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STATE

McCain's Texas win shows state still GOP

AUSTIN (AP) — Even in an election where "change" was the operative word, Texans showed the Lone Star State is still very much a Republican stronghold both in presidential politics and further down the ballot.

Although Democrat Barack Obama became the nation's first black president in a resounding victory, Republican Sen. John Mc-Cain easily won Texas' 34 electoral votes Tuesday, continuing a string of GOP victories going back three decades.

NATION

Investors anticipate yearend rally in market

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors believing that Wall Street is on the verge of a yearend rally piled into the market Tuesday, brushing off more weak economic data while they scarfed up stocks and propelled the Dow Jones industrials up 300 points to its highest close in four weeks. Stocks appeared set to hold on to their gains following word that Barack Obama had been elected

It was the biggest Election Day rally ever for the Dow, which rose 3.28 percent and topped the 1.2 percent gain seen in 1984 when Ronald Reagan defeated Walter Mondale. Prior to 1980, the market was closed on Election Day.

WORLD

Israel launches airstrike on Gaza

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) - Israel launched an airstrike on Gaza early Wednesday after its troops clashed with Hamas militants who fired mortars into Israel, leaving six Palestinians dead. It was the first battle since a June truce mostly quieted violence in the volatile territory.

The Israeli army said the clashes erupted late Tuesday after its forces uncovered a tunnel in central Gaza that militants planned to use to abduct Israeli soldiers. It said a special army unit headed to the area to destroy the tunnel. One Palestinian was killed in fierce gunbattles that ensued.

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Barack Obama projected to be 44th U.S. president

By DAVID ESPO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Bathe nation's first black president 1994. Tuesday night in an electoral racial barriers as old as America itself. "Change has come," he

from Illinois sealed his historic crisis in a century." triumph by defeating Republican Sen. John McCain in a string of wins in hard-fought battleground Iowa and more.

On a night for Democrats to savor, they not only elected

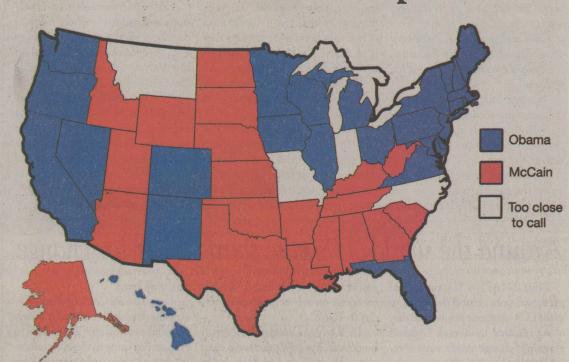
Obama the nation's 44th president but padded their majorities in the House and Senate, and come January will control both the White House rack Obama swept to victory as and Congress for the first time since

Obama's election capped a metecollege landslide that overcame oric rise — from mere state senator to president-elect in four years.

In his first speech as victor, to told to a huge throng of jubilant thousands at Grant Park in his home town of Chicago, Obama catalogued The son of a black father from the challenges ahead. "The greatest Kenya and a white mother from of a lifetime," he said, "two wars, a Kansas, the Democratic senator planet in peril, the worst financial

He added, "There are many who won't agree with every decision or policy I make as president, and we states - Ohio, Florida, Virginia, know that government can't solve every problem. But I will always

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Lubbock County Democrats



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreado

LUBBOCK RESIDENTS AT the Democratic election watch party celebrate after CNN announced Barack Obama as the nation's next president, Tuesday at the Baker Building.

By JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

Lubbock Democrats were running and yelling at about 10 p.m. outside the Baker Building on 13th Street, proclaiming Barack Obama as the projected next president of the United States.

Although Obama received about 30 percent of the Lubbock County vote, the president-elect received about 52 percent of the national popular vote by press time Tuesday, according to The Associated Press.

Pam Brink, the Lubbock County Democrat Party chairwoman, said Obama's style, temperament and intellect were some things the country would be able to look forward to during his presidency.

"I also expect him to (fix problems), whether it's a little expedient or not," she said. "He's very good at articulating what people need to be patient with and what people need to do."

One Democratic candidate for local, state and national elections - Gilbert Flores for County Commissioner Precinct 3 was winning in Lubbock County at press time. Brink said despite the overwhelmingly Republican vote in Lubbock, she believes Texas is becoming a more "pinkish" state and would become a blue state in the next two election cycles.

In the first part of the president-elect's term, he will attempt to shift the emphasis overseas to Afghanistan instead of Iraq, she said, which will work because Obama has more foreign experience than any other candidate for president since former President George H.W. Bush.

People must be patient for changes to come, Brink said, because no simple answers are available to the problems the nation faces, including financial and military

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Lubbock County Republicans celebrate President-elect Obama | celebrate local election victories



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador

REPUBLICAN PARTY SUPPORTERS celebrate local victories Tuesday evening in the Tao Development building, while lamenting McCain's projected loss.

By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

Lubbock area Republicans were upbeat as Republicans carried local elections but expressed concerns as Barack Obama was projected to win the presidency Tuesday evening at a Republican watch party in the Tao

Development building. Republican incumbent Sen. John Cornyn led Democratic challenger Rick Noriega (D-Houston) about 55 percent to 43 percent as of midnight with 90 percent of Texas precincts reporting, according to The Associated

Chris Winn, the Lubbock County Republican Party chairman, said all local Republican candidates were projected to win their respective elections except for county commissioner hopeful Frank Gutierrez who was projected to lose to Democrat Gilbert Flores.

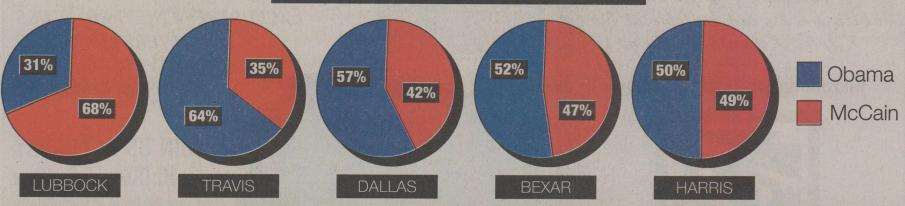
"Realistically, with all the other elections, we've passed with flying colors," Winn said. "This is a true testament to West Texan Republican values. We're faith-based, familyoriented, fiscally responsible, for limited government and for individual rights. Those ideals passed through with flying colors."

Winn said two-thirds of voters in Lubbock voted for Republican candidates.

"We're here to celebrate the hard work of our volunteers and our candidates put in over

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Broken bleachers at football games common, not expensive

By MIKE GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech football fans may have noticed several bleachers hoisted by fans in the student sections after Tech receiver Michael Crabtree scored the game-winning touchdown Saturday night with one second remaining in the game against then-ranked No.

Chris Cook, the associate athletic director for media relations, said broken bleachers are a regular occurrence at Tech football games.

"Students stand on and jump up and down on the bleachers," he said. "The sheer weight of students jumping up and down on the bleachers causes brackets that connect the bleacher to the concrete floor to break. (The bleachers are) very reinstalled in the stadium. secure but it's going to give with the jump on them."

but broken bleachers are not a big not break, it's just the bracket." problem.

the concourse sections and facilities the bleachers, Cook said. management repair them after the game well in advance of next game's said. "It's like at a concert where if said. "But other people around the

repair the bleachers and does not becomes a domino effect. Thou- on their bleachers." take very long to have the bleachers sands upon thousands stand on the michael.graham@ttu.edu



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreado

LLOYD WEIMER AND Chuck Long from the physical plant work on fixing benches in the student section to prepare for this weekend's game against OSU at AT&T Jones Stadium Monday.

"It happens, we fix them and play weight put on them when students the next game," he said. "The only thing we have to pay for is the costs Cook said he did not know how of brackets, bolts and nuts. Our staff many bleachers broke Saturday is on salary. The bleacher itself does

Stadium officials cannot do much bleachers. "Students just pass them back into to deter students from standing on

one person in front of you stands stadium stand on the concrete and Cook said it is not expensive to up, you have to stand up to see. It don't put the same amount of stress

bleachers so there's really no way to police it."

Cook said the reason it seems only student section bleachers break is because other fans sitting in bleacher seats in different sections stand on the concrete floor instead of on the

"Students stand up and jump up and down on the bleachers, providing "You really can't control it," he excellent support for our team," he

Around the world, US vote sparks buzz for change

BERLIN (AP) — Throngs packed supporter, as he listened to a radio he's from here." await U.S. elections results Tuesday, day in Tokyo. many inspired by Barack Obama's White House is changing hands.

As millions of American voters watch election results roll in. decided between Obama or John that would reverberate well beyond American borders.

"America is electing a new presi- we are still praying hard." dent, but for the Germans, for Euro-

Obama a lead in electoral votes over the United States. McCain, and many around the world politically and socially.

"My image of America used to be old taxidriver Kenji Doi, an Obama to show Barack that we appreciate

plazas and pubs around the world to broadcast on the vote early Wednes-

In Kenya, Obama's ancestral promise of change amid a sense of re- homeland, the atmosphere was eleclief that — no matter who wins — the tric with pride and excitement as people flocked to all-night parties to

"I'm not tired even, though I have McCain, the world was abuzz, ready been watching the results through the to bear witness to a moment of history night," Josiah Otupa, 30, said early Wednesday in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi. "Our man is in the lead but

The Irish village of Moneygall peans, it is electing the next world was also trying to claim Obama as leader," said Alexander Rahr, director a favorite son — based on research the Mexican state of Baja California of the German Council on Foreign that concluded the candidate's great-crossed the border to cast their vote, great-great grandfather, Joseph Kear- including Roberto Chavez, 32, an Late night projections gave ney, lived there before emigrating to engineer who has dual citizenship.

grabbed the news — despite the mil- American flag fluttered outside winlions of votes still to be counted — as dow Tuesday and local band Hardy a sign that the United States was on Drew and the Nancy Boys played the verge of a historic turningpoint, their rousing folk song "There's No One as Irish as Barack Obama."

"We're not going to go mad a country run by the white people, with the drink," said Ollie Hayes, but now it's changing," said 65-year- who runs the pub. "We just want

Longtime McCain supporter Kay Angelis described it as "a bit lonely and a bit odd" being a Republican in France. But being in the clear minority at an election night party in Paris swarming with Obama supporters didn't dent her enthusiasm.

"I appreciate experience ... And I think American voters do too," the 85-year-old said. She lamented Obama's "whirlwindy" campaign and lack of foreign policy heft and warned that whoever wins will "inherit many global conflicts — and enemies."

Scores of U.S. voters living in

"Usually I only vote in Mexican At Moneygall's Hayes Bar, an elections because I live here, but I'm going to vote in this election because I want Obama to win," he said.

> In Germany, where more than 200,000 people flocked to see Obama this summer as he burnished his foreign policy credentials during a trip to the Middle East and Europe, the election dominated television ticker crawls, newspaper headlines and Web sites.

> At an underground aquarium near the Eiffel Tower in Paris, boisterous Democrats and scattered Republicans shared tortilla chips and Cointreau cocktails, waiting for the results.

Raiderville known as safe community

By MATT COBB STAFF WRITER

Raiderville has the reputation of being a relatively safe com-

As Texas Tech students camp outside Jones AT&T Stadium in anticipation for this weekend's football game against Oklahoma State University, the issue of safety may not be on the forefront of many campers' minds.

Despite several items being reported stolen from the camping site during Tech's game against the University of Texas, many students at Raiderville said they are not worried about their belonging's safety.

Casey Stanford, a sophomore landscape architecture major, said their personal belongings home, or their expensive items out of site. he has camped out for four football games, and he nor his fellow campers have had any of their personal belongings stolen.

anyone else's stuff,

you should be fine.

KATIE KELLAGHER

TEXAS TECH JUNIOR

row chairs or other small items without asking permission, but they always get returned, he said.

The community system is a big part of Raiderville, Stanford said.

Everybody makes friends with each other's belongings. their neighbors, so there always

Raiderville must be torn down he said. Everyone either takes People need to remember to keep >matthew.cobb@ttu.edu



of Clifford and Audrey Jones At&t Stadium.

they store them in cars and trucks during the game.

up by 6 a.m. the day of the game," Sometimes people will bor- Stanford said. "By 3 o'clock there

wasn't anything out here. There wasn't lawn If you don't mess with chairs - nothing at all."

reside at Raiderville abide to an honor system, said Katie Kellagher, a junior at Tech. Everyone just respects

is someone to watch over the else's stuff, you should be fine," she remains safe.

Kellagher said blankets and pilon game day, so there are no items lows were the only items she has ever left unattended during game time, heard were stolen from the campsite.

Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of the Tech Police Department, "We have to pack everything said it is up to the students to protect their personal belongings.

"You should leave somebody behind or store your stuff in safe place that can't easily be seen," he said.

Electronics should be stored in tents when they are not in use, Hoffman said, and it is important make People who sure that personal items are never left unattended. Students should find somebody to watch over their belongings whenever they have to attend class, or when they go get a

Tech police patrol cars also are making frequent trips to the campsite, he said. They are monitoring "If you don't mess with anyone Raiderville to make sure everybody

> Students should contact the Tech police department if there are any problems at Raiderville, Hoff-

Tech Police: Rushing the field not acceptable

By JON VANDERLAAN STAFF WRITER

rush the field.

Chief Ron Seacrist of the Tech comments made Monday by Capt. Greg Stevens of the Lubbock Police Department, fans are discouraged from rushing the field consequences from the university or the police department.

with students rushing the field, as that is a safer place to celebrate than in the city.

Besides the safety of fans, players and coaches are at risk when fans rush The Texas Tech Police Depart- the field, Seacrist said, rushing the ment wanted to make one thing field also could result in an unsports- Police Department plays a role in clear to Tech football fans: Don't manlike conduct penalty according helping with game preparations, the to Big 12 Conference rules.

If fans rush the field, he said, the Police Department said, despite priority of officers is to keep teams and coaches safe from the fans. Students also could be arrested or referred to after football games and may face the safety of others around them.

amount of extra law enforcement careful if they do. In an interview with The officers for the Tech vs. Oklahoma Daily Toreador Monday, Stevens State game as they did for the Techment did not have a problem said, and could make arrests depending on the situation.

Although he said the department realistically will not be able to stop ately available for comment.

BAGHDAD (AP) — Bombs

15 people Tuesday in an increase in bloodshed in the Iraqi capital after

a week of relative calm, police and

dents do not have permission to do so and the department does not want students on the field.

Seacrist said while the Lubbock department does not have authority over operations on the field.

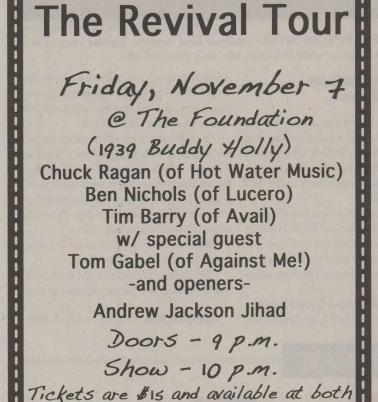
No arrests were made on the field after the Tech-UT game Saturday.

Chris Cook, associate director the university for judicial action if of Tech athletic media relations, they become destructive or threaten said while he hopes fans do not feel the urge to rush the field after a big The department will hire the same football game, he wants them to be

In the event a field rush does occur, Cook said, the top priority around said the Lubbock Police Depart- University of Texas game, Seacrist the stadium is to ensure the safety of players, coaches and those working on the field.

Capt. Stevens was not immedistudents from rushing the field, stu- >>> jon.vanderlaan@ttu.edu

15 dead in Baghdad blasts, violence rising

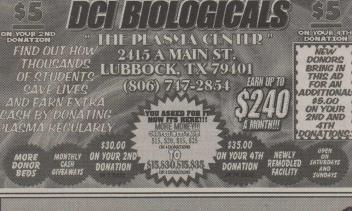


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Tuesday's blasts came a day after a series of bombings killed 10 people and wounded 40 more, underscoring the threat still posed by extremists. Other attacks also took place in

Mosul, where violence has spiked in recent months.

In Baghdad, a bomb hidden under a car blew up at a bus depot in the predominantly Shiite neighborhood of Mashtal on the east side, killing 11 people, including two women. Twenty-one were wounded in the attack, authorities said.

In the northern Shiite-dominated district of Qahira, four people were killed and eight injured when a roadside bomb exploded near a market, police said.

Also Tuesday, one person died when a roadside bomb in central Baghdad targeted the convoy of a Shiite government official and former member of the Iraqi Governing

Ahmed Shiyaa al-Barak, who currently serves as the head of a government real estate commission, escaped without injury. Five of his guards and four bystanders were injured, police said.

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Rutgers students launch school-centered business

DAILY TARGUM (RUTGERS)

With the stock market tumbling and the American financial structure in disarray, a group of Rutgers University students from Phi Beta Lambda, a business organization with approximately 50 members, have managed to launch their own business, called RutgersYOU.

RutgersYOU.com President Eric Weinberg, a Rutgers College senior, and others launched Rutgers YOU.com's in [Phi Beta Lambda]," said Sean service this summer, offering customizable promotional products to student sophomore. groups and organizations on campus.

mote leadership and professionalism to give us more hands-on business experience," said Matt Tuite, the director of Sales and Marketing for Rutgers YOU.

Tuite, a School of Arts and Sciences sophomore, said he and others who launched RutgersYOU.com felt that the best way to do this would be to actually run a business.

"We also felt that we would be of overcoming," he said. providing a valuable service to other student groups on campus because we can supply them with the products they need more conveniently and affordably," he said.

But like all new businesses, RutgersYOU.com faced challenges from

"There are just a lot of logistical able promotional items.

matters to attend to," Tuite said. "For example, we had to come up with a catchy name. After that, we had to figure out a better way to get the word out about RutgersYOU. com. Among other things, we had to market aggressively at the Involvement Fair."

Other students found out about the Web site through word of

"I learned about it through my roommate who is an active member Lo, a School of Arts and Sciences

Weinberg said the organization "We were looking for a way to pro-managed to delegate responsibilities to a group of five people who were interested in ensuring the project's

"[Also] membership in [Phi Beta Lambda] compared to this time last year has grown tremendously, and more people are showing up at our meetings so I am confident that any future 'problems' are merely challenges that we are certainly capable

In the half semester the organization has been operational, RutgersYOU.com has managed to become registered with the Trademark and Licensing Office, allowing the printing of the Rutgers name and logo. The organization has sold pens, cups, T-shirts and various other customiz-

A PIE FOR 'MY FRIENDS'



EMMIE THOMAS, A freshman political science major from Hico throws a pie at Johnny Phan, a junior nutritional sciences major from Fort Worth, wearing a John McCain mask Tuesday near the free speech pavilion. The Filipino student association charged \$1 to be pied while wearing presedential candidate masks.

Federal Communications Committee to probe pricing policies of cable, Verizon

Federal Communications Commis- for free. sion has opened an investigation into operators and Verizon Communica-

customers are being treated fairly, FCC Chairman Kevin Martin said in an munications, Bend Cable Commuinterview with The Associated Press. nications, GCI Company, Harron

"I'm certainly concerned with the increasing cable prices that consumers are facing," Martin said. "They are getting less and being charged the same or more."

The FCC wrote to Verizon and 11 cable companies last month about their practice of moving analog channels into digital tiers to free up bandwidth for other uses, such as high-definition channels.

To watch channels that have been moved, subscribers to analog service must either subscribe to a more expensive digital tier, rent a digital set-top box or use an adapter, which

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The service providers are starting to offer Entertainment, a unit of Harron only the analog basic or "enhanced

The FCC's Oct. 30 letter went the pricing policies of major cable to Comcast Corp., Time Warner Cable Inc., Cox Communications Inc., Charter Communications Inc., The agency wants to ensure that Cablevision Systems Corp., Bright House Networks, Suddenlink Com-

Communications, RCN Corp. and Verizon. Verizon was included because it offers pay-TV through its FiOS service.

Cable providers are in a race with satellite TV and phone companies to offer the most high-definition channels. About half of the nation's 65 million cable households buy basic" tiers.

The agency also will investigate whether providers are misleading customers into thinking that when analog television channels move to the digital tier of service the shift is related to the federal government's mandate that all broadcasts be digital by February, Martin said.

Study: Ants like it salty, too

By JAMES PARKER DAILY CALIFORNIAN (UC-BERKELEY)

It is common sense that flies are more attracted to honey than vinegar, but when it comes to ants, salt may be better bait

In a new study published last week in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, researchers from UC Berkeley, the University of Oklahoma and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock have discovered a correlation between the inland distance of an ant colony and how attracted they were to salt.

"It's a neat idea that something as simple as the amount of sodium that falls from the sky is going to have a noticeable impact on the most dominant insect on the planet," said the study's lead author Michael Kaspari, an associate professor and director of the graduate program in ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of Oklahoma.

To measure the ants' response to salt and sucrose, vials and cotton balls with varying concentrations of the two compounds were placed together in locations at different distances from the coast. The researchers measured the number of ants

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that were led back to the sample from the colony. The study, which was completed

throughout the past two years at 17 locations in the United States, Costa Rica, Peru and Panama, demonstrates that the ants were most active between 10 and 100 kilometers away from the coast, as indicated by their

Past 100 kilometers inland, where rainfall contains far less salt, the ants became more attracted to salt solutions than sucrose solutions, even when the salt levels were at lower concentra-

"Right next to the ocean, the ants tended to ignore salt. Once you get 10 kilometers inland, they started to use salt," Kaspari said. "By 1,000 kilometers inland, they were recruiting to salt solutions of 0.01 percent. That's almost pure distilled water with a crumb of salt.'



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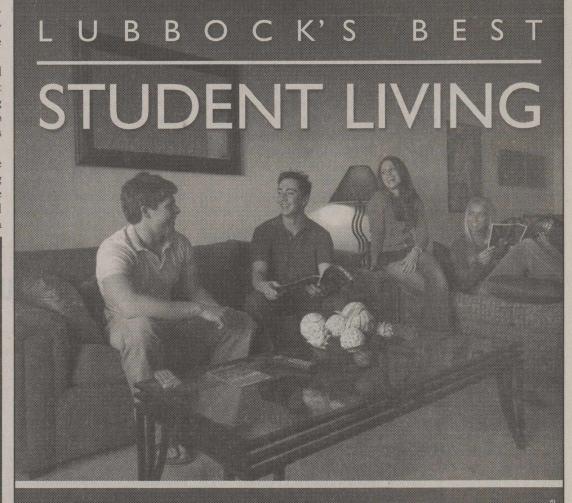
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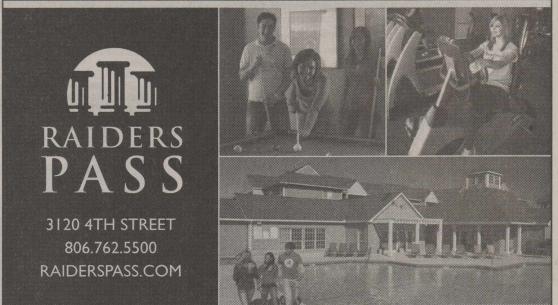
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continue to be bogged down in a war because more than likely, you will get that should never have been declared. We have seen questionable legislation that leads to the challenges we face passed that infringes on the liberties of today. American citizens and allows harsh treatment of detainees.

In this hour, America truly needs new leadership. But we do not need leadership that claims to be the solution to all problems. No, we need Constitution was written not to limit leadership that reminds us that one the people, but to limit the power and man cannot and does not have the excess of government in order to propower to address all these issues, just tect people from government. as one man should not have the power to cause these problems.

We need leadership that reminds us of what made this country truly great and unique in its birth: the right of



We do not need a one-size-fits-all The economy is faltering, and we solution to the challenges we face, our position in the world as a friendly, it wrong. It is this one-size approach

> We need to be reminded that the government is not the savior of the these problems.

We need to be reminded that the our borders.

We need new regulation, it is true. We need regulations that prevent government from passing legislation that interferes with the market by helping corporate special interests and putting the people to govern themselves and the burden of risk on the taxpayer.

freedoms do not come from the gov- We do not need fences to shut out our ernment, but that the government can neighbors, but we need opportunity take our freedoms away if we are not careful to safeguard against it.

threatened is through the loss of privatization and economic opportunity. As I once heard said, "True freedom is economic freedom.

peaceful nation, which provides opportunity for its citizens. Nations were changed and democracy flourished when they saw the light of America executive, advocating the power of the shining bright. But it is not a light we can force on people. The best way to economy, but interfering helps create spread our ideals is to stand strong in

> provide for a strong national defense. Right now, we are vulnerable, because we have spread our forces around the world, leaving our own backyard unprotected. The money spent to maintain this ineffective empire could

We need to welcome a diverse shane.nassiri@ttu.edu.

We need to be reminded that our labor force that seeks opportunity. created for all who seek betterment. We should reject trade agreements One of the ways we are most that keep the impoverished on the margins while stuffing the pockets of the already elite.

Mr. President, the best legacy you could create for yourself is not the We need leadership that reasserts one that will remember your name, but the one in which the generations to come can enjoy a prosperous and

Will you be known as a powerful state or will you advocate the power of the people?

In short, will you lead a governthem, and live them every day within ment of the people, by the people and for the people? Or will your govern-We need a government that does ment protect itself and corporate

As a citizen, and a student looking to the future, please Mr. President, take the road less traveled.

■ Nassiri is a iunior electronic be used for economic growth here at media and communication major from Victoria. E-mail him at

Banks happy to give students credit cards

By NATALIE WHILPATTERSON MERIDIAN (LEHMAN COLLEGE)

The tough economic crisis has played a major role in altering the landscape of student lending and financing for education. This comes at a time when lenders unstable economic climate.

Subsequently, many students will encounter difficulties accessing loans because of stricter requirements, especially for private loans. The impending recession has contributed to the dissolution of some traditional student lending institutions and the withdrawal or scaling back on lending by many banks. Thus, natives to pay tuition and other educational expenses.

One increasingly popular solution is credit cards, and banks are happy to comply.

This begs the question, why loans?

Essentially, the student loan industry Including paying has become unattractive and for tuition, credit unprofitable. As measure, banks cards are used to pay a precautionary are refusing to for a variety of grant loans to some instituadditional school tions or impleexpenses, such as menting tougher requirements room and board, for accessing loans. The retextbooks, food, moval of fedclothing, and other eral subsidies and guarantees related supplies on some loans

industry coupled with the curmunity colleges and lower tiered rent credit crunch has aided in public universities in favor of their decreasing available capital to private and public elite four-year purchase loans.

and reduced

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alternative. According to Nellie who desperately need loans. Mae, a subsidiary of the lending giant Sallie Mae, 75% of all undergraduate students had some

that one in four students who to default on loans. have credit cards use it to pay for school related expenses.

school expenses, such as room carry lower balances. and board, textbooks, food, cloth-

crisis. According to CreditCards. by the federal government.

com, student credit cards tend to have higher interest rates on balances in comparison to people with bad credit, balance transfers, and airline rewards cards. Thus it is more profitable, and in the bank's interest, and not the students', to issue credit cards instead of student loans.

There has been a public outcry are enacting belt-tightening against banks targeting vulnermeasures to minimize losses in an able college students with their aggressive marketing strategies. CreditCards.com has reported that some states have proposed or ratified legislation banning or restricting banks' access to college campuses. Some of these states include: New York, California, Arizona, Missouri, Ohio, and Tennessee. Although this is only a handful of states, it is a step in the right direction.

In addition some states have many students and their families also banned schools and student are anxious to find quick alter- organizations from selling students' personal information to third party institutions, and demand that lenders conduct workshops on financial education prior to offering credit cards to students.

Some banks have also demonare lenders eagerly handing out strated that they can be responsible credit cards but not student by placing limits on credit cards that they issue to college students. This helps not only

to minimize loss, but students may benefit as well by learning over time to become responsible borrowers, while limiting the amount of debt they can accrue.

A new trend is also developing: lenders are refusing student loans to an entire category of college students. According to a recent article in the New York Times, lenders are overlooking com-

contemporaries. This outright prac-While the proverbial lending tice of social stratification raises the tree has dried up, banks realize strong possibility of creating a new that credit cards are a lucrative underclass by marginalizing students

The institutions have justified their stance by claiming that fouryear elite schools are more profitkind of credit card debt at the be- able because of the comparatively ginning of the 2004 school year. higher costs of tuition and a longer In a separate study, the Ameriborrowing period. They also claim can Council on Education part- that these graduates are more likely nered with the U.S. Public Inter- to obtain jobs after graduation and est Research Group and found earn more, and as such are less likely

On the other hand, the cost of tuition at community colleges and Banks are aware that students public four-year schools are less use credit cards as safety nets expensive and community colleges to account for the shortages in have shorter borrowing periods. scholarship funds, financial aid, This considerably limits the amount and loans. Including paying for of interest that the lender can earn tuition, credit cards are used to on the loan due to the fact that they pay for a variety of additional are only taken out for two years and

Lenders claims of valid justificaing, and other related supplies. tion for circumventing community Many credit cards have em- colleges and some public instituployed aggressive marketing and tions have been called into question "predatory lending" strategies as the loans granted to these instireminiscent of the practices that tutions, as with their elite counterlead to the current mortgage parts, are guaranteed and subsidized

e eternal election comes to

By SEAN KITTRIDGE BADGER HERALD (U. WISCONSIN)

hen I went to my to vote, I brought a football with me.

When I emerged from behind that curtain, my sense of democracy fulfilled, I spiked that football. Hard. I did not spike it because I was excited at the prospect of a a puckish McCain ad I've seen a to pass a law banning any person new president, but because I wanted mere 100 times would say, he's a with presidential aspirations from that little piece of sewn-together synthetic pigskin to feel the pain attack ads, debates, staged public

"Lost."

marathon for the presidency has they think we do. run so long it's hard to remember

McCain was actually alive.

It's easy to see why presidents local polling station appear to age physically at an Barack "The Boat, Baby" Obama incredible rate; I swear, this cam- sat down with a man whose popaign lasted decades. Arguing that litical credibility is only matched Obama lacks experience is foolish by his ability to narrate a Home when he's pretended to be president Run Derby. This is demeaning to for the last three months. He's not the job of commander in chief, that's a little more important than a politician. He's an actor. Or as and Congress should get together the head of the executive branch.

I've dealt with for the last year. For label Obama like that. Ultimately, tively confident his intro to Monday too long I've been tortured with they've both become celebrities. Night Football is pumped into cells right box for a while now. They've both toured the talk show at Guantanamo Bay. appearances and substance-free circuit, basking in constant media spotlight. Obama bought a half know the results already. At this screen fades and you think you've This was not a race, but a poorly hour of airtime to remind America point, it isn't even important who finally hit the end, there's another ripted, prime time TV show. And how horrible the middle class has won. I just hope it was landslide. I scene full of small people with hairy judging by how the public made out it, and McCain sent his VP to want a good, clean election with a feet. I want to see the credits roll on after this endurance test of negativ- the Rockefeller Center to smile projected winner by 9 p.m., and I'm this election. In fact, I'd like to see ism and rhetoric, I'd call that show at jokes. Do McCain and Obama looking at you, Fox News. I don't them fast-forwarded, like they do think the American public spends want stories of disenfranchised vot- with movies on TV. Remember Rudy Giuliani? Or all its time watching TV? Apparers; I don't want talk about lawsuits how about John Edwards? The ently, as evidenced two nights ago, or recounts. If this election takes no extra scene with Ben Stiller in a

the starting players. There was a moments of airtime before the exist under the new president's tion needs a black ending, so make time when nobody thought Barack levers started falling Tuesday, both health plan.

Obama could beat Hillary Clinton, candidates were on TV in an excluand even fewer people thought John sive interview with, you guessed it, tion and "3 a.m. phone calls," there's ESPN's Chris Berman.

John "Still Raising" McCain and appearing on a show with a Hank But it was unfair of McCain to Williams Jr. theme song. I'm rela-

If this job requires decisive acno need to wait this long to vote. Cardinals manage to elect a new pope within weeks, and their choice needs to be unanimous. All-Star balloting takes a month or two, but it determines home field advantage in the World Series, and something

The American public might watch too much "Dancing With The Stars," but it's not totally devoid of brain cells, and I'm pretty sure we've been ready to check the

It just feels like that third "Lord As you read this, you should of The Rings" movie: As soon as the

No Jackie Chan-style outtakes, any more time, it will qualify for fat suit, just a bunch of thank yous Monday night, with their final Medicare benefits, assuming they'd followed by blackness. This elecit happen.

Election coverage generates pop culture gems

By DEVON MCREYNOLDS DAILY BRUIN (UCLA)

friends, the time has finally come. I hope most of you the four of you who read my column last week, you know that my favorite holiday make you want to shout "USA" from the is Halloween, but coming in a close rooftops, you have a heart of stone and are ceived nearly 2 million views, is a cheesy second is this high holiday of American probably a terrorist. Or French.

It appeals to my type-A sense of duty, my appreciation of American history, soaring bald eagles and hope for the Future of Our Children. But mostly, I'll just be glad that I'll never have to hear the words "Bill Ayers," "maverick" or "The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer" ever again.

democracy.

tion to go vote if you're registered and in possession of a brain, but this classic American experience can be heightened with some inspirational pieces of pop a day-after-Halloween lethargic daze culture. This event only comes once every four years, but unlike leap year, there's an marathon on Bravo. And while I unactual purpose to it. When I celebrate a ashamedly own every season of the show holiday, especially one soaked in gravitas on DVD, I was pleased to see that the like Election Day, I like to revel in every same channel that broadcasts "The Real aspect that makes it what it is, so here are Housewives of Atlanta" recognizes the some ways that can inspire you to feel like cultural significance of the show and you actually did something of importance the appropriateness of trying to pump when you voted yesterday.

Four years ago, P. Diddy tried to The reasons why this initiative failed Diddy — Lil Wayne and Jay-Z — have been publicly encouraging their fans to Weezy's pulling the lever and making it could and probably will write some sort of

rain votes, you've got to do it too.

these politically aware Mr. Carters, they really can't compare to the deep inspiration I receive from watching the television show that got me through my angsty amber waves of grain, you can turn to "The West Wing." If this show doesn't

I don't like a lot of the things that America does, but I believe that the fundamentals of the U.S. of A. are strong. I love this show because it's exactly like be run, but it's not a totally naive fantasy-White House are insanely smart and You probably needed no motiva- funny and distinguished-ly attractive, but they fight for good ... using the wittiest banter imaginable.

I was lucky enough to wake up in this past Saturday to a "West Wing" up viewers for America.

Because when President Bartlet mobilize the MTV demographic with makes a speech to his staff about the his trendy Vote or Die campaign. true spirit of freedom and democracy and goodness, or when Josh Lyman schools in numbers far greater than those of conservative fundamentalists with his Texans who still think Barack Hus- cocky Yankee wit, it's enough to make sein Obama is a Muslim. But this time you think that there might be hope in around, rappers with far more clout than politics. After all, the characters were based on real people, right?

I won't expound on the genius nuget out and vote, because they are. If ances of "The West Wing" (believe me, I

But as much as I appreciate both of while I know the show (unfortunately) isn't real, its power to inspire certainly is. But if "The West Wing" doesn't make political interests.

"It's Raining McCain," having remusic video by a trio of women called the McCain Girls, a Mervyn's-blouse-clad version of Destiny's Child, who sing a song praising John McCain to the tune of "It's Raining Men." It's probably one of how I would want the White House to the most hilarious things I've ever seen, especially when little images of John Mcland. Sure, the people who work at the Cain actually start falling like rain droplets and one of the McCain girls splashes them on her face. Aah, refreshing!

Another example of a pop song paro-

book about it one day), but I can say that dy came from a class of seventh-graders at the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta, who changed the words from T.I.'s "Whatever You Like" to "You Can Vote However You your heart soar like an eagle o'er the Like," with one half of the class rapping in support of McCain, the other in support of know yesterday was Election Day. For teen years and the Bush administration: more current You Tube gems to spark your Barack Obama, with some really awesome southern rap dance moves.

> This is inspiring on a "West Wing"type of level, because seeing adorable little kids engaged in the political process they have no say in is like seeing Bill O'Reilly refrain from screaming at one of his guests — it just warms the heart.

It's easy to be cynical about voting, but now it's romantic in an old-school "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" kind of way. Plus, voting automatically grants you the right to complain when the new president starts messing things up, and isn't that what democracy is all about?

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Secret Service 'inconvenient', but Obama's neighbors do not mind

By TYLER WARNER CHICAGO MAROON (U. CHICAGO)

As Election Day draws closer, security has stepped up around Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama's home near South Hyde Park Boulevard, where there are as many as six or seven Secret Service cars visible from the intersection at any given moment. Concrete barriers and fences have been erected along both sides of the street, just north of the Hyde Park-Kenwood border, to control traffic through the area.

Though South Hyde Park Boulevard — which becomes East 51st Street west of South Drexel Avenue — is further north from the epicenter of campus than most students care to venture, the size and scope of the security presence have made interactions between students and the Secret Service largely unavoidable.

For most students living in the area, "inconvenience" is the word most frequently used when discussing the security presence.

Jarrod Wolf, a third-year in the College, cited parking as the primary source of his irritation.

"Since the Democratic Convention, I have been unable to park my car, or even stop it near my apartment," he said in an e-mail interview. "If I want to unload anything I must park my car a block away.... I do recognize that he is a presidential contender and that he needs protection. It is just a bit inconvenient."

But parking has not been the only casualty to the traffic control along South Hyde Park Boulevard. Foot traffic along the north side of the street has been redirected to the south side, and travel along the street where Obama lives has been restricted to residents and registered guests. Though Obama was reportedly placed under the protection of the Secret Service as early as May 3, the greatest security hikes came di-

rectly on the heels of the Democratic National Convention.

The Secret Service is authorized to protect presidential candidates 120 days before the election, though protection may be granted to candidates by executive order at any time, according to Secret Service media representatives.

Joe King, a bus driver for the north route, has had ample opportunity to observe changes surrounding Obama's house. King said he experienced firsthand the heightened level of security during a brief entanglement with the Secret Service. In late September, King's bus was pulled over after he dropped off a rider across the street from Obama's house. He was instructed that vehicles were no longer allowed to pick up or drop off within the security zone.

'What's so funny about them pulling me over is I dropped the person off, and they pulled me over like a criminal," King said. "They cut me off and everything."

King, an ardent Obama supporter, added that safety was his only concern with the new traffic regulations. Though the security presence on South Hyde Park Boulevard is highly visible, King questioned their responsiveness to crime outside of the immediate security zone, citing a recent sexual assault and armed robbery occurring several blocks to the east of the Obamas' house.

Iah Pillsbury, a third-year in the College who lives on South Hyde Park Boulevard immediately east of the Obamas, also discussed safety issues surrounding the Secret Service presence.

Pillsbury, who has spoken to the security personnel on a number of occasions, stated that security personnel are not technically allowed to leave their posts. She added, however, that the security has served as a visible deterrent to crime in the area.

"I don't really like police," she said. "But at two in the morning, it's nice to see the security standing on the corner outside of their cars."

Pillsbury's roommate, Ali Harris, also relates the security to safety in

"In terms of security, it's actually made me feel much better," she said. "Before we moved in our apartment was broken into, but nothing like that has really happened since."

The Secret Service was cryptic when describing its role in preventing neighborhood crime.

"Secret Service agents are first and foremost federal agents. However, we are concerned not only with our protectee's safety but also the public at large," Edwin Donovan, spokesman for the Secret Service, said in an e-mail interview.

Though the heightened security measures have had an impact on daily routines for some of Obama's neighbors, many students in the area have been largely unaffected.

"The only real effect it's had on my life is that the north route doesn't stop at my corner anymore," Harris said.

Sean Redmond, a fourth-year in the College who lives a block away from Obama, doesn't mind the security.

"I don't live my life any differently, and since I never have any reason to go up to 51st Street, it's pretty much a nonentity in my life, except when I look down the alley and see police cars," he said.

Directly across the street from the Obama residence, the congregation of KAM Isaiah Israel synagogue has been living in peace with the security for several months. To enter the security zone, congregation members' names must appear on a registry so their IDs can be checked upon entrance. Guests to the synagogue are instructed to call 24 hours in advance of their visit.

likely coming to an end, NBC

brought back Fey's "30 Rock" for

network is in fourth place. Unbe-

as opening "Zack and Miri Make

a Porno," a comedy aimed at teens

made little sense to wait over a

month to start capitalizing on this.)

Poor scheduling aside, the opener

was in stride with the superb second

season, and the show has pretty

clearly supplanted "The Office" as

network television's best comedy.

Plus, John Hamm is rumored to

be joining the show temporarily as

PROJECTING SUCCESS



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador

BRIAN SAWGER, A sophomore architecture major from Houston, takes a photograph of a project he just set up for his studio 2 class Friday in the courtyard between the Art and Architecture buildings.

Joker looks for laughs at U. Nevada-Reno

By TARA VERDEROSA SAGEBRUSH (U. NEVADA-RENO)

tation shotgun in the other. Some It's like they're scared." students stare unabashed, but most avoid attracting attention from the of frightening others. gun-wielding clown.

premier of "The Dark Knight." For imitation of the Joker's answer. three weeks he gathered materials, gloves that the loker wears.

Since then, he has worn his costume sporadically throughout call," he said with a laugh. the semester.

costume store, he said his job has up little to do with his excitement said he dresses up like the clown friend, said. "At first people were a lot of time, he said. because it's his favorite character.

"I like to see people's reactions," the 18-year-old criminal justice major said. "I usually get one of three. Some people are just delighted. They hug me, shake my hand, pound it, surprise butt sex,

all that. Then there is the group who skeptical, but since time went by, its mostly people try to ignore it, and it ask for pictures or autographs." He walks across the University makes me laugh. Watching people iced coffee in one hand and an imitry not to acknowledge me is funny.

And Kipling has had his fair share

When a girl in a "Dark Knight" Josh Kipling, who made his T-shirt excitedly approached him entire costume from scratch, began and asked where he got his scars, he dressing up in July just before the was quick to oblige with an accurate

Along with his rifle and pocket sewed and dyed his outfit to mimic knife, he also carries two switchthe exact coat, vest, tie, pants and blades, joker cards, a pencil and his cell phone.

Although Kipling works at a supportive of his decision to dress

"The whole thing is really aweabout dressing up as the Joker. He some," Barry Chilton, Kipling's best

Today's

is horrified and just doesn't get it. But successful. People often stop him and

Interested in Heath Ledger's of Nevada-Reno campus with an stare in the opposite direction and inspiration, Kipling read the comics and books that Ledger read in order to bring the character to life. With his newfound personality and wardrobe, he made a point to have fun with others.

Once while sitting at a bus station, Kipling held his shotgun in plain sight and did his best to look

When people did little to acknowledge his presence he removed the orange cap on his gun, which is illegal in public, and waited again. This "Because I just want my phone time the police approached him.

They left empty handed, however, Kipling's friends are generally when all they uncovered were fake weapons and cards in his pockets. Kipling said he did little to explain his situation to the cops.

The costume takes skill, effort and

Best of the worst on TV this **By MICHAEL PASSMAN** Boobage" episode. I don't think character's presence on the show

MICHIGAN DAILY (U. MICHIGAN)

Sometimes it's not easy to come up with ideas for this column (e.g. rage:" last month's Modern TV Theme a nice diversion today.

"Mad Men" goes away; people This show is dead. forced to watch HBO again:

Season two of "Mad Men" ended last week, which means The New the Hill:" York Times Magazine will have to find a new show to tell yuppie d- of the Hill" was finally canceled bags to watch. As the self-appointed last week. You're probably thinkmouthpiece of yuppie d-bags ev- ing, "Wasn't that show axed in erywhere, I'd like to request that 1998?" Actually, it managed to last they get on this quickly, because 13 seasons, which is really damn "Lost" doesn't start for another impressive. I can't say I was ever couple months and we're going a big fan — the show's a little offto need something other than "30 Rock" and edited reruns of "The was supposed to be for the type of Wire" on BET to hold us over. But people the show was about or for back to "Mad Men." The finale blue-staters to point and laugh was good (not great), but really, all but, unlike "American Dad," which this season did was set the show up was extended for another season, it's for next year when the realities of not bad or killing America. the '60s hit "Sterling Cooper," or whatever it's going to be called after the merger. Why does AMC have to television: pretend it's HBO and keep us waiting nine months for new episodes? almost-weekly Sarah Palin impres-I already miss Joan.

"South Park" 's fixation on bad movies continues:

How should I put this? WHAT THE FUCK IS GOING ON, TREY STONE AND MATT PARKER? GET IT TOGETHER, BOYS. "South Park" has always been hit or miss, but the occasional hit is essential to this dynamic, and unfortunately we haven't seen anything resembling one this fall. A two-part "Cloverfield" spoof about Peruvian flute bands and over-sized guinea pigs wearing Halloween costumes? Really? I'm not dumb enough to bury this show or its creators, but something needs to change. All I'm looking for is one episode that's half as good as last season's "Major

that's unreasonable.

The slow death of "Entou- its third season. And somehow, this

Speaking of burying shows, the lievable. This was about as smart Hall of Fame) but I've got a lot I one show I did bury in the 22+ want to hit on and decided not months I've been writing this colto discriminate this week. The umn is "Entourage." It started out and 20-somethings, on Halloween fall season is well underway, late- with a few promising episodes. The night. (To be fair, "30 Rock" posted summer shows have recently come shows were consistently fun, which good numbers this week, but it still to an end and a lot of events need is the only thing "Entourage" has to be addressed. In totally bitching ever done well, and Vince's career list form, I'm knocking out six of situation was vaguely intriguing. television's top storylines from the At least until two weeks ago, when last few weeks in one column. Cop Dom and Bob Ryan — the murderout? Maybe, but I promise not to ers responsible for slaughtering mention Ohio or malfunctioning season three — returned for an voting machines, which should be episode that ended with a dude dying from a heart attack (not fun). I stand by my original proclamation: Liz Lemon's love interest, which is

The quick death of "King of

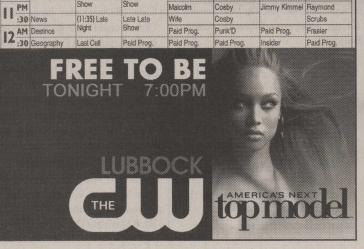
In other dead show news, "King putting, and I could never tell if it

Tina Fey's non-Palin return to

Just as the novelty of Tina Fey's sion on "Saturday Night Live" has started to wear off, and with her



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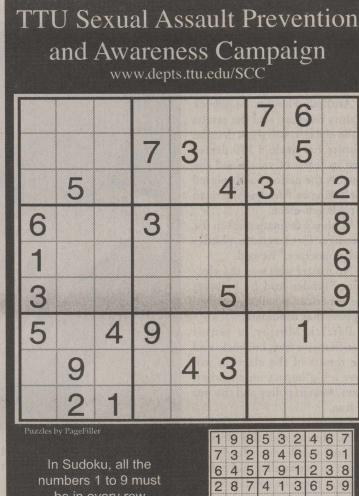
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Student Counseling Center

Witnesses say Police respond to politically charged, verbal altercation near Student Union

By MATTHEW MCGOWAN FEATURES EDITOR

A man reportedly grabbed a sign from a student promoting Democratic Party candidates at about 1 p.m. Tuesday near the Student Union Building.

Stuart Williams, a freshman history major from Lubbock, said he was sitting at the Texas Tech Democrats' table holding a Barack Obama campaign sign when a man snuck up from behind, aggressively grabbed the sign, threw it on the ground, stomped on it and shouted derogatory comments about Obama as he walked away, calling the Democratic presidential candidate a "socialist who doesn't even salute the flag."

Williams said he filed a report with Tech police but did not press

Col. Gordon Hoffman with the Tech police could not confirm or deny the incident because the paperwork had not been filed as of 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Patrick McDonald, a senior restaurant hotel and institutional management major from Austin who was a the table at the time, said the man's actions seemed "pre-meditated," because he grabbed the sign without warning or provocation.

McDonald said he lost his temper and shouted at the man as he walked to another table to converse with the men sitting behind it.

"It just pains me," McDonald said. "This is a red campus, a very red campus."

And this was not an isolated incident, he said. He has experienced political confrontations to various degrees in the past.

Hoffman, however, said he could not recall any other incidents stemming from political differences on

"I don't think that's usually an issue," he said. "There's such a heavy turnout for this election that there are a lot of feelings about the race."

Seth Brush, a junior construction engineering major from Worland, Wyo., who witnessed the event and spoke briefly with the reported aggressor after he left the Tech Democrats table, said the man identified himself as an ex-Marine and complained about Obama, a candidate whom he deemed unpatriotic.

Brush explicitly said he did not know the man, nor did he condone

"It was just hot air from a buffalo," Brush said. "It was just a temper match with short fuses."

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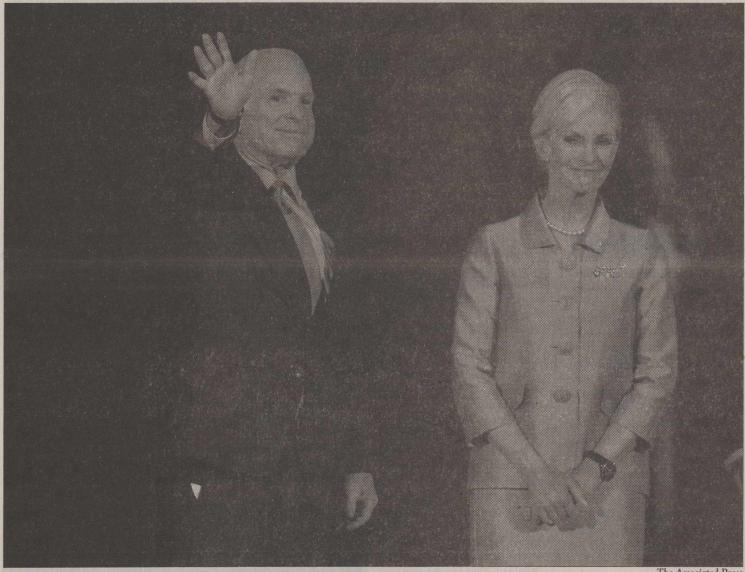
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PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreadon

PEOPLE LINE UP outside the Student Union Building Ballroom to vote Tuesday. As of 9:30 a.m., 159 people voted in the ballroom.

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the last 18 to 24 months," Winn

said. "We're very proud of our

Republican team and our slate of

candidates. We're excited with

the amount of early votes, 70,000

people voted early and another

Texas Tech's College Republi-

cans President Phil Lezar, a junior

personal financial planning major from Dallas, was in attendance to

greet supporters and to give col-

lege Republicans a presence at the

he said. "I woke up a little nervous,

but I went to campus and saw

tables all over campus. It's pretty

exciting because our student body

is pretty conservative, and seeing

how many of them went to the

Cain (R-Ariz) may have trailed

Obama could be, in part, attributed

to the Republican Party's slow start

to reach out to young voters on

in political science and interna-

tional business from Prosper, also

Rick Noriega (D-Houston) which

as Facebook and MySpace.

Lezar said a reason Sen. Mc-

polls today was very exciting."

"Today's been pretty exciting,"

23,000 today."

Republican social.

SEN. JOHN MCCAIN, R-Ariz., left, is joined by wife Cindy as he finishes his concession speech to a rally of supporters on election night in

Phoenix, Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008.

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problems.

Anthony Flunder, a Lubbock County resident, said the results of the election will show that the country has made a 180 degree turn in terms of values and the equality the nation has displayed in electing an African-American as president-elect.

"This is a dramatic shift in the paradigm for American politics and democracy," he said.

No matter who won the election, Flunder said he believes the American population would support that candidate.

Patrick Murray, a junior French major from Lubbock, said the results of the election will have a big impact on economy, taxes, foreign policy and the war in Iraq.

Contrary to previous elections, Murray said, this election featured two leaders clearly different in personality and policy, whereas previous candidates did ferences.

Because of the excitement she expected Obama to win. surrounding the two candidates, he said, record voter turnout was another difference from past "energized" the voting public.

the Lubbock Democrat Party, States. said she was overwhelmed and



PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador LUBBOCK RESIDENT, SARAH Glynn, celebrates Obama's victory

with a friend, Tuesday at the Green Building.

results of the election although

When the president-elect dates. begins his term in January, she said she believes he will begin night of celebration, she said. elections, and the two candidates working on economic issues, en-Gwen Bagley, a member of overseas back to the United

not show such significant dif- speechless when she heard the the county is conservative, but hoped for a better outcome for the local Democratic candi-

Tuesday night, however, was a

"I'm going (inside) to get ergy and a plan to bring soldiers ready to celebrate," she said, "and I think we just might dance in the streets tonight."

Bagley said she understands >>> jon.vanderlaan@ttu.edu

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be honest with you about the challenges we face."

McCain called his former rival to concede defeat - and the end of his own 10-year quest for the White House. "The American people have spoken, and spoken clearly," Mc-Cain told disappointed supporters in Arizona.

President Bush added his congratulations from the White House, where his tenure runs out on Jan. 20. "May God bless whoever wins tonight," he had told dinner guests earlier.

Obama, in his speech, invoked the words of Lincoln and echoed John F. Kennedy.

"So let us summon a new spirit of patriotism, of service and responsibility where each of us resolves to pitch in and work harder," he said.

He and his running mate, Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, will take their oaths of office as president and vice president on Jan. 20, 2009.

Obama will move into the Oval Office as leader of a country that is almost certainly in recession, and fighting two long wars, one in Iraq, the other in Afghanistan.

The popular vote was close — 51.3 percent to 47.5 percent with 73 percent of all U.S. precincts counted — but not the count in the Electoral College, where it mattered most.

There, Obama's audacious decision to contest McCain in states

that hadn't gone Democratic in years paid rich dividends.

Obama has said his first order of presidential business will be to tackle the economy. He has also pledged to withdraw most U.S. combat troops from Iraq within 16

A survey of voters leaving polling places on Tuesday showed the economy was by far the top Election Day issue. Six in 10 voters said so, and none of the other top issues energy, Iraq, terrorism and health care — was picked by more than one in 10.

In Washington, the Democratic leaders of Congress celebrated.

"It is not a mandate for a party or ideology but a mandate for change,' said Senate Majority leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Said Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California: "Tonight the American people have called for a new direction. They have called for change in America."

Shortly after midnight in the East, The Associated Press count showed Obama with 338 electoral votes, well over the 270 needed for victory. McCain had 141 after winning states that comprised the normal Republican base.

Interviews with voters suggested that almost six in 10 women were backing Obama nationwide, while men leaned his way by a narrow margin. Just over half of whites supported McCain, giving him a slim advantage in a group that Bush carried overwhelmingly in 2004.



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JOHN STEINMETZ, THE former Lubbock County Republican chairman, speaks to Arvella Meurer, a volunteer with the Lubbock Area Republican Women, and Bill Felton, who worked with Senator John McCain, Tuesday at the Republican Watch Party.

Cornyn had appeared to have won as of press time and the presidential race by watching a FoxNews broadcast projected on a large screen.

"I'm a big supporter of the Resocial networking Web sites such publican Party," she said. "I actually voted straight ticket. Right now it's Several students, such as Katie not looking too good, but it's pretty Weissman, a sophomore majoring great to be here and with people that think the way I do.'

Weissman said she agrees with were in attendance keeping a close McCain's foreign policy and ecowatch on the Texas senatorial nomic plans and would have been race between Cornyn and state excited if McCain had won the representative and senate hopeful presidency.

She said she probably will dis-

agree with Obama on many issues but will give the Democrat a chance.

"I'll just have to push harder the next election," she said.

Winn said an Obama win means it is the Democrats' country to control for the next two years.

"He's going to have a majority in the Senate and a significant majority in the House," he said. "It's their ship to guide as they want and Republicans will sit back and regroup and ask themselves what do they do to get back to the values of the American

people." » michael.graham@ttu.edu

Presidential election impacts international students

By MATT MCGOWAN FEATURES EDITOR

Presidential elections: possibly more American than baseball and

But unlike baseball and apple pie, the American electoral process affects international students' lives, both at Texas Tech and at their homes abroad.

Albert Yu moved to the United States from Taiwan three months ago but was careful to watch last night's election unfold.

He said the U.S. economy impacts the entire world — from West Texas to Taiwan — and he had a vested interest in whom the American public chose as a leader.

"I think everyone wants to elect somebody who can help the economy and the war," he said. "(International students) care if the economy is bad because that would impact things like scholarships."

Watching the American electoral process this year taught him something about how American leaders are chosen: Taiwan's process

hardly is different.

Arindam Mazumdar, the Student Government Association's vice president for graduate and professional affairs, moved to the United States from India five years ago. The American election process is much like it is in India, although the offices for which candidates run are different.

Most international students have a good understanding of their host country's political process, issues and candidates' stances on thoseissues, he said.

"It depends on if they read the news," Mazumdar said, "but I think most are pretty informed. They try to stay informed."

Tibor Nagy, Tech Vice Provost for International Affairs, drew from his experience as a U.S. ambassador overseas and said the American electoral process is in the minds of people across the globe.

"It starts here," he said, "so someone driving a taxi in Bangladesh absolutely cares about who the next president is going to be because it's going to affect things like their currency and their daily lives."

The United States and its policies affect so many people that many non-American citizens believe they should be allowed to participate in the nation's political process,

"It's really interesting," Nagy said, "because, for example, there are a lot of people out there who really feel like America is such an important county that they should participate in who the U.S. president

But an election's impact is not the only facet of the political process that attracts the attention of internationals, he said, because many also find the process itself interesting, especially those who come from nations that do not have a democratically elected leadership.

Nagy offered Chinese students as an example. Chinese students are not 'shocked' by the American political machine but are more along the lines of fascinated.

"So they of course would be fascinated with the process," he said, "because in China there are no competitive elections."

Nagy said he often finds international students who know more about the candidates and issues than those who were born and raised in the United States, a phenomenon he called "unfortunate."

'They are keenly, keenly interested," he said. "Unfortunately, I have found in just discussing issues that many times the internationals who are not able to vote are the ones who are most informed."

Michael Murphy and Sharon Hale, both counselors at Tech's International Cultural Center, said most of the international students with whom they recently have talked seemed more apathetic than enthusiastic.

This apathy, Hale continued, does not necessarily mean internationals do not care. It could be indicative of their unwillingness to discuss it openly.

Most international students, she said, probably do have a candidate they like more, but the more important aspect is how that candidate's decisions will affect their personal

lives and their struggles as international students.

'They were definite in their opinions about who they would like to have elected," Hale said, "because it could impact immigration issues. They're only concern would be how its going to impact their future, going home to apply to visas and how this country is going to be impacting their homes.'

Delphine Mourier, a graduate student from France, said elections back home are not completely different than in the United States. Americans, however, tend to be much more openly supportive of a candidate than voters are in France.

"We say to our friends and family who we are going to vote for," she said, "but we do not say it so openly."

When she sought information about the American election, Mourier said, she listened to French radio, which she found more informative than media in the United

"I think I get less information than listening to the information in France on the radio or on TV," she said, "because you have so many channels. I feel like no one really concentrates on it, even though everyone talks about it."

Mourier said she thinks most people back home in France will be glad to see Pres. George Bush leave office, but couldn't be sure.

Murphy said international students from Europe probably are more opinionated because how closely the United States and Europe are tied, economically and diplomatically.

Although evidence of this at Tech, he said, is sparse.

"When you're from a different country you can look at the United States in a different way and appreciate it," Murphy said. "But Europeans seem to be a lot more affected by this - maybe from some parts of Africa. There probably is interest in other parts of the world, but it's not reflected by our international students

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Electronic systems risky, may compromise integrity of votes

There is a question that sits almost like a paranoid elephant in the room to those who can recall past debacles involving electronic voting, and that question is how does your vote really count?

Well, if you voted on an electronic voting device, especially one made by the Diebold subsidiary, Premier Election Solutions, there's a bad news for you. Despite Brunner compromised.

The four systems tested were hardware." the Diebold

The problem goes

way back to the

2000 Presidential

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better.

Election Systems, Hart InterCivic, Sequoia Voting Systems, and Elections Systems and Software, Inc., three of which failed standards that were set back in 2005.

In the Evaluation & Validation of Election-Related Equipment,

Standards, & Testing (EVEREST) to redeem itself, is spending an December 2007, the systems were shown to be disturbingly unsecure. The report stated that the findings of EVEREST "do not lend themselves to sustained or increased confidence in Ohio's voting systems," which is a nice way of saying Ohio's electoral apparatus is a giant goose egg.

that said "the tools needed to combe as simple as tampering with the paper audit connector or using a magnet and a personal digital assistant."

out these voting rigs, I've got some



problem goes way back to the 2000 earlier this August, Ohio has not Presidential Election with Florida made the switch to paper ballots and has not gotten any better. Even and was stuck with Premier systems org, only 18 states institute a voteras recently as last year it has been for this year's election. These are verified paper record and mandashown in the California Secretary the same systems that EVEREST of State's 2007 Top Down Review found to fail at following "stanof voting systems that the systems dard and well-known practices for are simply unreliable and easily the use of cryptography, key and password management and security

catching on.

as Alaska, Cali-Iowa, Maryof their touchmachines in favor of paper ballots. Florida, in an attempt

report about Ohio e-voting from estimated \$35 million to transition and then from McCain to Libertarback to paper ballots as soon as they ian candidate Bob Barr. can. Unfortunately, at best, only 19 percent of all e-voting systems were replaced in time for this year's presidential election.

These problems could essentially Vote Act of 2002, a Congressional Ohio's Secretary of State Jennifer act that ostensibly would spend Brunner even released a statement \$3.86 billion of taxpayer money on federally certified e-voting systems. promise an accurate vote count could HAVA also stipulated this money would have to be spent by Jan. 1,

Because the act was passed in If you're feeling confident that October 2002, this left barely a year n Poon is The DT's tech maybe Ohio got around to changing to develop an incredibly complex critic. E-mail him at voting system that only companies

like Microsoft and IBM could possibly manage in that time frame. However, they chose not to do so, which left the duty of abusing billions of dollars to those companies that had already proven their inefficiency with e-voting: Diebold, Elections Systems and Software, Inc., and Sequoia.

This was shaping up to be quite chance your vote did not count. The suing Premier Election Solutions the recipe for disaster from the

According to VerifiedVoting. tory audits, the minimum required for a state to successfully prove its election integrity and verification. Only 13 of the remaining states require a VVPR, but do nothing with it. In fact, the only reason It seems, for a VVPR to be produced is to however, that facilitate an audit process, which states are finally pretty much is the same as putting a dead-bolt lock on your door but States such never turning it.

Texas is one of those states that fornia, Florida, implements e-voting machines, but does not utilize a VVPR. land, Tennes- Out of avoiding the high profile see and New controversy of Diebold devices, Texas chose Elections Systems and in a rush to Software, Inc., machines, which dump as many may actually have it worse. Already, eight counties in Texas have screen voting reported their ES&S machines flipping their votes — the most recent of which being an ES&S iVotronic touchscreen machine in San Antonio flipping a voter's ballot twice from Obama to McCain

Documented instances of vote flipping are prevalent in numerous states, including Colorado and Ten-

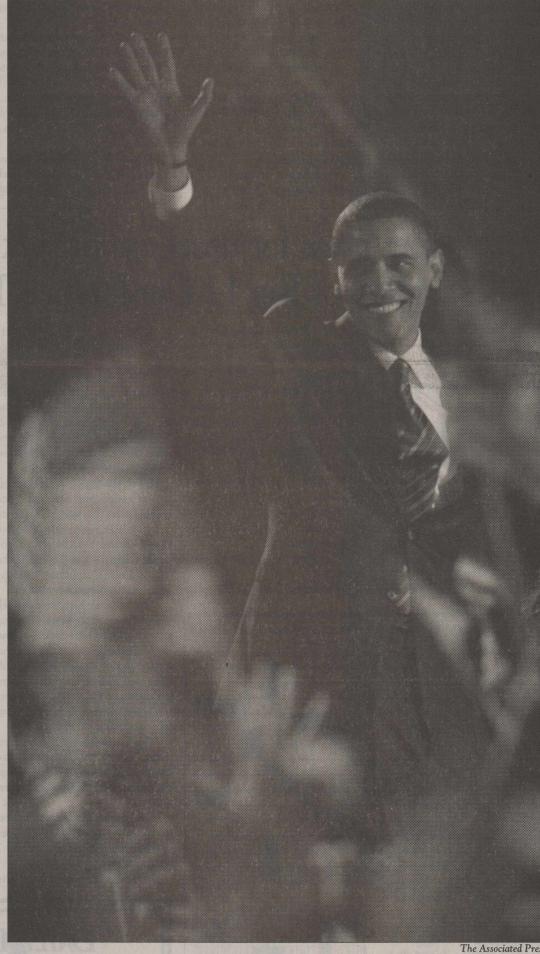
So, how did your vote count? be traced back to the Help America The answer will depend on how you

> Paper ballots? Then your vote may have been cast as

> E-voting? Well, at least you got some free Krispy Kreme.

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PRESIDENT-ELECT, BARACK OBAMA



The Associated Press

PRESIDENT-ELECT BARACK Obama waves after giving his acceptance speech at Grant Park in Chicago Tuesday night, Nov. 4, 2008.

First-time voters put democracy into practice in presidential election

By TINA L. ARONS STAFF WRITER

The White House may need to brace itself for complaints.

Many first-time voters — who were armed with the attitude, 'If you don't vote, don't complain' - cast their ballots Tuesday and asserted

their right to voice their opinions. "I think it's important that all Americans vote," said Shawn Cox, a freshman wildlife management major from Fort Worth. "If you don't like something, voting is the way you can change it."

Cox said he had a lot of encouragement from his mother who shares his attitude about voting, and he spent time online reading about

each candidate's views before heading to the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center to vote.

"I have a bunch of mixed feelings," he said. "I'll be disappointed if my candidate doesn't get elected, but then again, that would be his fault for not persuading enough people

Katy Land, a sophomore education major from Midlothian, said the ability to vote is part of becoming an adult and taking responsibility.

"If you don't vote," she said, "it's kind of like you don't care about our

Land said her biggest concern is the war in Iraq, in which her brother vote and it's upsetting, because it's a big deal," she said. "It decides our next president."

Gregg Murray, an assistant political science professor, said young voters generally do not have the same turnout rate as older voters.

"Young voters have turned out more increasingly in recent elections," he said, "but they're still at the bottom of the totem pole of

He said the recent increase in young voter interest may be the result of both major parties encouraging young men and women to vote.

"But being registered to vote is one thing," Murray said, "and turn-

"I have some friends who didn't ing out to vote is another thing." When Jonathan Powell exited the voting booth at the center, he

> raised his fist in triumph. "I feel so American," he said. The senior chemical engineering major from College Station said he forgot to vote in the previous presi-

dential election and regrets it. "I wanted to exercise my right as a citizen this time," Powell said. "It's a great opportunity to voice my say

in the government." However, he said he was not prepared to choose between candidates

for other offices in the U.S. House, U.S. Senate and other state and local positions.

"There was not enough coverage

of the other candidates," he said, "so it didn't cross my mind to look it up."

Emmie Thomas, a freshman political science major from Hico, said college voters may not be as informed as they should.

There's been lots of excitement about the election, so I'm hoping that maybe motivated people to do some research," she said. "I think an

informed vote is important." Thomas said her family has encouraged political awareness since she was 6 years old. Which is why, she said, she is a member of the Tech Democrats and a campaign intern for Dwight Fullingim, the Democratic

She said she followed the presidential campaign since the prima-

"I was interested in the education policies of both candidates," she said, "because there are lots of teachers in my family, and I'm thinking about becoming a teacher myself."

No matter who students voted for, she said, she encouraged them to make an educated vote.

"Voting made me feel like I had a say in what was going to happen in the country," she said. "I don't think any vote is wasted. There are so many people who would love to

have that right.' candidate for the 19th Congressional

TURNING POINT

McNeill, defense looks back to '07 OSU matchup as lesson learned for Tech's defense

STAFF WRITER

Since replacing former Texas Tech Defensive Coordinator Lyle Setencich after a wild game against Oklahoma State in 2007, Ruffin McNeill does not see the defensive improvements as his doing, despite what others on the team may say.

"It's not me, it's our players," Mc-Neill said. "We tell them every week it's not our call, they're the call. The players have taken accountability and responsibility for what they want to accomplish. All the credit and all the compliments go to the players on our team."

McNeill was promoted to defensive coordinator after the Cowboys racked up 610 total yards — 366 rushing — on its way to a 49-45 win in a game with eight lead changes and 1,328 yards of total offense.

A week after Tech receiver Michael Crabtree makes the gamewinning catch against Texas, the All-American receiver gets a shot at redemption against Oklahoma

Crabtree's dropped touchdown pass in the end zone with 19 seconds remaining sealed the win for the Cowboys, who scored with 1:37 left to take the lead.

"I was sick to my stomach," Tech safety Darcel McBath said. "I played the worst game I've ever been a part They played their tails off last year. They were ready to play and we weren't."

From a Tech standpoint, the porous defense became the biggest problem facing the team, and Mc-Neill stepped in as the savior.

"From the beginning, I think he inspired the group," Tech coach Mike Leach said of McNeill's influence on the defense. "Our effort was way more inspired once Ruffin took over, and I think that continues. "We were a real young team defensively, still relatively young now. I think they've gotten better. They haven't just gotten better in their individual abilities, but as far as just playing together I think they play together as a unit."

The defense was the best in the conference for the rest of the season and has continued to improve.

This season, Tech ranks first in total defense in the Big 12 Conference allowing 349.6 yards per game, second in turnovers with 22 and third in sacks with 24.

When No. 2 Tech continues its run against ranked opponents with No. 8 Oklahoma State at 7 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium, Cowboys quarterback Zac Robinson said he sees a much better defense than last season.

"I think there's no question that they've improved a lot since we

of. I mean hats off to those guys. played them last year, defensively," said Robinson, who was one of three OSU players to rush for 100 yards against Tech in 2007. "You saw that on Saturday against Texas that they're a very good defense. The Texas offense spread it out a little more than they have all year. That's a credit to Tech's defense and how they've been playing and statistically, I think they're one of the better teams in the Big 12."

Tech safety Daniel Charbonnet called the 2007 OSU game a "turning point." The defense turned its act around by feeding off McNeill's energy and evolving into a cohesive unit, he said, but the game also served as a "gut check."

"Every now and then we'll see some clips of that game, and we'll never wanna play like that again," said Charbonnet, who is tied with McBath for first in the Big 12 with five interceptions. "We just didn't play good as players, we didn't step up individually."

McNeill is one of those fatherfigure type of coaches, which explains why his players try so hard to impress him. McBath said McNeill against Kansas, and the senior followed through with three picks in a allowing 349.6 yards per game.. span of four plays.

Texas, McNeill ordered McBath Charbonnet ran a Colt McCoy interand Charbonnet to pull down an ception 18 yards for a score.

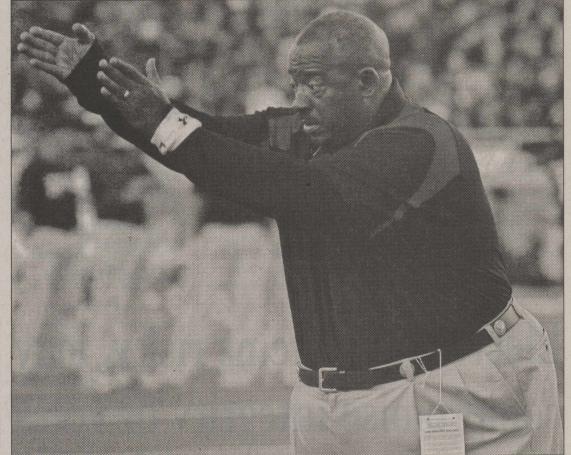


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told him to get two interceptions TEXAS TECH DEFENSIVE Coordinator Ruffin McNeill was promoted after the Red Raiders' 49-45 loss to Oklahoma State last season. Now the defense ranks first in the Big 12 Conference in total defense this season,

interception and run it back for a Before the second half against touchdown. About five minutes later,

than they do," Tech tackle Rylan defense. But they know they gotta Reed said. "They've been kicked keep doing it." on. They've been doubted. No one's >> daniel.ybarra@ttu.edu

"No one deserves (respect) more been doubted more than Texas Tech's

Tech soccer plans for upset against Oklahoma State in first round of Big 12 Conference Tournament

STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's soccer ment match in school history. team has accomplished many new feats in its second season under to OSU, No. 8-seeded Tech kicks of their season and 7-1-2 in Big early goals.

2008 Red Raiders became the first Stadium in San Antonio. team in school history to make the conference's postseason in consecit became the highest scoring team huge (to win our first Big 12 Tourin school history since the 1996 nament game)." squad that scored 53 goals in the first year of the Big 12.

Oklahoma State now awaits in

nament, and Tech has a chance first conference title in school shocked in that game because to win its first conference tourna- history.

"In the past two years there

though.

off the Big 12 Tournament against 12 play to finish the year 16-1-2. By making the Big 12 Confer- No. 1-seeded Oklahoma State at With 69 goals the Cowgirls are tied her team should come out more Tournament this year, the 5:30 p.m. today at Blossom Soccer with Notre Dame as the highest scoring offense in the nation.

When the Big 12 announced its have been a lot of firsts with this season awards and all-conference ference play, but we know that utive seasons. By scoring 34 goals, group," Stone said. "It would be teams earlier this week, Oklahoma State ended up with the Offensive Player of the Year in senior Yo-Winning will not be easy landa Odenyo, the Coach of the Year in Colin Carmichael and four Oklahoma State is the class other all-conference honorees.

"We know we have a lot of work ahead of us and we know its going they are obviously a very good team," junior Zhaleh Rezaie said. the season and I know we have gotten better with each game so I feel like we got a good chance."

hands of Oklahoma State when that we would lose five starters, I they were beat 5-1 in Stillwater, would say the chances of us making

The Cowgirls put three goals on fairly slim." the board in the first 30 minutes and outshot the Red Raiders 27-7

Rezaie said she believed the >> steven.ryan@ttu.edu

the first round of the Big 12 Tour- of the Big 12 after winning its team came out a little shellthey beat the Cowgirls last year The Cowgirls went undefeated and were not prepared when OSU With Oklahoma losing Friday during the non-conference stretch jumped on them with an array of

> This time around, Rezaie said prepared because they have a better idea of what to expect.

"They kind of killed us in conwas not our best game," junior Sarabeth Clopton said. "We did not perform well at all there. It was probably our worst game we played in the conference."

Stone said he believed his team making consecutive Big 12 Tournament appearances is a to take a lot to beat them because step in the right direction for the program, especially because of the injuries the Red Raiders suffered "But I feel like we have grown over this season. Five of Tech's opening day starters missed significant time this season with injuries.

"This team really surprised us in The Red Raiders suffered their their ability to be flexible," Stone worst loss of the season at the said. "If you told me before the year the tournament would have been

A live feed of the Tech-Oklahoma State match can be seen at Big12sports.com.

Lytle named to All-Big 12 second team, all-newcomer team

Making the All-Big 12 Con- and voted her on the team." ference Second Team and Big 12

All-Newcomer Team is an accomplishment for anybody.

But in Tech coach Tom Stone's eyes, redshirt freshman Taylor Lytle making both teams is truly an amazing feat.

Lytle was forced to redshirt her first season in Lubbock

last year because of a torn ACL. in points with 18 and started every summer practices, leaving the coaches unsure about her status

But Lytle made it back in 12 Tournaments for the first time in school history.

to take on for her stature at 5'1" the other coaches in the Big 12 recognized what she has done

Lytle finished the season with

five goals and eight assists. The eight assists have her second in the Big 12 in that category and one behind the Tech single season assist record of nine. Five of those assists came in Big 12 games which gives her the conference lead

in that category. She also led the team

Minor complications with the single game this season despite tearrehab kept her out of spring and ing some cartilage in her other knee against Iowa State on Oct. 17. Lytle is the first Red Raider to

until weeks before the season make two postseason teams in the

The team also placed eight time for season kickoff and she players on the Academic All-Big 12 went on to play a major role in First Team. Tina Rincon and Shanleading Tech to consecutive Big non Sims were the seniors honored. They both earned the honor for the third time in their careers. Juniors "We are not surprised at all Brittney Harrison, Sarabeth Clopbecause she has had an outstand- ton, Jennifer Kammerer and Maeing season," Stone said. "It's a lot gan Wilber earned the honor for the second time. Sophomore Katie and 120 pounds. I'm really glad Hinds and junior Emmie Bennett are first-time recipients.

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Armstrong still unsure about return

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Lance not in a hurry. It's Nov. 4. ... Armstrong has yet to decide whether title in 2009.

with media. I simply don't know," Armstrong said Tuesday during wind & Space Technology Center. "I'm

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he will try for an eighth Tour de France tension with French cycling fans, with French media and certainly tension "I want to say I'm not trying to with the organizers. And right now I be coy; I'm not playing games with don't want to deal with tension. And them (the Tour) or with fans or I don't know if I want to deal with tension in July."

Jean-Etienne Amaury, the new tunnel testing at the San Diego Air president of the Tour's organizer, said last month that Armstrong had "embarrassed" the event.

Armstrong suggested his safety might be at risk if he enters the Tour again. The Austin, Texas, resident recalled watching his hometown college. football team, the Texas Longhorns, lose at Texas Tech last weekend.



Texas Tech women's golf team ends fall season on high note

By KEVIN CULLEN STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's golf team finished its fall season completely different from the way it started.

The Lady Raiders finished in a tie for second in the Challenge at Wolfdancer on Monday in Austin, the final fall tournament. Tech tied with Texas State, while No. 31 Colorado took the tournament.

Senior Megan Dowdy tied for first in the tournament, becoming the first to do so for Tech since Kim Kolb won

"Megan Dowdy played phenomenal," Tech coach Stacey Totman said. "She's been really striking the ball well over the last semester. This week I think was just a matter of her getting some putts to drop and I think that happened for this week. She played great and it was a long time coming for her and I'm really proud of her."

Fellow senior Ulrika Van Niekerk also was impressive, Totman said, as she tied for 11th place.

"Ulrika has just been a solid rock for us this whole fall," she said. "She seems to have been one of the players a solid round. She's just managing Austin her game so well. She's really been focused in on not necessarily tech- have left off," Totman said. nical golf swing stuff but just golf

The performance of the team's younger players throughout the fall is way around for them," she said. "To something Totman said is exciting for see, 'this is what I need to be doing the future of the program.

season and have played very well.

"It's really exciting to know that next year we'll have some more kids season with a 17th place finish in the that will be able to step up and maybe Ptarmigan Ram Fall Classic in Fort help take over where Megan and Uli Collins, Colo.

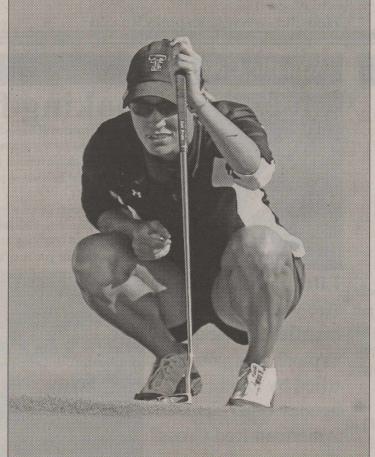


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we know we're gonna count on for MEGAN DOWDY TIED for first at the challenge at Wolfdance in

The play and leadership the team course management stuff and making has received from the two seniors has good decisions. She is a phenomenal elevated the play of the underclassmen, Totman said.

"It's just really positive all the a couple years from now to help the Totman said sophomores Alex team compete for tournament wins Gibson and Jackie Smith, and junior and conference championships and Rosalyn Kim have been in the Top 5 things.' I think that (Van Niekerk and of the lineup for the majority of the Dowdy) are just really great examples for those younger kids.

The Lady Raiders began the

Totman said the slow start might have served as a driving force for the team to improve and perform better as the season progressed.

"I think we didn't get off to the start we were looking for," she said. "I think that in itself was a motivator because we had really high goals coming in. We were kind of I think a little shocked at how we started, but they were very determined and hard working and dedicated and they went out and worked really hard on their games. I think we can look back and feel like we've accomplished a lot."

Tech golfers were unavailable to comment for this story. » kevin.m.cullen@ttu.edu

Tech volleyball uses previous loss as motivation for match against Iowa St.

By KEVIN CULLEN STAFF WRITER

For some teams, an earlier loss to an opponent may intimidate them, but the Texas Tech volleyball team uses it as motivation.

Tech (5-19, 0-13 in Big 12 Conference play) is back at home as it faces Iowa State (15-9, 7-6 in Big 12 play) at 7 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena.

The Red Raiders are coming off a 3-1 loss to Missouri, while the Cyclones lost their last match 3-1 to national power No. 2 Nebraska.

Tech lost in straight sets to Iowa State on Oct. 15 in Ames, Iowa, which middle blocker Amanda Dowdy said motivates her to play them again.

"I'm very excited about the match, because when we went there we had not so good of a game," she said. "This team is a really strong team and it's gonna be really competitive. I think as long as we show up to play like We gotta come in and expect Spirit Areana. to win."

meeting as they had a .441 attack game." percentage compared to the Red Raiders' .118.

16 kills in the last match and curdating back to last year. rently is third in the Big 12 with 4.09 kills per set.

The Red Raiders are a differ- no fear. ent team now, Dowdy said, as time they faced the Cyclones.

again," she said. "Everybody's and we'll be there to cover you." playing. It was just transitioning we weren't competing with them against the Cyclones.



we did against Colorado and we TEXAS TECH'S HAYLEY Ball spikes the ball past Texas' Michelle finish out the game, we'll be OK. Kocher. The Red Raiders take on Iowa State at 7 p.m. today in the United

The Cyclones dominated and I expect us to come out here with their attacks in the last and compete and it'll be a good

Tech still is searching for its first Big 12 victory as it has lost ISU's Victoria Henson tallied 32-straight conference matches,

Dowdy said the team's record gives it the ability to play with

"We have nothing to lose right they have seen adversity and are now — absolutely nothing," she more together now than the last said. "We need to be the team making the big plays — hitting the ball "With the traveling and ev- every single time, because the worst erybody — we're all a team that can happen is you get blocked

Consistency is a point the back to where we were and we Red Raiders have stressed all just did not show up to play that season long, and setter Karlyn game and it wasn't fun because Meyers believes it will be key

"Iowa State, they have some really good outside hitters and stuff," she said. "They are a solid team all the way around and we just need to stay consistent the whole time like we did mostly against Colorado and then just hopefully finish it off at the end when we need to."

Dowdy said because of her personality, not having a Big 12 win at this point in the season is hard for her.

"I can't even tell you how bad I want a Big 12 win," she said. "Every time we lose it is devastating for me and I am not OK with losing and I'm not content with where we are at all. I want a Big 12 win as much as any of my teammates do, even more because I'm very competitive, so I expect us to win." » kevin.m.cullen@ttu.edu

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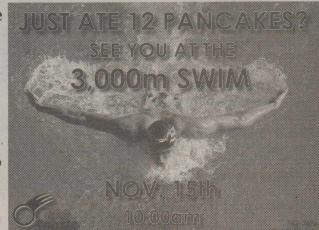
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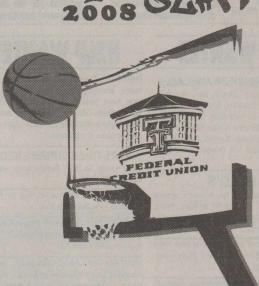


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