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Prosecutors looking at lt. gov.'s disclosures

AUSTIN (AP)—Texas Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, criticized for failing to disclose details about his vast wealth, is voluntarily cooperating with Travis County prosecutors who want to know whether his public disclosures adhere to Texas ethics law, Dewhurst's lawyer said.

"We've cooperated entirely," said Dewhurst's lawyer, famed Austin defense attorney Roy Minton. "We're just in the process of showing documents to them."

Travis County Attorney David Escamilla said he is reviewing a formal complaint against Dewhurst by a campaign watchdog group. The complaint followed an Associated Press report about Dewhurst's personal financial statements, which don't reveal his riches, estimated to be worth as much as \$200 million.

NATION

Democrats urge stake in big auto companies

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congressional Democrats are pushing legislation to send \$25 billion in emergency loans to the beleaguered auto industry in exchange for a government ownership stake in the Big Three car companies.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., hope for quick passage of the auto bailout during a postelection session that begins Monday.

WORLD

Iran test-fires missile able to reach Europe

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran said it successfully test-fired a new generation of long range surface-to-surface missile on Wednesday—one that could easily strike as far away as southeastern Europe with greater precision than earlier models.

The Sajjil is a solid fuel high-speed missile with a range of about 1,200 miles, Defense Minister Mostafa Mohammed Najjar said on state television.

The Islamic Republic News Agency said the test was conducted Wednesday, and television showed the missile being fired from a desert launching pad.

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

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Engineering college accepts \$25M gift

By JON VANDERLAAN
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech College of Engineering accepted a \$25 million gift from several AT&T executives including the former CEO for whom the college now is named after.

The college was officially named after Edward Whitacre, a former Tech graduate from the College of Engineering and AT&T CEO who was with the company he even earned his degree.

Chancellor Kent Hance said the university worked with the AT&T executives for about six to eight months.

The gift brings the total of donations received in the last three

months to \$40 million, Hance said, which he believes is good because the college can recruit additional quality faculty.

Whitacre, who also was a former regent at Tech, said he wanted to be involved in the gift because the college made everything he has done with the company possible through his education as well as friendships and other life lessons learned at the university.

Because a shortage of engineers exists in the United States, he said, it was important for this donation to go to the engineering college, especially because it is one of the best in the nation.

Whitacre said he never expected anything would be named after him, but he was overwhelmed, excited

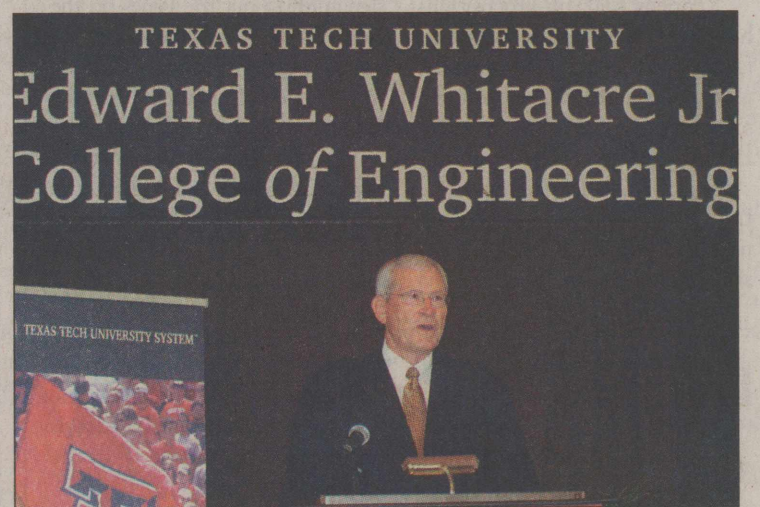
and humbled by the naming of the college.

Pamela Eibeck, dean of the college, said the naming of a college is one of the most significant events that can happen in a college's history and Whitacre is the perfect person for the College of Engineering to be named after.

The money from the gift will be put toward several education-enhancing initiatives through the college's endowment, she said, which she believes will help improve the quality of people involved in the college.

Eibeck said some of the gift also would be put towards scholarships and graduate student fellowships.

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FORMER AT&T CEO Edward Whitacre speaks at a press conference conducted Wednesday at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion discussing a generous donation from AT&T to the College of Engineering as well as naming the college the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering.

PART ONE OF A THREE-PART SERIES

Examining the social complexities of massive multi-player online role-playing games

Excessive online gaming may leave players addicted

By TINA L. ARONS
STAFF WRITER

A few extra seats may be empty today in classrooms all over the world.

The latest expansion of "World of Warcraft" — dubbed "Wrath of the Lich King" — was released at midnight in gaming stores across the nation.

The growing popularity of WoW and similar massive multi-player online role-playing games has caused a generational phenomenon that has researchers scrambling to understand.

And some research goes as far as to associate video-game abuse with the same portion of the brain that causes substance dependence.

"I believe it's an escape for a straight-jacketed generation," said Andreas Schneider, a sociology professor at Texas Tech. "They use it as a way to act out social frustrations."

People unfamiliar with the expansive digital warcraft world often blame gamers for retreating into fantasy, he said, but it may be the outside world that causes gamers to retreat.

It can be tempting for users to become completely immersed in the game, Schneider said. Certain characteristics of excessive video game usage match those of similar addictions, such as gambling or sex.

Chris Barbour, a senior geophysics major from San Antonio, said he has experienced both the positive and negative impact of WoW.

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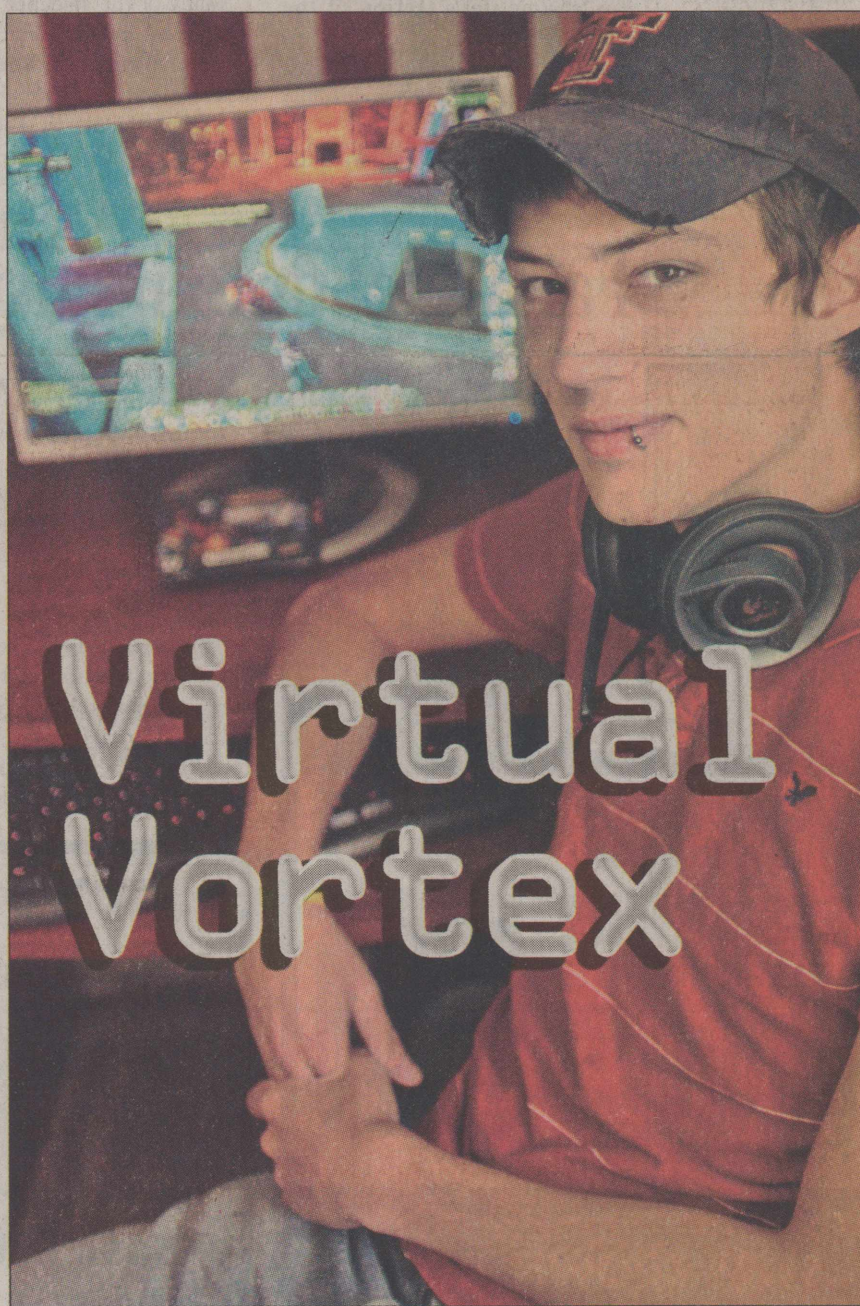


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CHRIS BARBOUR, A senior geophysics major from San Antonio, overcame his addiction to World of War without cutting the game out of his life completely.

Alcohol petitions delivered to Lubbock elections office

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

The Let Lubbock Vote political action committee submitted its two petitions to expand alcohol sales laws in Lubbock County to the Lubbock County Elections Office Wednesday.

"This is a victorious day for Lubbock County citizens, who spoke loud and clear that they are ready to vote and decide this issue of commerce," said David George, the Let Lubbock Vote Chairman and vice-chairman of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, according to a news release provided by Let Lubbock Vote.

Dorothy Kennedy, the Lubbock County elections administrator, said the elections office will verify that the two petitions for expanding alcohol sales locations in Lubbock County and allowing restaurants to sell mixed drinks, respectively have at least 18,747 official signatures from registered voters of Lubbock County.

If both petitions have at least 18,747 official signatures, they will become propositions on the county-wide May 9, 2009 ballot, she said.

"We use two computer databases to look at the signatures," she said. "We verify the signer's voter certificate number, their date of birth and verify they are registered voters of Lubbock County and were registered before Sept. 1."

Kennedy said the elections office has 30 days, until Dec. 12 at 5 p.m. to verify the signatures on the petitions.

From there, she said, no announcement will be made to the public about how many

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Tech officials believe university library fee increase necessary

By JON VANDERLAAN
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech officials said the university's library fee needs to increase about 50 percent from the current \$14 per credit hour in order to continue providing the same level of services.

When the Board of Regents approved the fee assessment schedule in May, the board also approved a transfer of \$2 per credit hour from the library fee to the energy fee to accommodate rising energy costs. The fees were changed so students would not pay more money in fees and because the University Library had a fund balance of more than \$6 million.

Beverly Cotton, interim vice president for administration and finance, said she hopes increases in student fees for the library will

remain minimal, but the fee eventually will have to raise about \$7 or \$8 above the fiscal year 2008 amount so the library does not lose money.

Because of decreasing energy costs, she said she hopes the \$2 given to the university's energy fee will be reallocated to the library fee.

Donald Dyal, dean of Libraries at Tech, said while the library will not "go away," hours may significantly be curtailed and books may be cut back, because salaries and recurring costs such as subscriptions to journals are not changeable.

Although the SGA denied the library's request to let students vote on an additional \$3.50 per credit hour added to the student fee, the library still may receive up to a 9.9 percent increase, or \$1.39 per credit hour,

through the Incidental Fee committee.

The fund balance for the library totaled \$6.67 million at the end of fiscal year 2007 due to a fee created in 1999 that was too high and created a surplus. The balance at the end of fiscal year 2008 was \$3.2 million.

Dyal said his plan for the fund balance was to allow the money collected before he arrived at the university to remain in the fund balance so the university would not have to raise student fees for several years.

However, the reduction in the library fee to help the energy fee will deplete the \$6 million fund balance by the end of the 2008-09 school year, he said, and the library will require more than the proposed \$3.50 more per credit hour just to break even.

Cotton said the library would need ad-

ditional fee money because of increasing salary and service costs, but she believed students would not be able to handle the increase that is needed.

The administration believes students only should pay for the services they are receiving at the time they are attending the university, she said, instead of paying a higher flat rate for several years.

"Is it fair to have today's students pay for tomorrow's students benefits?" she said. "We want you paying for the services you receive, not for the students five years from now."

Dyal said he believes paying for the library fee should not rest on the students, and he has attempted to get the fee changed from a student fee.

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Randall Stephenson, the CEO of AT&T who took the position when Whitacre retired, said a large share of AT&T charitable giving in the last several years has been going to education.

The Tech College of Engineering has shown "forward thinking" with the nanophotonics program, he said, which is one reason he believes Tech should receive the gift.

Stephenson said he is banking on the gifts from the company to result in increasing numbers and higher quality engineers because a shortage of engineers exists in the nation.

Tech President Guy Bailey said it is Tech's honor to have Whitacre's name representing the college, and the gift will impact tens of thousands of people.

The gift will be "transformational" for Tech, he said, and will change the face of the university and college.

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valid signatures were on the petitions but if there are enough valid signatures, the petitions will be taken to the Lubbock County Commissioners Court and placed on the May ballot.

Kennedy said, no propositions have been placed on the ballot thus far for the May election but issues may include city council elections and school board elections for entities in Lubbock County.

Shelby Shaw, a spokeswoman for Let Lubbock Vote's, said Texas Petition Strategies, the firm hired to gather signatures for the petitions verified

there were 27,000 official signatures on both petitions.

"They use a similar process (to Lubbock County) but it won't be official until the county verifies them," Shaw said.

The alcohol petition drives began simultaneously Oct. 1 and Let Lubbock Vote reported to collect enough signatures to put the issues on the ballot less than two weeks after the petition drives began, according to a previous article in *The Daily Treador*.

Let Lubbock Vote was formed in September to put issues relating to expansion of alcohol sales in Lubbock on the May 2009 ballot.

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"The whole problem is that a fee-based funding mechanism, in my opinion, is wrong. It doesn't work well," he said. "Maybe a mixture of fees and some other money may be, but again, that's not my decision."

Cotton said the only other way to fund the library would be through designated tuition fees, which place a percentage of the fee into the university's scholarship fund. Because of this, it ultimately would end up costing students more money.

The university proposed the plan to move the money from fees to the board because it believed

a fund balance of more than \$6 million was too much money, she said, as a typical fund balance is about three months worth of the operating budget.

Financial expenditures for the library were about \$14.5 million in fiscal year 2008 and are projected to be about the same in fiscal year 2009. A fund balance of \$6.86 million was about six times the three month operating budget.

Some acceptable reasons for maintaining a fund balance, Cotton said, include large capital purchases and a contingency reserve.

Because the library will operate well under its financial needs, she said, the provost's office will work with the library to cut services that will help the library operate under the budget.

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Grad school town hall meeting addresses students' concerns

By **MIKE GRAHAM**
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The Texas Tech Graduate School hosted a town hall style meeting Wednesday evening in the Matador Room of the Student Union Building.

Graduate students had the opportunity to voice questions, comments and concerns to a panel of Student Government Association members, representatives of insurance provider Academic HealthPlans Inc. and the dean of the graduate school, Fred Hartmeister.

"I'm a fan of town hall meetings when we get information like we did tonight," Hartmeister said. "I believe in transparency and being open especially when there are serious subjects that need to be addressed. I will look further into the matters students brought up tonight."

Hartmeister said he is open to more town hall meetings in the future.

The town hall meeting was organized by Arindam Mazumdar, the vice-president of Graduate and Professional Affairs and a Ph.D. student from Silchar, India studying chemistry.

Mazumdar said he wanted to host a town hall meeting since he took office in February. He issued a survey for his constituents to fill out and, based on the results, concluded graduate students were most concerned with health insurance issues, graduate school funding and transportation issues.

It became apparent early during Hartmeister's section of the meeting, that most of the approximately 100 graduate students in attendance wanted to discuss monetary issues.

Most of the questions during the



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/*The Daily Treador*
EVELYN MCPHERSON, DIRECTOR of Student Health Services, talks about student health services during the Student Government Association's graduate town hall meeting Wednesday in the Student Union Building.

time Hartmeister had the floor were about employment opportunities and travel funding for students that need to travel to conduct or present research.

Hartmeister began his introduction speech announcing his three ultimate goals for the graduate school which were: more scholarships for graduate students, increased salaries for graduate assistants and research assistants, and wanted assistants to have 12-month employments opposed to their current 9-month employments.

Many of the students in attendance were international students concerned with health-related issues.

Evelyn McPherson, the managing director of the Tech Student

Wellness Center, and representatives from Academic HealthPlans, Judith Baxter and Terry Lyons fielded questions related to health and health insurance.

After an introduction speech by Mazumdar and the introduction of some student government officials and the graduate school senate representatives, McPherson began the health insurance portion of the meeting with a power point on Tech's health service options and discussed insurance options before the three health experts opened questions from the floor.

One student claimed to have a \$13,000 medical bill for hospital fees from the University Medical Center and others claimed their insurance carriers denied coverage

for their trips to the Student Wellness Center.

The three health experts addressed the concerns and comments and pledged to help the students resolve their issues.

The pending cancellation of some Citibus routes from campus to local apartment complexes also was discussed during the meeting.

Austin Pennington, Student Government Association's external vice president, discussed an upcoming vote to increase student fees from \$3.50 per credit hour up to the first 12 hours a student takes per semester to \$3.94 because of the fear gasoline prices will increase in the near future.

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Failure of auto industry could set off catastrophe

DETROIT (AP)—Advocates for the nation's automakers are warning that the collapse of the Big Three—or even just General Motors—could set off a catastrophic chain reaction in the economy, eliminating up to 3 million jobs and depriving govern-

ments of more than \$150 billion in tax revenue.

Industry supporters are offering such grim predictions as Congress weighs whether to bail out the nation's largest automakers, which are struggling to survive the steepest economic slide in decades.

"We've got to do this because the cost of inaction is so high to communities, to workers, to companies," said Sen. Sherrod Brown, a Democrat from Ohio. He was among many lawmakers worried that an industry

collapse would be devastating for everything from school districts to small businesses.

Even if just GM collapsed, the failure could bring down the other two companies—and even the U.S. operations of foreign automakers—as parts suppliers run out of money and shut down.

Concern about the automakers hit new heights Friday when GM and Ford reported they spent a combined \$14.6 billion more than they took in last quarter. GM said it could run out of money by the end

of the year.

Ford said it could last through 2009, but only because it arranged a hefty credit line last year.

All this comes after tight credit and economic uncertainty in October reduced U.S. auto sales to their lowest level in 25 years—with no rebound in sight.

If the industry failed, among the hardest-hit communities would be Lordstown, Ohio, a village of 3,600 people about 50 miles east of Cleveland that has been home to a GM factory since 1966.

If the plant closed, Lordstown would lose up to 70 percent of its budget, a scary scenario that proponents of a multibillion dollar bailout say would be repeated across the industrial Midwest.

"If they went completely under, obviously it would financially devastate us," said Michael Chaffee, a school teacher and Lordstown's part-time mayor. "It would be catastrophic for our whole area."

Without GM and nearby parts factories, he said, Lordstown's \$4.2 million budget would take about a \$3 million hit that would almost certainly require layoffs of police and drastic cuts in park programs.

A study by the Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor estimated that the failure of Chrysler LLC, Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp. would eliminate up to 3 million jobs, including those at parts suppliers and smaller businesses that rely on the automakers.

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Professionalism found to vary between generations

By **HALIE HARTMAN**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Answering a phone call during an interview, calling in sick to work because of a hangover, having parents call the boss, or worse, treating a boss like a parent — any of those scenarios could jeopardize your chances of landing a job.

Amanda Schaefer, an assistant director at the Texas Tech Career Center, said she has heard similar stories from employers about college graduates they hired.

"It's a big deal," she said, and the millennial generation — anyone between the ages of 16 and 27 — is developing a bad reputation because of this kind of unprofessional behavior.

Because of this trend, Schaefer developed a new seminar, "Here Come the Millennials," for Tech students to address the issue and teach them how to deal with generational differences in the workplace.

Today's workplace consists of three generations, Schaefer said: baby boomers, generation X and millennials.

The millennial generation enters a work environment where the bosses are baby boomers and the more experienced co-workers are from generation X. Many mistakes graduates make at work are because

of differences between the generations, she said.

Barbara Chambers, a graduate instructor for the College of Mass Communications, said she worked for 15 years in the marketing, advertising and public relations industry where she supervised and was a mentor to new graduates.

"I've seen a disconnection between the older and younger generations," Chambers said. "Both sides think they are communicating clearly to each other when there is often a misinterpretation of expectations. Because each side has a different perspective, they automatically assume the other is wrong and there is a hesitation to learn from each other."

Schaefer said college graduates should realize they could gain plenty of knowledge from their bosses, co-workers and peers who have already been through the experience of starting a first job.

"Use your resources, talk to

someone who will speak honestly with you, grow up and expect to be responsible," Schaefer said.

Jennifer Young, who graduated from Tech in 2007, said working in a professional atmosphere during college helped prepare her for the working world after graduation.

"However, I have worked with other people who would have definitely benefited from a seminar like this one," Young said. "I've seen co-workers my age make some huge mistakes and blunders in the areas of dress, sharing personal information that is inappropriate for the workplace, and countless others."

Chambers stressed the importance of learning about generational issues in the workplace and the benefits of knowing how a potential employer might view them.

"While there are lots of misunderstandings among generations," she said, "students need to use the

information from the seminar to do a quick self-check of their own behaviors and be prepared to discuss any concerns potential employers may have. But because millennials have so much to offer the work world, they must also be quick to point out how their talents and skills will benefit the company."

Young said students should take advantage of what the Career Center offers, because a college education is meant to provide an academic experience as well as experience to be professional.

"Having the education or the talent isn't enough," she said. "If you can't maintain professional appearance, speech and behavior, you won't keep your job no matter how good you are."

Schaefer said events at the Career Center are available to teach students the professional aspects of a work environment they might not learn in class.

"If you are looking at yourself in the mirror and thinking, 'I am not going to be able to survive on my own, I am the stereotypical millennial that everyone hates,' you need to recognize that," she said. "And if you do not know what to do, that is what our center is here for is for. It's a place to come and get a reality check."

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US general urges Pres-elect Obama to keep missile defense

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force general who runs the Pentagon's missile defense projects said Wednesday that American interests would be "severely hurt" if President-elect Obama decided to halt plans developed by the Bush administration to install missile interceptors in Eastern Europe.

Lt. Gen. Henry A. Obering III, director of the Missile Defense Agency, told a group of reporters that he is awaiting word from Obama's transition team on their interest in receiving briefings.

During the campaign, Obama was not explicit about his intentions with regard to missile defense. The program has tended to draw less support from Democrats over the years, particularly during the Reagan presidency when it was seen as a "Star Wars" effort to erect an impenetrable shield against nuclear missile attack from the Soviet Union. More recently the project has been scaled back, although it has again created an East-West divide by stirring Russian opposition to the proposed European link.

Obama has said it would be prudent to "explore the possibility of deploying missile defense systems in Europe," in light of what he called active efforts by Iran to develop ballistic missiles as well as nuclear weapons.

But Obama expressed some skepticism about the technical capability of U.S. missile defenses. He said that if elected his administration would work with NATO allies to develop anti-missile technologies.

Obering, who is leaving his post next week after more than four years in charge, said in the interview that his office has pulled together information for a presen-

tation to the Obama team, if asked.

"What we have discovered is that a lot of the folks that have not been in this administration seem to be dated, in terms of the program," he said. "They are kind of calibrated back in the 2000 time frame and we have come a hell of a long way since 2000. Our primary objective is going to be just, frankly, educating them on what we have accomplished, what we have been able to do and why we have confidence in what we are doing."

Asked whether he meant that Obama or his advisers had an outdated view of missile defense, Obering said he was speaking more generally about people who have not closely followed developments in this highly technical field.

A key question for the new president will be whether to proceed with the Bush administration's plans to install 10 missile interceptors in Poland and a missile-tracking radar in

the Czech Republic. That system is on track to be ready for use by 2014, Obering said. It is strongly opposed by Russia, which sees it as an unwelcome military threat close to its borders; the Bush administration says it is needed to defend European allies against an emerging missile threat from Iran.

Obering said he is confident in the technology needed to make the European leg of the missile defense system work.

"In terms of any recommendations for the future, I would say that if we were to walk away from these proposed deployments to Europe, that it would severely hurt, number one, our ability to protect our deployed forces in that region and our allies and friends from what we see as an emerging threat. Number two, I think it would severely undermine U.S. leadership in NATO."

Iraqi soldier kills 2 US troops, wounds 6 in Mosul, 23 dead in bombings

BAGHDAD (AP) — An Iraqi soldier Wednesday sprayed automatic weapons fire at U.S. soldiers at an Iraqi military base in Mosul, killing two and wounding six before he died in a hail of bullets, an American general said.

In Baghdad, bombers struck the capital for a third straight day, killing 23 people and wounding scores in a string of attacks in mostly Shiite areas. The U.S. military said dozens were injured but it couldn't confirm any fatalities.

Maj. Gen. Mark Hertling, com-

mander of U.S. forces in northern Iraq, told The Associated Press the "premeditated" attack occurred in a courtyard as the soldiers waited for their two lieutenants to finish a meeting with an Iraqi army company commander.

Hertling, who said he had spoken with some of the wounded troops, disputed Iraqi accounts that the shooting followed a heated argument between the Iraqi soldier and the Americans.

Hertling said the attacker strolled into the courtyard carrying a Kalash-

nikov rifle and a drum of ammunition, walked to a corner, turned and opened fire.

"One shot was aimed and the rest was literally a spray," he said. "There was no argument, no spitting, no slapping, none of that occurred."

The six wounded American soldiers were expected to recover, Hertling said.

He said senior Iraqi army and police commanders in Mosul, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, had expressed regret over the shooting

and promised a joint investigation.

In Baghdad, Iraqi Defense Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Mohammed al-Askari said the shooting followed a quarrel at an Iraqi base in a volatile Sunni Arab neighborhood in central Mosul. The Iraqi soldier was identified as Barzan al-Hadidi.

It was the second such shooting in Mosul in a year, raising questions about the professionalism and preparedness of Iraqi security forces and their relations with their American partners.

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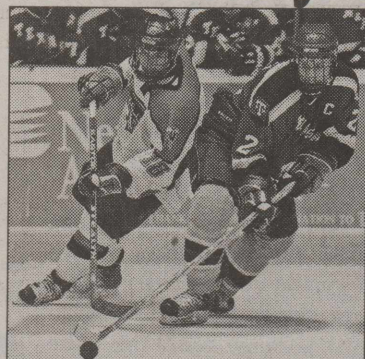
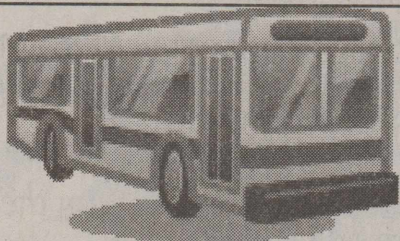


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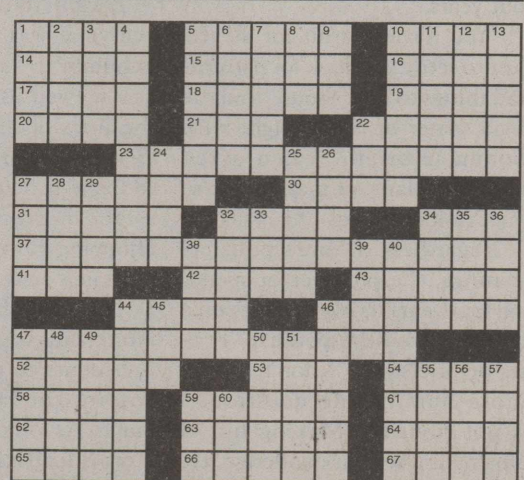
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Conservative values, policies on life support

The defeat of John McCain by the most liberal Senator in the U.S. Congress has led many political pundits to proclaim that conservatism is dead and gone in the United States.

Gone are the days of Reagan and gone is the idea of capitalism and moral values, they say. But I don't think that the idea of being conservative is quite dead yet. I merely think it has been put on life support, waiting for the cure needed to revive it.

The fundamental problem with today's politicians is that they run as moderates but govern as extremists. The voters don't ever get to hear what a candidate truly believes, but rather what he or she wants the voters to think they believe.

Let's take for example President-elect Obama's election platform. On his Web site he gave a detailed account of his plan to fix over 20 various issues facing our country, from immigration to economic policy and everything in between.

But now that he has been elected, his Web site has this simple vague statement about his agenda as president: "The principal priorities of the Obama Administration include: a plan to revive the economy, to fix our

Trevor White



health care, education and social security systems, to define a clear path to energy independence, to end the war in Iraq responsibly and finish our mission in Afghanistan, and to work with our allies to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon, among many other domestic and foreign policy objectives."

This certainly doesn't sound like the detailed in-depth plan and promises he made in his campaign. Where is the promise to offer 95 percent of Americans tax cuts? Where is his detailed plan to fix the economy? In fact, during an interview after a meeting with his economic advisors, Obama stated that they were "working to find a plan to fix the economy."

Perhaps I am mistaken but during the campaign he said he already had a plan. Was it just a promise made to get elected or was it an actual promise made to fix the problem? Only time will tell.

The bottom line is that elections are ruining politics. Instead of running to the center to win

votes, we need to elect politicians that have strong character, fair judgment, and a distinct set of moral values and ideas that will guide them when governing. But most importantly we need to elect politicians that are willing to seek out compromise with each other to make laws that best suit everyone's interests.

This rarely happens anymore. In order to pass the bailout bill, legislators simply loaded it down with pork and other wasteful spending to win the votes needed for it to pass. That is not compromise. That is ransom.

Before the 2008 election over 60 percent of Americans identified themselves as either moderate or strongly conservative. Unfortunately, there wasn't a conservative candidate on the ticket to vote for and it showed in the results. Whoever is the new leader of the Republican Party will have to deal with this issue. They can do this by thumbing their noses at the conservative values of Americans and continuing to lose elections, or by embracing the values and running candidates who aren't wolves in sheep's clothing, but rather shepherds ready to lead.

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Thinking about loss, monkeys

It's not politics as usual today. I've got mortality on the mind.

It has to do with something that happened late Monday night. I was at the Tech radio station in the Student Media building, putting on a radio show, when a friend called.

"Just wanted to let you know," he said, "that a KTXT DJ died in a car accident today. There's a bunch of people gathered at his house, hanging out, listening to the radio. I just left there."

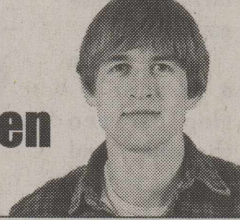
"Is there a song I should play?" I asked.

"No, it's up to you," he said. "I just thought I'd let you know."

I dedicated the rest of my show to anyone mourning or remembering the man, whom I hadn't known, and tried my best to play appropriate music. Naturally, I felt pretty somber. When I finally went home, I couldn't sleep. There was a strange feeling of emptiness in me — like hunger or thirst, but permanent. It felt like a heavy weight. This, I realized, was a feeling that others — those close to the deceased — were feeling even more sharply.

We are humans, which means we carry ourselves with a certain amount of gravitas, but we are still animals. We have compassion, but so do capuchin monkeys. I watched a documentary on them the other day, on PBS. Like us, capuchins, though compassionate, kill one another — in fact, they die more

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often from other capuchins than from predators.

It is understood that, at least primitively, morality and compassion developed alongside other emotions, like envy and jealousy, in ancestors shared by both humans and capuchins. This duality is central to the human condition.

So, although capuchin tribes regularly kill one another — usually for control over an important resource, like a large blooming tree — they also appear to have reverence for the dead. Following intra-tribal warfare, in which the winner becomes the alpha male of the tribe, the capuchins will gather around the body of the deceased. They will touch it, gently, and swat away flies. They will be silent.

The new alpha male, still bleeding from the fight, will stand alone, not trying to stop them. Then, after a while, they will leave the body alone.

Tuesday morning, I read the news report: there had been five Tech students in the car, driving back to Lubbock from a weekend trip. Two of them (including the one I received the call about) died, and at the time of this writing, two more were in critical condition. The driver, who had been wearing

a seat belt, was okay.

I thought about the group of people gathered at the house of the deceased, and how they compulsively drew together. They didn't seek solitude, but connection.

I don't know if capuchins realize their mortality, but we do. And yet, it is difficult to ever truly comprehend that life ends. It seems this is why most humans believe in an afterlife — because the idea that everything just stops is hard to bear.

I don't believe in an afterlife, but I find comfort in other things: camaraderie, friendship, love. Music and art — born from human emotion — can help, too. When we are happy, we like happy music. But when we are sad, we listen to sad music, because it is something like empathy, isn't it?

Like the capuchins, we seek connections in trying times. For whether it is working at the same radio station, attending the same university, or simply being a member of the same species — even being an animal, period — we are all in this together.

The more often we're reminded of that, the easier it gets. That weight starts to feel a little lighter. I hope, if you are in mourning, that you find peace and consolation, however you find it. We living few, we're in this together. We're family.

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With Obama as President, will we miss out on comedy?

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HARVARD CRIMSON (HARVARD)

Obama isn't funny. There, I said it.

A fact that has been the elephant, or rather, donkey, in the room for the entire campaign has finally reared its ugly head. Comics across America have quietly despaired. From The Onion to campus-based ventures like On Harvard Time or Satire V, those who derive their livelihood from poking fun at power quail when they ponder the next four years.

"You have to wait for all the dust to settle and look for patterns and things to joke about," said the head writer of "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," when asked about his plans for making fun of the President-elect.

Regardless of one's political leanings, the prospect of spending four years trying to lampoon a President whose response to "Boxers or briefs?" is "I don't answer those humiliating questions," is not inviting. Making fun of Obama is a serious challenge. He doesn't mispronounce his words; he shows no excessive interest in interns; he once gave his wife a fist-bump, but it wasn't a big deal. He spends most of his time being dignified and looking competent, neither of which are immediately hilarious attributes.

The Bush years weren't splendid times for many people — economic turmoil, wars, that incident with the pretzel — but they were comedy gold. Not since Dan Quayle has America had such a prominently placed source of continual gaffes. Back during the 2000 campaign, when people based their presidential choices on whimsical criteria like "Someone I'd Like To Have A Beer With" or "I Couldn't Figure Out How the Ballot Worked," everyone laughed incredulously at the slow but steady stream of "Bushisms."

Little did we know that gems like "I know how hard it is to put food on your family" were only the beginning of an eight-year laugh riot! But after eight years of State of the Union addresses where nuclear was pronounced as an arbitrary sequence of three

syllables, we have become accustomed to seeing the presidential office as part-king, part-jester. The idea of the United States President as a somewhat lovable buffoon remains firmly ensconced in the public mind, both at home and abroad.

And this makes Obama's job harder. In our entertainment-saturated age, when — as pundits are fond of repeating — the winner of "American Idol" gets as much attention as the winner of the presidential election, personality counts for a great deal.

Back in the Colonial era when everyone was dignified, a sense of humor in a major public figure was viewed as something along the lines of a congenital defect. George Washington didn't have to make us laugh; he just had to establish precedents and avoid chopping down more cherry trees than he could possibly help.

But somewhere along the line, Americans began expecting their Presidents to do more than just govern. They also had to make us laugh. As long as there have been Republican presidents, they've been kind of funny. Lincoln was a veritable wellspring of quips and anecdotes; Taft at least looked jolly; Reagan was a laugh-a-minute, from Star Wars missile defense systems to his side-splitting trickle-down economics.

Democrats, by contrast, have been a soberer lot. Wilson? Roosevelt? Gore? As the "Green is the New Crimson" address reinforced, a Gore administration wouldn't have been funny at all. It would just have been deeply concerned about serious issues all the time.

For those worried about the lack of humor in the oval office, McCain's vice-presidential pick was a breath of fresh air. Indeed, Sarah Palin's greatest contribution to the campaign was her evident willingness to take up the Bush comedy mantle. Her incoherent strings of folksy wisdom fell into the laps of impressionists and writers like a godsend.

A President Palin would have been everything President Bush was and then some — pregnant teenagers with crazy names! Hunting mishaps! Negligible foreign policy experience! And

when American voters said "no" to McCain, they destroyed all remaining possibility of a President who would have hilarious chats with Canadian radio pranksters.

I don't think the magnitude of this change has registered with Americans yet. All the young voters who flocked to Obama in droves grew up watching "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report." We are accustomed to cutting political satire that reveals the emperor is wearing no clothes. As far back as we can remember, the presidency was a source of jokes, from those crazy complications with Monica to the time Dick Cheney actually shot that guy. All that is over now.

Instead of a president who waves at Stevie Wonder, says things like "Awesome speech" to the Pope and calls the Italian Prime Minister "Amigo," we will have a president who draws crowds of thousands to hear him deliver coherent speeches in which he pronounces the word "nuclear" as God intended it to be pronounced.

But before we mope from used bookstore to used bookstore, picking up dog-eared copies of "Bushisms: Volume Eight" and trying to relive old times, let's take comfort. Sure, we may not be laughing at the President of the United States. But neither is anyone else. And maybe that's a good thing.

Government 'busybodies' try to regulate people's private lives

By **ASHLEY HERZOG**
THE POST (OHIO U.)

Former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer found out last week that he will not be prosecuted for spending tens of thousands of dollars on high-priced prostitutes. Since his disgraceful resignation last March, Spitzer has maintained that his conduct was a "private matter."

Of course, that wasn't his position when he was New York's attorney general, when he aggressively prosecuted people for doing exactly what he did. If there's anything to be learned from the Spitzer scandal, it's that government has no business policing the private behavior of adults.

While there are instances of forced prostitution and sex slavery (a problem directly related to illegal immigration and our de facto open-borders policy), most sex work in the U.S. is completely consensual. As immoral as prostitution is to most people, is it the government's place to stop a victimless exchange?

Sydney Biddle Barrows, the madam of a D.C.-area prostitution ring, doesn't think so. She told ABC's John Stossel that prostitution laws are nothing more than an effort to save consenting adults from themselves.

"We're protecting women from making a living, and we're protecting men from spending their money as they please," she said. "I

don't think that anyone needs to be protected from that."

But that's not the view of busybodies in Congress and in state legislatures, who think it's their job to regulate what adults choose to do with each other.

Consider sodomy laws. Before the Supreme Court deemed them unconstitutional in 2003, these statutes were used to arbitrarily punish gay people

“State officials have actually sent armed police officers to raid sex toy stores and confiscate vibrators — a questionable use of public resources, to say the least.”

for having sex — even in the privacy of their own homes. Former Georgia Attorney General Michael Bowers used sodomy laws as grounds for firing a state employee involved in a lesbian relationship. (The firing was upheld by a federal court.) He infamously prosecuted a Georgia man for sodomy, taking the case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

A few years later, Bowers admitted

he had been carrying on an adulterous affair the whole time he was pursuing these cases — despite the fact that adultery was also illegal under Georgia law. Like Spitzer, Bowers never prosecuted himself.

In some states, the government even dictates what kind of sexual behavior people can engage in alone. Alabama bans the sale of sex toys, and violators can be punished with jail time. State officials have actually sent armed police officers to raid sex toy stores and confiscate vibrators — a questionable use of public resources, to say the least.

"In the state of Alabama, I can buy a gun," a sex shop customer told Stossel in another ABC piece. "I can carry it in my pocket. But if I buy this (vibrator), someone could get arrested!"

Like defenders of prostitution and sodomy laws, defenders of sex toy bans say they're simply protecting the public. An appeals court that upheld Alabama's ban said the state had a "legislative interest in discouraging prurient interests," because they were "detrimental to the health and morality of the state."

Those judges weren't alone. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott fought a long battle to uphold a similar ban. Abbott said that the state had "legitimate interest" in policing private, consensual behavior. Overturning the ban would "invite ... challenges to previously uncontroversial criminal prohibitions" on practices such as "incest or bigamy."

As John Stossel would say: Give me a break.

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Pre-holiday car clinic offers maintenance, warns students about drowsy driving

By HANNAH BOEN
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Texas Tech's University Parking Services held their semi-annual car clinic Wednesday afternoon in the West Commuter parking lot.

Hundreds of students lined up in their vehicles to receive a free car check-up from Scott's Complete Car Care.

Heather Medley, the University Parking Services' marketing and training coordinator, said Scott's donates their time to the university, usually checking about 300 cars. This year, she noticed the event was busier than ever.

Scott Egert, owner of Scott's Complete Car Care, said he and his crew were happy to help students in vehicle maintenance before they return home for the holidays.

"It's important to fix problems before you leave," he said. "You don't want to break down along the highway on your way."

Egert said the most common vehicle problems he noticed at the event ranged from bad belts to low fluids. He and his maintenance team refilled automotive fluids at no charge and diagnosed any other vehicle problems for later repair.

"We do this two weeks before they leave so they can be sure and get these things fixed," he said.

Egert urged students to take care of existing problems before travel, and said students who did not make it to the car clinic can receive the same services at any of his three Lubbock locations.

Besides vehicle tune-ups, students had an opportunity to brush up on vehicle safety at the event. Elizabeth Massengale, director of Tech's Parent and Family Relations,

said the car clinic served as a good opportunity for not only performing vehicle maintenance, but also to get information about staying safe on the road.

"It's especially important now," she said about the approaching holidays. "Some students have never driven home alone, and this is a reminder of some important things."

Massengale urged students to become aware of Road Raiders, a service provided by Parent and Family Relations. Road Raiders supplies students with names and phone numbers of Tech parents across the state. She said the Safe Travel Network list is a valuable resource for students who find themselves stranded or in broken-down vehicles while traveling.

The Student Government Association and Student Health Services provided students at the event with information on the consequences of driving while drowsy.

SGA Senator and sophomore finance major Caitlin Haworth said she will drive home to her hometown in Katy for the holidays, a nine-hour drive from Lubbock.

Considering the average college student gets less than six hours of sleep per night, she said, drowsy driving is common among college-age students.

Haworth recommended students not leave town late at night, no matter how badly they want to go home.

"Just get sleep," she said, "and don't try to leave right after your finals."

Student Health Services Health Educator Amanda Eldredge said students who have a long trip home should pay attention to their body's signs that may signal it is time for them to stop and rest.

"Most importantly," she said, "if you have trouble remembering the last few miles, you're putting yourself and others at risk."

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Eldredge urged students to avoid short-term drowsiness remedies, such as coffee or Red Bull, and instead hit the road after a solid meal and a full-night's sleep.

"Even if you really want to get home," she said, "just sleep and wait until the next morning."

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Fan of Abdul found dead near 'Idol' judge's home

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A fan of Paula Abdul whose failed audition for "American Idol" aired in season five was found dead in a car near the home of the pop star and judge she admired, authorities said Wednesday.

Police indicated that Paula Goodspeed, whose rendition of "Proud Mary" was roundly criticized by Simon Cowell and rejected by Abdul and Randy Jackson, had possibly committed suicide, said Ed Winter, assistant chief of the Los Angeles County Department of Coroner. An official cause of death had not been determined.

Authorities found Goodspeed's body Tuesday evening in a car that photos show bearing the vanity license plate "ABL LV" in a Los Angeles Lakers frame. Her parents had reported her missing hours earlier and expressed concern that she might hurt herself.

Los Angeles police spokeswoman Julianne Sohn says officers responded to a call about 6 p.m. Tuesday and arrived in the Sherman Oaks area to find the body.

"I am deeply shocked and saddened at what transpired yesterday," Abdul said in a statement released by her publicist, Jeff Ballard. "My heart and prayers go out to her family."

Goodspeed's audition was aired during the season that began in January 2006. She told the show's host, Ryan Seacrest, how she was a huge fan of Abdul and created life-size paintings of the singer and former Laker Girl,

she also called Abdul "beautiful" after Cowell said he noticed a resemblance between Goodspeed and Abdul.

But Cowell also made light of Goodspeed's braces and bloggers

trashed her appearance, which she noted in a MySpace posting months after the show aired.

"American Idol" producer Fremantle Media North America declined comment.

Former Eagle Scout designs, sells new version of Boy Scout ring with father

By BRIDGET DE STEFANO
STAFF WRITER

Being a Boy Scout has been life for one ambitious Texas Tech freshman whose involvement in the organization didn't end when he turned 18 years old.

Chris Root, a business major from Austin, said he joined the Boy Scouts of America in the first grade and was involved in the organization until his senior year of high school.

Involvement with the Boy Scouts is more than just tying knots or learning first aid, Root said. It is "fun shenanigans, unexpected events on camping trips and leadership building."

"It gets you ready for everything you need in life," Root said. "I use everything I used in Scouts — it actually applies."

Eagle Scouts, he said, are Eagle Scouts for life.

Root laughed as he recalled one of his favorite memories as a scout: a two-week trek through the mountains at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, he said.

Getting to know and look up to the young men in his 18-person troop, Root said, gave him a sense of leadership while bonding with his friends.

Now, in his first semester of college away from his hometown troop, Root said, he has the opportunity to carry out a family business that involves his favorite pastime — Boy Scouts.

His father, Kirk Root, a jewelry designer and owner of two Kirk Root Designs jewelry stores in Austin, said he and his son have created an Eagle Honor Ring that will commemorate the highest rank: Eagle Scout.

With artistic skills in the family, Kirk Root said, he and his son combined their design ideas to create a signet-style ring with an engraved eagle head on top with a pine bark

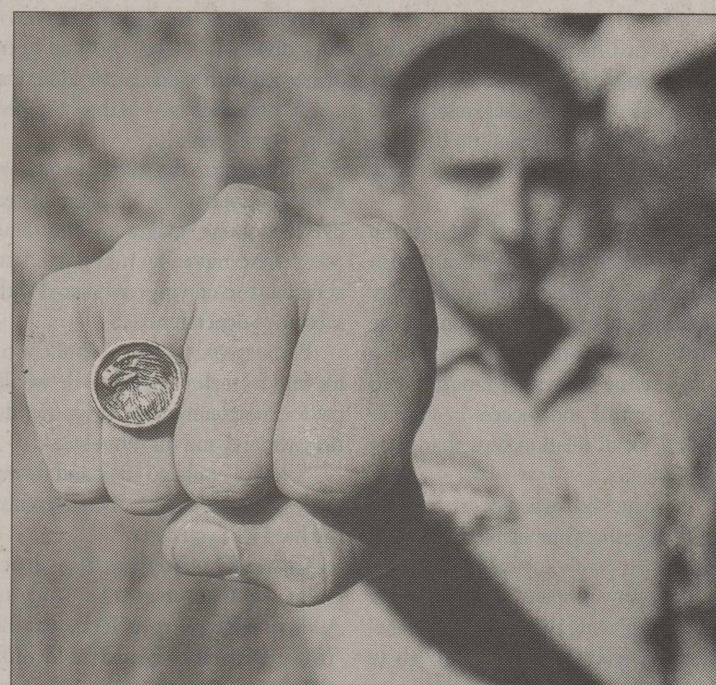


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CHRIS ROOT, A freshman business major from Austin, helped design an Eagle Honor Ring with his father for future Eagle Scouts to purchase.

finish — both Chris' ideas, Kirk Root said.

The word honor is engraved on top of the rings, so when an Eagle Scout wears it, he said, they see it.

"It's to remind you that everything you do," Kirk Root said, "you do it with honor."

The current Eagle Honor Rings look like "high school rings," Kirk Root said. Therefore, they wanted to design a unique and contemporary ring that would appeal to all Eagle Scouts, regardless of their age.

He said he wanted to make something classy, mature and a reminder of the ethics of Boy Scouts.

Although he "tries to keep the kids out of the business," Kirk Root said, he made an exception for Chris because he was passionate about the ring design project.

"Chris is very talented in the

arts," Kirk Root said, "much more than me."

As the CEO of the Eagle Honor Company and with his son as the president, Kirk Root said Chris is getting a taste of the business world.

He said Chris wrote a 26-page business document to get approval from the Boy Scouts of America for the creation of the Eagle Honor Ring.

His son's role as president, Kirk Root said, parallels both business and jewelry design — two areas Chris is studying.

In the future, Kirk Root said, "Chris will be the front face of this product."

For Boy Scouts young and old, Chris Root said, the ring is a must-have.

"It's a small thing that symbolizes the message of Boy Scouts," he said, "and something you will have for the rest of your life."

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Video games

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Barbour said he was introduced to the game by a student gaming group his freshman year at Tech.

"You're so caught up in it that you don't realize what you're missing," Barbour said.

He soon found himself at a point where he played between 12 and 14 hours per day, he said, which caused him to miss classes and exclude his friends.

According to a report by the American Medical Association examining video game studies, researchers have attempted to examine the type of individual most likely to play MMORPGs.

The data suggests players at one point in their lives may have experienced emotional loneliness or difficulty with real life social interactions. Some WoW — and other highly addictive role-playing games — fanatics find more control and success in virtual-reality social relationships than they do in reality.

Barbour said his addiction stemmed from the game's immersive nature, not an un-met psychological need.

"When you spend a good number of hours playing the game with someone and talking to them through (a real-time voice chat)," he said in an e-mail, players become a part of a community.

The game's social aspect is one of the reasons he still plays, Barbour said. Although the game is fantasy, its friendships are real.

In October 2007, Barbour said, he drove 24 hours to Ohio to be the groomsman of a long-time friend he met playing the game — a friend who met his wife through WoW.

So, Barbour said, the social aspect of the game has had a positive impact. It was the competitiveness of the game with layers of components that did not.

"When you kill a boss for the first time or when you get a specific arena rating, you feel good about yourself and have a feeling of accomplishment," Barbour said. "I think this effect is felt in many games and I think that's what video game developers try to fixate in on so as to keep you wanting more."

About 9 percent of polled video gamers reported playing MMORPGs in 2005, according to the American Medical Association report.

The report found that these games are simultaneously competitive, highly social and provide interactive, real-time services.

Console games differ from MMORPGs, Barbour said, because they only offer a finite, concrete platform that can be beat.

But, with MMORPGs, the game never ends.

The American Psychiatric Association does not recognize video game addiction as a disorder, but it is examining whether or not video game addiction will be added to its revised

diagnostic manual due for release in 2012, according to the association's Web site.

Although it has not been recognized in the manual, Schneider said, most professionals do not doubt its existence.

A study published in the November edition of the Journal of Psychiatric Research found links between video game addiction and substance dependence.

Chih-Hung Ko of Kaohsiung Medical University Hospital in Taiwan and colleagues scanned the brains of 20 individuals — 10 who had been diagnosed with video game addiction and 10 non-addicts — as they watched video game scenes.

According to the study, researchers found the areas of the brain stimulated by video game images are the same areas that have been reported to contribute to cravings associated with substance dependence.

Barbour said it took a "hard crash" for him to realize the price he would pay for completely ignoring his friends, his girlfriend and his schoolwork.

"I wish I could go back and fix my grades," Barbour said, "but I learned the hard way you can't."

George Comiskey, associate director at the Center for the Study of Addiction Recovery at Tech, said the "tricky" piece is to be able to identify when your gaming starts to impact the major areas of the player's life and to avoid rationalizing the unhealthy behavior.

"There's a huge justification level for games these days," he said. "Twenty years ago, gamers were the minority of people. Now there's people growing up with [games] that it's a part of their life. It's like anything else that's been normalized — easy to justify. It's a hobby when it's something fun that gives you an outlet. When it moves into an addiction, it becomes something the player obsesses about and turns into a major part of his or her life."

"Recreational users know when to get off and get back to their life. They're able to balance needs with school, work or other relationships. They don't neglect important parts of their life. With addiction, people let those areas of their life go."

MMORPG can suck you in, Barbour said, and players must realize when to stop.

"Some people can play 10 hours a day and still be OK," he said. "It's when you'd rather do that than enjoy life that you need to look at yourself."

Barbour said he has learned to balance his game play with other aspects of his life.

But, in his spare time, he still becomes Jordaina, a human mage decked out in Tempest Regalia gear, and joins million of users in an epic battle of Alliance vs. Horde.

"I don't want people to think I'm some guy who sits in his room and plays WoW all day," he said, laughing. "I'm not. It's just one of the things I enjoy."

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Get your thinking caps on; TAB to host quiz bowl tournament

Participants will need to turn their thinking caps on for the 2nd annual College Bowl tournament.

The Tech Activities Board will host the question-and-answer game that tests participants' general knowledge and quick responses at 6 p.m. today in the Student Union Building's Escondido Theatre.

The nine registered five-person teams will answer questions from a wide range of material, said Deepti Vanguri, a TAB assistant and graduate student from Raleigh, N.C.

Some of the show's topics: history, popular culture, science and sports.

Vanguri said she could not

disclose the awards the winning team will receive because the organization still is planning for the prizes.

TAB wants to continue College Bowl as an annual and, depending on its popularity, a regional event, Vanguri said.

The participation has grown since last year with the addition of five teams.

All students are welcome to attend the event, she said, and TAB will accommodate as many people as the Escondido Theatre will hold.

"We want to encourage students to put together teams for next year," she said, "because we're anticipating a growth for next year."

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SAMANTHA STILWELL, A senior elementary education major from Cedar Hill, and Jacob Price, a senior political science and landscape architecture double major from Gilmert, mix peat moss with water to make topiaries for an Introduction to Horticulture class Tuesday in the Horticulture Gardens.

Environmentalism weighs government policies at Duke

By AUDREY MCGOWAN
THE DUKE CHRONICLE (DUKE)

Environmentalist Robert Gottlieb hopes President-elect Barack Obama will live up to his promise of changing President George W. Bush's lackluster environmental policies, he said during his lecture, "The New Environmentalism: After the 2008 Election," Tuesday in the Duke University Richard White Lecture Hall.

The environment has been above politics and partisanship historically, but recently environmental reforms have become a part of the Democratic platform in reaction to

Bush's poor policies, said Gottlieb, Henry R. Luce Professor of urban environmental studies and director of the Urban Environmental Policy Institute at Occidental College.

"They put into practice some of the harshest, strongest anti-environmental policies," he said of the current administration.

Speaking to a diverse audience of about 75 members, Gottlieb also discussed Obama's election and his expectation that the new president will take a more proactive stance on protecting the environment.

"As we sort out [Obama's] election and this new and challenging era we are about to

encounter, we can envision a transformation," he added.

The current economic situation is a major opportunity for the environmentalist movement, and the global crisis could allow

for international dialogue about what needs to be done to protect the environment worldwide, Gottlieb said.

"The notion of a green economy needs to be a global, green economy," he emphasized.

Obama's recent commitment to help the automobile industry would speed up the development of fuel-efficient cars, he added.

Even though he has high hopes for Obama, Gottlieb warned that

change in environmental policies may not come quickly from the Obama administration.

The recent election, he said, had mobilized the environmental movement for a political candidate in a more unified and proactive way than ever before.

He expressed hope that the young environmental activists who had gotten involved in Obama's campaign would play a

important role in protecting the environment in the future. And in order for positive environmental policy to develop, Gottlieb said activists need to stay involved beyond the election.

"Having that base of energy, of enthusiasm, of participation is really important," he said.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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Voskuil headlines leadership roles for upcoming basketball season

By ALEX YBARRA
STAFF WRITER

With more depth and athleticism across the board, scoring by committee may not be much of a problem for the Texas Tech men's basketball team this year.

Now leadership by committee is a different story.

Tech coach Pat Knight called the personality from last year's team "limp," with no real leadership.

"They didn't compete hard all the time," he said. "Something that my dad got frustrated with before I even took over."

Knight used former guard Ronald Ross as an example for what type of leader he needs out on the floor. Ever since the departure of Ross in 2004, Tech has had consistent scorers in Martin Zeno and Jarrius Jackson, but no one has consistently stepped up to take command of the team.

Zeno graduated in 2008 after scoring 1,913 points during his career, placing him fifth on Tech's all-time scoring list. Jackson ended up second on the list with 2,221 career points after his departure in 2007.

"It can't come from the coach," Knight said. "It's gotta come from the players. We can't be the coach out on the floor."

This year, Knight said senior guard Alan Voskuil along with sophomores John Roberson and Mike Singletary could end up being the solution. Also, 6-foot-9, 242-pound junior forward Darko Cohadarevic, a junior college transfer from Seward County Community College in Liberal, Kan., provides another level of physical and vocal intensity not seen on the team in previous seasons.

"Coach has really stressed that to me, 'Alan and John really be the leaders, set the tone for this team this year,'" Singletary said. "We take that as a challenge. We take it in stride, and we try to do our best and just try to make sure that everybody is going in the right path, make sure we're not gonna as have many letdowns as we had last year."

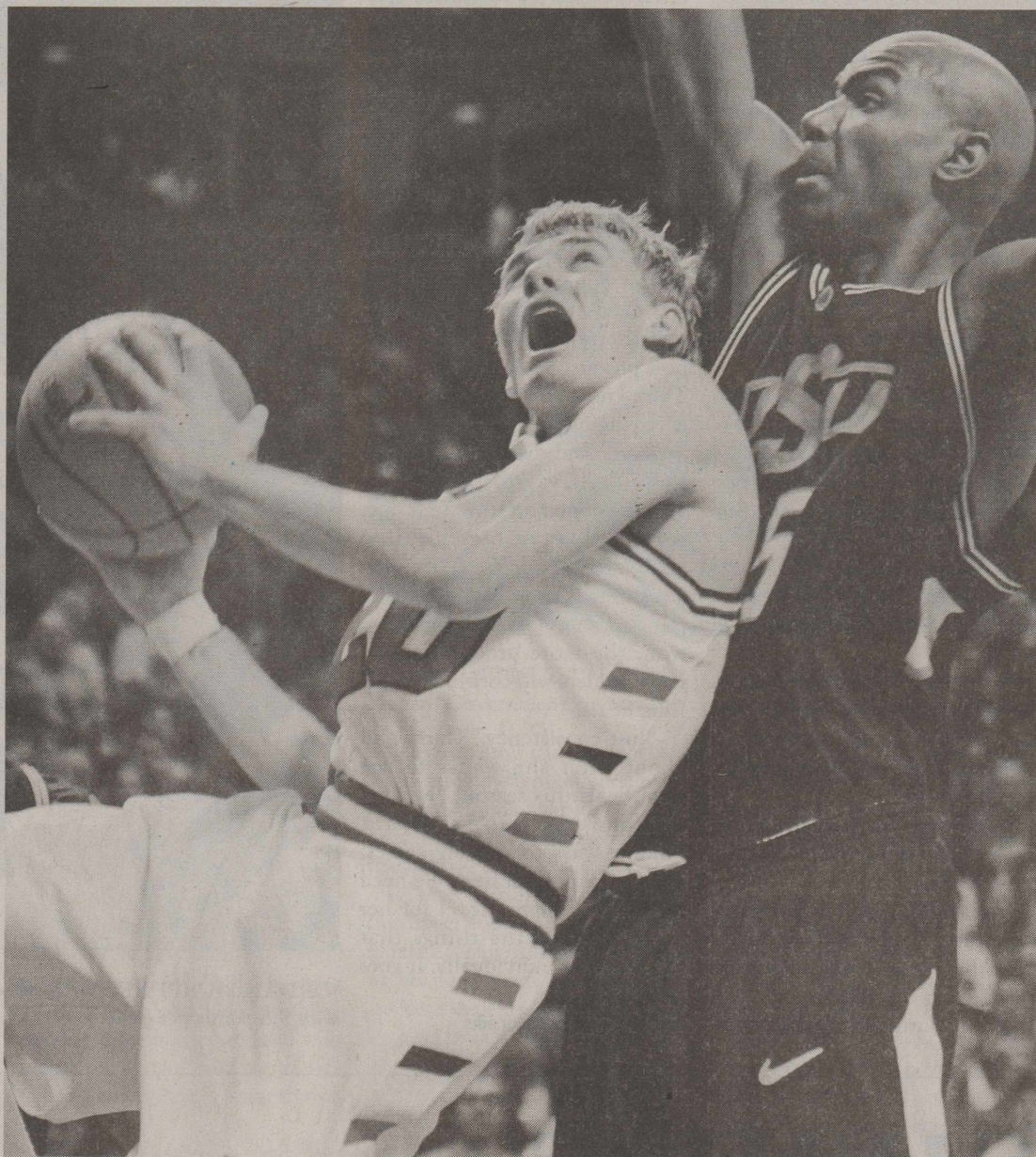
Voskuil is a quiet person by nature, so not many expect him to turn around in one season and become a loud, intense presence on the court. However, he does understand what the team needs, and he realizes he does not have to do it all by himself.

"I think mainly what I'm gonna have to do is lead by example," said Voskuil, who finished second behind Zeno in scoring last season. "Vocal leaders are always gonna be nice out there. We pretty much have three vocal leaders, and we have all our seniors out there to help me so it's not just a one-man leadership role."

Voskuil already started transitioning to his new role during the summer. He said he turned down an offer to play with the Danish National Team in order to focus on his senior year and be with the team.

"I will be on him more to be more vocal just because he is the kid that has been featured in the magazines," Knight said. "He is gonna be a focal point for us from an offensive standpoint. It's just not in his nature (to be vocal). I don't hold him up to task to be that vocal. I don't hold that against him. What I hold against him is his play on the court."

Voskuil was a pleasant surprise as an offensive threat last season, shooting 47 percent from the field and 50 percent from beyond the arc.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

AFTER THE DEPARTURES of Jarrius Jackson and Martin Zeno, Texas Tech guard Alan Voskuil hopes to step into the leadership role for the Red Raiders this season.

He went from averaging 4.2 points per game as a sophomore to 13.1 per game as a junior.

Knight said he already has spoken with Singletary, who averaged 7.3 points and three rebounds per game

in 2007, about being more vocal.

"He's one of our main guys," Knight said of the 6-foot-6, 230-pound forward. "He has that type of personality, kind of a warrior-type of personality because he's an undersized player. To be good as an undersized player you have to have that mentality, that's what he brings."

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Brett Favre wouldn't have saved Packers

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — When Green Bay sent Brett Favre packing in training camp, team officials knew they were trading away a wildly popular, remarkably tough player who might still have a good year or two left in him.

They also were waving goodbye to an unashamedly self-centered, notoriously indecisive diva with a penchant for throwing the ball to the other team. The Packers had learned to live with those things for years, and probably could have done so for one more season.

The one thing they couldn't live with was a player who admitted he couldn't get over his lingering resentment toward a front office that — wisely — ignored his advice about signing Randy Moss, hiring Steve Mariucci, and a handful of other personnel decisions.

Faced with a star player who was becoming a monumental distraction to the team he always claimed to put first — and who might have been trying to pout himself a path to play for division rival Minnesota — trading Favre to the New York Jets was the right call.

Even now, with the Packers teetering on the edge of playoff contention, it's still the right call.

If you think the Packers' 4-5 record would be significantly better with Favre at quarterback instead of Aaron Rodgers, it might be worth making a list of the Packers' biggest problems — then figuring out just how far down that list you have to go to find Rodgers.

Yes, the Packers have fallen out of first place in the NFC North after two straight losses, and face a tough fight to make the playoffs. But given all their other problems, it seems the Packers were bound to take a step backward with or without Favre.

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