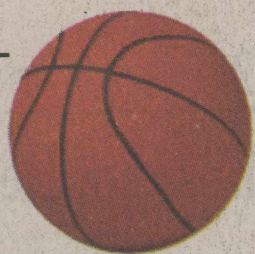




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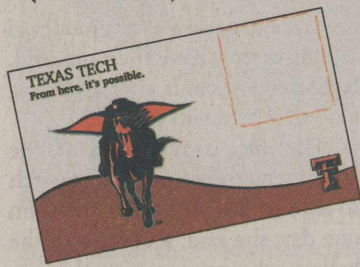
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Ghost voting might stick around in House

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House of Representatives is spending more than \$100,000 on a new fingerprint-based voting system, but it won't necessarily stop lawmakers from routinely breaking their own rules by casting votes for each other.

House members now vote electronically from machines installed on top of their desks. While House rules say it's a violation to reach over and cast a ye or nay for absent colleagues, the controversial practice of "ghost voting" is widespread.

NATION

Rhodes Scholars named for 2009

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thirty-two men and women from across the United States have been selected as Rhodes Scholars for 2009, the scholarship trust announced Sunday.

The scholars were selected from 769 applicants endorsed by 207 colleges and universities.

The scholars include first-time winners from Augsburg College in Minneapolis and Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, Calif.

The scholarships, the oldest of the international study awards available to American students, provide two or three years of study. The students will enter Oxford University in England next October.

WORLD

US military: 17 insurgents killed in Afghan raid

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The U.S. military says its troops killed 17 insurgents during a raid in southern Afghanistan.

A U.S. statement on Sunday says helicopters carried the troops into the Shah Wali Kot district of Kandahar province, where they clashed with the militants.

It says the clash Saturday killed 17 insurgents, while no U.S. or Afghan troops died.

Southern Afghanistan is the center of the Taliban-led insurgency. More than 5,200 people — mostly militants — have died in insurgency-related violence this year, according to an AP count.

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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Lubbock unemployment decreases

SBY JON VANDERLAAN
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Bucking the national and state trend, the unemployment rate for Lubbock decreased from 4 percent to 3.9 percent between September and October.

The national unemployment rate increased four-tenths to 6.5 percent in October and also rose four-tenths to 5.6 percent in Texas.

Terri Patterson, director of workforce development at the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance, said the local unemployment rate continues to be lower

than the national average because local businesses still are hiring and mass layoffs are not occurring in the area.

Local companies also are expanding, she said, and the private sector is growing.

"Knock on wood for Lubbock," Patterson said. "We seem to be recession-proof."

Because the city has a stable economy and "a lot to offer" in terms of building a successful business, she said, companies think Lubbock is a good place to expand and start new businesses.

Ann Hatchitt, a spokeswoman for the Texas Workforce Commission,

said although the unemployment rate in Texas is nearly one percent lower than the national rate, the state is beginning to see some effects of national trends.

However, some of the increase in unemployment in Texas was caused by Hurricane Ike.

The increases in unemployment in the Houston and Beaumont Metropolitan Statistical Areas represent nearly half the increase in unemployment statewide, according to a news release from the commission.

"The combination of Hurricane Ike and adverse national economic trends has resulted in a one-half per-

cent increase in the unemployment rate in Texas for October," said Texas Workforce Commission Chairman Tom Pauken in the release. "While Texas still has nearly a one percent lower unemployment rate than the rate of the nation, I would expect unemployment rates in Texas to continue to track the national trend upward in the months ahead."

Patterson said a steep decline in the medical, agricultural and education industries would be some of the few events that would greatly affect the area's economy, but those are unlikely occurrences.

However, the city also serves as a hub for a larger area than just

Lubbock County, Patterson said, catering not just to Lubbock residents, but to those 100 miles outside of Lubbock.

The nation lost about 1 million jobs in the last year, according to a news release from the commission, but Texas added about 230,000 jobs.

Hatchitt said Texas still is resilient to national trends, but more of those trends are beginning to creep into the Texas statistics.

The lowest recorded unemployment rate in Texas was 4.1 percent in April 2008, and the highest was 9.3 percent in October 1986.

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By ALEX YBARRA
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NORMAN, Okla. — With thoughts of Texas Tech eliminating their national championship hopes last year still fresh in their minds, the Oklahoma Sooners brutally, and happily, returned the favor.

No. 5 OU played smashmouth football and bullied No. 2 Tech in a 65-21 dismantling Saturday in Norman, Okla., knocking Tech off its clear path to the Big 12 Conference Championship, muddying up the conference and BCS scenarios in the process.

Meanwhile, OU coach Bob Stoops began the annual BCS campaign trail during his post-game press conference.

"Now we're in the mix with everybody," he said. "... If you can't move us in front of Texas because they beat us, then you have to keep Texas Tech in front of Texas. If it's logical for one, it's logical for the other."

"If you're going to forgive other teams with one loss because they're playing well now, well we're playing pretty well now too."

In the loss, Tech crashed back down to earth, unable to finish the deadly stretch of games that Texas could not either.

After landmark wins against Texas and Oklahoma State both in Lubbock, the one question still lingered:

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TEXAS TECH WIDE receiver Lyle Leong is brought down by Sooner defensive back Lendy Holmes during Oklahoma's 65-21 rout of the Red Raiders Saturday at Oklahoma Memorial Stadium. (Inset) Oklahoma running back Chris Brown carries the ball into the end zone for a touchdown.

LET
DOWN
Tech licking its wounds after depressing loss to OU



Chancellor's Council presents teaching, research awards

By JON VANDERLAAN
STAFF WRITER

Four Texas Tech System professors received the Chancellor's Council Distinguished Teaching and Research awards Friday morning, which recognize individual teacher's success in both teaching and research.

"The award winners receive a plaque, which is nice," Tech Chancellor Kent Hance said. "They also receive \$10,000, which is even nicer."

Hance said he wishes the university had enough money to recognize more professors, but the council had to narrow down what he called one of the best faculties in the nation.

The awards, which began eight years ago, recognize an outstanding professor and an outstanding researcher from Tech and the Tech Health Sciences Center.

William Westney, Horn Professor of Music, and Renee Bogenschutz, of the School of Allied Health Sciences, earned the Distinguished Teaching Awards.

William Poirier, associate professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and Christina Esperat, of the Anita Thigpen Perry School of Nursing, earned the

Distinguished Research Awards.

Tech President Guy Bailey and HSC President John Baldwin said they agreed on the importance of professors to academics as well as research as they presented their faculty with the awards.

Westney received the Horn professor honor in 2001, was profiled in the New York Times and consistently receives student evaluations among the top ranks in the School of Music, according to a Tech news release.

Bogschutz is an assistant professor and clinical coordinator for the Master's of Speech-Language Pathology program and received the Outstanding Teacher of the Year award from the HSC Student Senate in 2005, 2006 and 2008.

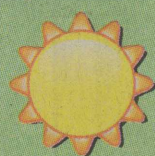
Poirier's research focuses on quantum mechanics applied to large systems and he received an Early Career Award from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Esperat is an associate dean for research and clinical service at the nursing school and has generated more than \$9 million in federal, state and research grants in the last eight years.

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M. CHRISTINA R. Esperat receives an award from Chancellor Kent Hance Friday in the Administration building for her work on obesity and Type 2 Diabetes.



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Board of Regents approve financial adviser contract

By JON VANDERLAAN
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The Texas Tech Board of Regents met Friday in a teleconference to discuss a new contract presented to a financial adviser for the university's Long Term Investment Fund.

While the contract was not finalized by the time of the meeting Friday, the board approved the contract.

Gary Ratliff, the university's Chartered Financial Analyst and assistant vice chancellor and Chief Information Officer, said the company has been in the industry for several years, has several higher education clients and no

conflicts of interest.

Ratliff said because the university was still in negotiations, he could not reveal the name of the company. However, he said the contract will be worth about \$500,000 and the university hopes to reach an agreement with the company by Dec. 1.

The university sent a request for a proposal in August, which returned about 10 candidates for the financial adviser duty. An internal selection committee narrowed those 10 to four, who then were interviewed.

Tech Chancellor Kent Hance said the deal was important because the university wants to make sure it has good financial advisers.

Other university's endowment funds dropped about 15 percent to 20 percent in the recent economic downturn, and Tech's dropped about 5 percent, he said, and having good financial advisers for the university's endowment is one of the most important things the university can do for the fund.

Hance said he hopes to have the deal completed by the beginning of the week and announce the company by Monday or Tuesday.

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Hance

New student IDs phase out SSN

By JON VANDERLAAN
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The Texas Tech University ID Card office will phase out the current student ID cards beginning in the spring semester in favor of a new card that will not contain students' Social Security numbers.

Students will have from the beginning of the spring semester until May 31 to make the change.

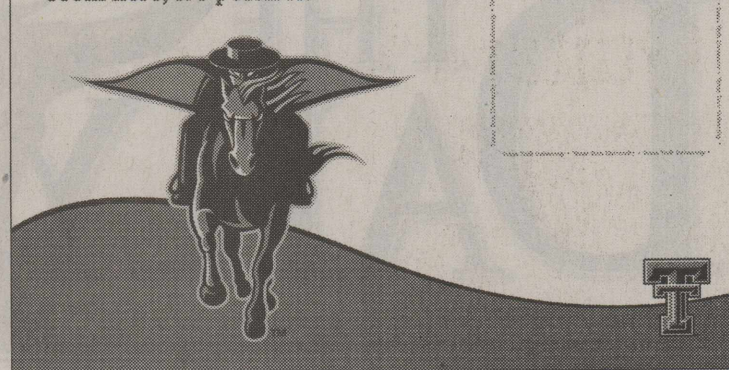
Dolores Harper, director of the office, said anyone with a magnetic strip card reader could read the Social Security numbers from the current cards, but the new cards will feature a Banner system ID number.

Sam Segrán, associate vice president for Information Technology, said the ultimate goal is to take the Social Security number out of daily use for students in favor of the new Banner number.

Because many departments have systems that use the SSN, he said, software and applications may need to be changed, and the departments also should look at deleting and shredding old records that contain the number.

Kay Rhodes, associate vice chancellor and system chief information officer, said the "R-number" on the back of the card is eight digits and will begin with

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From here, it's possible.



TEXAS TECH STUDENTS will be required to switch over to a new student identification card starting in January.

an 'R' so it is not confused with a Social Security number.

The R-number will be used everywhere on campus where a Social Security number would have been used, she said, and no Tech employee should ask for the Social Security number.

Scantron test forms also have been changed to reflect this transition, Rhodes said, and if students forget their R-number on the day of a test, they can look at the back of their new student ID.

Students also may look on their MyTech account at the Raiderlink Web site to find their new R-number, although the number will have no significance until the spring semester.

Harper said old ID cards will not work after May 31 and, because the change is mandatory, students do

not have to pay a fee for a new card as long as they have their old card. Replacement cards after receiving a new ID card will cost \$10.

The office is giving students the entire semester to make the switch so they do not all have to come on one day, she said, and even so she believes the employees working in the office will be busy.

Segrán said his department is preparing for all known potential problems with the change, but he believes the most serious problems will be logistical issues with the entire student body replacing their student ID cards.

Harper said the office has tested card readers to make sure the new cards will work, and will post advertisements to get the word out to students.

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Tech professor killed in car accident

By JON VANDERLAAN
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A Texas Tech professor was killed in a single-vehicle car accident at 5:46 p.m. Friday on State Highway 6 in College Station.

Dennis Shelly, an associate professor in the department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, was pronounced dead after he was transported to the College Station Medical Center, according to the College Station Police Department.

ment.

Shelly struck a bridge support underneath University Drive in College Station while traveling southbound on SH 6, according to an initial police report. Shelly was trapped in the Ford Escape until the College Station Fire and Police departments arrived on the scene to remove him from the vehicle.

The vehicle reportedly was on fire, but he was not burned.

Shelly earned his Ph.D. at Texas A&M University in 1982, and his

research area was in analytical chemistry, according to the Tech Chemistry and Biochemistry department Web site. His research interests were separations, biomaterials and chemical education.

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Shelly

Bush wraps up final global summit with confidence

LIMA, Peru (AP) — President George W. Bush enlisted another bloc of world leaders Sunday in his effort to revive the world economy while still moving to expand free trade.

Wrapping up his final summit with foreign heads of government, Bush and the 20 other Pacific Rim leaders in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum confidently predicted that within 18 months they can overcome the financial crisis that threatens to plunge the world into recession. The optimistic forecast was added Sunday to their earlier agreements on steps they agree to take in response to the

financial crisis.

Spurred by the urgency of that crisis, the group also agreed on a concrete step toward Bush's more elusive free-trade goal: They will send ministers to Geneva next month to jump start the so-called Doha round of World Trade Organization talks.

Bush hoped to spur those long-stalled talks to agree before the end of the year on a broad framework for expanding free trade, but U.S. officials have feared other nations might hold back their best offers until after President-elect Barack Obama takes office in January.

Earlier in the three-day summit, Bush was able to achieve victories

on his two top priorities — winning endorsements for an action plan to deal with the economic crisis and agreement by his partners for a new round of discussions next month aimed at halting North Korea's nuclear program.

Back home, Obama was telling Americans how he plans to help stabilize the nation's financial system and calm the markets. Obama, who will name his economic team on Monday, announced a program over the weekend to save or create 2.5 million jobs by January 2011.

Bush began his day with a meeting with summit host, Peru's President Alan Garcia. The United States and Peru have a free trade deal about to go into effect between the two nations — one of a string of deals negotiated during Bush's presidency.

On Saturday, the APEC leaders issued a statement endorsing a sweeping action plan that had been approved a week ago at an emergency meeting in Washington of the Group of 20, consisting of the world's richest countries and major emerging economies such as China, Brazil and India.

Obama aide promotes job plan, warns automakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Barack Obama wants the new Congress to approve massive spending and fresh tax cuts in January, "a big number" probably far distancing a \$175 billion campaign proposal, so he can sign it after taking office, top aides said Sunday.

Obama over the weekend outlined the framework of a plan to save or create 2.5 million jobs by the end of 2010 and prepared to introduce leaders of his economic team Monday. Aides said they soon would fill in the details and Democratic lawmakers, already working with transition officials, pledged to act quickly when Congress convenes Jan. 6, two weeks before the inauguration.

"We don't have time to waste here," Obama senior adviser David Axelrod said. "We want to hit the ground running on January 20th." Echoing that, the second-ranking House Democrat, Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, said, "We expect to have during the first couple of weeks of January a package for the president's consideration when he takes office."

Axelrod also warned automakers, seeking billions in government help to stave off collapse, to devise a plan to retool and restructure. Otherwise, he said, "there is very little taxpayers can do to help them."

During the campaign Obama had proposed a \$175 billion economic recovery package. The new one will be significantly larger and would incorporate his campaign ideas

for new jobs in environmentally friendly technologies — the "green economy." It also would include his proposals for tax relief for middle- and lower-income workers.

But aides said the plan would not offer an immediate tax increase on wealthy taxpayers. During the campaign, Obama said he would pay for increased tax relief by raising taxes on people making more than \$250,000.

"There won't be any tax increases in the January package," said one Obama aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the details of the Obama package have not been fleshed out.

Obama could delay any tax increase to 2011, when current Bush administration tax cuts expire.

Iraq security pact poses detainee dilemma for US

CAMP CROPPER, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. military is rushing to build criminal cases against some 5,000 detainees it deems dangerous — including suspected mem-

bers of al-Qaida in Iraq — because the proposed security pact with Iraq would end its right to hold prisoners without charge.

The agreement, which is to be voted on by Iraqi lawmakers Wednesday, is primarily intended to set a timetable calling for American troops to leave Iraq by the end of 2011. But it also calls for control of security matters to

shift to Iraqi authorities.

If passed, the deal would mean U.S. troops could no longer hold people without charge as they have since the 2003 invasion that ousted Saddam Hussein. Beginning Jan. 1, all detentions would have to be based on evidence, and the U.S. would have to prosecute prisoners in Iraqi courts or let them go.

"At the end of the day, if there's not enough facts to justify a court case, then we'll have to release," said Brig. Gen. David Quantock, the commander of the U.S. detention system in Iraq.

The Americans have evidence against only "a few hundred" of the most dangerous detainees, Quantock said, leaving open the possibility that thousands could find themselves back on Iraq's streets soon.

"We have a lot of work to do," he said.

Part of the challenge stems from differences between the U.S. and Iraqi legal systems. In the United States, forensic evidence is widely used in the courts. Not so in Iraq.

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Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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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'Guitar Hero' tournament turns students into virtual rock stars



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Brad Nemanich, a computer science grad student from Houston, faces off against Eric Sablui, a freshmen computer engineering major from Dallas, during a "Guitar Hero" tournament Friday in the Student Union Building.

By BRIDGET DE STEFANO
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Sounds of heavy metal and rock 'n' roll could be heard from a dark, virtual stage on a television screen in the Student Union Building.

Students gathered Friday night to rock out to the video game "Guitar Hero" at a tournament hosted by the Texas Tech chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery.

The popular game, sporting notes and chords on a handheld guitar, gave music lovers and aspiring rock stars a chance to shine, said Cameron Boykin, a freshman computer science major from Garland.

Boykin, an ACM member and coordinator of the tournament, said "Guitar Hero" is not just for "hardcore gamers." The game also appeals to anyone who loves music but may not know how to play an instrument.

"It's the same level of fun with less effort," Boykin said. "But you still have to have rhythm."

Rhythm and concentration were two elements necessary for the tournament's participants.

Two players simultaneously battled while playing the same songs on an expert-level of difficulty, he said. The players with the most points moved to the next level.

Kim Ico, a sophomore electrical engineering major from Lub-

bock, said he attended the tournament last year, but was eliminated by a finalist whom Ico beat this year. Ico won first place and a gift card from Hastings.

The "Guitar Hero" tournament winner said he practiced throughout the week to prepare for this year's challenge.

When it comes to playing instruments fast, Ico has the touch.

He said he plays the violin in the Tech orchestra, so he's "got the fingers down."

ACM member Brad Nemanich, a graduate student from Houston, said the tournament was organized to give people something fun to do while entertaining "Guitar Hero" fans.

Participants paid \$5 to play in the tournament, which was free for those who brought equipment or attended merely to watch.

About 25 people attended the tournament, he said, and the money raised will go toward speakers, conferences, banquets and other funds for the organization.

Many members of ACM enjoy playing video and computer games, Boykin said, but "Guitar Hero" is appealing to all categories of video gamers.

For some, the game gives players a sense of stardom.

"I enjoy Guitar Hero," Ico said, "because I've always liked the thought of being a rock star."

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Abracadabra! Student illusion artist strives for life as professional magician

By TINA L. ARONS
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Irving Quant is more than meets the eye.

The student illusion artist, who began practicing his tricks when he was a child, performed his show "Dreams and Memories" Friday and Saturday evening in the Student Union Building.

"Everything that could go wrong went wrong, but no one seemed to notice," Quant said, smiling. "I see what the audience misses."

The show — his first performance in Lubbock — included several acts, including card manipulations, bending a fork with his mind and walking on glass.

Quant, a junior business management major, was born in Lubbock but raised mostly in Mexico. He said he discovered his fascination with magic as a child but did not buy a magic book until eighth grade when he moved back to Lubbock.

The student council president helped him find his locker on his first day at Coronado High School, he said. At the time, Quant was holding two decks of cards and the older student asked him why he had them.

As it turned out, Quant said, the student was a magician and introduced him to a local magic club.

Amber Turner, a senior accounting major from Lubbock, said she went to junior high and high school with Quant but has yet to figure out his secrets.

"I don't know how he does it," she said, "because it's completely random — no mirrors, no magnets."

Turner said he has attempted to teach her card tricks without much success.

"Even the basic stuff I can't do," she said. "But [Quant] is excellent with cards. He does it all the time — throughout class or walking to class."

Although he amazes his friends



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador

IRVING QUANT, DEMONSTRATES his mind-reading abilities with Amber Turner, a senior accounting major from Lubbock, during his show Friday in the SUB.

and audience members, Quant said, after 10 years of practicing

magic tricks, he is his worst critic.

"I'm always making new pieces, always trying to improve," he said. "The whole show evolves, and the next time will be more polished."

Quant said he practices a new routine between three and six months before performing it.

"It's always scary," he said, "because I never know if it's going to work."

At first, Quant said, he read books to learn new tricks, but now he creates his own from the principles he learned.

After attending Texas Tech for two years, he said, he took a year off to improve his skills as an illusion artist.

Fall 2008 has been his first semester back at Tech.

Of all the places he traveled,

Quant said his favorite place to perform is Buenos Aires, Argentina, because of the people and the atmosphere.

He said he has had the privilege of meeting many famous magicians, but he admires his mentor Rene Lavand the most.

Lavand — an 80-year-old Argentinian magician who lost one of his hands as a child — specializes in close-up performances.

"He teaches me the philosophy of how to present things," Quant said. "He never tells me the methods, I know the methods."

Part of the advice Lavand imparted to him was to go back to college and finish his degree, Quant said, because it will function as a "safety net" if a career as a magician does not pan out. However, he said, his goal is to pursue a career either performing as a magician or using his business management degree to work with magicians.

"It's what's going to make me the happiest," he said. "Magic is not just about the illusion. Magic is about inspiration."

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Screen Actors Guild to seek strike authorization

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Screen Actors Guild said Saturday it will ask its members to authorize a strike after its first contract talks in four months with Hollywood studios failed despite the help of a federal mediator.

Federal mediator Juan Carlos Gonzalez adjourned the talks between SAG and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers shortly before 1 a.m. after two marathon sessions failed to produce an agreement. No new talks are scheduled.

The SAG, representing more than 120,000 actors in movies, television and other media, said in a statement that it will launch a "full-scale education campaign in support of a strike authorization."

Talks broke down after the studios sought the right to create productions for new media, such as the Internet, using nonunion actors and without paying residuals, said Doug Allen, SAG national executive director and chief negotiator.

Residuals are payments to actors that

are made every time a production airs, such as TV reruns. Many SAG members rely on residuals for more than half of their income, Allen said.

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Role-playing can be good for you, really

By JOHN BAILEY
THE DAILY CAMPUS (U. CONNECTICUT)

You probably had a bunch of kids that played "Dungeons and Dragons" in your high school. Remember those kids? Now, if I asked you about "the positive functions of pencil and paper role-playing games," what would you tell me?

Honestly, if you had nothing good to say, I wouldn't blame you. Many people who play role-playing games — and I'm talking the extra-strength, triple-distilled nerdy kind, rolling dice and drawing maps and whatever — are huge pains in the ass. As far as anyone can tell from most high school gamers, all role-playing games do is cause you to develop acne and wear those black pants with neon chains on them.

But try to forget those people. I know — it's tough. But these games are some of the best things you can do with yourself, although I guess volunteering at homeless shelters is a little more significant. Pencil and paper role-playing games — colloquially, "RPGs," of which "Dungeons and Dragons" is the most well-known, but there are plenty more — are some of the best, most enjoyable educational tools: available to today's disgruntled youth.

The numbers game
Math comes easy to me, because I grew up knowing exactly how many paces away that thief is, how much it'll cost to fix my platinum-plated armor and how much ale we can put on the cart before the wheels will break.

Math is generally a pain to learn, and even more of a pain to practice — and RPGs can help with that. No, they've got no calculus or linear algebra to teach a college-level mathematician, but they are full of numbers that won't crunch themselves.

"I was attracted to the number crunching," said Joseph Gilbert, a fifth-semester computer science and engineering major. And those numbers are all attached to problems that need solving. Sure, numbers are boring, but solving puzzles isn't — how many hours have you wasted doing the Sudoku while you're supposed to be texting in class?

"It was almost like a puzzle," Gilbert said of his RPG experience. "You had all these cool character traits, but at the same time, all these elements of good and evil, profession, all broke down into numbers — it's a very interesting system."

Put a few RPG books and a bag of dice in a kid's hand, and I guarantee you he or she will do a good 50

points better on their eventual math SATs. Guarantee not guaranteed.

Bookworms
When's the last time you read a good book? No, "Twilight" doesn't count, and neither does anything from high school English class. At the risk of aging 40 years on the spot, kids today don't read enough.

And I mean, they should be reading good books. I'm not going to suggest that the "Monster Manual" is fine literature, but

it's certainly text on a page — and it's riddled with lots of big words, classical etymologies and unusual vocabulary. There's a lot of critical reading and parsing of difficult topics involved in these rulebooks — if

you think Foucault is tough, try the third edition grappling rules! (Heh, heh. No, seriously, don't make jokes like that, it makes people hate you.) If parents really want their children away from the screens and getting some reading done, RPGs are a prize way to do it.

The "tea" in "team"
"Group management" and "critical problem solving" sound like training programs in a Human Resources department — but they're exactly the skills you need, and develop, in pen and paper RPGs.

"You get a better ability to understand others and yourself," said Dave Beattie, a fifth-semester English and psychology double major. "If you're pretending to be a character — even someone else's character — you have to understand what makes that character real."

Even in fake worlds, empathy and teamwork are essential to success. Every player brings their own unique skill set to the table (literally) and somehow, you need to get across that

yawning lava chasm guarded by the Seven Serpents of the Seranath in order to slay the Queen Mother of the Firemoth tribe. Or maybe you just need to find a place to sleep for the night.

Whatever the situation, the group needs to coordinate their skills in order to maximize their ass-kickin' potential, and the challenges are many and varied.

"Maximize?" We can go further: "utilize your disparate qualities to manifest the ideally suited and generally desired result preferred by the majority." Today's battleaxe-wielding kid hopped up on Mountain Dew is tomorrow's Fortune 500 CEO.

Tell me a story
When your daughter looks up at you with those big brown eyes and asks you to tell her a story, will you be prepared? You're learning a lot in college, but at some point you're going to have to build the skills you need to take that parenting equivalent of the 3 a.m. red telephone off the hook. And unless you're getting the concentration in creative writing, there's no class you get to teach you how to tell stories.

And ultimately, if you do it right, that's what RPGs are all about: protagonists who journey through a world, meeting their individual ups and downs, their triumphs and

trespasses, their shining successes and miserable failures.

"[Role-playing games] are a wonderful outlet for creativity," said Sean Carey, a seventh-semester English and philosophy double major. "It's an early experience in storytelling."

When each player creates a character, it's more than just an avatar with some rules slung around its shoulders — it's an (imaginary) living being, with a backstory, hopes, dreams, fears and embarrassing personal problems.

"[The games] obviously inspire creativity," Gilbert said.

So remember: with the right RPG background, you don't have to stutter and stumble your way through your daughter's first bedtime story. You'll always have "that time we escaped the blast furnace in full plate armor and climbed the spire to defeat the ninja lord" to fall back on.

Of course, if you missed the boat growing up, it's not too late — those friends you have? Some of them probably play these games — and they're probably the ones who are otherwise intelligent, attractive and in complete social control. Call them up! They'll be glad to show you. And what else were you doing tonight — "Halo?"

Non-academic tasks consume college life

By SCOTT PEARRING
DAILY BRUIN (UCLA)

"I am terribly passionate about learning and eagerly await the opportunity to study in a university."

Those are words from my application to UCLA back in 2005. Faced with the daunting collegiate process, I scribbled that sentence on one of my essays, hoping that it would impress the admissions reader and I would be on my way to this school.

It worked. But this passion and eagerness I spoke of never manifested itself here in college. The reality is that learning has taken a back seat to other college activities. Likewise, the vast majority of my friends have fallen into similar habits. As it turns out, education isn't what it's all about.

When first-year students arrive at UCLA, they are immediately bombarded with clubs, sports and fraternities and sororities who want them. In the midst of all the excitement, most students over-commit, not realizing what they're getting themselves in to.

Only after the first round of mid-terms do they start to understand the impossibility of being pledged to so many organizations. But more often than not, students will continue to uphold these non-academic responsibilities, even if it means cutting down on study time.

But it's not just the pressure to join other groups that causes most students to over-commit. College presents the perfect opportunity for young adults to discover their passions and determine what they want to do with their lives. And when most people test the water, they quickly become sucked in. I have found that most UCLA students are either barely involved or in over their heads.

Lisa McBride, a third-year communications student, is a supervisor for ResTV, an intern for a sports marketing company and a secretary for her sorority, not to mention a full time student.

"Because of my broad major that doesn't lead to one career path, my internship and job are just as important as my academic classes," McBride said, "because they provide a hands-on experience which allows me to get a feel for different careers."

Likewise, I now find myself leading two Christian groups, playing ultimate Frisbee four nights a week, working part-time and writing for the Daily Bruin — oh and taking four classes. In many instances, my priorities fall exactly as listed, with school dead last. Only at the end of the day when all my other commitments are taken care of am I free to pick up my textbook and jam statistics into my brain.

W.L. Bateman is credited with saying "If you keep on doing what you've always done, you'll keep on getting what you've always got." Though I fully believe this proverb, I can't bring myself to change my studying habits in order to achieve better grades. I am well aware that cramming is likely the worst way to learn material, yet I find myself up at 2 a.m. the night before a test over 90 percent of the time.

Though I often promise myself to study harder and not procrastinate next quarter, these aspirations are long gone by first week. Engulfed in other non-academic activities, procrastinating my school work is too convenient to resist. Some may say that students simply value their organizations more than school. I'm convinced that we simply sign up for too much and expect our superhuman abilities to pull us through. But these failed endeavors only leave us with soaring stress, poor grades and demoralizing burnout.

The worst part about over committing is that it fogs our judgment of what really matters in a college education: learning. Professing to have a deep desire for knowledge in our entrance essays, this craving is suppressed as we struggle to keep up with class work. Even in courses that interest us, fascinating topics are often neglected as upcoming tests coerce us to learn out of necessity. The result is frustrated, discontented students who have had the joy of learning sucked out of them.

Miles Maassen, a third-year physiological science student, said he knows exactly how this feels.

"It's really irritating that I don't have time to learn about what really interests me," Maassen said. "Only having so much study time, I'm always forced to focus on what will be on the next test."

Following these patterns, we will likely approach graduation with hundreds of gray hairs and a lower-than-expected G.P.A., but an impressive resumé of experience. Four-plus years of non-academic activities taking precedence over school yields a remarkable, albeit different, type of college education. Yet when applying for graduate school, it's more than likely that sentences describing a romanticized longing for knowledge will make their way onto personal statements.

Out of a highly competitive attitude and a fear that colleges only want prioritized students, we will pretend to be something we are not and overlook the reality of our college experience.

So it seems that in order to continue your education in graduate school, you either must be dedicated to your studies, or you're going to be in a tight spot trying to convince universities that you truly love learning, but frisbee practice was more important than studying.

'Star Wars' and the ridiculous language barrier

By MATT WILLFORD
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The other day, I was sitting around the house watching movies and I decided to put in the original "Star Wars" trilogy. I mean, any day is a great day for the original trilogy, right? Especially when you have a test to study for that is in a few hours. Once I started watching "Epi-

sode IV: A New Hope," I slipped into instant happiness. But this time, when I was watching Han Solo in the cantina with Greedo the bounty hunter, I noticed something different.

Then it hit me, how does Han Solo understand anything that this green goof is saying? Especially when Han Solo talks back to Greedo in English and apparently they both understand each other perfectly.

This kind of behavior does not happen in the real world. This is not accepted behavior for either here or on Tatooine.

If people that are having a conversation know more than one language, they settle on one language to speak with each other. For instance, you don't go to France and ask for directions in English and they acknowledge you and reply in French. Even if you and the French guy both know English and French, it's just not how people react to each other and behave when it comes to dealing with other languages. You pick one and use it, if someone

switches the language you switch as well.

The Greedo scene isn't the only case either; there are so many. Of course the most obvious example is Han Solo and Chewbacca. He just makes growling noises that have no resemblance to speech patterns but Han understands him perfectly well. What gets me is that he can fly the Millennium Falcon, shoot a gun awesomely and weld, but he can't make any recognizable speech patterns. Come on George Lucas.

Then there is Lando and a character named Nien Nunb in "Return of the Jedi." Remember Nien Nunb? He looks like some genetic mutation of Super Mario with female genitalia stretched across his face. Yeah, now you remember. How do they understand each other?

Apparently, Lando is just so cool that he is understood in any language. No one knows what the hell Mario on acid is saying except for Lando, he sure seems to know. I think what Lucas is alluding to here is that Nien understands Lando through a language that doesn't need translation: love.

I've noticed the way they look at each other. After narrowly escaping the Death Star together, Lando has found a soul mate in a creature that looks like he was created on the Island of Dr. Moreau. I'm sure that is some sweet lovin'.

It seems that George may have

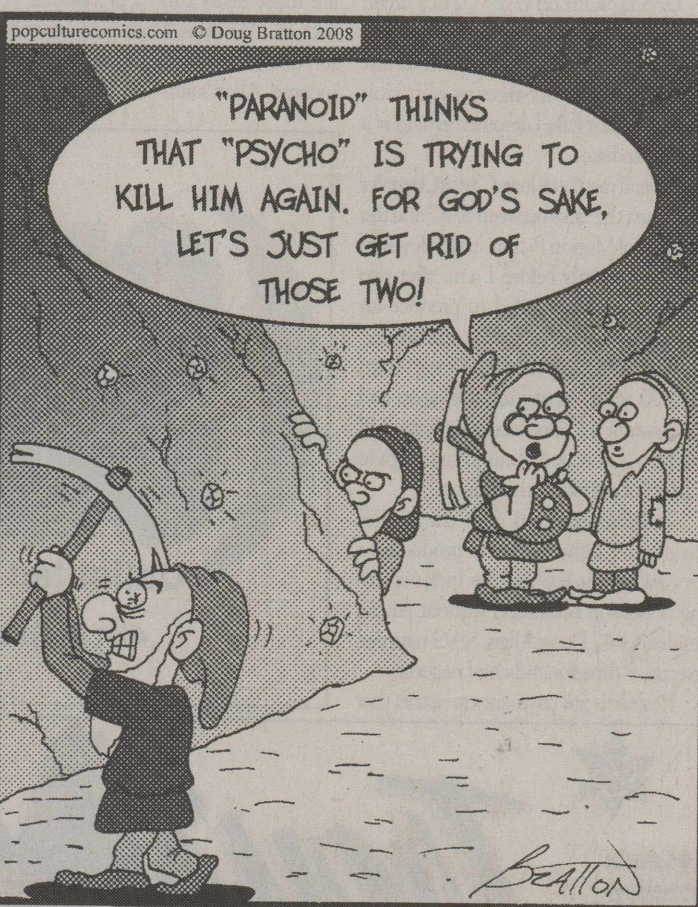
taken suggestions about using some translators by the time "Return of the Jedi" rolled around. When the Ewoks in the forest of Endor surrounded Han Solo and his crew, no one could understand what these things were saying except the nerd droid. Wait, everyone has finally met their match with the Ewoks?

Everyone understands the incoherent growls of Chewbacca and his nonsense for all of the movies but no one can understand the language of the Ewoks. Now why did George Lucas pick the Ewoks as a species that needs to be translated and not some of the others that are equally incomprehensible? Does he have something against the Ewoks? Or maybe it's because he

has something against the little people that play the Ewoks.

Ridicule against little people has been going on for way too long. I know as a shorter person that people tend to not take you seriously because of your height. And just like the Ewoks, sometimes the languages of those that are not as big are often not understood by many.

Things like this can affect many that are not blessed with height, especially in job interviews. It's sometimes not easily seen, but George Lucas has something against those that are smaller than he. I just hope that individuals stop following the path of Lucas and listen to the language of the person, not the language of their height.



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Women's cross country team to compete in NCAA Championships

By KAYLA PARHAM
STAFF WRITER

It's not over 'til it's over.

The No. 9 Texas Tech women's cross country team begins its final meet today, and what better way to end the season than at the NCAA Championships in Terre Haute, Ind. that includes the top 31 teams in the nation.

Chep Boit said she hopes Tech can make a statement in her last collegiate meet.

It's going to be tough no doubt," she said. "There are really good girls out there working their hardest to the best this year, but so have we. We are looking forward to go in with a big bang and hopefully come out on top."

The Lady Raiders return for their third-straight national championships following two confidence-boosting wins at the Big 12 Conference Championships on Nov. 1 and Mountain Region Championships on Nov. 15.

Tech coach Jon Murray said in the Notre Dame Invitational, where the Lady Raiders saw many ranked teams, Tech did not compete to its potential not having Sally Kipyego.

In Indiana, the cross country team will be led by seven-time national champion Kipyego, two of which were NCAA cross country championship in the previous two seasons. Kipyego has dominated the sport never losing a race in her collegiate career.

"Adding Sally (Kipyego) helped add some confidence to the team," Murray said. "I believe Sally is one of the best runners out there. She has never been defeated in college cross

country. She is the one to win it."

Following Kipyego will be Lilian Badaru and Asia Diaz who both received All-Big 12 and All-Region honors. Gladys Kipsang earned All-

Region honors finishing eighth in the regional meet and Michelle Guzman received All-Big 12 after placing 14th at the Big 12 meet. Boit earned All-Region with a 25th place finish and Addison LeMaster is the final member of the team.

Murray said the Lady Raiders have an excellent team spirit that can handle pressure with ease, letting them have the best opportunity to succeed over any other Tech team.

"Obviously we won conference,

never done that before," he said. "We won regionals, never done that before. They have been able accomplish something that no other team's done. Since I've been here I would say they have been the most successful."

Tech will be joined at the NCAA Championships with two other Big 12 teams, No. 22 Nebraska and No. 18 Baylor along with two Mountain Region schools in No. 26 Northern Arizona and No. 21 New Mexico.

LeMaster said if the Lady Raiders run to their capabilities, they will get the results they are looking for.

"Anything can happen and we have two great front runners," she said. "It's just going to depend on who has the best day. It's going to be close and we believe we can get top four."

The NCAA Championships will be held at 11:08 a.m. in Terre Haute, Ind. at the LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course.

The meet will be televised on CBS College Sports and on www.ncaasports.com

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JON MURRAY
TEXAS TECH CROSS COUNTRY COACH

Southeastern Conference takes top spots in rankings

NEW YORK (AP) — The Southeastern Conference title could have a national championship feel when Alabama faces Florida in the Georgia Dome in two weeks.

No. 1 vs. No. 2, a month before the BCS national championship game is played.

The Gators moved up to No. 2 in the AP Top 25 on Sunday, a spot behind the top-ranked Crimson Tide.

If Florida can win its regular-season finale at Florida State, and Alabama can do the same against Auburn, the SEC will sport the first 1 vs. 2 matchup in a conference title game — with the winner likely off to another 1-2 game in Miami for the BCS championship.

Meanwhile, in the Big 12, Oklahoma moved up two spots to No. 3, barely slipping past Big 12 rival and No. 4 Texas after the Sooners' resounding 65-21 victory against Texas Tech on Saturday night.

The Red Raiders tumbled five spots to No. 7 after their first loss of the season.

Southern California moved up

one spot to No. 5 and Penn State got a bump to No. 6.

Alabama, the only remaining unbeaten team from the six BCS conferences, received 63 of a possible 65 first-place votes and 1,622 points from the AP's media panel. Florida received the other first-place votes and 1,512 points.

The Tide and the Gators are the 17th set of conference rivals to hold the top two spots in the poll.

The last time it happened was the end of last season, when LSU and Georgia, also of the SEC, did it.

Ohio State and Michigan from the Big Ten were the last conference rivals to do it during the regular season. The Buckeyes and Wolverines were Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, for six weeks in 2006.

In the latest poll, Oklahoma (10-1) received 1,486 points and Texas (10-1) had 1,482, even though the Longhorns handed the Sooners their only loss of the season, 45-35 in October at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

Texas' only loss was to Texas Tech (10-1), 39-33 on a last-second touchdown in Lubbock.

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When would Tech beat a ranked Big 12 team on the road?

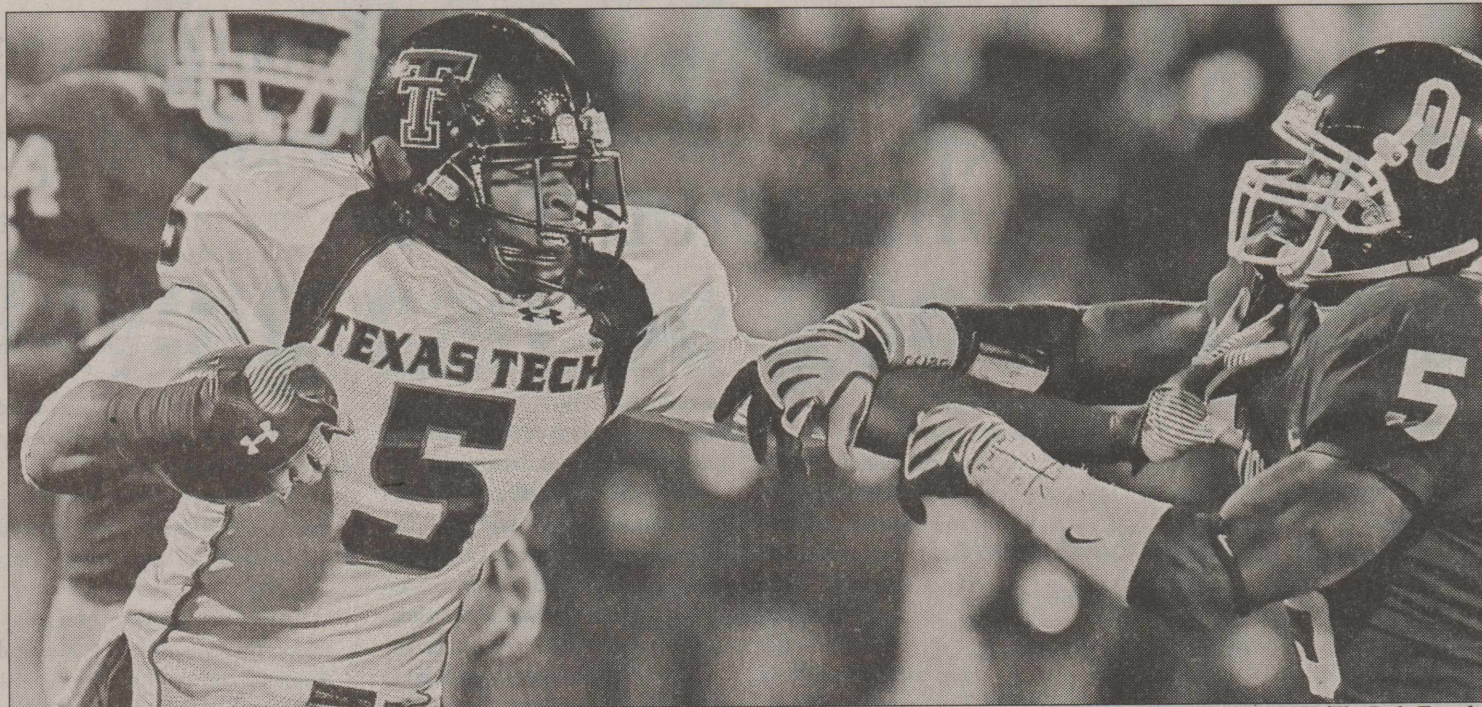
Instead of seizing the moment, the Red Raiders (10-1, 6-1) allowed the most points in school history and never looked like the second-best team in the nation.

"Obviously there's something as a coach that I didn't reach," said Leach, who is 1-15 against ranked Big 12 teams on the road. "I think we really wanted to do well, and then I think we went out and over tried. I think rather than just do routine things, we felt like we had to make the super-play each time."

The ones making the super-plays were the Sooners (10-1, 6-1), who scored more than 60 points for the third straight game. They had 299 rushing yards to Tech's 45, with running backs Chris Brown and DeMarco Murray combining for 233 yards and five touchdowns.

OU quarterback Sam Bradford — who left last year's game against Tech with a concussion — went 14-for-29 with 304 yards and four touchdowns, giving him a legitimate shot to become the second sophomore in history to win the Heisman Trophy.

"(He) just does the same simple stuff over and over and does it with precision, and I admire that," said Leach, who recruited Bradford in 2006. "I liked him when we first got acquainted, probably



TEXAS TECH WIDE receiver Michael Crabtree stiff-arms Oklahoma defensive back Nic Harris during the Sooners' 65-21 rout of the Red Raiders Saturday at Oklahoma Memorial Stadium.

liked him better than I do today, but my feelings will level out, and I'll still like him again here pretty soon."

At halftime, Oklahoma led 42-7, thanks in large part to its defense, which made Tech punt three times and turn the ball over on downs twice to start the game. The last time Tech failed to score a point on its first five possessions was in a 30-6 loss at Colorado in 2006.

"We watch TV and ESPN," Okla-

homa linebacker Travis Lewis said. "They weren't really giving our defense a chance and it got under our skin. We came out hungry (Saturday night)."

Tech quarterback Graham Harrell, who had only been sacked five times this season, went down four times against OU — twice in the first quarter. He was hurried countless times and struggled to throw the ball downfield, going 15-for-26 with 154 yards, a touchdown and an interception in

the first half.

After Harrell's 28-yard touchdown pass to receiver Tramain Swindall made it 28-7 midway through the second quarter, Bradford led OU on an 80-yard, 12-play drive that included 11 run plays.

After the kickoff and a quick 4-yard run by Baron Batch, Harrell tried to force a throw over the middle to receiver Eric Morris. Lewis was there for the interception, returning it 47 yards

to the 1-yard line, where Murray scored the final touchdown of the half.

"I felt like we squandered the first half trying to make too much happen," said Leach, whose team went 3-for-13 on third down conversions in the game after being tied for first in the nation in that category entering the game. "(We were) trying to be too good, allowing ourselves to get frustrated with the slightest of adversities."

Tech receiver Michael Crabtree

didn't score a touchdown for the first time in 13 games, finishing with six receptions for 62 yards, matching his lowest output of the season.

Tech opened up the second half with an onside kick in hopes of getting back in the game, but OU recovered and turned it into a field goal.

Tech got to Oklahoma territory on its next drive but running back Shannon Woods coughed up the football while breaking a long run. OU linebacker Keenan Clayton scooped it up and ran 53 yards to the 3-yard line, setting up a Brown touchdown — OU led 52-7.

Harrell, bombarded with blitzes most of the night, finished 33-of-55 with 361 yards, three touchdowns and the interception, but two of those touchdowns and most of his yards came during garbage time.

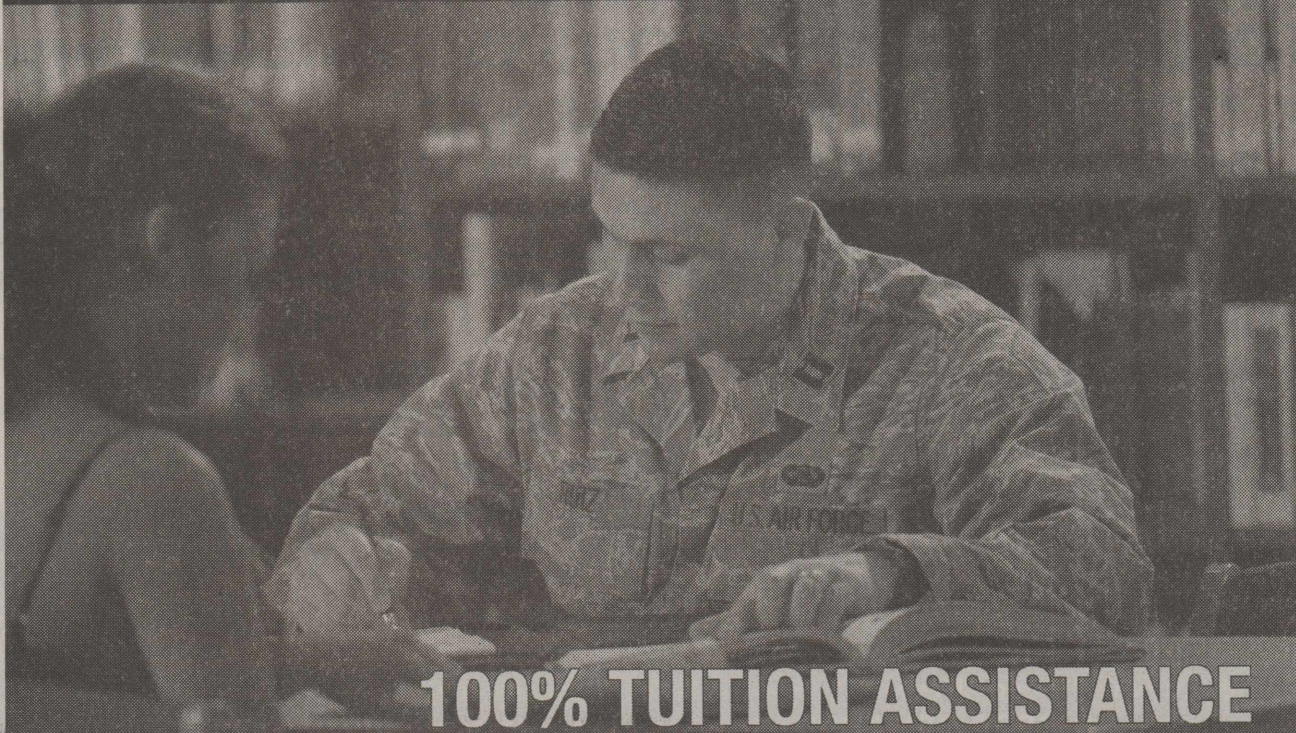
Tech still has a chance to reach the Big 12 Championship game, but it involves rooting for the Oklahoma State Cowboys in Saturday's Bedlam Series against Oklahoma. The game is at OSU, in Stillwater, Okla.

Until then, Tech will lick its wounds before playing Baylor in front of a sold-out crowd in Jones AT&T Stadium on Saturday.


"We gotta learn from it," Batch said. "This is our first loss, it sucks. It's no fun, but it's something that you gotta learn from and we'll build on it. We'll turn this thing into something positive. It's gonna help us the rest of the season."

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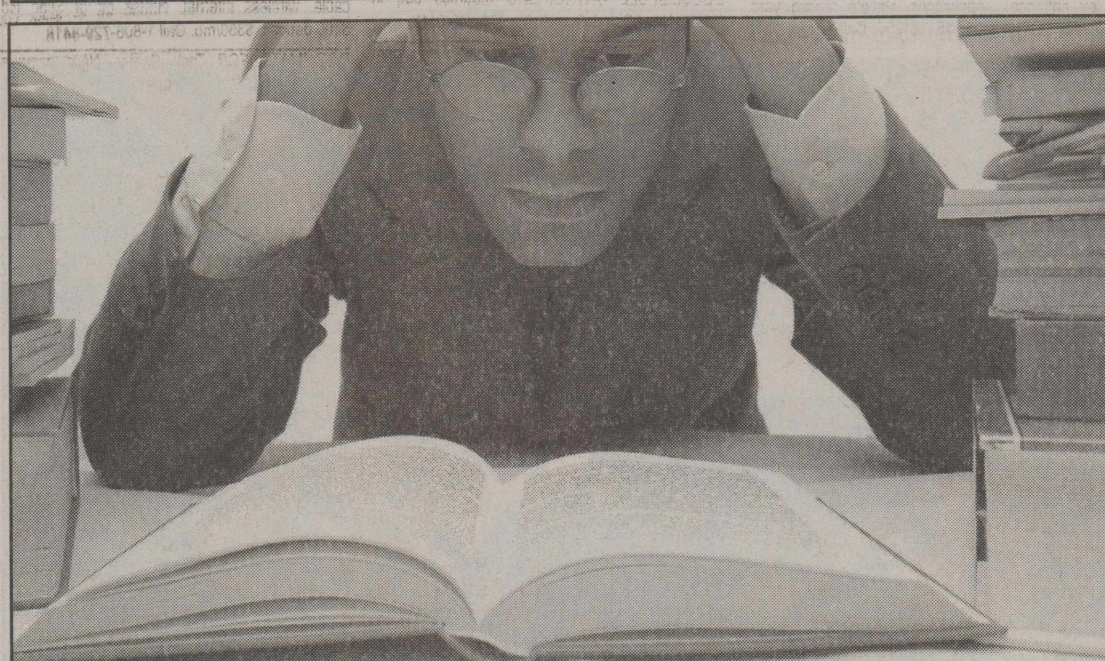


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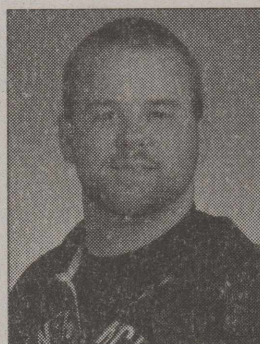
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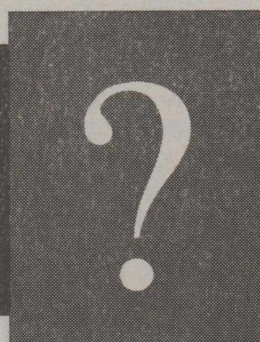
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Solid performance spotlights Bradford in Heisman race

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

When Texas Tech had its win over then-No. 1 Texas, it seemed Graham Harrell all of a sudden outshined Colt McCoy in the Heisman Memorial Trophy race.

What goes around comes around.

With a 65-21 trashing of the Red Raiders, OU quarterback Sam Bradford may have garnered a little extra attention when it comes to who will be named the best player in college football in New York at season's end.

At least his coach believes Bradford proved the next Heisman Trophy should have the redshirt sophomore's name on it.

"His name has to be up there at the top with anyone," OU coach Bob Stoops said. "You got to finish out the year. A lot of that determines it as well. How he cannot be right there with anyone, I wouldn't know."

With a performance like the one he had Saturday, Bradford may have established himself as a consideration of college football's most coveted award, even though Tech's Graham Harrell threw for more yards and completed more passes.

Bradford did not just have a game with outlandish numbers, but he etched his name in the Oklahoma record books as one of the best quarterbacks in the school's history.

On 14-of-19 passing, Bradford



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OKLAHOMA QUARTERBACK SAM Bradford throws as Texas Tech defensive end Brandon Williams brings pressure during the Sooners' 65-21 victory over the Red Raiders, Saturday at Oklahoma Memorial Stadium.

passed for 304 yards and four touchdowns. The four touchdowns gave him 42 on the year, a new school record for most touchdown passes in a season. He touched another Heisman Trophy winner in Jason White, who had 40 in 2003. The 304 yards was

the ninth time the redshirt sophomore reached the mark this season, also a school record. Bradford entered the game Saturday tied with former OU quarterback Josh Heupel for the most 300-yard passing games in a season with eight.

Bradford has been doing this all season, as the 65-point total marked the first time in school history the Sooners offense scored 60 or more points in three consecutive games. They put up 62 on Nebraska on Nov. 1 and 66 on

Texas A&M on Nov. 8.

There are more firsts the Sooners accomplished Saturday.

But the humble Bradford said the only thing that matters to him is getting Oklahoma to Miami for a national championship appearance.

"That's great, but I'd like for us to win. As long as we win, I'm happy," he said.

Win was something the Sooners did not do last year at Jones AT&T Stadium, as they took a 34-27 loss without Bradford. In the early stages of the game, Bradford suffered a concussion that kept him from competing.

He said Saturday's game had a little extra

motivation considering he was hurt in 2007's game against Tech and it made the win more satisfying.

Oklahoma's defense held its own and maybe even helped Bradford's case for an appearance in New York.

The defense held Tech to its lowest point total of the season and receiver Michael Crabtree could not find the end zone with six catches

for 62 yards.

But offensive coordinator Kevin Wilson said his quarterback is right for staying humble about a win like this.

He said when considering the Heisman race or the race to a national championship, a loss to rival Oklahoma State next week no longer makes the win over the Red Raiders meaningful.

"His name has to be up there at the top with anyone... how he cannot be there with anyone, I wouldn't know."

BOB STOOPS
OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITY
FOOTBALL COACH

With the way Bradford has been performing, Wilson said he is surprised how his quarterback's name is not in the conversation of players up for Heisman Trophy after some of the record performances he has put on this season.

But whether he is or not,

the Sooners should not be caught looking ahead, whether it is Bradford and a Heisman Trophy or the Sooners and a possible national championship berth.

"We got a slogan around here right now that says, 'As soon as you think you've got it, you're getting ready to get it,'" Wilson said. "So we ain't got much right now."

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SPORTS

Red Raiders stun with record-breaking performances

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

The records are falling one-by-one for the Texas Tech men's basketball team this season.

After the offensive shootout between Tech and East Central — a game Tech won 167-115 — guard Alan Voskuil shot a school record-breaking eight 3-pointers on his way to a 28-point performance as Tech (4-0) defeated Eastern Kentucky 98-84 Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

The previous school record for most 3-pointers made in a game was held by Jayson Mitchell, who scored seven against North Texas in 1999.

Three of Voskuil's 3-pointers came within 1:08 of each other in the first half.

"It felt good out there," Voskuil said. "Everything I was throwing up was going in. I just kept shooting."

In addition to Voskuil's performance, guard John Roberson joined the party from beyond the 3-point line with four 3-pointers — all in the first half. Guards Nick Okorie and Tyree Graham also chipped in one 3-pointer apiece.

In total, Tech was 14-of-22 from the 3-point line, shooting 63.6 percent. The Red Raiders ended up two shy of the school record for the most 3-pointers in a game.

EKU head coach Jeff Neubauer said the Colonels coaching staff had been concerned about Tech's 3-point shooting capabilities.

"Offensively, they are incredibly impressive," he said. "They really do have a lights-out shooting group. We talked about it for a few days coming into the game; I told our team we were going up against one of the best shooting teams in the country and they still had a great shooting night."

With Tech jumping out to an early lead in the game, ECU never held the lead after a 2-2 tie with 19:02 remaining in the first.

Tech's coaching staff also has been harping on the defensive side of the ball.

Voskuil said the coaching staff has emphasized defense since the Sam Houston State game, and the emphasis showed through the first half.

But the game may have been a tale of two halves from a defensive standpoint.

In the second half, Tech stifled the ECU offense to 31 less points than the number of points given up against ECU in the first half.

EKU hit on 12 of 17 3-point attempts in the second half. ECU guard Papa Oppong was 4-for-4 from the 3-point line and, combined with guard Mike Rose who hit three 3-pointers, scored 33 of ECU's 58 second-half points from beyond

the arc.

Pat Knight said the big halftime lead led to the players easing up on defense.

"Our intensity really dropped," Knight said. "Dealing with 18 through 21 year-olds, it's a pain. They get caught up in playing relaxed. Instead of doubling the score, we kind of played lackadaisical out there and that allows teams to get back into the game. We just have to work on it. We have some young guys."

Fortunately for the Red Raiders, the offense kept clicking for 50 second-half points, highlighted by four Voskuil 3-pointers. Forwards Trevor Cook and Mike Singletary led the rest of the team in scoring in the second half, scoring 10 and nine points, respectively, keeping the point margin relatively in check.

Although concern about defense remains, Knight recognizes his team is fully capable of playing good

defense like it did in the first half against ECU.

"If we had two horrendous halves, I'd be worried," he said. "But they're showing me they can do it. The offense is going great but, you know, we've still got to work on our defense."

The Red Raiders next take on Southeastern Louisiana at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the United Spirit Arena before heading up to Newark, NJ, to No. 6 Pittsburgh and either Mississippi State or Washington State.

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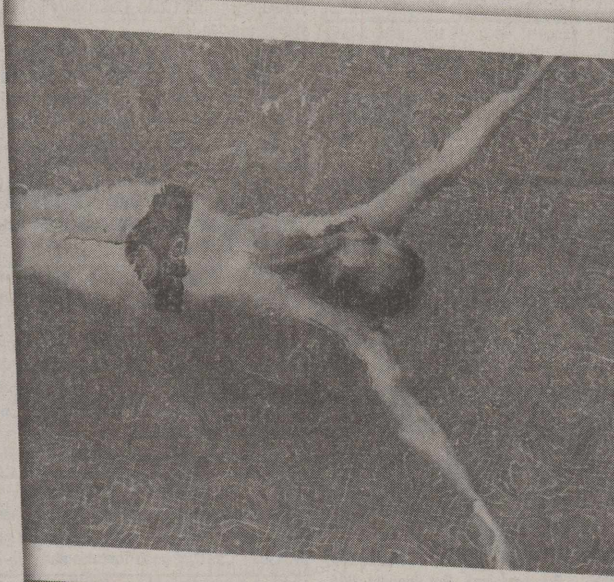
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