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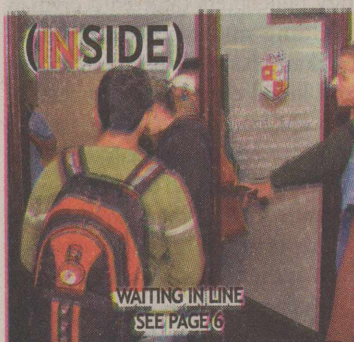
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A&M pres. authorized to settle bonfire lawsuit

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The Texas A&M University System regents voted Monday to authorize school president Elsa Murano to settle a lawsuit brought by families over the deadly bonfire collapse nearly a decade ago.

The decision came a day before a hearing for final judgment in the case in Brazos County, where a number of lawsuits stemming from the accident that killed 12 people and injured 27 were consolidated. The sides have negotiated a settlement, according to an agenda item for Monday's meeting of the nine-member Board of Regents.

NATION

Obama assassination plot disrupted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Law enforcement agents have broken up a plot by two neo-Nazi skinheads to assassinate Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama and shoot or decapitate 88 black people, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives said Monday.

In court records unsealed Monday in U.S. District Court in Jackson, Tenn., federal agents said they disrupted plans to rob a gun store and target a predominantly African-American high school in a murder spree that was to begin in Tennessee. Agents said the skinheads did not identify the school by name.

WORLD

UN attacks rebels to protect civilians in Congo

GOMA, Congo (AP) — Furious mobs stoned U.N. peacekeepers' compounds Monday and thousands of desperate people fled advancing rebel troops as chaos returned to eastern Congo, fueled by festering hatreds left over from the Rwandan genocide and the country's unrelenting civil wars.

In what appeared to be a major retreat, hundreds of government soldiers pulled back Monday from the battlefield north of the provincial capital of Goma — fleeing any way possible, including using tanks, jeeps and commandeered cars. Soldiers honked their horns angrily as they struggled to push through throngs of displaced people on the main road.

DEATH TOLL

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Raiderville open for Tech fans, campers

By JON VANDERLAAN
STAFF WRITER

It started as a quest for better seats and a bet from a friend. Now he's the Mayor of Raiderville.

Kevin Pierson, a first-year graduate student in exercise and sports sciences, said he has camped outside of Jones AT&T Stadium before football games since 2003, and has since been named the mayor of Raiderville because of his knowledge of camping outside the stadium.

"It's almost kind of like a free-for-all, do what you please," he said. "Everybody's just out here to have a little fun and get to know each other — a little camaraderie going on, and that's basically what we're really about."

Most students turn to Pierson for general information, where to place their tents, information about electricity and other helpful tips, he said, because he has been doing it for so long.

About 30 tents were set up Monday night, and Pierson said he hopes the group can grow to more than 2,000 people by game time. The campers

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numbered more than 500 for the Texas A&M game in 2007.

While there are no set rules for camping out, Pierson said, the group was restricted in the start time this year, as they were told not to set up until Monday.

He said Gerald Meyers and Chris Cook of the Tech athletics department told the campers should not begin setting up until Monday to avoid giving the players too much confidence after a big win against the University of Kansas.

Taylor Wood, a junior history major from Lubbock, said this was his third year camping before the football games, and he will be camping for two straight weeks for the University of Texas and Oklahoma State University games.

Wood said although he and his friends originally attempted to make a schedule of when each would occupy the tent, no sched-

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STUDENTS SET UP tents outside Jones AT&T Stadium Monday where they will sleep for the remainder of the week to ensure a good seat for the football game Saturday.

Flagship status several years away

By JON VANDERLAAN
STAFF WRITER

University administrators, as well as local Texas Tech supporters, will meet with Texas legislators to attempt to gain recognized flagship status for Tech, although that status may still be several years away.



Edie McBride, president and CEO of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, said helping Tech achieve flagship status from the state is the No. 1 priority of the chamber.

"The impact of Texas Tech University to Lubbock cannot be accurately estimated. We can always do economic impact studies of the administration, the professors and the students on our economy," he said. "However, Texas Tech University's worth far goes beyond the economic impact to our community."

The chamber will work with local businesses to help them understand the impact flagship status for Tech could have on their local businesses, McBride said, because when something good happens to Tech, it will positively affect the Lubbock community.

A flagship designation would bring additional research dollars to the university, he said, which ultimately would flow through the city's economy.

Although the chamber only provides a supporting role to the university, McBride said, they will watch the legislature in coming sessions and will be involved in discussions about flagship status.

He said he does not expect "opposition" from the other universities vying for the flagship title — including the University of Texas at El Paso, San Antonio, Dallas, Arlington as well as the University of North Texas and the University of Houston — but he does believe Tech is in the best position to hold that title.

McBride said the economic impact is not the only positive impact the flagship title will have on the university.

"It's the recognition. It's the opportunity to accurately recognize

Texas Tech as one of the leading universities in the world," he said. "The research that has already been accomplished here is world-class research."

Tech System Chancellor Kent Hance said he believes the university already is considered a flagship when talking about top-tier research and teaching.

In his quarterly newsletter, Leading The Way, Hance said the university is the only one of the seven universities competing for flagship status to be at or near the top in categories such as private support, academic quality, enrollment numbers and research spending.

The university spends about \$40 million in research, but the generally accepted amount for flagship universities is \$100 million.

Tech benefits from two endowment funds: The Competitive Knowledge Fund and The Research and Development Fund. However, Hance said Tech most likely would not gather enough support to amend the Permanent University Fund to include the Tech system, which, so far, only benefits the University of Texas and Texas A&M systems.

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Elected officials, students discuss key political issues

By TINA L. ARONS
STAFF WRITER

Even polite political discussions can turn into debates.

The Texas Tech Mentor Tech Student Organization, with sponsorship from the university's Mentor Tech program and the Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center, hosted a Presidential Political Forum on Monday in the Human Sciences building to discuss some of the key issues in November's election.

Initial plans for the forum called for a student representative from both the Republican and Democratic parties who, sitting alongside their Lubbock County party's chairperson, would discuss this year's key issues.

The student slated to represent the Republican party, however, did not attend the event.

"We thought it might help our students who have never voted before," said Cory Powell, associate director of the university's mentor program.

"This is the first opportunity some of them have had to be a part of the process."

The student organization encouraged representatives of the Democratic and Republican parties to discuss Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) and Sen. John McCain's (R-Ariz.) views on national and international issues. The issues discussed were the U.S. economy, the war in Iraq, education and health care.

Powell said informal discussions with students prompted the creation of the forum, and he hopes it helped students learn about candidates' differing ideologies and helped them make informed decisions before voting.

Ricky Sherfield, president of the student organization, said students may know the main candidates are Obama and McCain, but they may not know how the candidates feel about certain issues.

"The goal is to get them out to vote," said the senior architecture major from Tyler, "but also to know what they are voting on."



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador
CHRIS WINN, CHAIRMAN of the Lubbock county Republican Party, answers a question from the audience during a political forum hosted by Mentor Tech Monday in the Human Sciences building.

During the forum Sherfield said the organization did not host the event to "endorse," but instead to "encourage students to make an educated vote."

Chris Winn, chairman of the Lubbock County Republican Party, answered the first question addressing McCain's plan to bring the nation out of an economic crisis.

McCain's plan does not involve increasing taxes, he said. Higher taxes would do nothing to directly alleviate America's economic troubles.

"We are in a crisis of confidence," he said, "and I don't think the policy of bailing out is one we have a firm handle on."

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Tech-UT tickets sold out, steep asking prices online

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

As the anticipation from fans increases for Saturday night's prime time football matchup on ABC between The Associated Press's No. 1 University of Texas and No. 6 Texas Tech, so do the ticket prices.

Jarod Huddleston, an employee with the Tech ticket office, said all tickets for Saturday's game are sold out, making the Texas game the fourth Tech home game in a row to be a sellout.

But for the true, non-Tech student fans hoping to go to the game, tickets are available online for the game at Web sites such as eBay and StubHub.com. Problem: the cheapest tickets in the nosebleed section and end zone opposite the student section Monday were sell-

ing for \$150 ... minimum.

Blayne Beal, associate director of media relations, said the steep ticket prices are no surprise to the Tech athletic office.

"This game has been anticipated from very early in the season," he said. "It's the accumulation of an in-state rivalry and a Top 10 matchup."

Beal said the size of Jones AT&T Stadium does not ease the steep increase in ticket prices, originally priced for \$95 — the face value for all tickets for "premium games" against Texas, Oklahoma and Texas A&M when originally sold through the athletic office.

"The stadium has a 53,000-person capacity," Beal said. "Supply and demand is the main cause of the increase in ticket prices. There's just not as much supply here as there is at some other stadiums."

Beal said the athletic department

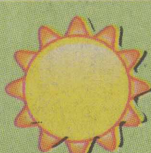


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believes selling tickets online is equivalent to scalping.

"We obviously frown on scalping," he said. "Any time you sell a

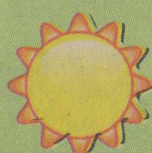
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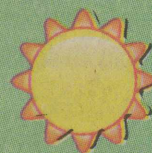
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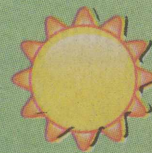
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SGA plans for game, plays along with pirate theme

With the extra publicity that will be around Texas Tech in the next week, the Student Government Association will be busy helping students get ready for the football game this weekend.

Austin Pennington, external vice president of the SGA, said while he is not aware of any major changes to RaiderGate policies, the SGA will have an increased presence to try preventing students from entering the stadium while intoxicated.

Extra Safe Ride cabs also will be available at RaiderGate and later in the day at other tailgating areas, to transport students safely from tailgating events. Because SGA co-sponsors RaiderGate, Pennington said, they have more control overseeing tailgating there than at other tailgating areas.

"The wave of enthusiasm and the excitement on this campus is going to be the kind of thing we've never seen before," he said, "just because this game is — like people have been saying — probably the biggest game in Tech's history, as far as regular season is concerned."

Pennington said he believes the SGA is well prepared for the weekend because they have learned lessons from previous RaiderGates in the year.

The specifics of SGA policies for this weekend have not been finalized, he said, but he thinks the RaiderGate committee, which is meeting Wednesday, will not change much.

A pre-game "spirit rally" was being planned by SGA officials, SGA President Lee Bobbitt said, but because of the numerous other events scheduled for the weekend, including preparations for ESPN's GameDay program, it would have been difficult to properly coordinate the rally.

However, the SGA will hand out eye patches to the first 4,000 students in the Jones AT&T Stadium, Bobbitt said, to coordinate with the "Pirates of the Caribbean" halftime show, inspired from a popular pirate theme at the university.

"I want to get everybody excited in a positive way," she said. "(We're) just trying to get everyone excited and helping with the enthusiasm of the game and the RaiderGate and just our usual game day activities."

The marching band practice will be filmed by ESPN, Bobbitt said. The practice is from 9 p.m. to midnight Wednesday at the stadium.

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US official: Raid on Syria killed cell leader

SUKKARIYEH, Syria (AP) — A cross-border raid by U.S. special forces killed the al-Qaida-linked head of a Syrian network that smuggled fighters, weapons and cash into Iraq, an American counterterrorism official said Monday.

Blood stained the earth in this border village as anguished Syrians buried relatives they said were killed in the U.S. helicopter attack Sunday. Some shouted anti-American slogans and carried banners reading "Down with Bush and the American enemy."

The operation targeted the home of Abu Ghadiyah, the nickname for the leader of a key cell of foreign fighters in Iraq, the U.S. official told The Associated Press from Washington. He spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive intelligence.

The U.S. Treasury Department has named Abu Ghadiyah as one of four major figures in al-Qaida's Iraq wing who were living in Syria.

U.S. authorities have said Abu Ghadiyah's real name is Badran Turki al-Mazidhi, an Iraqi in his early 30s who served as al-Qaida in Iraq's head of logistics in Syria since 2004. His job included providing foreign fighters with passports, weapons, guides and safe houses as they slipped into Iraq and made their way to Baghdad and other major cities where the Sunni insurgency was raging.

Sunday's operation in Sukkariyeh, about five miles from the Iraqi border, came just days after the commander of U.S. forces in western Iraq called the Syrian border an "uncontrolled" gateway for fighters into Iraq and said efforts were being

stepped up to secure it.

The raid was another sign the United States is aggressively launching military raids across the borders of Afghanistan and Iraq to destroy insurgent sanctuaries. In Pakistan, U.S. missile strikes have killed at least two senior al-Qaida operatives this year.

The Syrian government said Sunday's attack by four U.S. military helicopters targeted a civilian building under construction in Sukkariyeh shortly before sundown, and killed eight people, including four children.

However, local officials said seven men were killed and two people were wounded, including a woman. An AP reporter saw the bodies of seven men at the funerals Monday.

Amateur video taken by a villager on a cell phone Sunday showed four helicopters flying overhead as villagers pointed to the skies in alarm. The grainy images, viewed Monday by the AP, did not show the helicopters landing.

Another villager told the AP he saw at least two men taken into custody by U.S. forces, and whisked away by helicopter. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he feared for his life.

At the targeted building, the floor was bloodstained Monday, with abandoned tennis shoes scattered amid pieces of human flesh. A tent pitched near the site had bags of bread, pots and pans and wool blankets.

There was no visible security presence and visitors could move freely, a sign the normally tightly restrictive government wanted the damage seen.

First batch of bailout money for banks moving soon

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government prepared Monday to move the first batch of bailout money to banks as fretful world markets plunged again. Wall Street ended with a big drop at the closing bell, sending the Dow Jones industrials to their lowest close since the financial meltdown began.

The Treasury Department said it would start moving \$125 billion to nine major banks this week by buying ownership stakes, the first big transfer since the \$700 billion bailout package was passed early this month.

Assistant Treasury Secretary David Nason said the infusion would go to the largest banks in the nation, including Bank of America, Citigroup, JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo.

A group of smaller but significant regional banks, including Capital One Financial and SunTrust

Banks, began announcing their own preliminary deals with Treasury for another \$125 billion. That money should be released as soon as paperwork is finished.

The Fed also began a major program to buy up the short-term debt, known as commercial paper, that businesses use to pay for everyday expenses and salaries. Lending, the lifeblood of the economy, froze up after the collapse of investment house Lehman Brothers in mid-September and has thawed agonizingly slowly since.

On Wall Street, buying and selling that was halfhearted by the standards of the past month had major averages drifting higher and lower throughout the day. Then stocks plunged in the final 10 minutes of trading.

The Dow Jones industrials finished the day down 203 points, or 2.4 percent, closing at the 8,176

level — their lowest close of the year. Remarkably, it was the 28th time in the 31 trading sessions since the financial meltdown began that the Dow has moved triple digits for the day.

But the carnage was worse elsewhere on another day when investors worried about a looming worldwide recession. Major stock markets in Hong Kong, Tokyo, Britain, France and Germany dropped sharply earlier in the day. Tokyo's Nikkei 225 index closed at its lowest level in 26 years.

The Fed was expected to make an even more dramatic move later this week by cutting interest rates, perhaps lowering the key federal funds rate by as much as a half-point, driving the federal funds rate down to 1 percent.

The question is whether all the efforts, including billions of dollars of loans to banks by the Fed and

other central banks around the world, will be enough to get lending going again.

So far, it hasn't helped much. A closely watched measure that tracks what banks charge each other for loans, edged down marginally on Monday, suggesting credit is a bit looser than a few weeks ago but remains tight.

"All these efforts are doing some good, but the question is whether they will do enough," said David Wyss, chief economist for Standard & Poor's in New York. "The credit markets are still pretty locked up."

Besides pumping money into the banking system, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and other Treasury officials are considering a round of requests for help from other industries, including big insurance companies, automakers and foreign-controlled banks.

Raiderville

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ule currently is in place and each person will call another if they need someone to help watch the tent.

Because they will be camping for two weeks, he said it was important everyone attends class and remember when tests and papers are due.

With ESPN College GameDay visiting Tech this year, Wood said, there is much more excitement and the crowd grew from previous years. He said the number of tents normally does not reach the amount it was at Monday until Wednesday or Thursday at the earliest.

Amy Niezgoda, a junior photography major from Rowlett, said because it is cold at night, layers

are a must, and she also brought an air mattress as a new addition for this game.

Besides close seats, she said, she enjoys getting autographs from the players and interacting with them.

As one of the few girls camping, Niezgoda said, she does not worry about her safety because the people around her have become like a family.

"The guys have my back. I'm like a little sister," she said. "We've kind of become a tight-knit family."

Although Pierson was named mayor of Raiderville, he said he is looking for a replacement.

"I'm hopefully going to pass this on here pretty soon because I'm getting a little old (for this)."

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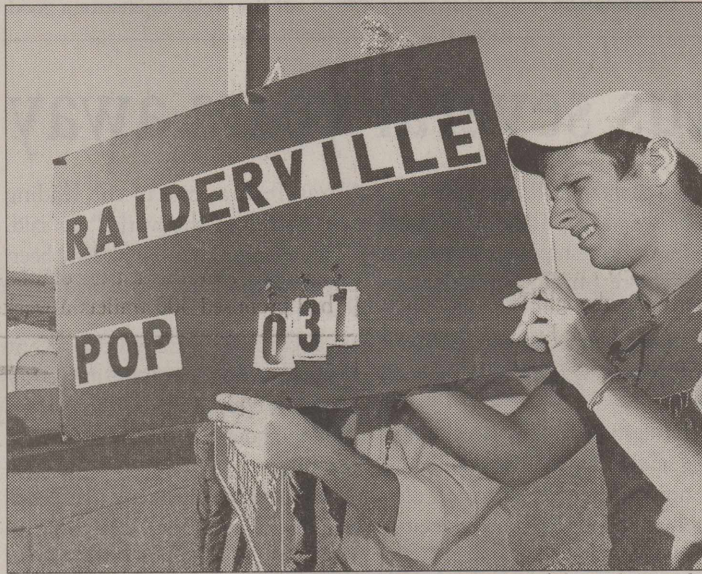


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CHRIS DANIELS, A freshman chemistry major from Sugar Land sets up a Raiderville sign with an adjustable population counter outside the student entrance to Jones AT&T Stadium Monday. Texas Tech students are sleeping near the stadium all week to ensure a good seat for the Texas vs. Tech football game Saturday. Students have electricity and wireless Internet and said the university will deliver portable toilets.

Tickets

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ticket higher than face value, it's scalping. But the Internet is such an uncontrollable marketplace, there's really nothing you can do about it. We're profiting off the game too."

On Monday, ticket prices online reached well above 450 percent of their initial face value. A set of two tickets in section 14 had an initial bidding price of \$899 on eBay. One could "buy it now" for \$1,000. Good news though: Shipping was free.

At StubHub.com, 98 sets of tickets ranged from \$300 to a set of four tickets in section 13 priced at \$3,500.

In comparison, ticket prices for last night's Monday Night Football's matchup between the Indianapolis Colts and Tennessee Titans ranged from a set of two tickets for \$119 to a

set of two tickets for \$342 as of Monday afternoon just a few hours prior to kickoff. For Saturday's "World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party" game between No. 5 Florida and No. 8 Georgia in Jacksonville Municipal Stadium — with a capacity of more than 82,000 — tickets ranged from a set of two tickets for \$125 to a set of two suite tickets for \$1200.

Beal said the ticket prices are a good way to gauge Tech's football program.

"This is a true testament to the Tech football program," he said. "Coach Leach, the coaches and the players are doing great right now. This is a very exciting time for everyone."

Huddleston said the only game comparable to Saturday's game's ticket prices and talk around the game was the 2004 Texas game at Tech.

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Flagship

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Despite drawing from those two funds, he said, the legislature should

look at establishing a separate fund for the several universities vying for flagship status to benefit from.

In addition, Hance said it was not smart for the legislature to name individual universities as possible locations

for flagship status, because the other schools would attempt to kill the legislation, but instead should set up standards so every school can compete.

Currently, no universal standards for establishment of flagship universi-

ties exist.

Because it will take so much money to promote any of the universities to flagship, he said, it would take more than one legislative session and probably several years.

While the university did not experience an increase in enrollment previously hoped for by the chancellor, he said the enrollment plan is still on track because plans such as

this take about two years to realize the effects.

The university easily could reach 40,000 students, he said, but it would sacrifice quality of students.

Delwin Jones, state representative for District 83, said, along with the support of key state congressmen Carl Isett, Warren Chisum and Robert Duncan, there is support from nearly all West Texas for Tech to become the

next flagship university in the state.

Jones said the push to make Tech a flagship university will be difficult, especially because of the recent natural disasters, which will likely limit the amount of money that can be appropriated.

The main challenge, he said, is to get enough people to vote with those congressmen to get the right amount of money to the university.

"The main thing is that we pretty well got all West Texas in line with us," Jones said, "and that's what it takes in order to get any special funding through the legislative process."

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WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

Polls show even split in Israeli elections

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel moved closer Monday to a bruising election campaign that will decide the future of peace talks, as polls showed the moderate foreign minister, Tzipi Livni, in a surprisingly close race with hard-line opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu.

Neither of Israel's two leading political parties would have enough seats to form a government on its own, according to the surveys, which also showed an even split between the country's hawkish and center-left blocs. That signals more deadlock in peacemaking with Syria and the Palestinians.

Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad expressed concern Monday that precious time was running out, "although I still have hope that we can find a solution through negotiation."

Israeli-Palestinian peace talks were relaunched nearly

a year ago at a U.S.-hosted summit, where Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas set a December 2008 target for clinching a final accord. But both leaders have since acknowledged there will be no deal by year's end.

President Shimon Peres began the countdown to new elections at the opening of the winter session of parliament, a day after Livni gave up on her attempts to form a new governing coalition.

"In the coming days, Israel will enter a decisive political campaign," Peres told lawmakers.

Peres said elections were inevitable after consulting with the country's other political parties and concluding that no one had the support to form a government. Parliament now has three weeks to dissolve itself. The vote, Israel's third in six years, would take place three months later.

Sudan: kidnappers kill 5 Chinese oil workers

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — Sudan's government says the kidnappers of nine Chinese oil workers have killed five of the men.

Foreign Ministry Spokesman Ali Sadiq says two kidnapped workers managed to flee their abductors, while

the remaining two are still captive.

The Chinese were kidnapped October 18 in southern Kordofan province — home to much of Sudan's oil industry and adjacent to Darfur. Sadiq tells The Associated Press that five of them were killed Monday.

Gunfire brings down US helicopter in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Insurgents shot down a U.S. helicopter after exchanging fire with its crew in central Afghanistan on Monday, while a suicide bomber in the north killed two U.S. soldiers inside a police station, officials said.

The helicopter was forced down in Wardak, one province west of Kabul, after insurgents hit it with gunfire Monday, said Lt. Cmdr. Walter Matthew, a U.S. military spokesman. The crew survived and have been extracted from the area, he said.

"The helicopter crew exchanged fire with the enemy before the damage brought the helicopter down," Matthews said. Coalition troops secured the area and "are in the process of recovering" the helicopter, he said.

At least four militants were killed in the exchange, said Fazel Karim Muslim, the chief of Sayed Abad district.

Wardak province has seen an increase in insurgent activity the last two years, and its main highway is now extremely risky to travel on, particularly at night. In mid-October, a U.S. Special Forces raid freed a kidnapped American working for the Army Corps of Engineers who had been held by his captors in Wardak for two months.

The U.S. and other foreign forces rely heavily on helicopters for transportation around Afghanistan, which is covered by rough mountains and long stretches of desert and has few decent roads.

Palestinians host first international soccer game

RAM, West Bank (AP) — Palestinians may not have a state, but now they have a way to express their national pride — through soccer.

On Sunday, the national team hosted an international match for the first time, in the West Bank's only regulation-size stadium. Located in a West Bank suburb of Jerusalem, the stadium was renovated with the help of FIFA, soccer's governing body, and other donors.

Thousands watched the friendly game against Jordan, and the crowd roared as Palestinian forward Ahmed Kashkash scored several minutes after kickoff. Jordan tied early in the second half. The game ended in a 1-1 tie.

FIFA President Sepp Blatter was on hand to cheer. "We are here to realize a dream, that is the national team of Palestine playing in its own stadium," Blatter said, calling the event "historic."

Some said the international recognition was important. "We now have a stadium, and the Palestinian flag will be flying in this stadium," Wissam Abu Sharif, a 30-year-old Palestinian soccer fan, said ahead of the game. "Palestine is on the map of international sports."

It's not a soccer powerhouse, though. The Palestinian team is ranked 180th of 207 members by FIFA. It peaked at No. 115 in April 2006.

Financial crisis moves to Gulf Arab nations

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — Kuwait moved Sunday to prop up the country's second-largest commercial bank and scrambled to protect depositors at other domestic banks, dashing hopes the oil-rich Arab Gulf would emerge largely unscathed from the global financial crisis.

The central bank halted trading

in Gulf Bank shares because of high derivatives losses, just a day after Gulf finance ministers said the region's banks were insulated against the liquidity crisis that has rippled through the global banking industry.

"The halting of Gulf Bank shares spread panic in the bourse today because the government has been saying banks are safe from (global financial crisis) losses," investor Ahmed al-Fadhli said a telephone interview.

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Tech student remembered as 'genuinely kind'

Marc R. Schoch, a Texas Tech junior majoring in chemical engineering from Amarillo, died Oct. 21.

Marc was born on March 7, 1987, to Kurt and Margaret Schoch in Bartlesville, Okla. He graduated from Amarillo High School in 2006.

Marc's positive attitude is one thing he will be remembered by, said his father Kurt Schoch. He always seemed to make the best of any situation he was in. He always seemed to have a smile.

"He was one of the very few people you would ever run across that really wouldn't get mad at people or hold a grudge," Kurt Schoch said.

Marc was an Eagle Scout and a drum virtuoso, his father said. He played the drums for several youth groups in Lubbock.

Marc also played the drums for the country



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western band No Fences that was touring the state of Texas.

All of the band members feel lucky to have had him as our drummer, said Parker Sands, a graduate student at Tech and fellow member of No Fences. Marc had an "easy going" personality, and was a genuinely kind individual.

"He was selfless and he always wanted to do what was best for the band," Sands said. "As our friendship was concerned, he was always willing to give."

In addition to playing the drums, Marc's hobbies included hunting and fishing, Kurt Schoch said.

Marc Schoch is survived by his parents Kurt and Margaret Schoch; his sisters, Megan and Sarah Schoch; and his brother Scott Schoch.

The Tech flag in Memorial Circle will fly at half-staff Nov. 3 in memory of Marc.

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Texas officials: FEMA 'insensitive' after Ike

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas officials are angry with FEMA's response Hurricane Ike victims in southeast Texas, accusing the agency Monday of insensitivity and foot-dragging in providing trailers and money.

"It's a tragedy, what's going on down there," Jack Colley, the state's director of emergency management, told the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee during a hearing on hurricane recovery.

Colley said he believes FEMA should be removed from the federal Department of Homeland Security and placed under the president.

"They have been extremely insensitive, in our opinion, to the concept that somebody cannot drive 100 miles a day to keep their job," said Kevin Hamby, general counsel of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. "They don't seem to care much if we lose these communities down there."

He said that more than six weeks after the hurricane, less than 200 trailers are available for people to live in on their property while their homes are being repaired. Hamby said that Federal Emergency Management Administration officials had promised 300 trailers a week.

The state agency estimates that 3,000 to 6,000 trailers are needed.

While the federal agency has offered to pay for displaced residents to stay in hotels and motels, few rooms are available in the hard-hit area.

FEMA spokesman Simon Chabel disagreed with the assertions made at the hearing, saying the agency is acting quickly and responding "in a way that's compassionate."

"We've put out more than \$250 million paid to help people find temporary housing," he said.

He said that there are 262 mobile homes currently occupied and another 350 are awaiting connections like sewer and power hookups. He said FEMA is continuing to do interviews with people to find out if they need a mobile home.

Nearly 19,000 people have been interviewed so far in Texas, and of those more than 6,000 have found housing, he said. FEMA helped 1,600 find a rental and 1,723 were approved for a mobile home.

"We're working as quickly as we can to help them put their lives back together," he said.

Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, said a FEMA official said last week that anyone living

in a tent or a car is there by choice, the Houston Chronicle reported in its Monday online editions.

"(That remark) just flies in the face of hundreds of families, working families, that are down there trying to save their only asset — and everything they own was in that home — and work that job and protect what is left of their lives," Williams said.

"It's amazing to me that a federal official could be so uninformed and so insensitive."

Williams said the lack of transitional housing in Orange County and other parts of the Golden Triangle threatens \$15 billion worth of refinery and chemical plant expansion.

Williams also accused FEMA of "running out the clock" on deciding whether it will continue reimbursements for debris removal. He said the agency's practice of granting 30-day extensions leaves local officials in limbo as they wait to hear if they can continue to pay contractors to clear debris.

Chabel said FEMA is evaluating a request that came last week from the governor for an 18-month extension of FEMA offering 100 percent reimbursement for debris removal instead of the standard 75 percent.

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We should vote Democrats into our offices

This election cycle can only be described in one word: Epic.

From Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin making history for women, to Barack Obama becoming the first African-American nominated by a major party, this election has already made history.

Even if we put gender and race aside, this election is still epic. Our economy is falling deeper and deeper into a recession. There is a health care crisis that needs to be solved. We are fighting wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. We are teetering on the brink of war with Iran. More people fall victim to the mortgage crisis each day. In a word, our country is chaotic.

After eight years of failed Bush policies that led to these disasters, the American people are now being called upon to decide what leaders will get our country through these chaotic times without causing further damage.

I can name three leaders Lubbock voters can choose who would do just that: Democratic presiden-

Mackenzie Maxwell



tial nominee Barack Obama, Democratic senatorial candidate Rick Noriega, and Democratic congressional candidate Dwight Fullingim. With Obama as our president, and Noriega and Fullingim representing Texas in the Senate and the House of Representatives, our country will be headed in a better direction.

Of course, the biggest issue on the American peoples' minds is the economic disaster. It affects each and every one of us. It is of my belief that democrats would do a better job of fixing this crisis than any Republican could.

The Republicans keep talking about how important job creation is, and they are right. Creating jobs is essential to having a powerful economy. Long-time economic analyst Richard Kogan stated,

"Job growth was also nearly four times stronger under Democratic presidents than under Republican presidents."

The New York Times looked into the history of our economy and found that "Simply put, the United States economy has grown faster, on average, under Democratic presidents than under Republicans."

They took data from 1948-2007 and saw that the "average annual growth of real gross national product of 1.64 percent per capita under Republican presidents versus 2.78 percent under Democrats." Over an eight year period, that certainly adds up.

Putting these facts together, it is clear that Democrats would be better off in the White House. However, Obama won't be able to improve the economy without the support of Congress. That is why it is important to elect Noriega and Fullingim into office this year.

There is no doubt that health care also weighs heavily on people's minds. Some people have health care, but are struggling to afford it.

Millions of people don't have health care at all. The truth of the matter is that the Republican health care plan simply won't work.

According to an article written by McCain in the September/October issue of Contingencies, the magazine of the American Academy of Actuaries, McCain stated that he wants to do with the health care system what was done with the banking system.

Word-for-word, in his health care article, the Arizona senator and Republican nominee for president said, "Opening up the health insurance market to more vigorous nationwide competition, as we have done over the last decade in banking, would provide more choices of innovative products less burdened by the worst excesses of state-based regulation."

We've all seen what happened with the banking system, and I am shocked the Republicans want to use the same methods to "fix" the health care system. Empirically speaking, it will not work. The Democrats, including Obama,

Noriega and Fullingim, want things run differently. They want people to have the choice of keeping their current coverage, or switching to a new plan which would be cheaper and funded by the federal government.

This has been compared to the system Hawaii tried once. However, there are key differences. In Hawaii, certain people were given free health care, and not everyone was given the choice of being on that plan.

Under Democratic leadership, everyone would have the same chance to be on the same plans, none of which would be free — all of which would be cheaper than current prices. Having the government provide some health care and leaving the market open as well will lead to competition in the market. If private insurance companies want to keep their customers, they would have to offer competitive prices. It is a good situation for consumers.

One issue affects each student reading this column: student aid.

Our current congressman, Randy Neugebauer, voted against lowering the interest rate on student loans. While he was voting with his party (Republican), he was not voting for his constituents. As a student with loans, I cannot stand for this. He is not properly representing me, and neither is the rest of the Republican party.

For all of these reasons, and so many more, I will cast my vote for Fullingim, Noriega and Obama. Whether you vote with my vote or against it, make sure you vote for the right reasons. Vote for who would serve you best. Do not vote on race and gender. Vote for who will lead our country in the right direction. Do not vote based on religious affiliation. Vote for who will get us out of this crisis. Vote for leaders who will help the American people, not the big companies. Whatever you do, vote smart.

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How to deal with relatives on Facebook

By MORGAN NEDERHOOD
THE CIRCLE (MARIST COLLEGE)

Being friends with your cool, older cousin from Boston who invites you to spend the summer with her in a downtown apartment? Cool.

Being friends with your Aunt Nora who makes a killer homemade applesauce but is otherwise clinically insane? Tragic.

Facebook is a double-edged sword when it comes to familial friending. You can keep in touch with parts of your family that you'd long forgotten existed, or you can friend them only to remember just why you stopped talking to them in the first place.

The general rule of thumb is that friending your cousin is acceptable — friending an aunt and anyone over the age of 40 is a serious taboo.

If you know your uncle or grandparent has a Facebook, don't seek their friend request. Instead, lay low and hope that they don't realize you, too, have an account.

If you do happen to fall into the trap of receiving a friend request from a crazy relative (or anyone who would tattle to your parents about some of

your photographs), it's important to be incredibly diplomatic in your approach to the problem.

Facebook is riddled with bits of personal information that, when placed in the hands of relatives, can be catastrophic. While your friends might not care that you attended a lingerie party on Saturday (maybe your friends even hosted said party,) Grandma Tabitha probably would take offense. True, she might not be able to figure out how to forward the pictures to your parents; but anyone who can figure out Facebook is usually tech-savvy enough to e-mail photos.

So, what are you to do? You can't decline the request unless you legitimately hate your relative and aren't afraid to make those feelings known.

This basically leaves you with two

choices: accept them, or accept and assign them to an abridged account.

The latter is usually the wiser of the two if the relative in question is significantly older, not 'chill,' and extremely conservative. Younger siblings who have no place knowing

what you really do on weekends at school also fall into this category of Facebook pariahs.

The first point of access to restrict for the pariahs is the photo application. Remove their access to any photos of you unless you have specifically cleared them and deemed them to be rated PG. Aunt Nora doesn't need to see you doing keg

stands at a frat party, nor does your 14-year-old sister (who shouldn't have a Facebook in the first place, but that's another story.)

Next, it's usually a good idea to

restrict wall posts, or to at least scan through the last few pages of posts. You might appreciate the video your roommate sent you that mocks a quirk possessed by half of your extended family, but your Uncle Chuck might not share in your enthusiasm.

Also, you brother probably has hysterical jokes about Uncle Chuck and everyone else on your dad's side of the family, but these posted jokes can backfire if you later become friends with said relatives and forget to delete the posts.

If you'd enjoy shaking up the family tree (and possibly losing some of the branches,) you can accept your relatives' friend requests, grant them full access to your profile, and see what happens. This is especially fun and effective when your immediate family members and you are already the black sheep of the extended family and tensions are high.

Aunt Nora and Uncle Chuck would certainly adore those pictures of your keg stand, and the following photos of you running the naked lap after losing in beer pong would certainly make them want to invite you to this summer's reunion in Wyoming.

Increasing voter turnout: think outside the booth

By JEREMY SULLIVAN
THE DIAMONDBACK (U. MARYLAND)

If Nov. 4 were a national holiday and the university canceled classes, would that increase the probability that you would vote? What if everyone voted with mail-in ballots, instead of having to schlep to a library or public school? What if you could vote over the Internet? What if the act of voting could result in a cash payment to the voter?

Only 60 percent of eligible voters participated in the last presidential election. Perhaps if it were easier to vote, more people would. The rules governing voting procedures have been changed repeatedly in the past, and they could be changed again.

There are some outside-the-box ideas that might increase participation of college students, poor people and other groups who tend not to turn out to vote.

For example, what if Election Day were a national holiday? Every Christmas, Thanksgiving and Fourth of July, we encourage Americans to devote time to opening presents, eating turkey or watching fireworks, so why not dedicate a day to voting?

An obligation to go to work or attend classes may prevent some people from casting a ballot. What if people didn't have to register in advance, but could simply show up on Election Day and register and vote at the same time? This might enable even the biggest procrastinators to get down to the polls.

Or what if, instead of having to visit a polling place at all, everyone voted with a mail-in ballot? Ten years ago, voters in Oregon approved a referendum which specified that all voting

be done by mail.

Oregon voters overwhelmingly supported this system, and 50 percent of eligible Oregonians voted in the 2006 midterm election. In that non-presidential election year, the nationwide turnout was only 40 percent of eligible voters.

In 2006, there was also an unusual initiative on the Arizona ballot. Proposition 200 would have established a \$1 million prize that would be awarded to one randomly selected individual who cast a vote in future elections.

Supporters of the initiative argued that more folks would vote if doing so gave them a chance to win \$1 million. Proposition 200 failed, so we can't be sure whether a faint hope for a financial windfall would actually increase voter turnout, but it certainly seems plausible.

Online voting is also worth considering. Disruption by hackers is a potential problem, but if we can develop security protocols which allow financial transactions to be conducted over the Internet, protecting the voting process could be possible. Online voting would allow people to do some searching online as they fill out their ballots, which could result in more consideration of candidates and referendums.

There are reasonable arguments against all of these suggestions. An Election Day holiday would cost millions in lost productivity. Voter fraud is a concern with mail-in or online voting, and the lottery prize model seems to cheapen what is supposed to be a solemn civic endeavor.

But we should at least consider these and other ideas, because our voting procedures are constantly evolving. There is no right way to conduct an election, but we should always try to encourage as many people as possible to vote; it's our civic duty.

McCain offers stability, Obama offers radicalism

STAFF EDITORIAL
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With America still suffering a crisis in the financial market and the threat of radical Islam still present here and abroad, the best choice for president is Sen. John McCain.

McCain's judgment on the surge in Iraq shows he is capable and knowledgeable on issues of the War on Terror, and his measured and direct response to the Russian invasion of Georgia indicates a breadth of knowledge about foreign policy that considerably dwarfs that of his opponent.

McCain and his running mate, Gov. Sarah Palin, have demonstrated an understanding that restoring market confidence includes returning consumers and freeing wasteful government spending. On other important issues, including the right to life and strict constructionist judges, McCain and Palin have proven themselves in their rhetoric and their records. McCain certainly has his faults, from campaign finance reform to comprehensive immigration reform, but ultimately, these issues

are superseded by the more pressing problems our country faces.

By contrast, Sen. Barack Obama fails to inspire confidence in this time of volatility and insecurity. Obama wows massive audiences with soaring rhetoric and appeals greatly to young, college-age voters, but what is known about this rather unknown quantity should disturb anyone who wants to succeed in America.

Obama claims his judgment has been tested with his initial opposition to the war in Iraq, but as an Illinois senator from a comfortable seat, he was never tested on this with a vote on the war. When the chance to use his judgment did come in the form of a vote on the surge, Obama voted against what has turned out to be a successful strategy that is allowing us to

win the war. On the economy, Obama misrepresents his own tax plan. While saying he supports tax cuts for the middle class, Obama defines the middle class as those making less than \$250,000 income annually. This places a large number of individuals and families in the \$100,000-200,000 range — all Joe the Plumbers of America — in a

position that will punish them with a higher tax bracket if their income pushes above this range. Making upward mobility a disincentive is simply the wrong way to encourage growth, and it shows a lack of understanding about how wealth is defined by assets and not income.

Most disturbing about Obama is his radical record of issues of life. His opposition to an Illinois senate bill that would require hospitals to provide medical care to infants born alive from failed abortions seems like a minor issue with an economy in crisis, but the vote is telling about Obama's position on life. The federal version of the bill was supported by even the most pro-choice of senators. This places Obama so far out of

the mainstream that it calls into question his judgment.

The Obama allure is largely symbolic, seen as a break from the Bush tradition that, despite the prevention of domestic terrorist attacks since Sept. 11, is perceived largely as a failure. Young Americans yearn for change, but radicalism in the face of insecurity will only make the United States less stable for the future. McCain's hard-nosed realism about the challenges we face at home and abroad will offer sobering solutions, while the untested Obama has radically left-wing politics that will only move America toward higher taxes, more government control over our lives and more defense insecurity on the world stage.

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Wii's 'Game Party 2' hardly worth celebration

A letter I received with my copy of "Game Party 2" for Wii: "Warning: Many have noticed that playing 'Game Party 2' is even more fun when intoxicated."

I beg to differ. Being intoxicated is probably the only way "Game Party 2" is much fun at all.

As the name implies, Midway's "Game Party 2" is the sequel to — surprise! — "Game Party," a mini-game collection that was released less than a year ago on the Wii for the budget price of \$20.

"Game Party 2" does little other than add new mini-games. It adds five of them, in fact, and the rest of the 11 were present in the original game.

There's a fair variety of mini-games, and you'll end up playing classics such as darts, beanbags, horseshoes and ping cup, which is essentially beer pong without the

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lay claim to amazing graphics, the way character models, objects and environments look leaves much to be desired.

"Game Party 2" does, however, make good on the "party" aspect of its title. All of the games are meant to be played with multiple people, and the game sports a tournament mode for as many as 16 players.

Despite tournament mode sporting a fair amount of customizability, it's really only useful if you want to bring down an enjoyable night with you and 15 of your closest friends.

Perhaps I'm being too harsh on "Game Party 2."

In all honesty, it could easily be worse. However, it's hard to say that the game does anything well when many other Wii games have done it better.

The Wii is full of mini-game collections. A lot of them are bad, but many are easily more enjoyable than this game.

On the upside, at about \$30, "Game Party 2" is a budget release.

On the downside, that's at least \$20 too much.

"Game Party 2" is available now for the Nintendo Wii, but if you see it on the shelf, do yourself a favor and let it sit there.

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UT-SHIRTS



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SENIOR JONATHEN POWELL, a chemical engineering major from College Station, and sophomore Tara Swick, a business major from Cypress, sell game day shirts outside the Student Union Building. The group of friends plans to sell them until game day or until they run out.

Yale students judge 'drunk sex' or 'date rape' case

**By FLORENCE DETHY
YALE DAILY NEWS (YALE U.)**

Three Budweisers around midnight. Two Jell-O shots around 2 a.m. That was the last thing Amy remembered before she lost eight hours of her life.

Thursday night, the attorney Brett Sokolow, president of the National Center for Higher Education Risk Management, told the story of Amy and Todd in a presentation titled "Drunk Sex or Date Rape: Can You Tell the Difference?" to a group of just over 40 students, whom

he asked to double as a jury.

Sokolow related a case of date rape he worked on 11 years ago. It was a classic case of "he said, she said," a story not unfamiliar at most schools.

The setup: At an off-campus house party, "Todd" gave "Amy" Jell-O shots that contained not gin or vodka but Everclear, a brand of 180-proof pure grain alcohol, as Sokolow explained it.

As a result, Amy thought she had consumed seven drinks, when she had in fact consumed the equivalent of 20. When Amy got sick, Todd took care of her, saying

he intended to watch out for her until her roommate got back. But the night heated up, clothes came off and Todd and Amy had sex. Amy never explicitly said no.

When he left the next morning, Todd left a Post-It note on the bedside table with his name and number. And if he had not, Amy never would have known what happened that night — or been able to file a police report against him.

"Things like this happen at parties all the time," said one audience member, Kristin McCall '09. "It's also very rare that a girl would actually come

forward after something like that."

The audience's questions probed Amy's prior drinking habits and whether Todd knew how much alcohol Amy had consumed.

Todd had not only helped to mix the Jell-O shots the night before, Sokolow responded, but he had also decided early in the night to cut himself off after three beers so that he would be clear-headed.

"I am a little confused as to why Todd was so desperate to get laid that night — after following her around for five hours, after she had puked," one audience member said.

added bonus of alcohol.

There are a lot of problems with these games. The first of which, they don't actually play all that differently from one other. You play Skill Ball the same way you play Horseshoes, and you play Ping Cup the same way you play Hoop Shoot.

The other major problem with the gameplay is it never really feels right. Most people would probably be familiar with the game of Skill Ball — also known as Skee Ball — but chances are that they won't ever be able to get the ball to go where they want it to in this Wii incarnation.

In fact, the only game that really manages to avoid this is Trivia. You simply point and click answers. Amazingly, Midway didn't find a way to screw up the controls for that one.

The game also boasts character customization for players' avatars, but this, too, is disappointing. The look and feel of these characters is definitely reminiscent of Nintendo's own Miis, but the list of options for their appearance (even after unlocking items) is severely limited and not very appealing.

The entire aesthetic look, in fact, is a disappointment. While the Wii has never been one to

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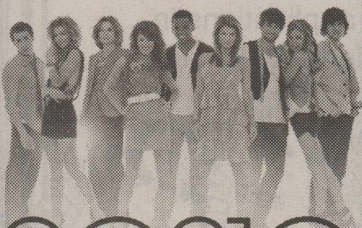
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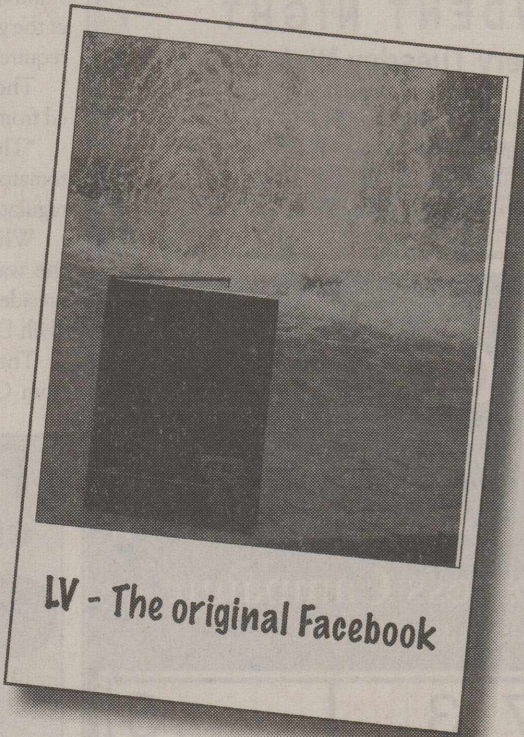
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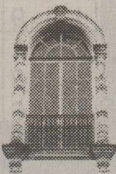
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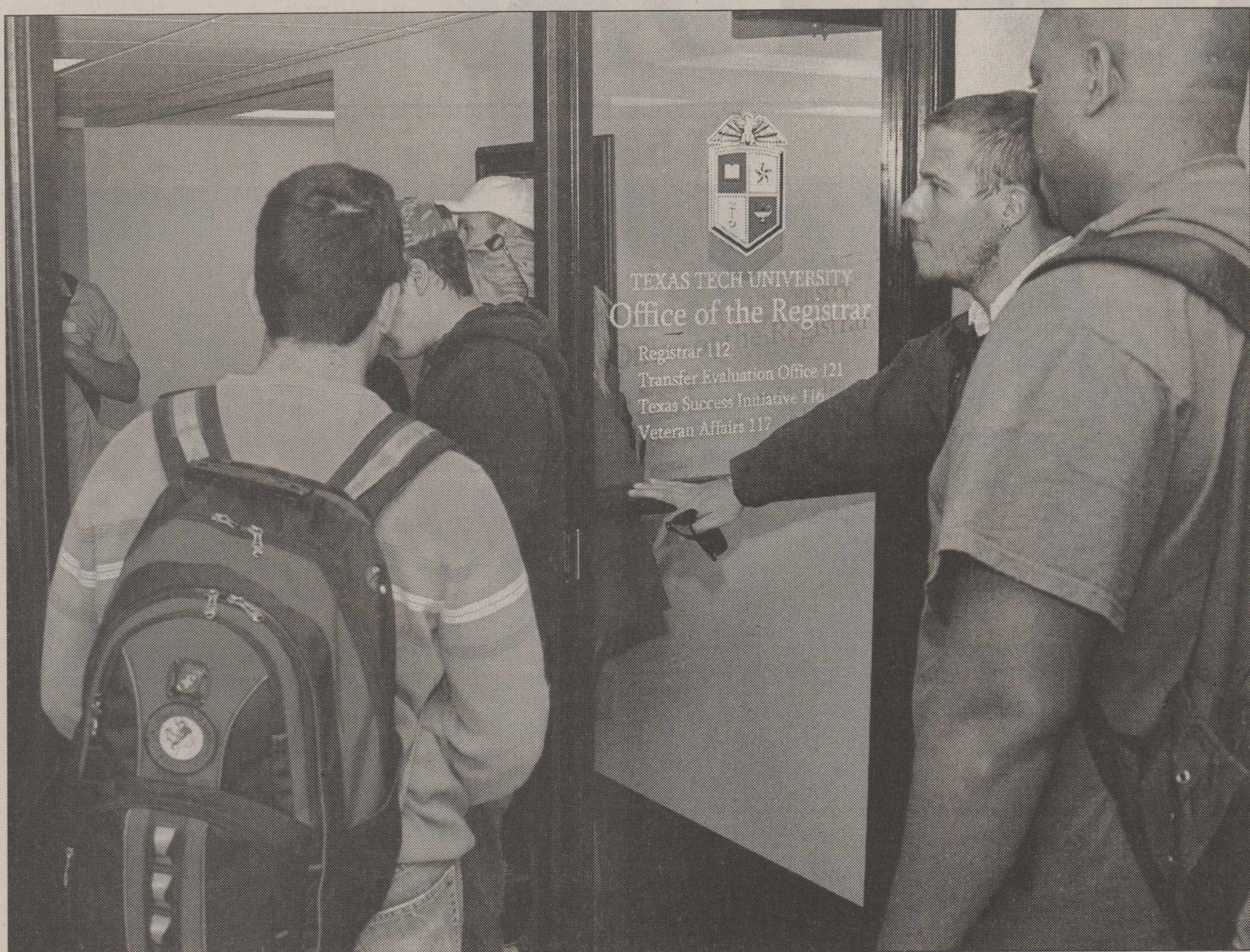


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STUDENTS WAIT IN line by the Office of the Registrar Monday in West Hall. Monday was the last day to drop classes.

Harvard U. study: caffeine not a cancer risk for women

By MARIANNA N. TISHCHENKO
HARVARD CRIMSON (HARVARD)

Women now have one less reason to feel guilty about taking that extra

shot of espresso.

A recent study by researchers at Harvard Medical School has revealed no significant relationship between caffeine consumption and overall risk

of developing breast cancer.

The study, which was led by Shumin Zhang, an assistant professor at the Medical School, contradicts earlier studies that suggested that massive caffeine consumption could increase the risk of benign breast disease. Some previous studies even said that caffeine could accelerate the development of aggressive forms of breast cancer.

For his research, Zhang and fellow scientists monitored women who drank four or more cups of coffee each day for more than 10 years to evaluate the association

between the female consumption of caffeine — the world's most commonly ingested drug — and breast cancer.

The researchers determined that the consumption of caffeinated beverages and food — such as coffee, soda and chocolate — was not significantly associated with an overall increased risk of malignant growth. The collected data showed that the women who drank more than four cups a day exhibited the same risk of developing breast cancer as those with less affection for a cup of joe.

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Pam Brink, chairwoman of the Lubbock Democratic Party who sat beside Winn, said.

The Democratic party's members stand for investing in the well-being of the general population, which may require more taxes.

The recent economic crisis resulted from deregulation, Brink said.

"The free market doesn't grow like tomatoes," she said. "Humans have to regulate it."

When the discussion turned to the war in Iraq, Andrew Serrano, president of the student organization Tech Democrats, answered first.

The junior political science major from Odessa said Obama may not

have experience, but he has shown good judgement.

For instance, Obama has not supported the war, Serrano said, the war which has claimed the lives of more than 4,000 American troops in Iraq. Instead of invading Iraq, U.S. troops should have focused on the war in Afghanistan.

"Barack Obama has said over and over that we took our eye off the ball," Brink agreed. "The Taliban are spreading like a virus, and we don't have enough troops to spread."

Winn said he the U.S. presence in Iraq and Afghanistan is especially important to college students, because they are the same age as those who are fighting.

"I can guarantee, whoever is president, presence in Iraq will continue," he said. "We still have presence in

Howard Dean's ex-campaign manager says Internet will change next U.S. presidency

By JENN HOFFMAN
THE COLLEGIAN (U. RICHMOND)

The next U.S. president will be connected to millions of Americans for the first time because of the Internet, creating the most powerful presidency in history, Democratic strategist Joe Trippi said in an open forum in University of Richmond's Jepson School of Leadership Studies on Thursday.

"The president will say to the American people, 'Here's my agenda, help me pass it,'" Trippi said, "and Web sites like 'passthepresidentshealthcare.com' will pop up. We're going to see a weakening of Congress and a strengthening of the people's power and the president's power. The Congress doesn't know what it's up against."

Blogs and Web sites such as YouTube, which didn't exist in 2004, have channeled support for candidates, rallied communities together and placed more power in the people's hands, Trippi said.

"Unlike TV, a one-way propaganda machine with no way to talk back, the Internet and text messaging let the American people bypass the garbage and talk to each other," said Trippi, who led Howard Dean's 2004 presidential campaign. He recently wrote "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised," documenting how the Internet has engaged Americans and forever changed the face of politics.

Americans have watched almost 15 million hours of online videos about Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, a figure that translates to \$49 million in airtime on television. Obama spent \$350 million on TV advertisements, meaning that had he paid for the online publicity, 12 percent of his exposure would be online and 88 percent would be televised.

Seven million people have watched Obama's entire 40-min-

ute speech about race online, an audience size the nightly news couldn't hold for 15 minutes, Trippi said. Viewers also seek out online information unlike commercials, which they are subject to while watching TV.

Trippi compared the two mediums—TV and the Internet—to David and Goliath. While the top-down world of TV creates Goliaths, or companies with supreme and unchallenged power and decision-making, the Internet hands out slingshots to armies of Davids to point them in the right direction. It creates a more involved and perceptive citizenry, he said.

"The Obama campaign understands giving people slingshots to make change," he said.

Trippi, who makes frequent appearances on MSNBC, ABC and CBS, led Howard Dean's 2004 presidential campaign and used the Internet to raise \$59 million—the largest sum in any Democratic presidential campaign at the time.

But the Internet can't solely raise money for campaigns, said senior Tony DeRosa, who attended the forum.

"I'm skeptical about how much people will focus on the policies in Washington," DeRosa said. "We need Web sites to make sure policies get done. They have to be focused on governments, too, and not just on the campaigns."

But information that used to fly under the radar is now buzzing on the Internet, forcing people to confront it, Trippi said. People are also inspired to go door-to-door after watching online videos.

New media tools are growing exponentially and will change the course of future elections, making campaigns more permanent, Trippi said.

"The day after Barack Obama wins, Sarah Palin will begin her campaign for president."

Europe and Asia Pacific. Barack Obama will just end up explaining later why we couldn't pull out."

Serrano defended Obama, the candidate who explicitly has expressed his intentions to withdraw American troops from an increasingly unnecessary war in Iraq.

"When you get to the voting booth, you're going to have Obama who wants to get troops out and you'll have McCain who has said we'll stay as long as it takes," he said. "That could take 100 years."

Education, however, was a topic on which panelists could agree.

"The Democrats and Republicans only disagree on the solutions," Serrano said.

Health care was a different matter. "It's a right, not a privilege," Serrano said.

Winn disagreed. He said he felt national health care would allow smokers or alcoholics to utilize health care at the expense of others who choose not to harm their bodies.

"Why should I pay for another person's habit?" he said.

After the on-stage discussion, audience members were invited to ask questions.

"Are we going to punish those who can't afford health care?" a student, Ana Jarquin, asked Winn.

Jarquin, a freshman political science major from Houston, said her family gathered around the dinner table and decided one evening to discontinue their health insurance, because the cost amounted to about 60 percent of her father's salary.

"It will cost about \$50 to \$65 billion to implement national health care," Serrano said, disagreeing with Winn, "but it's fundamentally right."

Although students were not at a loss for questions, Sherfield and Mitchell brought the discussion to a close.

Mitchell encouraged students to participate in early voting, which will continue until Oct. 31, or vote on election day.

"Students need to go out there and rock the vote," Sherfield said.

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Tech baseball nears end of fall practice

By KEVIN CULLEN
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech baseball team is hoping intensity in the fall translates to wins in the spring.

Tech is nearing the close of its fall practice as it has two games left in the Red and Black series, five intrasquad scrimmages open to the public.

Catcher Monk Kreder said the team has benefitted from a more intense fall under new coach Dan Spencer, who took over for the retired Larry Hays on June 13.

"It's been a lot more intense this year," he said. "Obviously, it's Spencer's first year at the helm. It's been going pretty good."

The fall has been a time of transition for the Red Raiders as they welcome 19 newcomers to the team.

Spencer said he has been pleased with the way the new players have performed and carried themselves so far in the fall.

"They're aggressive," Spencer said. "The pitchers are developed pretty good as far as coming in here with a plan. Positionally, we are fast. We've added some left-handed bats and we feel like we've got a little more balance in some of the things we can do. So, we feel good about that part of it."

After performing well in the Cape Cod Baseball League this summer, Tech right-handed pitcher Chad Bettis said he has focused on stepping up as a leader this fall, his second season, which likely will be spent as the ace of the pitching staff.

"I think I have to (step up)," he said. "I think it's gonna be really important. Not only as what I expect out of myself, but I think maybe what the team expects out of me."

Spencer said the coaches have

limited Bettis' pitches in the fall because of the heavy workload he has had over the past year.

"He had a good summer and he's been very good out here in the fall," he said. "Now, he hasn't thrown very much, he just goes out once a week. We have been taking it easy on him for two reasons: One, he threw a lot last year as a freshman and threw in the summer and two, we kinda know what we are getting with him."

Tech right-hander A.J. Ramos, who was the ace of last year's pitching staff, spent the fall rehabbing after he suffered a tear in his ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow last season.

"If he is healthy, I expect him to be in the middle of that weekend rotation," Spencer said. "So, we've got our fingers crossed that he is gonna be healthy."

The Red Raiders lost a big bat in former All-American right fielder Roger Kieschnick, who was drafted in the third round of this year's MLB Amateur Draft by the San Francisco Giants.

In order to replace the production lost, Tech's Chris Richburg moved from the outfield to first base to free up a spot in the outfield and take advantage of Richburg's athleticism

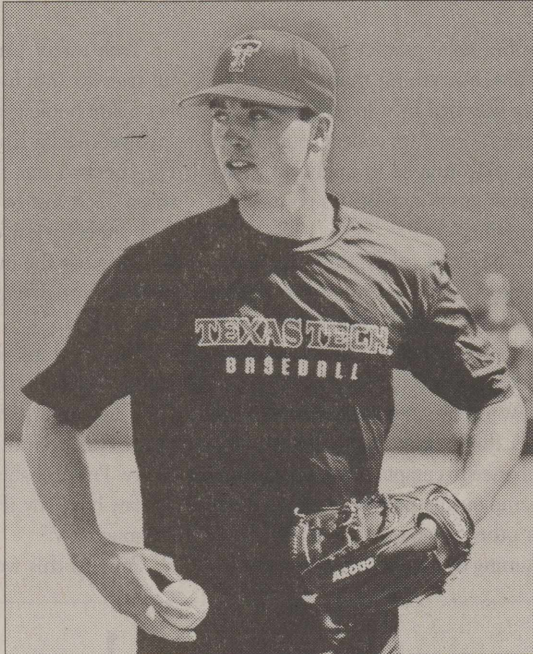


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TEXAS TECH'S CHAD Bettis and the Red Raiders will end fall practice with the Red and Black series this week.

in the infield.

He batted .345 with 20 RBI last year in a season spent battling injuries.

The fall season has given Richburg problems also, as he has been unable to play the majority of the fall season because of a wrist injury, but Spencer said he had performed well in the limited time he played at first base.

"Till he got hurt, he was doing a good job at first," he said. "The thing is, we need Richburg because what we don't have in the lineup is a lot of power. So we need Richburg's bat in the lineup and we need him to be able to play first base because we think we are going to be a good defensive club."

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Tech cross country continues training for upcoming Big 12 Championships

By KAYLA PARHAM
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After starting the season with intense training, Texas Tech cross country continues to work toward the Big 12 Conference Championship meet.

The Red Raiders prepare for the Big 12 Championship meet on Nov. 1 in Ames, Iowa, lightening the rigorous workouts that helped put the women's team to No. 1 in the Mountain Region and No. 11 in the nation.

Tech coach Jon Murray said Tech is preparing for the difficult competition by staying healthy.

"We're just sharpening up," he said, "making sure we take care of ourselves as we get ready for the Big 12."

The women's team continues training following a first place finish at the Chile Pepper Festival on Oct. 18, along with the men who finished sixth at the same meet.

Murray said after the success the Red Raiders have had, if they run their race, the results will

show themselves.

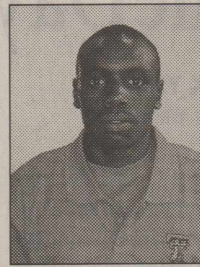
Sally Kipyego said coach Murray wants to somewhat intensify the workouts, but make sure the team is rested a few days before the meet.

"If we keep doing the same we've been doing," she said, "especially just run the race like we did at Chile Pepper I think we should be fine. I'm just hoping that everyone stays healthy and does the same thing we've been doing then we should be good."

Along with the success of the women's team, two athletes were named Big 12 Cross Country Runners of the Week in consecutive meets. Lillian Badaru was co-runner of the week placing fourth in the Notre Dame Invitational, along with Kansas State's Beverly Ramos who won the Cowboy Jamboree. After winning the Chile Pepper Festival, Kipyego was selected as runner of the week.

Tech has sized up half of its competition in several meets before the championships including the men's teams of No. 3 Oklahoma State, No. 18 Texas A&M, Baylor, Nebraska, Kansas and Kansas State.

The women have seen No. 17 Baylor, No. 27 Nebraska, Oklahoma State, Kansas, Texas A&M, Kansas State, Oklahoma and Texas.



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Asia Diaz, said the Tech women are looking to be in the Top 3 if they are

able to hold off No. 17 Baylor and No. 27 Nebraska.

"Right now we've kind of lightened up practice," she said. "It's not as hard and just trying to keep the momentum up, stay motivating each other and to stay positive."

Gilbert Limo said the men's team will try to imitate its performance at the Chili Pepper Festival by running together as a team.

"Coach is training us; it is good for us," he said. "Everybody on the team is positive, working hard and I think at the Big 12 Championships, it will be a place to achieve."

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Pickens gives \$63M more to Oklahoma State sports

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Billionaire booster T. Boone Pickens will give another \$63 million to Oklahoma State to finish athletic projects that were supposed to be paid for with a previous \$165 million donation that took a hit during the economic downturn.

Pickens announced the gift Monday and also said he would be returning the \$125 million remaining in the athletic department's fund to the university.

Pickens' \$165 million donation in January 2006 was the largest gift to a college athletic program. He intended to grow it through his investments so it would pay for an estimated \$420 million in renovations and new construction on the campus.

That plan was going smoothly until

Pickens' BP Capital energy encountered big financial trouble in recent months. The university said last week considerable funds remained despite reports the money had been largely or entirely lost.

"He's very committed. There's not very many people that will say, 'I'm going to do this and take care of you,' and then they'll back it up," Oklahoma State football coach Mike Gundy said. "That's what he does. It's pretty simple."

Pickens' donations have led to a boom in Oklahoma State football. The team is ranked in the top 10 — at No. 9 this week — for the first time since

Barry Sanders' Heisman Trophy season in 1988.

The Cowboys (7-1) lost at No. 1 Texas on Saturday for their first defeat this season. Still, with a win this Saturday against Iowa State, Oklahoma State would be 8-1 or better through nine games for only the third time in school history.

"I think we have good people here that have good substance and they're very solid and they're going to work hard, and now we have some added advantages that we've never had," Gundy said. "It would have never happened without him. There's just no way. It couldn't happen."

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'GameDay' heads to Lubbock, location will be Engineering Key

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

ESPN's "College GameDay" currently airs a commercial showing analyst Lee Corso happily dancing in the show's bus before the start of the show.

With the announcement of ESPN selecting Texas Tech as this weekend's location, it's not hard to imagine Tech fans dancing just as upbeat as Corso.

"We're excited to hear that they're bringing GameDay to our campus," Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers said. "It's a real prestigious event to host because you're gonna be on national television for a couple of hours.

All football fans across the country are gonna be watching it, and it's just great exposure for our football team."

Tech spokesman Chris Cook said the show's location will be on campus at the Engineering Key with the Administration building as the backdrop.

Many expected Lubbock to get selected if No. 1 Texas and No. 6 Texas Tech each took care of business this past weekend, which both teams did. In Austin, UT beat No. 9 Oklahoma State 28-24 while Tech made a national statement against the Jayhawks, 63-21 on Saturday in Lawrence, Kan. The win against KU moved the Red Raiders from No. 8 to No. 6 in the AP

Top 25 and from No. 8 to No. 7 in the BCS Standings.

While the show is making its first-ever trip to Lubbock, the Longhorns are quite familiar with this type of national attention. Since GameDay began broadcasting in 1993, UT has been covered a total of 11 times in the school's history, with three of those coming during the last four weeks.

ESPN was on hand for the Red-River Rivalry when then-No. 1 Oklahoma lost to then-No. 5 Texas and again a week later when No. 1 Texas defeated No. 11 Missouri in Austin.

"I think College GameDay's great for college football," Texas quarterback Colt McCoy said. "You look across the

nation, they predict all the college games, everything that goes on. It's very watched by a lot of people, so I think it's great for college football. It's fun, it's gonna be in Lubbock. That's a great environment, it's gonna be a fun game."

The only other time Tech was covered on GameDay was in Austin against UT in 2005, when quarterback Vince Young led the No. 2 Longhorns to a 52-17 victory over No. 10 Tech.

With the show coming to Lubbock this time around and Tech with a chance to catapult into the national championship picture, the Red Raiders' other tough test — besides UT — is tuning out the media distractions.

Tech safety Darcel McBath said he tries to watch the show if Tech has a late home game, but with Tech involved, McBath prefers not to watch. He checked out the show in 2005 when Tech lost to UT, and whether it is superstition or an attempt at blocking out the media, McBath said he will try to divert his attention this time around.

"I don't think any of us really are gonna watch it this week," he said. "The last time I watched it we were up in Austin and it didn't turn out pretty. I'm probably just gonna sleep all day, have my iPod on, not watch too much TV."

Prior to this week, the Nebraska

game called for the most media requests, but Cook said this week has been a different animal with the amount of media requests already surpassing 400. Cook said the list consists of requests from ESPN radio, television and online crews, USA Today, Sports Illustrated, The New York Times, Yahoo Sports, and bowl-game officials, among others.

"This one's insane," he said.

The first taping from the set occurs at 3:45 p.m. on Friday. The actual show begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Fans are encouraged to arrive between 7 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. on Saturday prior to the start of the show.

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Red Raiders realizing seriousness of upcoming matchup with No. 1 Texas

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech tackle Rylan Reed does not hide the fact that he senses a certain vibe within the locker room in anticipation of the team's next game.

After all, how could he not?

The No. 6 Red Raiders, coming off a 63-21 thrashing of Kansas, get to face an in-state rival who happens to be the top team in the nation.

"The fact that it is the Texas Longhorns, that's a big deal," said Reed, whose No. 6 Red Raiders face No. 1 Texas at 7 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium. "I've never beat Texas since I've been here, but we just gotta go out there and make sure our best shows up on Saturday."

UT has a 43-13 overall record in the series while winning eight of the last nine, including the previous five. However, history may have to take the backseat in this game because of how successful each team has been this season. Then again, as of Monday, the Longhorns are six-point favorites.

Tech is in its second game of a dangerous four-game stretch that started against Kansas. After UT, Tech must turn its attention to No. 9 Oklahoma State and then No. 4 Oklahoma.

The Longhorns were staring down a similar path three weeks ago. After a 45-35 win against then-No. 1 OU in the Red River Rivalry, Texas beat then-No. 11 Missouri 56-31 and followed that up with a gritty 28-24 victory against then-No. 6 Oklahoma State.

The reward has been a unanimous No. 1 ranking and a leading Heisman Trophy candidate in quarterback Colt McCoy, who has 2,285 passing yards, 28 touchdowns (seven rushing), and four interceptions while completing 81.8 percent of his passes.

Along with being tied with Penn State for the nation's longest win streak at 10, the Red Raiders have made it to 8-0 for the first time since 1976. If they beat UT, a 9-0 record will put Tech one win away from its best start in school history, which was 10-0 in 1938.

But before any of this can happen, Tech coach Mike Leach said his team must continue to block out any distractions off the field.

The task of keeping their noses out of newspapers and eyes away from ESPN's "SportsCenter" has proven to be a strong suit for these players, Leach added.

"I think they're a focused group," he said. "I think they do a pretty good job with that. They're a group that spends a lot of time together, so they may be more on the same page than some of the other groups I've had."

Tech and Texas will be the two highest ranked teams to ever play at Jones AT&T Stadium. With Tech's recent win against Kansas highlighted by a stout defense and an overpower-

ing offense, the nation has taken the Red Raiders into account.

In the USA Today Coaches Poll, Tech jumped from No. 6 to No. 5 while climbing two spots in the AP poll to No. 6 and advancing in the BCS standings to No. 7.

ESPN's "College GameDay" will make its first-ever trip to Lubbock for the game, and Tech spokesman Chris

Cook said he has received more than 400 media requests from media outlets such as The New York Times, Sports Illustrated and USA Today, among others.

Despite all the media attention, Leach said he still does not place the importance of this game above any other one this season.

"(This game is)

no bigger than the eight that led up to it," Leach said. "There wouldn't be the sensation around this one if it weren't for the other eight."

Packing on more weight to the game's magnitude are representatives from the Rose, Sugar, Fiesta, Cotton and Orange Bowls, who will be in attendance, Tech spokesman Chris



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TEXAS TECH'S MICHAEL Crabtree will lead the No. 6 Red Raiders against No. 1 Texas at 7 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium. ESPN's College GameDay will make its first-ever trip to Lubbock.

Cook said.

But Leach, in his own quirky words, said it's easier to handle these kinds of situations if teams just separate the

small issues from the big issues.

"I think in the world of football," he said, "I think a lot of times there's a temptation to pick up rat droppings

when elephant droppings are flying everywhere, so we try to focus on elephant droppings around here."

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Harrell, McCoy selected as Davey O'Brien Award semifinalists

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

In addition to No. 6 Texas Tech's

matchup with No. 1 Texas, quarterback Graham Harrell and the Longhorns' Colt McCoy were announced as the 13 quarterbacks selected as

semifinalists for the Davey O'Brien Award Monday.

The list of semifinalists came by a combination of the selection committee and fan vote, said Danielle Moorman, executive director of the Davey O'Brien Foundation. She said not only did the selection committee turn in its ballots for the semifinalists, the Davey O'Brien Foundation chose the Top 3 vote-getters if they were not chosen by the selection committee. The fan vote is in its second year of existence, which Moorman said has helped bring more fans to the game of college football.

Moorman also said the Davey O'Brien Foundation will make a trip to Lubbock for the Tech-Texas game this weekend in order to promote the fan vote, which counts for 5 percent in determining the finalists.

She said the fact that ESPN's College GameDay will air live on Tech's campus Saturday will help the foundation reach out to more students.

"The hype around this game is unprecedented," Moorman said. "It's probably one of the biggest hyped games. It just keeps getting bigger and bigger from Texas-OU to Missouri-Texas and now Tech. The Big 12 is really kind of beating each other up. We'll see what happens this weekend, but I have a feeling it'll be one heck of a game."

Out of the 13 quarterbacks selected to the Davey O'Brien Award semifinalist list, six are Big 12 quarterbacks.

Besides McCoy and Harrell, Oklahoma State's Zac Robinson, Oklahoma's Sam Bradford, Missouri's Chase Daniel and Kansas' Todd Reesing round out the Big 12 quarterbacks on the list.

The other quarterbacks are BYU's Max Hall, Penn State's Daryll Clark, Tulsa's David Johnson, USC's Mark Sanchez, Georgia's Matthew Stafford, Florida's Tim Tebow and Alabama's John Parker Wilson.

Moorman said the Big 12's recent surge at quarterback is unusual and a new sight to see.

"The depth of quarterbacks in the Big 12 is phenomenal," she said. "It's just not something I think I've seen or ever heard of in honesty from other conferences in year's past. We have six Big 12 quarterbacks on our semifinalist list. Certainly that's more than any other conference. I think there's probably some more that could've made it."

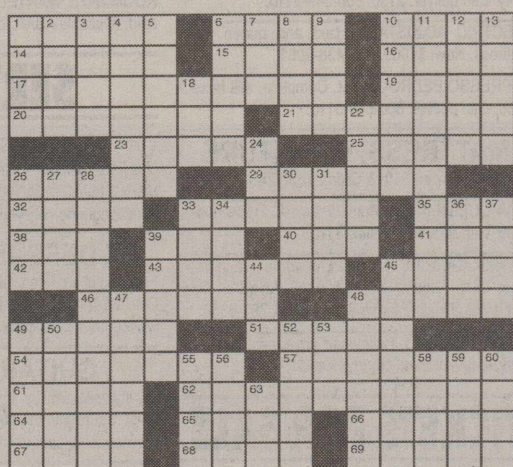
Fans can continue to vote their favorite quarterbacks on to the finalists list, which will be announced Nov. 24. The winner will be announced Dec. 11 and honored Feb. 16. Harrell is in third place behind McCoy and Tebow who are first and second, respectively, and votes are steadily growing by the minute. Final voting results for the initial round were not available.

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THE Daily Crossword

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35 Latin primer word
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40 See 39A
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New York, NY

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