, a UF freshman, said the first question she asks study abroad advisers is if they offer scholarships and financial aid.

Gomez said she believes studying abroad will enhance her college education.

"Being that my major is architecture, I know I can get a

more wholesome experience outside the country because all ancient architecture and modern architecture started all the way over there," she said, referring to

"I'd say you can't put a price on it. It only happens once or maybe twice in a lifetime, and where there is a will, there is a way."

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Europe and Asia.

Xodhil Jaen, a UF food and resource economics junior, said she's trying to make her study abroad trip as affordable as possible

by reconsidering her destination possibilities.

"I'm considering Latin America because it is cheaper than to go to Europe, where the euro is so high right now," she said.

Still, Suzanne Rommelfanger, a program development consultant for CAPA International Education, another study abroad center, said she doesn't believe the bad exchange rates will stop students from studying abroad in Europe.

"I think London and Florence will always be hot spots," she said. "They are traditional destinations, and they are never really going to go out of favor just because of what they are and what they can offer to students."

Students shouldn't let the current economic situation stand in the way of a study abroad experience, Rommelfanger said.

"I'd say you can't put a price on it," she said. "It only happens once or maybe twice in a lifetime, and where there is a will, there is a way."

NYU Institute looks to teach with gaming

By ERIC PLATT
WASHINGTON SQUARE NEWS (NYU)

New York University's latest institute soon may be encouraging middle school students to swap their textbooks for Tetris.

Well, maybe not. But the Games for Learning Institute, announced yesterday in a partnership with Microsoft Corp., aims to look at how computer games could be used for educational ends.

The institute — which also is being run in conjunction with a number of other universities, including Dartmouth College, Columbia University and Parsons Institute — is looking at whether computer games can be used as educational tools for science, technology, engineering and mathematics classes, often called STEM classes, for the sixth through eighth grades.

Microsoft Research donated \$1.5 million to the institute, on top of \$1.5 million raised by NYU and other universities.

Craig Mundie, Microsoft's chief research and strategy officer, spoke to a crowd of students and faculty wondering what the new center ultimately would do. Mundie credited the work of Microsoft's philanthropy arms for the funding of the project.

"There's a serendipitous relation-

ship between Microsoft and The Gates Foundation," said Mundie, who took over his current role after Microsoft founder Bill Gates stepped down. "What can be done to the U.S. education system? The partnership has already had some pretty spectacular results."

Mundie's main concern is learning whether games work well in the classroom to excite students in STEM fields, he said.

CAS sophomore Michael Weiss attended the conference; he said he is excited to see how the electronic offerings Mundie presented could become practical applications.

"I'm excited to see them, but I hope it's not like current educational games we've seen before," he said. "They'd have to do something novel to make me enthusiastic."

Washington Square News spoke with Mundie after his speech.

Washington Square News: Why is Microsoft investing in a new gaming institute now?

Craig Mundie: The deepest interest we have is in our core businesses. The business depends upon the smartest engineers, and we're worried about a decline in the number of science engineers. The thought is on gaming and the concepts that underlie it to improve educational output in the

critical years of childhood.

WSN: What does Microsoft hope to gain, and what can students expect from the institute?

CM: We're providing them with the platforms to do research. At this point it's research funded solely for research purposes. It's a pretty pure academic collaboration.

WSN: What do you hope to accomplish during your tenure at Microsoft?

CM: At some level there are two things in this post that I hope to accomplish. The first is that we are entering a time when there will be major change. Companies that have been significant may no longer be in that position; what I aspire to do is remain significant. The other is the realization of the dream I have that we can solve fundamental needs and problems, many of them geo-political and quality-of-life issues.

WSN: How is Microsoft adapting to the quickening speed of development and change in consumer habits?

CM: We are adapting many of our historic products. The future blends together tradition with the capabilities of the internet. One example is the Office portfolio; we're adding Office Live to Office to enhance what it offers to consumers.

Minnesota hoops assistant gets some Cosmo love

By AARON PAITCH
MINNESOTA DAILY (U. MINNESOTA)

A Gophers men's basketball coach has scored some points of his own in a popular women's magazine.

On Monday, Cosmopolitan magazine named Steve Goodson, special assistant to head coach Tubby Smith, Minnesota's most eligible bachelor.

Goodson, 25, will be featured in the November issue of the magazine and is qualified for the bachelor of the

year award, which people can vote for online.

Goodson, or "Zo" as his friends call him, found out he had won in early May by playing phone tag. An unknown New York number showed up on his cell phone, but he couldn't answer at work.

He called back later, suspecting old friends trying to reach him, but instead reached the answering machine for Cosmopolitan.

"I thought people were playing a joke on me," Goodson said. "I was a little

overwhelmed at first and didn't know what to think."

Some female friends from his college days in Kentucky nominated the Indiana native by contacting his family members to get some photos, he said.

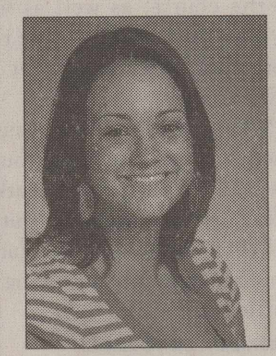
Coworker and former Gophers men's basketball player, Ryan Saunders has become good friends with Goodson.

"It couldn't have happened to a better guy," Saunders said. "I think he's got a great chance; I put all my money on Zo."

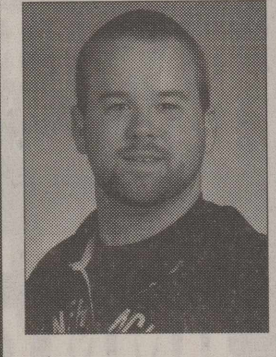
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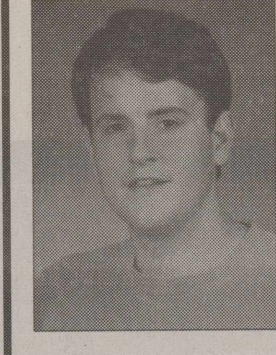


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Tech runs 'Elf' formation against K-State, could be used later in season

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

Among abilities like finding the open spot in a zone defense, shedding tacklers twice his size and scoring the occasional touchdown, senior receiver Eric Morris knows how to wield a dagger and perform magic.

Known by his alias "Elf" on the Texas Tech football team, the 5-foot-9, 177-pound Morris said coach Mike Leach christened him with the alter ego a while back.

"He calls me the evil elf because he has all these different things; elves are small; they're generally pretty mean and they corner well," Morris said. "They're good with a dagger; he goes on and on about how elves have different traits, and he thinks that I fit the traits of an elf. He thinks that I do well with the football in my hands and calls the football my dagger."

In the preseason, Leach installed a tailor-made offensive package named "Elf," complete with a picture of a little elf in the

playbook. It is a zone-read play out of the shotgun formation with Morris and a running back lining up on either side of quarterback Graham Harrell. The direct snap goes to Morris, a quarterback at Shallowater High School, who has the option to run the ball, hand it off to the running back or pass to an open receiver. Wideout Michael Crabtree, also a quarterback in high school, also gets reps in the formation.

"I played quarterback in high school so I'm familiar with it," said Morris, who had 24 touchdowns by way of 926 yards rushing during his senior year in high school. "We ran the zone read a lot. It's something I haven't done in a couple years, but I'm kind of getting back in the swing of things now, and it's always exciting to have the ball in your hands and be able to make decisions out there."

During a 58-28 win against Kansas State Saturday, Tech had minimal production out of the "Elf," but with Crabtree in the backfield, not Morris.

"Coach said I'm the second man to that," said Crabtree, who has 564 yards receiving and eight touchdowns. "It's fun; it's just like being a running back or something; it's just football."

Harrell said the fiery Morris, who caused a penalty for the Red Raiders for not wanting to come out of the game this season, is itching to get his hands on the football in his own formation.

"He's probably mad he didn't get to run it last week," Harrell said. "He didn't get a lot of practice in the week off, so Crab got all the reps in that little package, so Crab got the reps this week in the game. Eric wants it. Eric wants to be back there."

Morris has made plenty of plays as an inside receiver and punt returner this year. He has 327 yards receiving and two touchdowns, including a 164-yard outing against Eastern Washington, and he returned a punt 86 yards for a touchdown against Nevada.

Morris said his read in the play is to see if the defense crashes

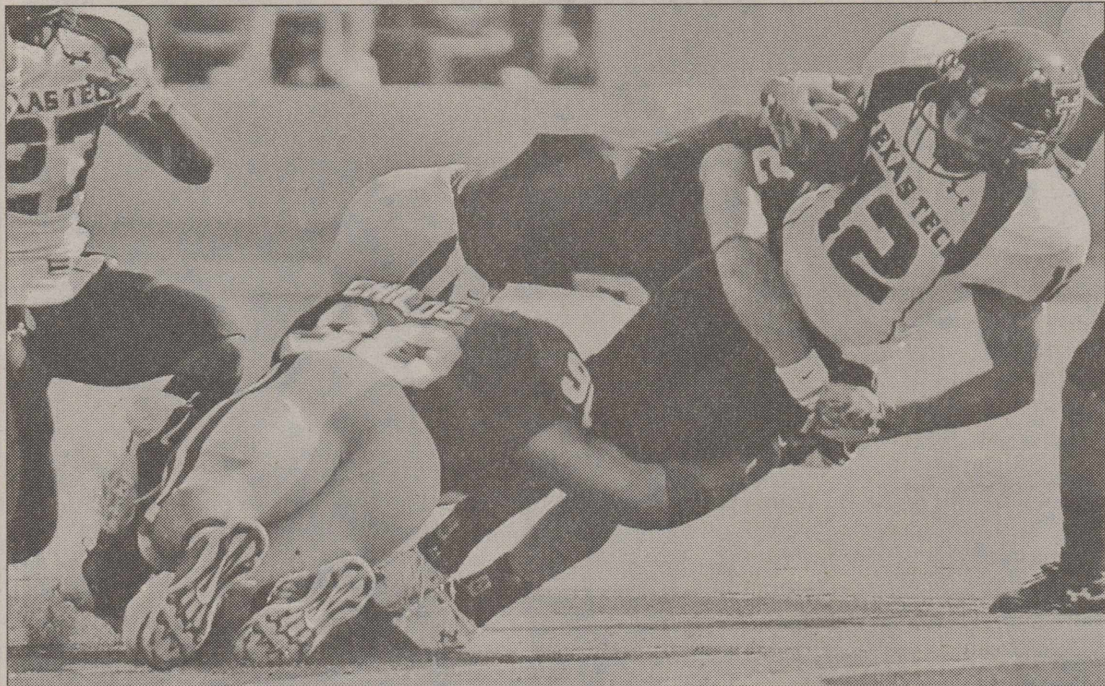


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TEXAS TECH RECEIVER Eric Morris is one of the focal points in the Red Raiders' "Elf" formation. Tech ran this formation in the Red Raiders' 58-28 win over Kansas State Saturday.

down or stays in a zone. If they crash, then Morris said he will pull out of the hand off and run where he sees open field.

"It's just something we're play-

ing with, we've always tried to get the ball in all the skill guys hands," receivers coach Lincoln Riley said. "If we can find new ways to do it, we'll do that. If we

see a team that we like it against, we may throw it out there or we may not. We're just gonna keep toying with it."

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Women's golf unhappy with performance at only home tournament of season

By KEVIN CULLEN
STAFF WRITER

Even when it seemed like all the advantages were on its side, the Texas Tech women's golf team was unable to win its lone home, regular season tournament of the year.

The Lady Raiders finished the McHaney/Morehead Invitational in a tie with Colorado for third place Tuesday at The Rawls Course in Lubbock. Arkansas-Little Rock and Baylor finished first and second, respectively.

The team was coming off a second place finish at the Heather Farr/CU Invitational going into the tournament.

Tech coach Stacey Totman said the momentum of the previous tournament, coupled with the perceived advantage of playing at home, gave the team confidence, but did not result in what it was hoping for.

"Sometimes it's a double-edged sword when you host an event at your own place," she said. "You really, really wanna go out there and win, and in some ways you put a lot of extra pressure on yourself to go out there and win. I think that it was kinda a valuable lesson learned that maybe we put the cart ahead of the horse, so to speak."

A total of seven Big 12 Con-

ference teams played in the tournament. Tying with one and finishing ahead of four of those teams — behind only Baylor — is something Totman said is valuable as the team looks to the Big 12 Championships in the spring, which also is hosted by Tech.

"I think it gave them a ton of confidence coming into the spring," she said. "We're gonna be able to handle a lot of the different circumstances (at The Rawls Course) — the wind, the firm greens — that will be a big factor in who wins the Big 12 championship."

The Lady Raiders were paced in the tournament by Ulrika Van Niekerk's fifth place overall finish. The senior also led the team in its last tournament by placing sixth.

Van Niekerk said even though she played well, the team is dissatisfied with the results of a tournament that teammate Megan Dowdy said she believed it would win, just as it did in 2007.

"Obviously, I think the team is pretty disappointed," Van Niekerk said. "I think that, for us, we just wanted to defend it so badly, and we wanted it so badly. I just think it was the fact that we really just pressed hard."

Dowdy, who finished 11th in the tournament, said she felt partially responsible for the team's

inability to finish higher than it did.

"I definitely could have improved my putting," she said. "I struggled all week. If I could've made some putts I think we could've at least gotten second, but I think anybody can say they could've improved their putting."

The second consecutive Top 5 finish may help the Lady Raiders accomplish a goal Totman said they have for the fall season: finishing in the low 40s in the rankings.

Golfweek currently ranks the team at No. 70 in rankings that were released prior to play in the McHaney/Morehead Invitational.

Tech has more than two weeks before its next tournament, the UNLV Rebel Classic Oct. 27 in Las Vegas.

Totman said the Lady Raiders will use the time to shore up some holes in their decision making on the course, as well as focus on their short game to give them more confidence playing at The Rawls Course.

"Our golf course is a beautiful place, but the greens are tough," she said. "We will go to work on golf course management, putting and then just kinda fine tuning short games and ball striking just a little bit."

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Lady Raider Finishes

T-5th: Megan Dowdy

T-7th: Alex Gibson

T-11th: Megan Dowdy

17th: Gloriana Soto

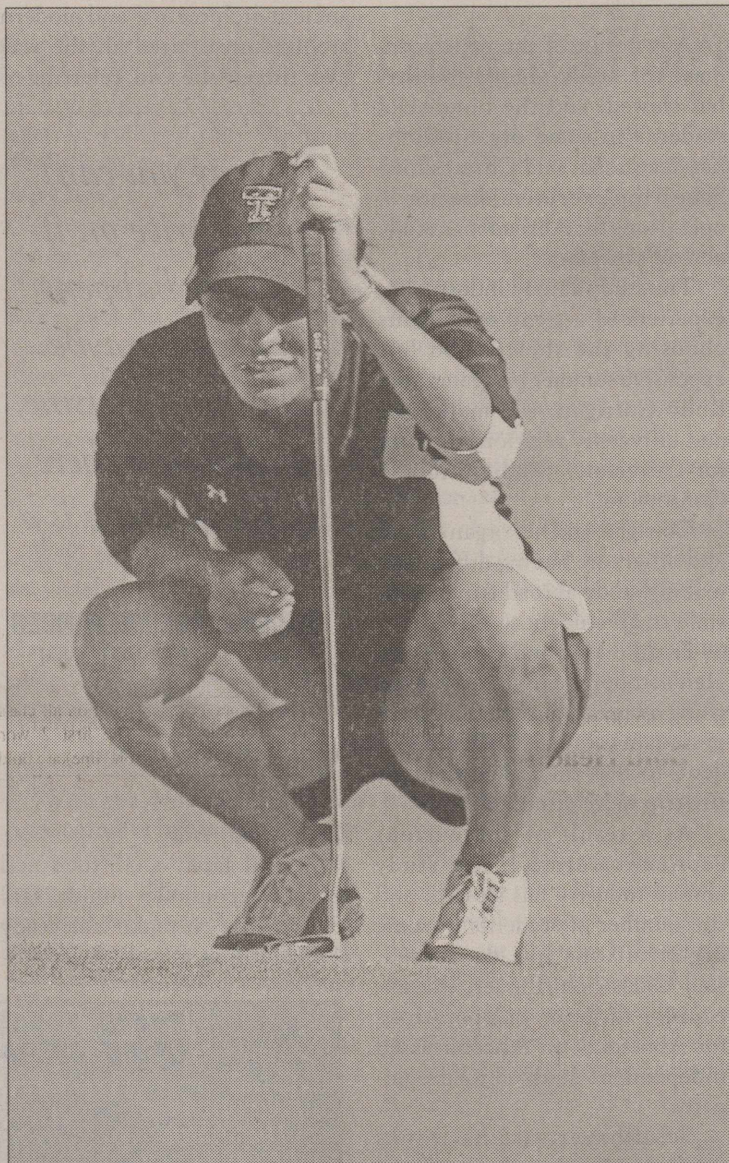
T-26th: Tracy Stanford

T-32nd: Jackie Smith

T-46th: Rosalyn Kim

T-67th: Robyn Scott

73rd: Ali Williams



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MEGAN DOWDY TIED for 11th in the McHaney/Morehead Invitational at The Rawls Course Tuesday. This was the Lady Raiders' only tournament at home for the fall and spring season.

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Suiter dealing with new coaching transition

By **ALEX YBARRA**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech interim softball coach Amy Suiter didn't see this coming.

Teresa Wilson's decision to relinquish her position as head coach at Tech to become pitching coach alongside Mike



WILSON

Candrea at Arizona left Suiter as the most qualified replacement to take over the team.

"Nope, it isn't (what I expected)," said Suiter, who was entering her fourth year as an assistant coach. "I expected to work under her, but we're excited for the opportunity.

I'm happy for her; it's a good move for her. It's something that you have to do when Mike comes knocking. It was a move she had to make."

At Arizona, Candrea has become one of the best softball coaches in the nation, having won eight national championships in 17 years while reaching the Women's College World Series in 19 of the last 20 years.

Prior to coming to Lubbock, Suiter was a catcher for Wilson at Washington from 2000 to 2004 where she was known for helping the progression of pitchers and assisted in two Women's College World Series appearances. After she finished her collegiate career, she worked a pitching school with Wilson before Wilson took the job at Tech. Suiter continued teaching lessons at a softball school in Seattle with her

husband, Dustin Suiter, who also is an assistant coach for the Red Raiders, before reuniting with Wilson in the 2006 season.

As an assistant coach, Amy Suiter developed players' hitting and mental preparation while getting her feet wet in the recruiting process.

"I think it's going to be a very easy transition," Amy Suiter said. "The only thing that's gonna change is we lost a pitching coach. The philosophies are the same. I've taught (Wilson's) pitching style since college and after college, so I'm going to be a new face, but the philosophy is going to be the same."

Senior Liz Eimen said she does not blame her former coach for going to Arizona, and because Amy Suiter has been around for three years, there are similarities that provide a sense of comfort for the team.

"We as a team fully trust our assistant coach and now our interim head coach Amy Suiter," Eimen said. "We have all the faith in the world with them. It's a brand new start, a clean slate. Nothing has really changed, just coach Wilson is not around anymore."

Wilson said with seven solid freshmen this year, a strong 2010 recruiting class and nine returnees, Amy Suiter has all the necessary ingredients to build a winning program in Lubbock.

"She teaches the game as well as anybody," Wilson said. "You'd like to think you've had some kind of impact on them being around that long. It's time for her to take her own program, to grow with that."

Although there are only three seniors on the team in Eimen, pitcher Alex Watkins and Megan Shupp,

Amy Suiter said there is a good mix of senior leadership and a dedicated work ethic in younger players.

"These kids are gonna continue what we started and they're gonna put Texas Tech on the map, softball wise," Wilson said.

Wilson added that Suiter already knows what direction is going in regards to philosophy and personnel.

"(Stability) is key at a time like this," Wilson said. "When I came in here, we had to change a funda-

	Overall	Conference	Finish
2005	23-25	3-15	9th*
2006	19-35	4-13	10th
2007	24-27	4-12	8th
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mental philosophy and a culture as far as who the kids were. It was just a different coach from a different part of the country with a different way of coaching.

Texas QB McCoy now posing himself as an all-around threat

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Colt McCoy arrived on the Texas campus in 2005 as a skinny, small-town country kid.

He weighed about 180 pounds and looked even smaller than that. Slender shoulders, skinny arms and legs and a wide-eyed expression made some teammates wonder whether he could play.

"I'm a city guy from Houston," senior running back Chris Ogbanaya said. "Colt comes up to me and the first thing he says is, 'Hi, I'm Colt McCoy.' I am just like, 'Where are you from?' He had a West Texas accent."

Nobody questions whether McCoy can play anymore. The confident kid is now in his third season as the Longhorns' starter. Hard work in the

weight room turned him into a solid 6-foot-3, 215 pounds athlete with a strong arm and speed to outrun defenders.

With 16 touchdown passes and a team-high 317 yards rushing, McCoy is playing so well that even though he's got plenty of experience he's still been the biggest surprise on the Texas offense. Another big game — and a victory — Saturday against No. 1 Oklahoma

(5-0) could make him a top contender for the Heisman Trophy.

If you saw where I played in high school, you'd know why I wasn't a (big) recruit.

COLT MCCOY
TEXAS QUARTERBACK

"I think everybody understands who their bellcow is, who their leader is, and they get on his back," Sooners defensive coordinator Brent Venables said.

Many Texas fans figured McCoy was just an insurance policy when the Longhorns missed signing to recruit Ryan Perrilloux in 2005.

"If you saw where I played high school, you'd know why I wasn't a (big) recruit," said McCoy, who played at Class 2A Tuscola Jim Ned High School, just up the road from Buffalo Gap.

Longhorns coach Mack Brown saw past the small town to see a big-time player.

"We saw the same things in high school you're seeing now," Brown said. "The questions we had were: Could he get bigger and stronger? We never questioned his ability to play. He has worked really hard to answer every flaw ... He's played as near perfect as you can play."

Size and strength were a problem early in his career when he was injured on a hard hit to the shoulder as a fresh-

man. A pinched nerve in his neck lingered for weeks and might have cost Texas a loss to Texas A&M and a chance to defend its Big 12 title.

Today, McCoy runs with power and confidence. Against Rice, he bowled over two defenders at the goal line for a touchdown. Against Arkansas, he outran the Razorbacks' secondary in a 35-yard burst to the end zone, Texas' longest scoring run of the season.

While Texas has yet to find a No. 1 tailback, McCoy is averaging a nifty 7.0 yards per carry, most of it coming on designed runs. That gives Texas a flavor of the dual threat QB the Longhorns had with Vince Young in the 2005 national championship season.

McCoy ran for more than 400 yards last season but said he finally realized he could do some real damage when he went 70 yards against Texas' first-team defense in a preseason scrimmage.

"When I can use my feet I'm going to use them and just like Coach Brown tell me everyday, 'When you can go make a first down, go make it.'" McCoy said.

Just as important is that the mistakes that plagued him last season when he threw 18 interceptions have not shown up through the first five games. Texas offensive coordinator Greg Davis said McCoy now understands the defenses he's facing so well that he often anticipates the play before Davis calls them.

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Man indicted in slaying of Broncos' corner Williams

DENVER (AP) — A 25-year-old man was indicted Wednesday on first-degree murder charges in the drive-by shooting death of Denver Broncos cornerback Darrent Williams on New Year's Day 2007.

Willie D. Clark faces 39 counts, including murder, attempted murder, assault, crimes of violence and a weapons violation, Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey said.

Clark is in federal custody in a separate case. He was long considered a "person of interest" in Williams' slaying but is the first suspect to be indicted.

Williams a former Oklahoma State standout, was shot and killed while riding in a rented limousine early on Jan. 1, 2007, after leaving

the Safari Club, a Denver nightclub. He was 24.

The indictment said Williams and Clark were at the club with separate groups of friends and there was an altercation between the two groups. Quoting witnesses, it said Clark got into an SUV, followed the rented limo carrying Williams and opened fire.

At least 15 shots were fired into the limo. Williams was shot in the neck, and two other passengers, Nicole Reindl and Brandon Flowers, were wounded, the indictment said.

Kansas City Chiefs spokesman Bob Moore said the Brandon Flowers injured in the attack is not the Chiefs' rookie cornerback of the same name.

Kipyego looking forward to return after time off

By KAYLA PARHAM
STAFF WRITER

Some people don't like taking time off. Sally Kipyego is one of them.

After a summer of Olympic trials, track national championships and tending to nursing school, Kipyego is eager to compete again. As a senior, she will start her final stretch as a cross country runner striving to make history in the women's Division I collegiate record books by winning three national titles in the sport. Kipyego's first race of the year will be in the Chile Pepper Festival on Oct. 18 in Fayetteville, Ark., ending a stretch where she missed the first three races of the season.

With her busy summer schedule, Kipyego said she had little time to recoup from the Olympic trials.

"I just wanted time off a little," she said. "I just competed until everyone else was already rested, so I needed to get the rest and come back more slowly. And the fact that the season goes all the way to July, I didn't want to start racing in the beginning, because the season is pretty long."

The track and field NCAA championships ended June 14 in Des Moines, Iowa and the Kenyan track Olympic trials were held July 4 in Nairobi, Kenya.

Since the start of the season, the women's cross country team has already competed in the Cloudcroft Tri-meet, the Red Raider Invitational and the Notre Dame Invitational.

"I really wanted to go to Notre Dame because really good girls were running and a lot of good teams were running," Kipyego said. "I wanted to help the team run better and probably place a little higher,



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH'S SALLY Kipyego will make her return to cross country Oct. 18 in Fayetteville, Ark., in the Chili Pepper Festival.

but at the same you have to make choice."

Part of that choice includes nursing school, she said. Intense clinicals starting 6 a.m. Thursday's and Fridays prevent her from training with the rest of the team on those days.

"Thursdays are a recovery run for me that I can do later," Kipyego said. "But on Fridays it's kind of hard because it is always a hard workout; I always try to get somebody to run with because it just harder to do a hard workout by yourself."

Tech coach Jon Murray and teammate Michelle Guzman both said they believe the team could have placed about sixth had Kipyego competed in the Notre Dame

Invitational instead of 12th.

Guzman said the team has a chance to win its next meet with Kipyego back on the team.

"Without any one of the girls on the team we are not complete, because we are a team," Guzman said. "But I mean it's good that we are going to have Sally. At Notre Dame we competed as a team, but we still missed Sally. Of course we're always going to miss one person on our team, because we are a team. It will be good to have her."

The Chile Pepper Festival in Fayetteville, Ark., will be the last meet for the team before competing in the Big 12 Conference Championships Nov. 1.

"It's exciting," Murray said. "I

think the whole team is excited to have her back and are looking forward to have her back out there with us."

Kipyego said she is looking forward to the team bonding that comes with traveling with and competing as a team, something she'll do for the final time as a senior.

"This is my last year basically, this is my last cross country (year)," Kipyego said. "I still have indoor (track). But it's very special for me, just competing with the team for the last time in cross country. Just having the team with me and hopefully going to nationals with team is pretty exciting and I'm look forward to that."

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Cycling body clears Lance Armstrong for comeback

GENEVA (AP) — Cycling's governing body is relaxing its own rules to allow Lance Armstrong to make his road race comeback in Australia in January.

The International Cycling Union said the seven-time Tour de France champion can compete in the Jan. 20-25 Tour Down Under, his first race since coming out of retirement after three years.

A strict application of dope testing rules would not have allowed the 37-year-old American to compete until Feb. 1, 2009, six months after he filed paperwork with the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

But the UCI said on Wednesday that Armstrong could return early because its drug-testing standards have improved since the rule was

drawn up four years ago.

"Riders are now subject to a much-reinforced system of monitoring compared to that of the past," the governing body said in a statement. "Lance Armstrong has and will be the subject of very strict monitoring throughout the period running up to his return to the peloton."

Armstrong's comeback is meant to draw attention to his global campaign to fight cancer, a disease he survived before winning seven straight Tours from 1999-2005.

It is also a defiant stand against critics who doubt he could have achieved those victories without the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

Sooners' Bradford even better in no-huddle

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Here's the question: Does Oklahoma's no-huddle offense make Sam Bradford better, or is the Sooners' offense so great because he's the guy who makes it go?

It's about as close to a riddle that can't be solved, but one thing's for certain: the top-ranked Sooners (5-0, 1-0) are rolling with Bradford at the controls.

After edging out Heisman winner Tim Tebow to lead the nation in passing efficiency as a redshirt freshman, Bradford is on pace this season to put up even more impressive numbers. With 18 touchdown passes and only three interceptions heading into this Saturday's showdown with No. 5 Texas (5-0, 1-0), even Jason White's school record

of 40 touchdown passes in his 2003 Heisman season isn't safe.

The Sooners considered going to the no-huddle back when White was on campus, but only committed fully to it after Bradford proved himself last season. It was implemented as quietly as coaches could keep it this spring, and opponents haven't been able to keep up with the tempo so far this season.

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