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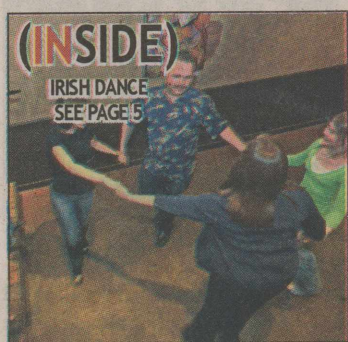
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STATE

Texas House committee adopts budget proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas House committee approved a \$178 billion state budget Tuesday, a 5 percent increase over the previous two-year budget but about \$4 billion less than the Senate version.

The unanimous vote by the House Appropriations Committee moves the budget to the full House, where it is expected to be taken up late next week.

The budget includes about \$11 billion in spending from the federal stimulus package. That federal boon has helped lawmakers deal with a projected shortfall between the amount of state revenue available and the spending needs they identified.

NATION

Vermont overrides gay marriage veto

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Vermont, the state that invented civil unions, on Tuesday became a pioneer once again as the first state to legalize gay marriage through a legislature's vote.

The House barely achieved the votes necessary to override Gov. Jim Douglas' veto of a bill that will allow gays and lesbians to marry beginning September 1. Four states now have same-sex marriage laws and other states soon could follow suit.

Bills to allow same-sex marriage are currently before lawmakers in New Hampshire, Maine, New York and New Jersey. The three other states that currently allow same-sex marriage — Connecticut, Massachusetts and Iowa — each moved to do so through the courts, not legislatures.

WORLD

Strong aftershocks hit Italy; survivor found

LAQUILA, Italy (AP) — Strong aftershocks Tuesday sent a fresh wave of fear across earthquake-shattered central Italy, and rescue crews pulled a young woman alive from a collapsed building about 42 hours after the main quake struck the mountainous region.

Eleonora Calesini, a 20-year-old student, was found alive in the ruins of the five-story building in central L'Aquila, said her grandfather, Renato Calesini, in the seaside town of Mondaini.

DEATH TOLL

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U.S. military deaths in Iraq since fighting began

SOURCE: Associated Press, confirmed by the Department of Defense

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College of Education dean to step down

By JON VANDERLAAN
NEWS EDITOR

The Texas Tech dean of the College of Education announced Tuesday she will step down from her position effective June 1.

Sheryl Santos, who was named dean of the college in 2003, said in a letter to faculty she will be getting married and will take a one-year sabbatical before returning for a faculty position in the fall of 2010.

Tech Provost Robert Smith said his office will begin the process to find an interim dean until the office can find a permanent dean.

"Replacing deans is one of the most important things the provost

gets involved in," he said.

A dean's appointment letter also serves as a contract, Smith said, generally for five years.

Because the search for a new academic dean takes about nine months, Smith said, the provost discusses candidates with the faculty and staff of the college, and with the guidance of the president, hires an interim dean.

The search for a permanent dean will be a nation-wide search, he said, and most likely will con-



SANTOS

clude early next year.

Smith said the administration will be looking at whether possible candidates are leaders in their field, have a track record as a teacher and scholar, understand the professional nature of the field, have national visibility, are active in university outreach and have administrative experience.

Any candidates also must be able to get along with individuals and have good leadership skills, he said, and raising money for resources and programs of excellence also is important.

Walter Smith, the chairman of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, said the replacement also will lead to change for the col-

lege, and he hopes the search for a new dean will reflect the direction the college will pursue.

Walter Smith said he hopes the administration can find a dean who is focused on the community and alumni as well as being supportive of a quality education in the college.

After working with Santos for about three years, he said he believes she was a strong supporter of the quality of education and was a proponent of broadening the makeup of students and faculty and strengthening programs.

Santos also was focused on the community and alumni, Walter Smith said, and although she was interested in developing programs,

she assigned many of those tasks to associate deans.

Santos is a strong dean, he said, but he also is pleased she has an opportunity to explore new opportunities.

While Robert Smith said he only has worked with Santos a short time, it will be difficult to find a good replacement for her.

Santos assumed responsibility of the dean of the college in July 2003 after serving as a dean and professor of the school of education at California State University.

Santos was unavailable for comment as of press time because of a family emergency.

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Wall of Healing

Tech students support sexual assault survivors

By HANNAH BOEN
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Following a sexual assault, some victims cope with feelings of shame. Texas Tech Student Counseling Center is helping students honor and support survivors of sexual assault with activities throughout the month of April.

Faces of Healing: Art and Recovery was hosted by the Tech center as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The event, hosted at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Student Union Building basement, allowed individuals to create masks representing the shame victims of sexual assault face.

Erin Snyder, a Student Counseling Center staff psychologist, said the event is important to the healing process of survivors of sexual assault.

"We wanted to use masks because we want an artistic way to express the recovery process," she said. "A lot of times there's a lot of shame associated with sexual assault that isn't necessary. Survivors can show their faces and get support."

The masks will be placed on a Wall of Healing, located outside the SUB Ballroom, to honor survivors of sexual assault. Individuals may use the wall to share their own recovery stories or post messages to honor and support friends or family members who have survived sexual assault.

Snyder said the wall will be displayed all month on campus to show support for those who have survived sexual assault and to provide a voice for victims.

"This wall is a way for them to feel more empowered," she said, "and bring awareness to the fact that this does happen on college campuses, but we do have some power to control it."

Haylee Dill, a junior psychology major from Brownfield, created a mask at Tuesday's event.

"Just knowing they have people on campus that care would probably help," she said.

She hoped the mask would at least make survivors smile, she said, and realize another student took time to make some-



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Treador

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT, Kelsey Davidson, a sophomore public relations and agricultural communications major from Florence; Erin Snyder, a psychologist at the Student Counseling Center; Callie Spry, a junior fashion merchandising major from Abilene; and Haylee Dill, a junior psychology and social work major from Brownfield, decorate masks for the Wall of Healing Tuesday in the Student Union Building basement. The Wall of Healing, located outside the Student Union Building Ballroom, is designed to honor sexual assault survivors.

thing in their honor.

Lisa Viator, a student counseling center staff psychologist who led the event, said the Wall of Healing is an opportunity for those who know someone who has been assaulted to

express feelings of support as well as a way for survivors to illustrate their inner healing processes.

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Obama in Baghdad, tells troops Iraq must take over

By DAVID ESPO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — Flying unannounced into a still-dangerous war zone, President Barack Obama told U.S. troops and Iraqi officials alike Tuesday it is time to phase out America's combat role in a conflict he opposed as a candidate and has vowed to end as commander in chief.

With violence diminished but hardly disappearing — a car bomb killed eight Iraqis just hours before Obama's arrival — the president met with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and emphasized that "we strongly support" steps to unite political factions, including integrating minority Sunnis into the government and security forces.

Iraqis "need to take responsibility for their

own country," Obama told hundreds of cheering soldiers gathered in an ornate, marble palace near Saddam Hussein's former seat of power.

"You have given Iraq the opportunity to stand on its own as a democratic country. That is an extraordinary achievement," he told some 600 troops, saluting their efforts during six years of American fighting and losses.

"We love you," someone yelled from the crowd of photo-snapping men and women in uniform.

"I love you back," responded the president, repeating a sequence that played out at hundreds of campaign stops on his successful run for the White House last year.

Obama met with top U.S. commanders as well as senior Iraqi leaders on a visit of a little more than four hours that was confined to

Camp Victory, the largest U.S. military base in a war that began in 2003 and has cost the lives of 4,265 members of the U.S. military. Many thousands more Iraqis have perished.

A helicopter flight to the heavily fortified Green Zone a few miles distant was scrapped, but White House aides attributed the change in travel plans to poor weather rather than security concerns.

Al-Maliki, appearing alongside Obama after their meeting, told reporters, "We assured the president that all the progress that has been made in the security area will continue."

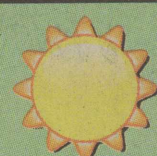
American commanders told the president the country is experiencing a relatively low level of violence, although the car bomb explosion in a Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad was evidence of a recent resurgence. Obama flew from Turkey, the next-to-last stop on an eight-

day itinerary that also included Britain, France, Germany and the Czech Republic.

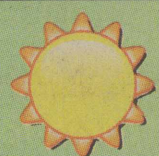
Aides said Obama chose to visit Iraq rather than Afghanistan, where U.S. troops are also in combat, in part because it was close to Turkey and in part because of upcoming Iraqi elections.

In his remarks to the troops, Obama made no mention of the Afghanistan conflict — where he has decided to commit 21,000 additional troops — and it was not known whether it came up in his meeting with Gen. Ray Odierno, the top U.S. commander, and other officers.

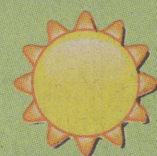
Obama announced plans in February to withdraw U.S. troops from Iraq on a 19-month timetable, although a force as large as 50,000 could remain at the end of that period to provide counterterrorism duties.



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HSC NEWS FLASH

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

- The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences will host a Biochemistry Graduate Student Seminar Series discussing the Cytotoxicity of Dihydroceramides and CerS Specificity in Fenretinide-induced All Cell Death at 12 p.m. Thursday in the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Academic Classroom Building Room 110. The event will be presented by Graduate Cell and Molecular Biology student Michael Holliday.

Center for International and Multicultural Affairs

- The Center for International and Multicultural Affairs at the Health Sciences Center is seeking donations of new or gently used Wii game consoles and equipment for use by Tech Health Sciences Center students and organizations. Donations can be made at Health Sciences Center Room 2B410 or by contacting the Center for International and Multicultural Affairs for pick-up.

Institute for Forensic Science

- The Institute for Forensic Science will conduct an Advanced Liquor Laws class at the Institute throughout April. The class, which will target local law enforcement, will be taught by Bobby Castillo and will provide 16 class hours to interested participants.

South Plains Alcohol and Addiction Research Center

- South Plains Alcohol and Addiction Research Center member Gregory Schrimsher is seeking medical students interested in annual internship opportunities at the Betty Ford Center Summer Institute for Medical Students. Last year, Jared Heathman was accepted to the Betty Ford Center, with Lauren Thaxton serving as an alternative for the nationally competitive program.

Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health

- The Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health will host an annual OB/GYN Symposium this month at the Institute to discuss women's health issues. For more information, contact the Institute by phone or visit the Tech Health Sciences Center Web site.

Health Sciences Center Finance and Administration

- The early registration deadline for the Disaster and Emergency Readiness Solutions for a Challenging Era program has been extended to April 10 for all interested faculty. The program will be presented on April 17 by Toby Clairmont at the Tech Health Sciences Center Odessa Campus Auditorium. The registration fee is \$99 if enrolled by the new Friday deadline and \$114 after the deadline. For more information, contact the Finance and Administration department at the Health Sciences Center.
- No One Dies Alone, a joint volunteer opportunity between University Medical Center Health System and the Tech Health Sciences Center, will host an orientation session from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday in Health Sciences Center Room 2B480 for all University Medical Center Health System and Health Sciences Center employees, staff, students and volunteers interested in participating in the program. For more information, contact the Health Sciences Center.

Garrison Institute on Aging

- The Garrison Institute on Aging will host a free lecture this month discussing pain management in older adults in the Health Sciences Center Academic Classroom Building Room 100 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The lecture, which is part of a Lecture Series on Healthy Aging provided by the institute, will serve as an educational opportunity for the public and interested seniors to learn about innovative research and aging health topics.

F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health

- The Center for Telemedicine will host Telepsychiatry and Dermatology specialty consults from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Center for Telemedicine office located in the Tech Health Sciences Center for interested patients.
- Telepsychiatry and Urology specialty consults will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the Center for Telemedicine, located in the Health Sciences Center, for interested patients. For more information regarding additional specialty consults, visit the Center for Telemedicine Web site.

Traveling evangelist raises tension in free speech area

BY JON VANDERLAAN
NEWS EDITOR

Despite anger from some students at the biblical message of a traveling evangelist, Texas Tech campus officials and students continue to support the free speech area students and non-students utilize to convey opinions and messages.

Jed Smock, a traveling evangelist from Columbia, Mo., began speaking at Tech's free speech area Monday and will continue through today.

Smock, who is funded by donations to his company, The Campus Ministry USA, said he is visiting the campus to proclaim his message just before the Easter holiday.

However, many students took exception to Smock's message, as was evidenced by arguments between students and Smock about the Bible and Christian philosophies.

Mason Matute, a sophomore electrical engineering major from Cedar Park who spoke several times with Smock, said he likes the idea of the free speech area despite disagreeing with Smock's opinions.

Because he did not agree with the way Smock was presenting certain ideas, he said, he wanted to make sure students did not get the wrong idea about Christianity.

Some students resorted to raising their voices and using language that was objected to by Smock, but Matute said supervision of the free speech area would change the feeling of the area and he does not see a need for administrative or police presence.

"If free speech can't be loud, it's not free," he said.

Those who gather generally are not looking to be violent, Matute said, and those who disagree with the speaker most likely and most often will walk away from the situation instead of becoming violent.

Jana Vise, an assistant director of Student Union and Activities, said the area is open for people to express their ideas, and as long as they are not



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

JED SMOCK OF Columbia, Mo., shared his opinions on religion with students Tuesday at the free speech pavilion. Smock, who originally planned to travel to the University of Oklahoma today, said he will instead stay at Tech because he enjoyed the discussion.

violent or hindering students' ability to get to class, they are within their rights in the free speech area.

Vise said because some students complained to the office about Smock, the office notified the Tech Police Department, which has been monitoring the area.

Instead of inciting violence, however, most students respect the ability of others to voice their opinion, she said. Because students understand the importance of free speech and what the free speech area represents, they do not threaten that freedom with violence.

Col. Gordon Hoffman, deputy chief of Tech police, said an officer watched Smock for a while and the department has been monitoring the crowd around him, but has not found a reason to intervene.

As long as the area remains peaceful, he said, the police department has no need to step in, and he cannot remember a time in which a similar situation became violent.

April Evans, a drug and alcohol addiction recovery junior from Cleveland, Texas, said she understands what the free speech area stands for, but a line is crossed when the speaker engages in personal attacks on the those listening and talking with the speaker.

Although she said she believes the area is good for people to express them-

selves, she said it would be smart for the administration or Tech police to have a presence at the free speech area.

Smock said people do not have to stop and listen to what he has to say, but the crowd debating with him was a typical response from a university in the Bible Belt.

Smock, who said he has traveled to universities around the United States and some places around the world to convey his message, said although he does not normally encounter violence, he had his arm and his ankle broken in two separate instances on other university's campuses while speaking.

Suzanne Williams, president-elect of the Student Government Association, said the free speech area is good for students and non-students to voice opinions and concerns about controversial topics such as religion, but speakers should be careful not to engage in personal attacks.

While nothing can be done to regulate or prevent such personal attacks, she said, the SGA encourages people to hold back insults and convey their message in a positive way.

Williams also said students should take the information speakers present with a grain of salt and evaluate what speakers say alongside their own personal beliefs.

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Lubbock mounted police scaled back, still hold presence

By **STEVEN SCHWARTZ**
STAFF WRITER

The Lubbock Police Department patrols in the form of cars, motorcycles and bicycles all over the city, but Lubbock residents don't always see the department's equestrian partners-in-crime fighting.

The police department's mounted patrol division has long been a more "traditional" way for officers to move around the city.

Sgt. Bill Casey, the head of the neighborhood services unit and head of the mounted patrol unit at the department, said the unit is an important aspect of the force.

The mounted unit, made up of six patrol officers, brings two different benefits to the police department as a whole, Casey said. Officers riding on horses serve as a public relations tool as well as a law enforcement tool.

The units can be seen from time-to-time at many Lubbock events, most notably the 4th on Broadway celebration, as well as Easter egg hunts and the Lubbock National Cowboy Symposium.

"There are always positive public relations we can achieve with the city," he said.

In addition to public relations, the mounted unit can be a very effective patrolling tactic, Casey said. When officers are riding their horses, they have the advantage of a heightened viewpoint to

see above crowds, a slower pace to monitor more effectively, and the intimidation factor of riding on large animals.

Officers in the Lubbock Police Department own their horses and must go through an extensive amount of training before becoming eligible for this unique patrol division, he said.

"Officers basically have to know how to ride a horse and how to handle (the horses) with ease, as well," Casey said.

All officers in the mounted unit must have at least three years experience in the police force, he said, and two certification tests are required per year — one in February and one in August — on which officers must score an 80 percent or better. The test includes an obstacle course designed by the Lubbock Police Department, and mandatory training is held for the unit once a month at the training facility in West Lubbock.

Col. Gordon Hoffman, the deputy chief of the Texas Tech Police Department, said having a mounted unit on a police force can be expensive, which is why Tech police do not have a mounted unit.

"With as tight as the spending is getting these days, it would have to be well-justified," he said.

Hoffman said due to economic situations, Tech police could not afford the gear, stables and training involved with a mounted police unit.

Last year was the first year Tech did



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BILL CASEY, OPERATIONS sergeant for the Lubbock Police Department's mounted unit, sits atop his horse, Red, outside Lubbock police headquarters.

not utilize the Lubbock mounted police unit at school events, including football games, Hoffman said, because of how much it cost the city to have the unit present.

Todd Klein, city councilman for District 3, said that the unit is missed at events such as this.

"I think that the mounted unit provides good security and crime prevention," he said. "They are a great unit to see around large crowds, i.e., football games."

Klein said the mounted unit is one of many programs the city had to cut back due to the economic crisis, and the city

is trying to save money without increasing taxes.

"Across the board, we are trimming ourselves extensively," he said. "We are about as lean as possible."

Although the unit has been cut back, Casey said the mounted unit still is active around the city. Horseback officers were

used in the Harrelson murder case near Lubbock because of the rural environment involved.

"We feel like it's a good program for the department," Casey said, "as well as another tool that can be used to fight crime."

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State budget proposal gives to higher education, workforce training

By **HALIE HARTMAN**
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The Texas Senate passed its version of the 2010-2011 state budget April 1, which totals \$182.2 billion with \$11 billion of it coming from federal stimulus money.

Education spending and health and human services are the largest parts of the budget, and higher education funding would increase by \$1.5 billion equaling a total of \$22.6 billion. State funded student financial aid would increase by \$134 million.

Becky Wilson, director of Student Financial Aid at Texas Tech, said the increase in financial aid is much needed. But Tech would see the greatest benefit if the aid was distributed in terms of gift aid and not self-help aid, such as work-study, she said.

"We can always use additional money, but we receive federal work-study aid and we also receive state work-study aid, and many times it is not fully utilized by students," Wilson said. "We have a lot of money that goes unused if it comes in the form of work study."

An increase in higher education spending is still the best investment Texas can make to fuel its economic engine and meet the demands of a globally competitive marketplace, said De J. Lozada, assistant director of communications for the Texas Higher Education

Coordinating Board.

"Now more than ever is the time for Texas to make substantial investments in higher education to carry the state beyond the current economic downturn and into a future of growth and prosperity," she said.

The majority of the federal stimulus money would go toward technology grants, new transportation construction and nearly \$500 million for workforce training.

Workforce training ensures people are adequately trained and possess the skills to do their jobs efficiently, said Vickie Bennett, director of Lubbock's Human Resources Department.

Service Centers like Workforce Solutions South Plains are examples of places that receive state funding to conduct workforce training, Bennett said. A skilled workforce helps brings in businesses and stimulate the economy.

"When companies are looking

to move to cities such as Lubbock, their main concerns are having an available and trained workforce," she said. "The more that a person can be prepared for the workforce, the better off both employers and employees are."

State funding in the areas of higher education and workforce training also is important if Texas wants to remain competitive well into the 21st century, Lozada said.

"We must prepare many more of our students for university studies as well as for the skilled workforce," she said.

Jackie Latham, the Lubbock County auditor, said funds are received through programs that flow through state agencies

to Lubbock County.

The city of Lubbock receives grants from the state for several different departments and programs based on various criteria and also receives grant funds for probation and judicial services and

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Music from refugees spreads messages of sorrow and hope

Not all stories of refugees are sad. Though it's difficult to find hope in refugee camps or people who have been forced to flee their country, the human spirit is hard to break. Yet I feel like we only hear about the poverty in the refugee camps.

These are important issues and should be reported, but there needs to be a balance. We can only take so many stories about food shortages and violence before the reports seem ordinary and the words "unclean water" and "inadequate shelter" no longer have meaning. We need to be shown the hope.

Consider a small country on the west coast of Africa called Sierra Leone. If you have seen the movie "Blood Diamond," maybe you are familiar with Sierra Leone, but if not, from 1991 to 2002 the country underwent a bloody and brutal civil war.

Although I don't have the space to discuss the history here, I encourage you to look for yourself. The BBC did a special report that deals with Sierra Leone's history, the reasoning behind the war and the victims. After researching the war, maybe you will understand why hundreds of thousands of civilians fled Sierra Leone into refugee camps.

It's hard to picture that many people living together without basic sanitation, health care and sometimes clean water. Where

Laura Zak



“Through their voices, guitars, and drums we are told stories about the horror and hope in Sierra Leone's civil war.”

a musician from before the war. They grouped up, took in Jah Voice, Mohammed and Black Nature, and began to play music.

Originally they had played to pass time and forget about the horrors they had seen. The war had not been easy for any of the members. Jah Voice watched the rebels kill his father before they cut off his arm with a machete and left him to die. Mohammed was also forced to watch the rebels murder his parents, wife and child before they severed his hand. Black Nature's father was killed in front of him. He saw houses burn and women raped.

In the refugee camps, sometimes music was the only therapy they had. In the NPR interview, Black Nature said the music

helped ease the trauma of what he had seen. Reuben mentioned their music brought people together, and crowds flocked to the band when they played. The songs are quiet but haunting. They deal with what happened in Sierra Leone during the war and what is still happening today. One song repeats of a chorus of

"give peace a chance." Simple lyrics, but something we all need to hear.

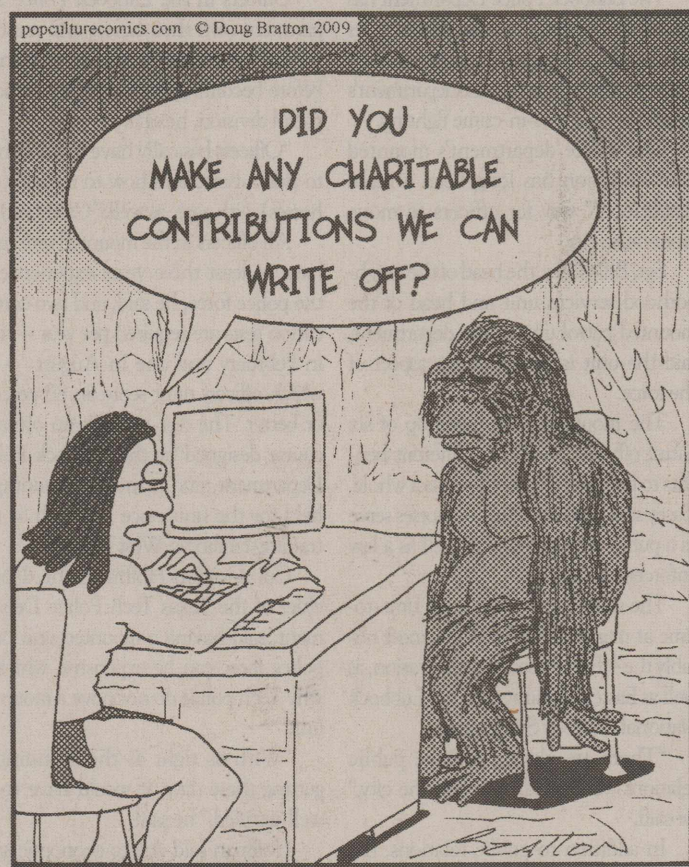
The beauty of their music is the message, and that message reaches a global audience. Through their voices, guitars and drums, we are told stories about the horror and hope in Sierra Leone's civil war. What better way to raise awareness? News articles and reports have a vital and necessary place in getting the message out, but so often the facts and figures are lost in disassociation.

But when we hear Reuben's voice we are given a story and a face to associate with the war that ravaged Sierra Leone. We are brought closer to the conflict, and maybe some part of us grieves. And after the song ends and our grief fades, maybe we will want to do something to help.

Though Sierra Leone's war is over and the country has some amount of stability, there are other areas of the world in conflict and other people being forced to leave their homes.

And maybe instead of sitting idle, we will act, because even in the darkest of times there are those expressions of the human spirit that bring hope, comfort and unity. We just have to find them.

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Tarzan was not a C.P.A., but he was the only one around with hands that fit a standard keyboard, and thus made a killing during tax season.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Today I activated my "Easy Refund" only to find Texas Tech has essentially sold the student body up the river to one of the most pathetic financial institutions I have had the misfortune to encounter.

Not only does Higher One make it incredibly difficult to have my funds sent to another bank by requiring hard copy forms to do things every other bank I have ever encountered will do electronically, but if I chose to keep this abomination of an account there are exorbitant fees for regular use of my Easy Refund debit card.

Everywhere throughout the site they extoll the fact the easy refund card is not a credit card, but, instead, is a debit card. This is easy enough to figure out, but what you discover if you read the fine print is if you use it like a debit card (i.e. entering your pin number after purchasing an item, which is what happens when the cashiers say "debit or credit" in most institutions) you are charged 50 cents per transaction. Imagine if a student didn't bother to read the summary of all fees to be levied against them; almost every purchase they made anywhere but at a sit-down restaurant they would be billed 50 cents.

On average I'd say most of the people I know make at least one purchase a day, which over four months comes out to around \$60, no small amount on a college student's budget.

The "easy refund" is anything but; I was totally unable to access my account information without my Easy Refund card, which makes

no sense unless you consider the fact they were apparently failing to acknowledge change of address information from Tech. Ultimately, the company absolutely failed to register my change of address even after three attempts.

Somehow the fourth card they sent me arrived, but before that they mailed a check for my entire refund to an address up the street. One might ask, "Why did they mail a check after you failed to respond to their other mail completely?" They claim they were legally obligated to do it.

That makes sense, but what doesn't make sense is there was no way for me to tell them they had the wrong address, whether by Internet or phone, without first receiving mail from them. Fortunately, my neighbors did not attempt to deposit this check, but the next person may not be so lucky.

As a matter of institutional honor, Tech should require this institution be more up-front about a rip-off fee like the "merchant PIN transaction fee" because right now, the way they advertise the card, it is almost an intentional invitation for students to acquire these fees when that would not be necessary.

Tech should also require they find a way for students to access their accounts without first receiving their Easy Refund card, to avoid possible theft. At this point almost all students have their own bank account already, probably with an institution of much higher quality than this one, and this Easy Refund scheme Tech has been somehow lured into ends up being a complete disservice to the students.

■ Daniel Willingham is a senior political science and philosophy major from Brownwood.

US malls too commercial to fail

By **MOLLY GREEN**
THE PITTSBURGH NEWS (U. PITTSBURGH)

If the Statue of Liberty could cry, there is no doubt she would shed a tear today for the looming death of what must surely be the very essence of America, the most sacred emblem of capitalism and commercialism this fine country has to offer: the mini-mall.

According to The New York Times, mall vacancies are at their highest point in a decade. Anchor stores are being replaced with discounters, dollar stores and Big Lots, and some malls are even resorting to — gasp — gimmicks, like the oh-so-popular "Flowrider," a wave-making machine that allows for indoor surfing. As if the recession hadn't done enough damage.

Listen, American malls have standards. It's not like we're in Canada — granted, Canada does have the largest shopping mall in North America (West Edmonton Mall in Edmonton, Alberta), but it's probably filled with polar bears and socialized health care, and we don't want any of that, thank you.

But it gets worse. According to the Times article, malls are so desperate that they might soon bring in grocery stores, medical facilities, dance studios and community colleges.

The idea of shopping in the same building that offers college courses? Absurd.

If someone had told me eight years ago — back when I was 11 and pretty much lived at the mall — that things would come to this, I would never have believed it.

Perhaps the saddest record of the mini-mall's sharp decline is chronicled by the Web site deadmalls.com. Created by self-proclaimed retail historians Peter Blackbird and Brian Florence, the Web site compiles information about every mall that died in the last nine years. It is a veritable mall cemetery. If you're in the mood to have your day ruined, feel free to browse through its sickeningly morbid pages.

But the number of malls on deadmalls.com will only increase, with store owners reporting record-low sales.

"Bad, bad, bad. Super bad. Crazy bad. This is the worst ever. Everybody's bad ... We barely pay rent," Jose Torres told the Chicago Tribune of his casual clothing business.

And according to bnet.com, a

Web site devoted to industry trends, indicators point to the idea that the mini-mall has been dying for a long time — in part because of discount stores like Wal-Mart and Target. The site goes on to suggest that we the people are also to blame, particularly our fickle manner.

"Studies indicate that core consumers are tired of the store and restaurant choices available in malls," wrote the Web site. Indeed, when I asked five random people standing around me how they felt about the mini-mall's imminent destruction, none seemed to care. One even laughed a little — I think at me for suggesting such an absurdity.

It's a tragedy. An American tragedy.

Not only has this recession taken Steven & Barry's from us, forced Circuit Citys across the country to close (I will always love you more than Best Buy!), but it has somehow brainwashed the American public into thinking they don't even want things like \$5 rides on those trains that run inside the mall during the

holidays. Damn you, economy! Haven't you taken enough?

I suppose I was fortunate to be raised under the shadow of a true commercialism aficionado: my older sister. She's a self-proclaimed protector of Pittsburgh's one true epicenter of enterprise and conformity, Monroeville, Pa., and the founder of the Facebook group "The Pittsburgh Commercialist Society," which now boasts nine actual members.

My sister, who can always be seen in some piece of clothing from The Gap, has taken upon herself the malls' pain as her own.

"The economic crisis has hit us where it hurts the hardest: suburbia. In this economic state, the jewels of commercialism, like Monroeville, are closing stores day after day, losing loyal patrons, accepting ruffraff the likes of which have never entered upon the shores of capitalism before. Heed this warning: If the malls die, we all die," she told me over the phone.

So we ask for you all to join with us. Take your hard-earned dollars and make the holy pilgrimage to Monroeville — "the land of milk and honey and franchise," as the Pittsburgh Commercialist Society so aptly describes it — and feed its malnourished stores, like a mother hen feeding its chick, before it's too late.



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- Wednesday**
- TAPROOT will perform with Adakain, Black Tie Vindetta and Dear Enemy at Jake's Back Room. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door.
 - Texas Tech Trombone Choir will perform a free concert at 8 p.m. in the Hemmle Recital Hall.
- Thursday**
- Tech Master Class Recital featuring Greg Raden, clarinet, will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Hemmle Recital Hall. No cost.
 - Tech professor Paul English will perform from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Stella's Lounge.
- Friday**
- Veva, Ghost Owl, laPANZA, Icarus Fixed, My Milliner and Coquelicot will perform at Jake's Back Room. Doors open 9 p.m. Cost \$5.
 - Kyle Abernathy will perform from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Stella's Lounge.
- Saturday**
- Lone Star Pom Star with Echofox, Colossus of Rhodes, The Sound of Murder, Kill or Be Killed, Hail to Arms and IH5 will perform at Jake's Back Room. Doors open 7 p.m. Cost \$7.
 - Junior Vasquez will perform from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Stella's Lounge.
- Monday**
- The Santa Fe Opera Apprentice Singers will perform a free concert at 7 p.m. in Hemmle Recital Hall.

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Dancers move to rhythm of traditional Irish music

By GARRETT SALZMAN
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Texas Tech and Lubbock communities gathered Monday night at J&B Coffee to learn traditional Irish set dance, an activity one Tech professor said was the origin of a West Texas tradition.

"The American square dance actually has its roots in Irish set dancing," said Chris Smith, an associate professor and chairman of the Tech musicology and ethnomusicology program. "It's a fairly straightforward dance that's conducive to learning quickly. This sort of music thrives on being shared among dancers and musicians and being played together."

Smith, who also is the director of the Vernacular Music Center in School of Music, said the Irish dance gathering, which is hosted the first Monday of every month, originated from his desire to found a Celtic music scene similar to the one he was a member of in Bloomington, Ind.

"When I came to Lubbock, nobody was playing Irish music and dancing here," he said. "So I figured I'd have to grow some players. This event is the result of that."

Smith said he began to cultivate an Irish music scene upon arriving in Lubbock in 2000. Through teaching private lessons and hosting training sessions, Smith met Paul Conklin, a member of the Caprock Celtic Association.

Smith said he seized the opportunity to add dance instruction to the Irish music when Conklin expressed an interest in teaching Irish set dancing.



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

PEOPLE DANCE TO Irish Music played by Tech Music Professor Chris Smith on the guitar and Steve Cooper, an employee of the Tech Health Sciences center, on the timber flute Monday at J&B Coffee.

"I always wanted to build the music for dancing," he said. "Not many people play for dancing, and it's very enlightening as a player to watch the dancers reacting to your playing."

Smith said the group is "a small, informal but dedicated" collection of Tech and Lubbock community members. Smith and Conklin ask participants pay \$3 for the hour-long lessons. He said students interested in learning the dance should feel welcome and can learn the steps quickly with a one-hour teaching session at the beginning of each night.

"We just want people to get their feet wet," he said. "Square dancing has its roots in this kind of music. Like that, the music and the dancing are both mostly about participating. That's when you really feel the emotion."

On Monday, about 15 dancers joined

Smith and Conklin for a quick introduction to the steps. Participants danced as couples with two couples in a group.

Jayne Smith, a junior music education major from Abilene, said her interest in the dance was piqued during a lecture in Smith's class.

"I'm so excited," she said. "I've been bugging my friend to come for months now. It's a little disorienting because they just kind of throw you into it, but it's a lot of fun and easy to pick up on."

Austin Mapes, a senior management and marketing major from Burslow who works behind the counter at J&B Coffee, said he looks forward to working the night the dance is hosted.

"I don't know a lot about Irish music," he said, "but I know I think it sounds great."

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Wall

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"We think of masks as a way to cover up what's inside," she said. "This project turns that on its head as a way to express inner feelings."

Sexual assault and abuse carries a stigma, she said, which leads to the victim feeling ashamed. However, the wall may provide comfort and hope for recovery to some.

"To have a wall where people are reaching out to support someone's healing process," she said, "it can mean a whole lot to someone who's feeling alone."

Individuals wishing to create a mask may do so from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the basement of the SUB.

Submissions for the wall of healing may be e-mailed to Snyder at erin.snyder@ttu.edu or sent anonymously through campus mail to the Student Counseling Center at MS 5008.

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STUDENTS ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH EVENTS

Wednesday

Faces of Healing: Art and Recovery from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union Building basement.

Sensory Overload—SEX, SEX, SEX!, a discussion about sexual messages in popular culture, will take place at 6:30 p.m. in Human Sciences Room 169.

April 15

Exotic Women: Myths and Stereotypes about Women of Color, presentation exploring images of women of color, will be hosted at 6:30 p.m. in Human Sciences Room 169.

April 22

The 11th Annual Denim Day will be celebrated on campus, and students are encouraged to participate by wearing jeans.

"No" is Universal: Realities of Same-Sex Sexual Assault, a presentation about the realities of same-sex sexual assault, will take place at 7:00 p.m. in Human Sciences Room 226.

April 23

Spirituality and Sexual Assault: Messages of Hope from Clergy, a panel discussion between different religious communities, will be hosted at 6:30 p.m. in Human Sciences Room 169.

April 27

Questioning Authority! Legal and Medical Aspects of Sexual Assault, which will provide an opportunity for students to ask professionals questions about sexual assault, will take place at 6:30 p.m. in Human Sciences Room 169.

Source: Texas Tech Student Counseling Center

Beatles catalog to be digitally remastered

LONDON (AP) — Beatles fans will have a chance to add substantially to their collections when a digitally remastered version of the band's catalog becomes available in September.

Apple Corps Ltd. and EMI Music announced Tuesday that they will be releasing the new discs worldwide on Sept. 9, the same day as the release of a video game, "The Beatles: Rock Band."

The release continues a recent trend of repackaging and tweaking The Beatles' output, which fans may have thought ended in 1970 with "Let It Be."

Each of the dozen CDs will include the original U.K. album

and new, expanded liner notes, according to an announcement on The Beatles Web site. For a limited time, each CD will also be embedded with a brief documentary film about the album.

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- Fischer man?
- Greek goddess of discord
- Parcel out
- Pentathlon event
- Armanac tidbit
- "Show me" state?
- Anxious feeling
- Car loan letters
- Lunched or brunch
- Empire state?
- Painful areas
- City near Düsseldorf
- Bringing up the rear
- A unicycle has one
- Optimist's credo
- "Men in Black" extra
- Volunteer state?
- Broadway opening?
- Cork sources
- Codices
- With 6-Down, it's "bitter" in England
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- Leading grazer
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- Common HMO requirements
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- They're abuzz with activity
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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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UConn wins NCAA title in 76-54 rout of Louisville

ST. LOUIS (AP) — With one final blowout, UConn grabbed the national title and a piece of basketball history.

Tina Charles had 25 points and grabbed 19 rebounds Tuesday night as UConn routed Louisville 76-54 and captured the Huskies' sixth national championship.

It wasn't just that Connecticut claimed another title. It was how they did it.

UConn won every one of its 39 games by double digits, an unprecedented run in college basketball.

Charles was the star of the last big win. She commanded both ends of the floor and Louisville, which lost badly to UConn for the third time this season, had no one who could stop her.

Coach Geno Auriemma had said before the tournament that his junior center would be the key to UConn winning the title.

A year after he benched her in the NAAs for inconsistent play, Charles delivered.

"I'm really happy for her," Auriemma said.

"I told Tina before the game, I said 'Sunday night you played

against an All-American center and you played defense and you worked as hard as the best center in America and now you have to prove it tonight' and she did."

Charles was 11-for-13 from the field, and fell just one rebound short of becoming only the second player ever in a championship game to have at least 20 points and 20 rebounds. She was named

the outstanding player of the Final Four.

Maya Moore and senior Renee Montgomery each added 18 points for the Huskies.

"It was another challenge and I wanted to show my teammates they could depend on me," Charles said. "I wanted to send off Renee being happy. I wanted her to have all smiles for the next step in her career."

Angel McCoughtry finished off her

stellar career for Louisville with 23 points. Candyce Bingham was the only other Cardinal in double figures with 10 points as Louisville (34-5) shot a dismal 31 percent from the floor.

Unlike its previous two wins over Louisville, it took about 15

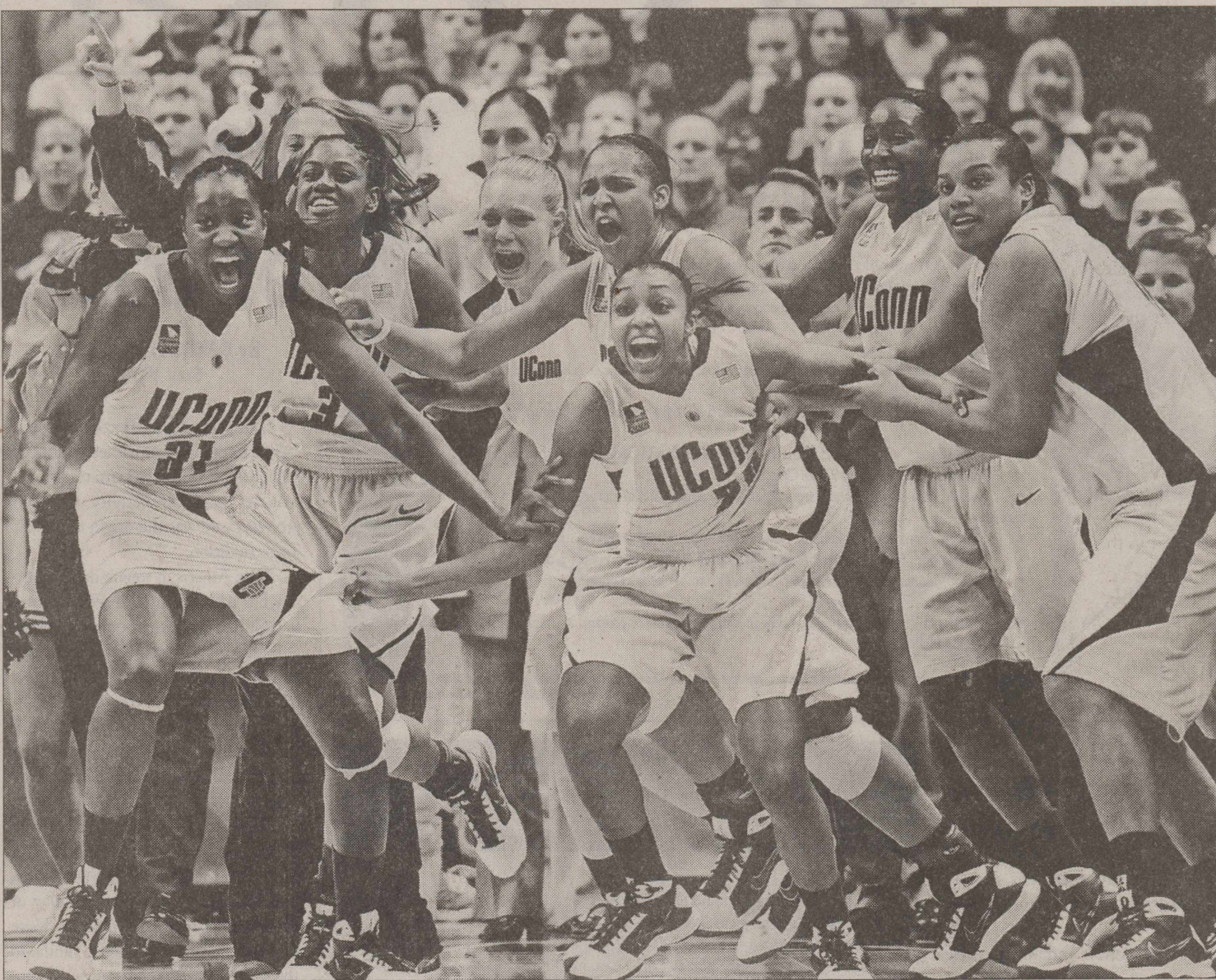


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CONNECTICUT CELEBRATES ITS victory over Louisville in the finals of the 2009 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament at Scottrade Center in St. Louis. Connecticut defeated Louisville 76-54 to finish 39-0 this season.

minutes for UConn to begin pulling away from the Cardinals.

With the game tied at 17, Connecticut scored nine of the next 11 points, including seven by Charles, to take a 26-19 lead on her three-point play.

After Bingham scored to draw

Louisville to 30-24, the Huskies turned up their defense. Louisville missed 18 straight shots spanning the half and Connecticut built a 19-point advantage.

"It's the big stage, our first time playing in a national championship game," Louisville coach Jeff Walz said. "The first five minutes was what I was most concerned about. We went back and forth and I felt really good about things. Then we started to rush some shots."

Louisville (34-5) came into its first title game with little pressure. The Cardinals were big underdogs, bidding to knock off

three No. 1 seeds on their way to a championship.

Busloads of Louisville fans made the 250-mile trip from Kentucky to pull for the Cardinals, and even though the game wasn't sold out for the first time in 17 years, the matchup of Big East schools still had a raucous feel to it.

But it was the Connecticut players celebrating at the end as they carried Auriemma off the court.

The victory put the Huskies in the same class as UConn's other unbeaten teams, in 1995 and 2002. Besides Connecticut, only

Tennessee and Texas have run through a season without a loss.

The title was Connecticut's first since 2004. UConn was suffering through its longest "drought" since first winning in 1995.

Only the Lady Vols, with eight titles, have more than the Huskies.

With UConn's victory, the Big East also became the first conference ever to sweep the NCAA and WNIT championships in the same season. South Florida topped Kansas 75-71 on Saturday to win the WNIT, which began in 1998.

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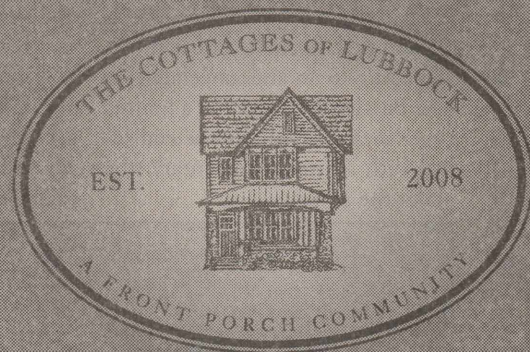
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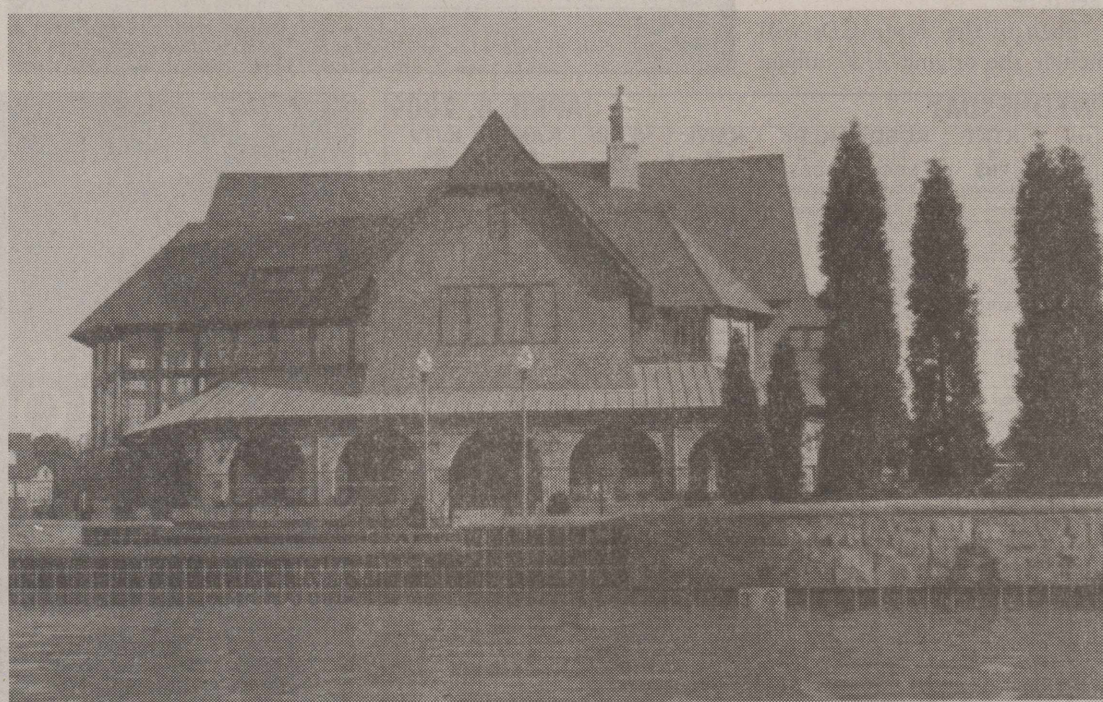
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Tech softball continues homestand, welcomes North Texas to Lubbock

By ZANE TURNER
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech softball team finally gets some kind of homestand.

For the first time this season, the Red Raiders (13-29) play a third consecutive game at home with North Texas (20-18) visiting at 3 p.m. today at Rocky Johnson Field.

Tech has played 36 games on the road compared to only six at home all season.

Tech coach Amy Suiter said having a short homestand will be good for her young team that features four freshmen in the starting lineup.

"It's great to be at home," she said. "Coming into a Wednesday game after a good Sunday game gives us the opportunity to continue to do what has been working and stay motivated."

Out of Tech's 55 scheduled games this season, only 10 are played in the friendly confines of Rocky Johnson Field.

The Red Raiders enter today's game winners of three of their last four contests, including their second Big 12 Conference win this season against Kansas, 4-2 Sunday.

Tech has received solid pitching the last few outings, as Ashley Jacobs pitched a complete game in the win against Kansas. Senior Alex Watkins is 2-1 in her last three appearances with a complete game and two doubles in the win against Iowa State and set a Tech single game record with seven RBIs and a career-high 10 strikeouts in a 9-1 win against UTSA.

"Our pitchers are doing a lot better on hitting their spots," Tech catcher Holly Gentsch said, "getting ahead in the count, and



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TEXAS TECH'S EMILY Bledsoe tries to tag out Kansas shortstop Stevie Crisosto at second base Sunday at Rocky Johnson Field.

that's helping us a lot because we're able to score more and help them out."

The Mean Green come into today's game having won its previous outing against Middle Tennessee State but are 3-7 in its last 10 games.

However, North Texas has had some success against Big 12 foes this season. The Mean Green have wins against Iowa State, 7-4 and Baylor, 7-2.

Like Tech, North Texas has a one-game break before resuming conference play.

The Mean Green have a solid lineup with four players batting over .300.

North Texas is led by Mallory Cantler — a first team All-Sun Belt Conference selection last season — who leads the team with a .404 batting average, 44 hits, 12 doubles and 22 RBIs.

The Mean Green also have a potent pitching staff that, as a whole, carries a 2.45 ERA led by Ashley Lail, who is 8-7 with a 1.48 ERA, 12 complete games and 64

strikeouts. Tech first baseman Elizabeth Eimen said the team needs to come out with intensity and play a complete game, similar to how it did this weekend.

"Our game plan every day is to come out and attack early," she said. "If we can do that and execute, then we'll be fine. At the plate, we should be better. We should be able to make our adjustments that we learned from this weekend and perform better on Wednesday."

Suiter said through the course of the season she has had to re-focus her squad and the loss to Kansas Saturday was no different.

"We had a little talk about re-thinking stuff, putting things into perspective," she said. "We're a young group, and so we talked about how we felt before the season started and what our expectations were. Something worked, I don't know if it was that or what, but I think it has helped to motivate them."

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No team in college basketball deserves title more than UNC

Monday night's NCAA Championship Game, which seemingly was over by the time Larry "Legend" Bird and Earvin "Magic" Johnson delivered the game ball, was one of the most lopsided title games in tournament history.

In fact, the game was a fitting end to what was all-around one of the least exciting NCAA Tournaments in memory.

However, the lasting impact of North Carolina's drubbing of Michigan State (and the entire tournament field for that matter) will forever be remembered as the game that cemented several UNC legacies.

For starters, UNC has become the undisputable "Team of the Decade" for the 2000s.

While UCLA's run of three consecutive Final Fours is amazing, the Bruins have failed to win the whole thing in this young century.

While Florida boasts two titles like the Tar Heels do in this decade, the Gators have one less Final Four than UNC does, and have missed two straight NCAA Tournaments — hardly befitting of a "Team of the Decade."

In fact, although it is far too early in the century, North Carolina has a nice start on becoming the next "Team of the Century," as UCLA was for the 20th century.

Next, the 2008-09 Tar Heels dominant run undeniably merits their inclusion in any discussion of the greatest teams of the last 30 years.

The Boys in Blue were 7-0

Brandon Aday



Roy Williams — already with seven final four appearances and a 2005 NCAA title on his résumé — further separated himself with a second national title.

Of course winning a national title puts a coach in an exclusive club, but win a second, and the guest list is that much shorter.

With a ridiculous recruiting pipeline and presumably decent talent returning next year with future standout Ed Davis announcing Tuesday he will return next season, Williams is on the doorstep of polishing off his legacy and joining Mike Krzyzewski as the two active NCAA coaches with résumés head and shoulders above the rest of college basketball's elite.

So, although the Tar Heels weren't able to run the table like many felt they would back in November, this year's North Carolina team still earned a lofty place in college basketball history.

No teams attracted near the level of media scrutiny and speculation the Tar Heels did. Indeed, after being prematurely anointed the unbeatable national champions after a 35-point beat down of Michigan State in Ford Field back in December, it is only fitting the Tar Heels would prove to be just that here in April.

After fulfilling that mission, nobody can deny the Tar Heels, Hansbrough or Williams their place in college basketball lore.

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Tar Heels return home to celebrate

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina saved the last dance for Danny Green.

The Carolina blue-clad crowd prodded him, and "Jump Around" blared from the speakers in his honor. So, just as he did before four seasons' worth of tip-offs at the Smith Center, the senior shook his hips, dangled his arms and cut loose one last time.

Whoop it up, Tar Heels, you brought another NCAA championship trophy back to campus.

Coach Roy Williams' team returned home Tuesday to celebrate the proud program's fifth national title and first since 2005 with about 13,000 revved-up fans less than 24 hours after beating Michigan State 89-72 in Detroit.

Thousands of fans poured into the stands and onto the arena floor before the Tar Heels' flight had even landed at nearby Raleigh-Durham International Airport, and they cheered fanatically every time live television footage of the team's motorcade was shown on the giant video boards.

Last to enter the arena was Williams, who carried in the trophy and the net he helped cut down at Ford Field.

Vermont overcomes past hazing scandal, reaches Frozen 4

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mike Gilligan was there when Vermont hockey mattered for all the right reasons, coaching the Catamounts to the 1996 Frozen Four, the sticks-and-pucks version of basketball's Final Four.

He was there, too, when Vermont hockey mattered for all the wrong reasons — 3½ years later as a hazing scandal, a lawsuit, a cover-up and the canceling of half a season devastated the program.

"A sad part of Vermont hockey history," Gilligan said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "But it was something that I think everybody in the country learned from."

Nearly destroyed a decade ago, Vermont's beloved college hockey team was rebuilt — thanks in part to a university that regrouped and set an example for how to deal with hazing, an issue that continues to be a problem at colleges around the country.

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Intramurals

Register for 4 on 4 Flag Football TONIGHT!!!!

Register at the mandatory captain's meeting TONIGHT at 6:00pm in Rm. 201. (Entry forms will be filled out at this time.)

Single elimination play begins on Tuesday, April 14, with Thursday, April 9th designated as a play day. This is your chance to practice the sport and get acquainted with the rules!

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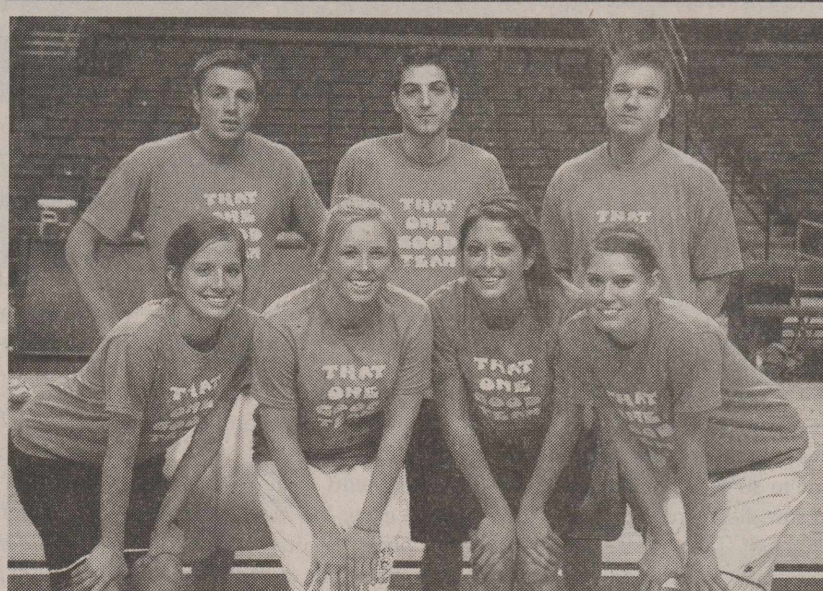
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Mon - Sat May 11th - May 16th

Sport Clubs

Racquetball Club

The Racquetball Club placed 24th at this year's National Championships in Tempe, Arizona. They finished ranked in the Top 25 in their first year of existence as a club.

Men's Lacrosse

Men's Lacrosse defeated SMU 14-8 and advanced to the LSA Playoffs.

Tech Cycling

On the weekend of March 28th and 29th, the Tech Cycling Team went to Texas State to race against some of the best riders in the state. Saturday consisted of a hill climb time trial and crit. Josh Rogers placed 7th, Billy Copeland placed 21st and Steve Novak placed 22nd in the "C" Race. In the crit Rogers placed 3rd and Novak placed 5th. On Sunday's "B" Road Race, Eric Wright won the race by 4 1/2 minutes over the entire field.

student union

Coming together in the union

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student organization update...

S.O. Registration Meeting

Tuesday, April 28
SUB Senate Room | 2 pm

Tech's Brian Duncan on watch list for Lott Trophy

Texas Tech linebacker Brian Duncan joined 41 of the nation's best defensive players on the Lott Trophy Watch List Tuesday.

The Lott Trophy is awarded to the Defensive IMPACT Player of the Year, sponsored by The Pacific Club. The award is named after NFL Hall of Famer and former San Francisco 49ers safety Ronnie Lott, who played his college football at USC.

On top of performance on the field, the award also recognizes players' work off the field, keeping integrity, maturity, performance, academics, community and tenacity in mind.

Selected members of the national

media, previous finalists, the Board of Directors of the Pacific Club IMPACT Foundation, the IMPACT Foundation Board of Advisers and Legends Coaches vote on who receives the award at season's end.

The IMPACT Foundation Board of Advisers is made up of retired NFL players and Legends Coaches involves former collegiate head coaches.

The award is entering its sixth year of existence. Past winners consist of Ohio State's James Laurinaitis in 2008, LSU's Glenn Dorsey in 2007, Cal's Daymeion Hughes in 2006, Alabama's DeMeco Ryans in 2005 and David Pollack from Georgia in 2004.

Duncan led Tech in tackles last season with 95 total. He also had 7.31 tackles a game, which ranked 16th in the Big 12 Conference.

Kansas' Darrell Stuckey, Baylor's Joe Pawelek, Texas' Rodrick Muckelroy, Oklahoma's Gerald McCoy and Missouri's Sean Weatherspoon — who led the conference in tackles per game last season — are a few other players from the Big 12 on the watch list.

Duncan also is known for his community service off the field such as being an instrumental part in Red Raider Play Day Saturday, which allows children to spend the day with Tech athletes.

Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill said one good thing about Duncan is his ability to balance everything he does.

"Brian is one of those rare people who wears a lot of hats and is able to remember which hat he has on," he said. "It could be from teaching to a youth group, singing in the church choir, numerous outside events. He really gives a lot back to the community, and he's really a role model for all student athletes."

The awards' winner will be announced at a banquet at The Pacific Club on Dec. 13 in Newport Beach, Calif.

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Ginobili out for playoffs

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs are adjusting to life without Manu Ginobili for the playoffs.

The Spurs got a dose of false hope when he made a brief late-season return from an ankle injury. But San Antonio got the bad news Monday that Ginobili will miss the rest of the season after tests showed a stress fracture in the ankle.

Now, coach Gregg Popovich says the Spurs must adjust their roles again and stay positive heading into the playoffs.

"I look at it as a challenge right now for our team. It's about attitude," Popovich said Tuesday after San

Antonio's shootaround before a game at Oklahoma City. "We can do the best possible job we can of continuing to believe in each other and put out the effort that's required to win basketball games or we can feel sorry for ourselves and say, 'Well, gosh, without Manu it's going to be really difficult to reach our goals.'"

"That's not how the team is built, I don't think, character-wise." Ginobili had been averaging 15.5 points and 3.6 assists in 44 games this season, and his 3-point accuracy was down from 40 percent to 33 percent this season. He had two long absences because of the injury. San Antonio is 32-12 with him and 17-15 without him this season.

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Batch, Jeffers lead latest pair of dual-threat running backs

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SPORTS EDITOR

While one half of Texas Tech's tandem of running backs made his departure, it seems all the Red Raider coaching staff has to do is plug another dual-threat tailback in his place.

That is new Tech running backs coach Clay McGuire's goal this spring, and he may not be too far off from last year's backfield that had spectators believing the offense is more than long passes from quarterbacks and crisp routes from receivers.

As one of the many losses the Red Raiders suffered at the conclusion of the 2008 season, Tech headed into this spring without Shannon Woods, who ran out of eligibility.

Woods, along with Baron Batch, posed another threat to defenses — with Batch leading the team in rushing and Woods having scored more touchdowns. Woods also was a starter for three seasons.

But with an experienced Batch in the backfield, and redshirt freshman Harrison Jeffers' emergence, it seems no Woods is no problem.

"You can't replace three years of experience right off the bat," McGuire said. "I think talent-wise, I think we're fine. Shannon, in a way, was a very strong leader on this team. I'd love to have him back right now, but we don't — gotta move off what we have."

And what Tech has so far is an-

other coach of sorts for the young running backs.

McGuire said Batch is the unquestionable leader of his unit, considering he has a little more experience.

Although Batch is not vocal all the time, McGuire said the junior has more of a tendency to lead by example.

But McGuire is not the only one who recognizes Batch's leadership.

"Batch is doing a good job of coaching," Tech offensive line coach Matt Moore said. "Really coaching the younger guys up. He does a good job of going on and telling why. Why you can't hesitate on the goal line. You gotta stick it in there because they got us out numbered in the box. You got that edge pressure coming, and you gotta get it up in there."

The 2008 season was Batch's first full season after suffering from an Achilles injury in 2006 as

a true freshman. He redshirted during the 2007 season and the 758 yards and seven touchdowns on the ground last year has Batch back on track.

Some of the instructing Batch does is directed toward Jeffers, who was primarily on the scout team last season.

However, with an injury ailing Aaron Crawford — who made four starts at tailback during the 2007 regular season — comes more opportunities for Jeffers.

Similar to how Woods and Batch lined up simultaneously in the backfield last year, a large chunk of Jeffers

and Batch's reps this spring have come when both are on the field with each lined up next to Tech's quarterbacks.

However, the two did not get a chance to do much in Tech's first spring scrimmage Monday.

Jeffers finished the day with only three carries for six yards and seven receptions for 10 yards. Batch had seven carries for 16 yards and a catch for four yards. Batch, however, did have a touchdown on the ground — one of three for the offense that day.

After the scrimmage Monday, McGuire said the running backs' performance could have been better,

but the progression continues with a handful of practices left.

If the duo of Batch and Jeffers were to emerge as the one that lines up Saturdays this fall, McGuire said the possibilities could be a little different from last year.

Woods and Batch had the ability to catch out of the backfield and with Jeffers, that would not change this season.

McGuire said Jeffers has the ability to change the game with his speed, something that could prove useful in 2009. He said whereas Woods and Batch were similar backs, Jeffers' speed complements Batch's style of play.

"Harrison, he's got the opportunity to take it 90," McGuire said. "He's got the top end speed to take it to the house every time he touches it."

McGuire also is getting comfortable in his new role this spring, as he was Tech's special teams coach last season.

The hire of Eric Russell to coach special teams this season moved McGuire to running backs coach, which could prove a little beneficial since he was an H-Back for Tech from 2000 to 2004.

The running backs' focus solely has been on what happens on the field, as Batch and Jeffers have not

been available to the media all spring. Crawford, who missed 11 games last season, also has been unavailable to the media while nursing his injury. McGuire said there is no timetable for Crawford's return, but having him along with Batch and Jeffers will only help.

But Batch and Jeffers' progression continues, and Potts is thankful he has a few more weapons by his side.

"Baron's the kind of guy that gets frustrated when he doesn't get the ball on every play," Potts said. "He knows he's capable of breaking that 70-yarder anytime."

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TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Harrison Jeffers escapes a tackler during Friday's practice at Jones AT&T Stadium. Jeffers, a redshirt freshman, will try to replenish the role of former running back Shannon Woods, who exhausted his eligibility in 2008.

He's got the top-end speed to take it to the house every time he touches it.

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Texas Tech running backs coach on Harrison Jeffers

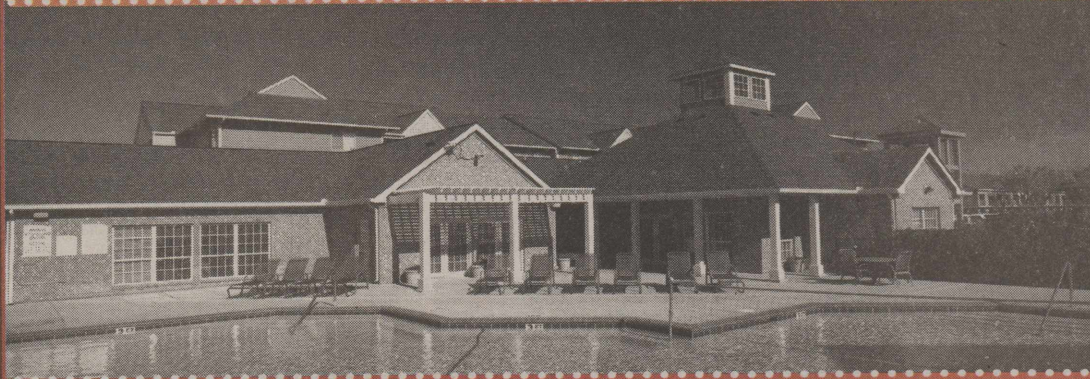
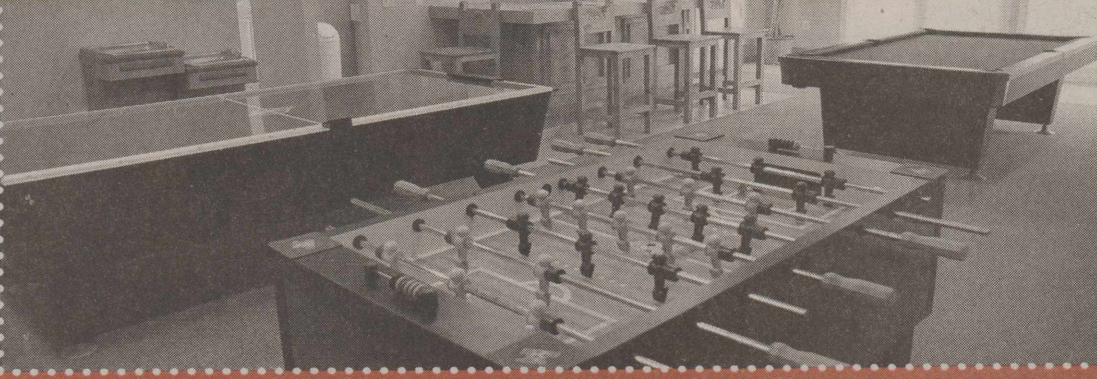
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