

# IT officials: Fixes applied to Blackboard issues

### **By JETT THOMPSON** STAFF WRITER

Despite numerous complaints about course management system Blackboard, which was an upgrade from the WebCT course management system, that have ran, associate come to the attention of the Tech administration, the associate vice president for IT and for the Information Technology Division chief informasaid the problems have been corrected.

of English and longtime user of course management software like Blackboard, announced to her students last week her intention to quit using Blackboard worked out.

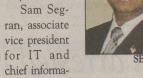
ing Blackboard software for her classes Blackboard in time for that to happen," students who were either unable to access is that delay." the course information or had incompatibility issues with certain browsers.

"I post reading assignments on Blackthe readings," she said.

Because students have not been able

student the materials via email, a process

she said can be very slow. Sam Seg-



tion officer at Tech, said a main cause of Priscilla Ybarra, an assistant professor the problems students and faculty have been having with Blackboard were due to several delays from the summer from Blackboard technical consultants.

"The major beef up of the infrasoftware until some of the issues are structure that we should have done in summertime didn't happen because we Ybarra said she decided to stop us- couldn't sign the final agreement with because of multiple complaints from he said. "That's what caused a lot of issues,

The upgrades were to consist of transferring Blackboard data from the original server to a new server cluster and were curred because of the server shut down, been worked out," Ybarra said. board, and I have heard from many of my finally made to the Blackboard system she said. students that they are not able to access over the Labor Day weekend during a scheduled maintenance, Segran said. Blackboard servers went offline during so it won't happen again with a process to access the readings, she has sent each the upgrade, which took 32 hours longer in place."

## Login to Blackboard

than the originally estimated 16 hours. Katherine Austin, assistant vice president for IT, said the entire Tech IT staff was called in to monitor the situation and ensure the upgrades were made properly so students and faculty could access course materials after the Labor Day weekend.

Segran said although the proper upgrades were made to the Blackboard server, a subsequent incident caused more desk folks," she said. "Every single faculty problems when a non-Tech IT employee member and every single student that brought down the clustered server with- experienced problems we have contacted out first talking with the IT Division.

"It's like driving down the road in a Maserati going 90 mph and then turning board system in her classes again soon. it off," Austin said. "That's what happens to a clustered environment."

Some database corruption also oc-

"It was an honest mistake somebody made," Segran said, "but we worked it out

He said for the past week the server has been stable and no issues have come up.

"As far as I know for this week it has been very stable without a single ticket that has come up to us," Segran said. "Up to now all of those issues have been handled."

Austin also said she is constantly keeping an eye on the system and "babysitting" it.

"The browser versioning issue, it turns out that was a setting that needed to be changed on the browser, and we have all kinds of resolutions at our help personally."

Ybarra said she plans to use the Black-"Having electronic teaching tools are very useful, and I look forward to using them again when all of the kinks have

The Tech IT Division is looking at upgrading Blackboard servers to a new Vista edition as soon as prices reach a reasonable range. »»jett.thompson@ttu.edu

## HSC Pesident Baldwin resigns

Dr. John Baldwin, president as a professor of of the Texas Tech University surgery at Har-Health Sciences Center, stepped vard University down from his position Friday and was the presafternoon after more than two ident and CEO years of service to the university, of the Harvard according to a news release from Medical School the HSC.

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Tech in 2007, Baldwin served

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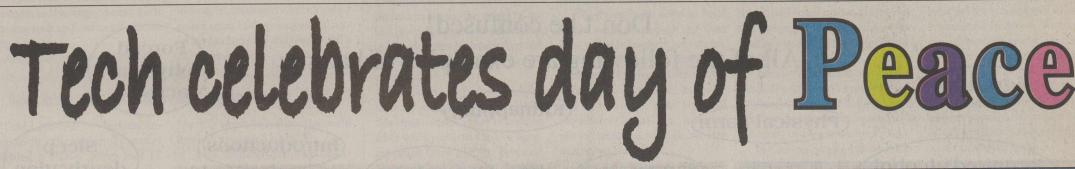
Immune Disease Baldwin resigned from his Institute.

He also oversaw many staff position for personal reasons, according to the statement. Alchanges, including the additions of though Baldwin will no longer Rial Rolfe, senior vice president for serve as the president of the academic affairs, Douglas Stocco, HSC, he will remain on staff as executive vice president for rean adviser to Tech Chancellor search, and Dr. Jose Manuel de la Kent Hance and will continue Rosa, founding dean for the Paul L. teaching as a tenured professor Foster School of Medicine. in the School of Medicine.

Baldwin began the Community Officials from the Health Sci- Medical School at the HSC, a program which allowed people not to comment on the resignation. in the medical field to learn about Elmo Cavin, HSC execu- topics ranging from tattoos to oral tive vice president for finance infections.

The HSC increased research expenditures 18 percent from 2007 over as interim president until a replacement for Baldwin can to 2008 during Baldwin's first year, bringing the total to \$25 million, Baldwin has served as presi- and increased National Institute dent of the TTUHSC since July of Health research money by 51 percent.

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**By CARRIE THORNTON** STAFF WRITER

Connecting worlds and promoting world peace are the goals of one Texas Tech organization. Global Connections, an organiza-



tion formed in Spring 2010, is a group of international and American students who provide a place for all nationalities to come. Their mission this weekend: world peace.

"International Day of Peace is U.N. recognized," said Sylecia Putnam, president of the student organization and senior international studies major from Victora. "It is on Sept. 21 and is a day of non violence. Everyone should be aware of this day, and it needs to be something promoted and observed."

the organization as a film project to establish an annual day of global cease-fire and non-violence. In 2001 Peace One Day's efforts were rewarded when the United Nations unanimously adopted non-violence on Sept. 21.

Sharing peace with someone can be One Goal, which was set up by Peace One Day, the organization which first initiated a day of peace to be recognized worldwide. Tech's soccer match was held at the rugby fields and Urbanovsky tive as possible," Tomiaga said. "The pur-Park

cer match is a conglomeration between to necessarily win prizes or anything." Puma and the non-profit organization which began in January 2008. They asked people around the world to play soccer Sept. 21 to celebrate cooperation, unity and the power of soccer to bring people together in peace.

"It's a great idea because, for us, it's never been done in Lubbock," Putnam mission of Global Connections. Its have is to create an online community met people from countries there I didn't



DURING THE ONE Day One Goal event sponsored by Global Connections celebrating the International Day of Peace, students decorated rocks with the symbols of peace of several cultures to represent the world unity in peace.

Web site, filmmaker Jeremy Gilley began sport around the world that everyone unite the international community in people from around the world who are can connect with.'

Alin Tomoiaga, a Romania native and business statistics doctoral candidate, said he had not been involved with Global Communications until a friend the first-ever day of global cease-fire and asked him to help organize the Sunday sion between American students and soccer tournament.

Tomoiaga's involvement included as simple as apologizing to an enemy, contacting Lubbock referee associations she said. The group also participated to secure a few officials to help regulate through student organizations, Putnam in a global soccer match, One Day the event, he said, as well as working with the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center to get materials for the games.

"We are trying to be as non-competipose was to get people to come together According to the Web site, the soc- and enjoy a Sunday afternoon, and not

> The soccer match was planned for Sunday because the International Day of Peace fell on a Monday, Sylecia Putnam said. Today, Global Connections will Jeremy Gilley.

Lubbock and at Tech.

"When I first came to Tech, I absolutely loved to travel and meeting international students," Putnam said. "And I noticed there was a huge divithe international community. I thought that it was kind of a shame."

Some countries are well represented said. The larger international groups such as the Chinese and Indian have established groups of their own.

"But I had a friend from Bulgaria (come to Tech) and she didn't really have a group to belong to," she said. "I wanted to start a group for American international students who don't have a group to belong to, something to be a conglomeration of the international and multicultural events."

have a screening of the film made by is to have an international network

According to the Peace One Day said. "It's basically the most popular presence on campus helps solidify and where people can log on and talk to offering up rooms in their homes for free to travelers.

> "I thought that would be a fantastic idea, especially since we have such a large international community," she said.

> Kweku Hazel, a Ghana native and second-year medical student, said he has been involved with the organization since its beginning. The group aids international students in several ways, one including helping them smoothly integrate them into American society.

"We pick up students from the airport and take them to Wal-Mart and other places around town," Hazel said. "We make sure they have somebody students who love to travel and for for them at the airport to make them feel welcome. Every time we have a meeting, people meet each other from different countries," he said. "Back in our countries we barely meet people The big vision of the organization from other countries, but when we come to the U.S., to Lubbock especially, you ternational visitor would think they of Tech alumni and students around meet people from all over. I lived in would meet people from all over the Supporting world peace is only one the world, Putnam said. One goal they Africa for years, and when I came here,

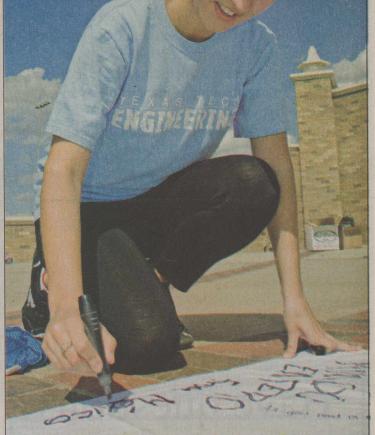


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KRYSTEL CASTILLO, AN industrial engineering graduate student from Monterrey, Mexico, signs the Peace Banner during Global Connections One Day One Goal soccer event hosted on Sunday for the International Day of Peace.

## even know existed."

Lubbock is the last place an inworld, he said.

"When I hear about Lubbock, I'm

like 'Oh my gosh, nobody lives here, just ranchers and farmers," Hazel said with a laugh. "But I have met the most diverse crowd here and a big part of it has been through the organization." >>> carrie.thornton@ttu.edu



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## **INBRIEF**

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## Inmate escapes from Galveston facility

GALVESTON (AP) - Law enforcement officials are searching for an inmate they said escaped from the University of Texas Medical Branch prison Duane Barnes, of Amarillo, esmedical center in Galveston.

The public information director for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Michelle Lyons, says 21-year-old Joshua caped late Saturday night.

## NATION

## NY governor ignores pressure to end election quest

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - Gov. David Paterson isn't scrapping his plans to run for the office he inherited 18 months ago, ernor of the state of New York," Paterson despite growing pressure from Washington and intervention by the Rev. Al Sharpton, who has contacted the governor and

the White House over his concern. "My plans for 2010 are to run for govsaid Sunday after serving as grand marshal to the African-American Day Parade in Manhattan. "I am running for office."

## WORLD

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## Iran's leader says US nuke accusations wrong

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's a European missile intercept supreme leader said Sunday that system to defend against threats U.S. officials know they are from Iran, Ayatollah Ali Khamewrongly accusing Iran of seeking nei claimed President Barack to develop nuclear weapons.

to the U.S. decision to scrap predecessor.

Obama's administration is fol-In Iran's first official reaction lowing the same policies as its

## Correction

In Friday's issue of The Daily Tore- option in the current health care ador, the article "Lubbock Democrats respond to health care discussion" should have stated that Lubbock democrats oppose the lack of a public

proposal. The group does not oppose the

entire proposal. The DT regrets the error.

## Tech professor selected to serve on NIH committee

## **By KELSEY HECKEL** STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech professor Anisa Zvonkovic, chairwoman of the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, was chosen to serve as a member of the Center for Scientific Review's Community Influences on Health Behavior Study until June 30, 2011.

Zvonkovic said she has attended several meetings on a temporary member basis to see the amount of work and commitment the study will require.

"It does require a lot of time and work," Zvonkovic said. "But I've started reviewing proposals, and I think I can handle it.'

To be placed on a review group, the National Institute of Health evaluates prospective members based on their demonstrated competence and achievement in their scientific field as evidence



Tech news release. The Center for Scientific Review is the portal for NIH grant applications and is where the applications go through their initial review, according to the center's Web site.

"Service on a study section requires mature judgment and objectivity as well as the ability to work effectively in a group, qualities we believe Dr. Zvonkovic will bring to this important Scientific Review Antonio Scarpa in the principal investigator; the adequacy

## the release.

The job of the review group, according to the Trans-NIH Recovery Act Research Support Web site, is to review project grant applications made through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for scientific and technical merit.

"The grant must meet guidelines," Zvonkovic said. "It has to be deemed an important social problem and it has to be determined to have scientific merit."

To be determined to have scientific merit, the proposal must support fundamental biomedical discovery and translation of knowledge into effective prevention strategies and new treatments while also providing economic stimulus to the nation, according to the Web site. To do this, criteria is detailed as the significance, approach, and innovation of task," said Director of the Center for the proposed research; the competency of

of the resources and environment; the proposed budget and requested period of support; and, where applicable, the adequacy of the measures for protecting against adverse effects upon humans, animals or the environment.

After the proposal goes through the review group, amount of funding must be decided. Funding decisions are based on scientific merit and program relevance. The funding awarded ranges from \$2,300 to \$3.8 million, but the average amount given is \$620,000, according to the NIH Web site.

The review group will not have much of an impact on Tech, Zvonkovic said.

"The only effect it could have is that by more of our faculty knowing about the review process and what it takes to pass a proposal, the more that will be written correctly and be passed, granting more funding to Tech programs," she said. »» kelsey.heckel@ttu.edu

## 2 Colorado men, 1 NYC man arrested in terror probe

arrest of a Colorado airport shuttle driver on charges related to a terrorism investigation reveals a murky plot that involved him receiving explosives training with al-Qaida in Pakistan last year and downloading instructions on his computer on how to build bombs

AURORA, Colo. (AP) — The point — actual terrorism charges.

with making false statements to the attack. government, raising questions about the nature of the plot.

But there's one thing missing at this remarks by a senior U.S. intelligence Denver suburb of Aurora.

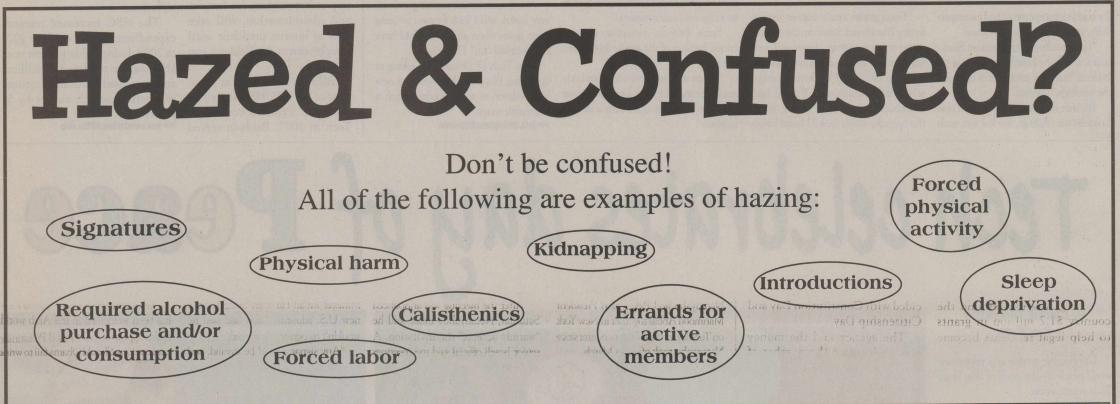
official in Washington that Zazi played Najibullah Zazi was only charged a crucial role in an intended terrorist

"All of that hype and it comes down to charging him with lying to the

Zazi's defense team denied reports government. It sounds disproportionate that he considered a plea deal related to the hype," Taj Ashaheed, Colorado to terror charges, and Zazi's attorney, Muslim Society spokesman, said at a Arthur Folsom, has dismissed as rumor festival for the end of Ramadan in the

Wendy Aiello, a spokeswoman for Zazi's defense team, did not immediately return a call Sunday seeking comment on the lack of terrorism charges.

Zazi, who lives in an Aurora apartment, was arrested late Saturday after undergoing three days of questioning by the FBI. He was due to appear in federal court on Monday.



## Did you know?

- In 2005, a men's social fraternity was suspended from Texas Tech University for multiple counts of hazing new members.
- In the last 5 years, 16 student organizations have been referred to Student Judicial Programs for hazing allegations.
- Anyone can be hazed, including active members.
- The entire organization is responsible even if alumni are the individuals who are hazing students.
- The activity does not need to include alcohol to be considered a hazing incident.
- Hazing is not limited to physical activity, but includes activities that could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of a student.
- Failing to report hazing to Student Judicial Programs violates the Code of Student Conduct.
- Students and student organizations who commit hazing offenses are subject to legal action and/or prosecution.
- Students and student organizations are required to comply with the regulations and/or standards set forth in the Student Handbook, and are subject to university disciplinary action accordingly.

According to the Code of Student Conduct and the Texas Education Code, hazing is defined as follows: Hazing is any intentional, knowing or reckless act, directed against a student by one person alone or by more than one person occurring on or off the premises that endangers the mental, physical health or safety of a student for the purposes of associating with, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, seeking and/or maintaining membership in any organizations whose members are or include students. For complete hazing definitions please refer to the Texas Education Code website at http://www.legis.state.tx.us and Part IX of the Code of Student Conduct.

# Don't Be Confused: If you have to ask if it's hazing, then it probably is! Have questions? Want to find out more? We can help!

Texas Tech University is required to distribute a summary of the Texas Education Code hazing provisions (Subchapter F, Chapter 37) and provide a list of organizations that have been disciplined or convicted of hazing on- or off-campus during the last three years.

The following registered student organizations have been found responsible for hazing within the last three years:

> Kappa Alpha Fraternity Kappa Sigma Fraternity Sigma Chi Fraternity Saddle Tramps



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The Center for Campus Life (806-742-5433) and Student Judicial Programs (806-742-1714) are available to assist with hazing education and reporting. Students and student organizations are encouraged to act with integrity. Strive for Honor...Evermore!

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## **ODDBALL DAILY**

## Man litters national park with 3,000 golf balls

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) -A man who says he hurled thousands of golf balls into Joshua tossed some 3,000 golf balls from Tree National Park for more than his vehicle. a year to honor deceased golfers will be explaining his tribute to a federal magistrate.

Park rangers cited 57-year-old Douglas Jones for abandoning property, littering and feeding

wildlife. Park spokesman loe Zarki said Wednesday that Jones Jones also scattered a few ten-

nis balls and park literature and left fruit and vegetables along park roads. Jones says rangers spent 370 hours cleaning up, at a cost of \$9,000.

## Naked motorcyclist chared with DUI ni Fla.

OCALA, Fla. (AP) - Authorities say a Florida man was charged with driving under the influence after he was not explain where he was coming spotted riding his motorcycle naked.

The Marion County deputy was driving on Interstate 75 early Tuesday when he spotted what appeared to be a naked man on a motorcycle. The deputy caught up with 45-year-old J. Dante

Krauss at a red light and stopped him. Capt. Mike Rolls says Krauss could from or why he was naked. Rolls says the deputy asked him if he had been drinking, and he answered that he had. Breathalyzer tests revealed blood alcohol levels above .08, the state's legal limit to drive.

## Police: Fake cop arrested after stoping La. mayor

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) - Police him, but the fake officer then sped say a man impersonating an officer with a flashing red light in his car has been arrested after he pulled over the wrong driver — the mayor of Shreveport, La.

Police think the suspect was using the in-dash light to maneuver through traffic Monday night in northwest Louisiana. Mayor Cedric Glover says he pulled over when the drove behind

away Glover says he followed the car and called police. Daniel Niederhelman, 21, of Shreveport has been charged with

false personation of a peace officer. Police seized the light and a handgun from Niederhelman's holster. Authorities say Niederhelman works for a private security company, but wasn't authorized to use the light.

## Mich. police say they nabbed 'pillowcase' burglars

GRAND HAVEN, Mich. (AP)-Police in southwestern Michigan say they have put to bed the case of the "pillowcase" burglaries.

Over a period of months, burglars stole cash, money jars and jewelry from more than 25 homes in Ottawa, Muskegon and Newaygo counties. Each time they took a pillowcase off a bed to carry the loot.

Authorities say the thieves some-

times targeted homes of people who were attending funerals. Police finally cracked the case this

week after a state trooper found evidence at an Ottawa County crime scene that put them on the suspects' trail.

The suspects were arrested after a woman in Muskegon County called police upon finding a cigarette butt on her kitchen floor and jewelry and a pillowcase missing.

## Specimen hand startles man digging in Md. yard

DALLAS (AP) - Federal immigration officials on Thursday awarded a Dallas group and 12 other organizations around the country \$1.2 million in grants to help legal residents become U.S. citizens.

Citizenship and Immigration Services awarded the money to Catholic Charities Immigration and Legal Services. It wasn't

but the agency said groups could apply for up to \$100,000.

The announcement coincided with Constitution Day and Citizenship Day.

The agency said the money goes to increase the number of people served by programs that help green card holders improve their English skills, learn about U.S. history and government,

# Tech Habitat for Humanity builds homes for families

## **By ZACH QUIÑONES** STAFF WRITER

Two Lubbock families are among many who have benefited from the Texas Tech Habitat for Humanity student organization; however, the families also appreciate being able to help the organization in building their homes.

"It's important to me because it's building a community, a house for my family and my kids," said T.J. Tuttle, whose family is having a house built for them by Tech Habitat. "It's a blessing."

The families themselves also partake in the building of their homes. He said he feels proud to help build his home from the ground up.

Felecia Essex, another Lubbock resident who is having a house built for her family, said she could not believe people still take time out of their schedules to help those in need.

"Words can't even explain it," she said. "They really put their hearts into it."

The organization meets every Saturday to build homes for families and the community across Lubbock. Tim Grisham, vice president

of Tech Habitat for Humanity, said he has a sense of pride when building a home for someone.

"We're building on faith," Grisham said.

Experience is not needed, and those already involved teach newcomers what they need to know. He said there is always something new to learn.

The organization's service is in conjunction with Lubbock Habitat for Humanity, First United Methodist and Aldersgate Methodist, said Tech Habitat for Humanity Co-President Adam Mallon.

The churches take the responsibility to raise the majority of the funds to support the endeavor and Tech Habitat takes out loans and raises money as well, he said.

"It's definitely great for building a stronger community," Mallon said.

The more students who help will only encourage that, he said, and the more diversity in the people who come shows students are not just members of and organization but Tech and the Lubbock community.

The houses Tech Habitat is building are between \$55,000 to \$65,000, Mallon said.

The houses are being built at Dartmouth Avenue and North Avenue U. The hours of operation are between 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers are welcome to participate. »zach.quinones@ttu.edu



KACY CHANDLER, A freshman animal science major from Hale Center, nails up a support board for roofline on the outside of the house.

# Obama has tough task in renewing Mideast talks

JERUSALEM (AP) — President Barack Obama will try to get Mideast peacemaking back on track this week in a meeting with the Israeli and Palestinian leaders, hoping the weight of the U.S. presidency can resolve a showdown over Israeli settlement construction and get the sides talking again after months of deadlock.

For Obama, it's high-stakes diplomacy that relies on resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as key to cracking other world problems. He'll be bringing Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas together in New York on Tuesday for their first encounter since Netanyahu took office in March.

Obama faces a tough task. The Israelis and Palestinians have dug in deep to positions that have eluded compromise, despite multiple visits by

clear whether there is enough common to New York on Sunday and could not ground between the hawkish Netan- immediately be reached for comment. vahu and the weakened Abbas.

Strip, with east Jerusalem as its capital. Israel captured those territories in 1967. While Israel pulled out of Gaza in 2005, Netanyahu has given little indication handled by Abbas and his moderate Palthat he is ready to make territorial compromises in the West Bank and east Jerusalem that would be crucial to not a party to the negotiation process. reaching an accord.

After the meeting was announced Saturday, Netanyahu's office said he new U.S. administration and said he "warmly accepts" the invitation. A senior Israeli official said the meetings in New York were meant to lay the groundwork for negotiations but would not constitute a relaunch of talks.

He spoke on condition of anonym-

complicate the process. And it's far from record. Palestinian officials were traveling

An administration official has said The Palestinians hope to build there would be no announcement after a state in the West Bank and Gaza the meeting, and it's not clear what progress it might achieve toward renewing talks.

Talks on the Palestinian side are being estinian Authority. The Islamic militant Hamas group that overran Gaza in 2007 is In Gaza on Sunday, Hamas Prime

Minister Ismail Haniyeh castigated the wouldn't recognize any accord.

"Any signature will be invalid, and it won't bind the Palesitnian people to anything," he said in a sermon in Gaza City at the start of the Muslim Eid al-

Fitr holiday.

Obama is eager to mend relations with the Muslim world, which frayed badly over the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks and the U.S.-led wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He knows Washington's close alliance with Israel goes to the heart of Muslim anger toward the West.

With this in mind, Obama has put heavy pressure on Israel to halt construction of settlements in the West Bank and east Jerusalem. Netanyahu has said he will slow construction, but refused to accept an absolute freeze.

While the tough stance toward Israel has been welcomed in the Arab world, it also appears to have raised Palestinian expectations. Should Obama fail to wring significant concessions from Israel, his credibility could suffer among Muslims and Arabs.

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and prepare for the naturalization process.

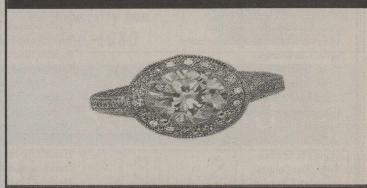
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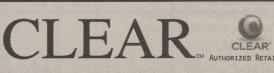
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## Obama defends insurance fines

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Barack Obama says requiring people to get health insurance and fining them if they don't would not amount to a backhanded tax increase.

"I absolutely reject that notion," the president said.

Blanketing most of the Sunday TV news shows, Obama defended his proposed health care overhaul, including a key point of the various health care bills on Capitol Hill: mandating that people get health insurance to share the cost burden fairly among all. Those who failed to get coverage would face financial penalties.

Obama said other elements of the plan would make insurance affordable for people, from a new comparison-shopping "exchange" to tax credits.

Telling people to get health insurance is absolutely not a tax increase, Obama told ABC's "This Week."

"What it's saying is, is that we're not going to have other people carrying your burdens for you anymore," said Obama. "Right now everybody in America, just about, has to get auto insurance. Nobody considers that a tax increase."

Obama faces an enormous political and communications challenge in selling his health care plan as Congress debates how to pay for it all.

He told CBS' "Face the Nation" that he will keep his pledge not to raise taxes on families earning up to \$250,000, and that much of the final bill - hundreds of billions of dollars over the next 10 years - can be achieved from savings within the current system. Coming up with the rest remains a key legislative obstacle.

Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele said there is no way Obama can achieve his goals without raising taxes.

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ads come in and out of style all the time. I remember the Pogs fad in the third grade. That one lasted a total of about three weeks.

Other fads of recent history include the Atkins Diet, many prescription drugs on TV, herbal supplements and even annoying bed commercials that claim the mattresses will fix every problem in your life (and yes, this "going green" move- disbelieve it? ment, though responsible, is a fad).

common? They all prey upon hypochondriac Americans, who are worried about their health. (Well, everything except Pogs. The Pogs company just preyed upon the stupid.)

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many things we can do to take charge of our health and, at the same time, enjoy life. I want to offer just a few suggestions as to how we can do this.

First, disconnect. Playing video games or texting all day does not promote real life or physical activity. Go do something with your friends (sports, paintball, racquetball, etc.) instead of just talking about doing something with them.

Second, find an active hobby. I personally like hiking in state and national parks. It is much easier to consistently be active and healthy if you enjoy what you are doing. In Lubbock, we have the However, I have to question what recreational center, biking trails, climbing

Finally, stop believing everything you told us she had a student who thought hard drugs were good for him because he was told they were organic. Well, hemlock is organic too. Filter what you hear and

We will have more energy naturally

We need to empower ourselves to not 🔳 Long is a junior Russian (besides, turn off the television and enjoy just wait for drugs, or anything else for that **and area studies major from** 

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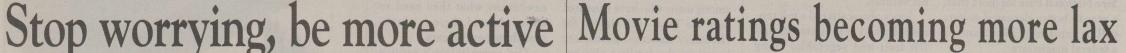
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ast week my friend went to the Stars and Stripes Drive-In movie theater to see "The Final Destination." Now, I didn't go see the film, but judging by the trailer it seems like a relatively harmless, moderately engaging, action thriller.

**DPINIONS** 

Something she noted consomewhat off guard. She informed me, though the majority of the film was pretty much what she was expecting, she did not anticipate a scene she described to be borderline pornographic. I didn't prod her for the intricate details, but she told me that it basically consisted of both a fully Enough said.

Granted, the film does have an R rating, so viewers are somewhat forewarned. That should be a clue the film is obviously geared towards adults. Also, according to the Web site of the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA), "Children under 17 are not allowed to attend R-rated motion pictures unaccompanied by a parent or adult guardian." So, there are obviously safeguards in place to ensure not just anyone can watch the film.

movies ratings in general are get-

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cerning the movie caught me ting far less restrictive than in the past. This summer's outrageously prime example.

Also rated R, it is essentially language. designed for the sole purpose of shocking and offending viewers. I knowing what to expect. Chock-full in various sexually explicit acts. ers like it should have ratings more view. pronounced than merely R.

site, "An R-rated motion picture, in My theory is the United States the view of the Rating Board, con- loves pushing the envelope. Adtains some adult material. (It) may ditionally, filmmakers invariably include adult themes, adult activity, feel compelled to make the movies hard language, intense or persistent that reel in the most money. If the violence, sexually-oriented nudity, flick doesn't include a raunchy sex and drug abuse or other elements." scene, producers expect fewer view-Though it describes "sexually- ers. And they appear to be right oriented nudity", nowhere in this because films continue to rake in description do I see a mention of the cash. I find this whole business actual sex acts being allowed on to be completely preposterous. screen.

Today's filmmakers are finding **Haertling is a sophomore** But just the same, how far is technological loopholes to get too far? It seems in recent years, around rules. In The New York Times, Brooks Barnes wrote, "the » sherri.haertling@ttu.edu

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filmmakers behind 'Brüno,' the raunchy comedy about a flamboyantly gay fashionista, used the strategy (of) pixilation ... to ultimately sneak "Brüno" under the R wire."

Of course, it isn't just R-rated films that are shifting in paradigm. Take a typical PG or PG-13 rated movie from just 10 years ago and compare it to a film of the same rating today. I'm almost certain controversial film "Brüno" is a you will find today's film full of much more violence, sex and crude

One could ostensibly argue this is a purely subjective phenomenon, unfortunately went to see it, not and my perspective is the only thing that has changed. But discussing of pornographic images, racial slurs this with several others has led me nude male and female engaging and profanity, this movie and oth- to believe I'm not alone in this

Ultimately the question arises: According to the MPAA Web Why is this shift even occurring?

## psychology major from Los Alamos, N.M.

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# **Grant Ewing Band shakes up Hub City**

Music fans in the depot district were treated to a great show. Thursday at the Blue Light courtesy of the Grant Ewing Band.

Driving all the way up from San Marcos, the blues rock group hoped the trek to Lubbock would increase their fan base as well as promote their new album "Move."

Before the performance, lead singer Grant Ewing said the band had something country riffs. different than the average West Texas bar band.

ers could expect from the band's music.

Ranging from swinging blues to soulful rock and energetic country, the group offers music for a wide range of tastes. With influences like the Dave Matthews Band, Ray Charles and Otis Redding, one of be artists themselves.

From the show opener, listeners recinfluence. The high-energy jam band style and deft soloing make the group seem only the real DMB.

The songs were tightly executed and energetic one track and smoldering in St. Marie and pianist Nathaniel Clugman into pop music but staying true to their the music. Murphy mentioned he looks



exchanged masterful solos all night long, unafraid to take on blues, rock, soul and

As one particularly slow but passionate blues song wound down, drummer Jake "We don't fly under any specific Sutton suddenly threw the tempo into genre," Ewing said when asked what listen- overdrive and launched into a raging country jam. The transition seemed to get the entire room excited as the songdashed forward at break-neck pace that would have the best two steppers hard pressed to keep up.

The Grand Ewing Band's seamless blues sound." group's main goals is to inspire others to navigation between genres was a true testament to its musicianship and talent. They executed dynamic falls and rises ognized Grant's strong Dave Matthews perfectly, weaving the individual sounds together.

a violin and a soprano saxophone short of by the show. When asked about the bands Murphy said. performance, music lover Sarah Yost said the band had an "enthusiastic live performance and a really great stage presence. blues and soul the next. Guitarist Hunter They add a new feel bringing their sound



PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreadon THE GRANT EWING Band plays Thursday night at The Blue Light in the Depot District.

The management of the Blue Light also took note of the band's skill and positive reception by the crowd.

"I have been working here for threeand-a-half years, and these guys shook my

Unfortunately the relative anonymity of the group did not bring a large crowd to the Blue Light, but the response of those present were a testament to the quality of

forward to another visit from the Grant Ewing Band.

"We will definitely try to get them back on a better night," he said.

The Grant Ewing Band's ability to shift from genre to genre and maintain a. Everyone present seemed impressed ear more than normal," Manager Ryan constant level of musical quality and energy sets them apart from the average West Texas bar band. Music lovers in Lubbock would do well to watch for the next time they make it up to Hub City.

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## Screenings and information booth kick off awareness week

### **By CARRIE THORNTON** STAFF WRITER

Alcohol Awareness Week will kick and interesting from those results. off today with What's In Your Beverage 6 p.m. at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

"We always like to have our alcohol screenings so we can provide education and stuff." on (students') drinking patterns," said dent Health Services, "because sometimes she said. students are not aware of their unhealthy drinking habits.'

place during Alcohol Awareness Week, even if they are not of age," she said.

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Eldredge said she looks at survey answers and determines what students value as fun ings as well as other events this week will time, she said.

"Activities such as the mocktail part alcohol, makes up their drinks. Booth and Alcohol Screenings 3 p.m. to give students the opportunity to hang out with friends, get free food, T-shirts and a mocktail recipe book," she said. "It's a place to chill out and get free smoothies here need to be reminded that fitness is

Lubbock's status change to wet county Amanda Eldredge, health educator at Stu- has not affected activity choices this year,

"I don't think it's going to be any different than when we were dry because stu-To decide what activities will take dents will always find ways to get alcohol

make students think about what, besides

"We will talk about popular drinks' calories and sugar fat, great thing to have in the rec center because lots of folks important," she said.

One of the goals of the week is to end >>> carrie.thornton@ttu.edu

Betty Blanton, associate director of the misconception students have about freshmen gave when taking Alcohol Edu, recreational sports, said Monday's screen-needing to drink alcohol to have a good

> "There are lots of different alternatives to drinking," Blanton said. "We also to make them aware when they are drinking how much alcohol is in something and based on their weight and sex how much it will take to get them to be over their limits even when they don't think are."

else, Guinn said.

Annual pride celebration informs about Paganism **By SHERREL JONES** 

STAFF WRITER

An eclectic group of Pagans gathered Saturday at Clapp Park to raise awareness and celebrate the Pagan religion for the fourth annual Pagan Pride Day.

"Paganism is a blanket term," said Denise Guinn, co-coordinator for Pagan Pride Lubbock chapter. "It's pretty much everything that is not the major three religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. A lot of people consider Pagans to be those that are nature-based, but that is not the case for everyone."

The all-day event began with an opening ceremony by a local group, Yew Leaf Willow Grove.

"We had a midday ritual that was by a local eclectic group," Guinn said. "We have had quite a few children's activities. We had a workshop for corn dollies, they are dolls made of corn husks and they symbolize the goddess."

Aaron Brocklehurst, adviser for Tech Pagan Student Union, said a guest speaker spoke at the event about Moroccan magic.

"The Moroccans have a lot of folklore about the Djinn and the evil eye," Brocklehurst said.

During Pagan Pride Day, the group collected canned goods for the South Plains Food Bank. Guinn said the group sponsors the food bank every year. The group hosts Pagan Pride Day to

show people they are just like everyone

"I have had people ask some of the strangest questions when I told them I

was Pagan," Guinn said. "I have had a lot of people ask me if I have sacrificed animals. We just want to say we're just like everyone else, and this is just what we believe. We are not here to convert, but to educate."

Brocklehurst said the misconception of Paganism began with the book "Malleus Maleficarum," which translates to the witch's hammer.

"It was what started the witch hunts basically," Brocklehurst said. "There is a lot of stuff that is spouted about modern Pagans that originated from that book."

Katie Garlington, a sophomore biochemistry major from Farmington, N.M., said people from across Lubbock came out to celebrate Pagan Pride Day. A characteristic of Paganism is that

multiple gods are worshiped, she said.

"Pagan is having more than one deity," Garlington said. "Choosing a god is all very personal. My personal god is probably (Aphrodite) because I am a nurturing, caring person and I take on a motherly role. This is about celebrating the goddess within me."

The event had twice as many people in attendance as it did last year, Brocklehurst said.

"Every year, is seems to be growing," Brocklehurst said. "We want to let other people know that we are here and we offer support to each other. Also, we are here to get information out there about our religion because there are a lot of misconceptions about Paganism."

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### **By ADAM COLEMAN** SPORTS EDITOR

AUSTIN — Once Texas linebacker Sergio Kindle got past the Texas Tech the Longhorns, offensive line, Christmas had come early for the former running back.

Specifically, it came during the fourth et, forcing him quarter of No. 2 Texas' 34-24 win against to rush his throw. the Red Raiders Saturday at Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium.

Potts did not sense the blitz and for that, he took a hit from Kindle that could end up on highlight reels for years to only interception come. It sent Potts to the ground with his of the game. helmet flying off and his head bouncing on the field.

"Basically I just speed rushed him," in a 40-yard loss Kindle said. "I kind of just ran right by and even though him. I timed the snap well. I got right by him and the quarterback was there for the taking."

This was the highlight of a night filled forced to punt. with pass rushes lashed out on Potts. The pass rush helped tame the Tech offense forced a fumble in the first half and aided the Texas for a 9-yard loss secondary in defending rushed throws and led to Mcfrom Potts.

Although Potts still finished with 420 only touchdown yards through the air, completing 46-of-62 passes for three touchdowns, the first- midway through year starter took a few hits Saturday.

Texas' Roddrick Muckelroy, Eddie ter. Jones and Kindle had one sack apiece Saturday, two of which forced fumbles. Muckelroy, Jones and Kindle.

both back there in the quarterback's face complete passes." all night. I didn't think we got as much consistent pass rush out of everybody gave the Longhorns another noteworthy else.'

other big plays the Texas defense made Baron Batch and Eric Stephens had 27 Saturday

In the fourth quarter, as Tech was trying to keep pace with

Kindle hurried Potts in the pock-The pass ended up in safety Earl Thomas' hands, giving Potts his

the first resulted

Kindle's hit Coy's first and pass of the game the fourth quar-

"You gotta have a good pass rush," Potts lost 95 vards. Muckelroy said. "That's one of the key Potts also was hurried five times by the things you need for Texas Tech. You got the right time for Colt McCoy and the Texas defense, three of those coming from a quarterback that can throw the ball. offense. You gotta get pressure on him and make "I thought (Muckelroy) and Sergio him throw the ball. You can't let him sit both played great," Brown said. "They're back there and let him have time and

stat — Tech finished the game with -6 The pass rush was the catalyst for rushing yards. While Tech running backs and 23 yards on the ground, respectively,



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador **TEXAS SAFETY NOLAN Brewster and Texas Tech** wide receiver Tramain Swindall attempt to catch Texas Tech's onside kick during Texas' 34-24 victory against Texas Tech Saturday at Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium in Austin.

The Texas defense put on a show at

At first glance, the game was not the offensive show most thought it could be. No team had an offensive touchdown in the first half and neither Potts nor McCoy The Texas pass rush and the sacks could get in the groove and put his team ahead early. It forced both the Tech and Texas defenses to continue getting threeand-outs. McCoy had 70 yards passing in the first half.

"We just had to keep fighting as a team," McCoy said. "Not everything is going to go our way every time we step out on the field. We just regrouped, came out in the second half and played football." »»adam.coleman@ttu.edu

# Defense key in Texas win Taylor Potts knocked around in loss to Texas

## **By ALEX YBARRA** MANAGING EDITOR

SPORTS

AUSTIN - Nothing summed times we up Texas Tech's resiliency against didn't.' the Longhorns Saturday night better than quarterback Taylor Potts, who continuously scraped himself off the ground to keep his team in confusion on the game.

He took plenty of big hits on line, because the night — including one blast after the game from defensive end Sergio Kindle in which he lost a fumble and his Mike Leach helmet flew off — but like the Red Raiders, he put it behind him and to see better kept playing.

But it wasn't enough to pull off out of guards another upset of No. 2 Texas, who Mickey Okaoutlasted Tech 34-24 Saturday at for and Lonnie Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium in Austin.

After the vicious hit from Kindle, those young which ultimately gave Texas enough guards is gonna cushion to win, Potts gathered himself — and his helmet — before up," he said. leading his team to a touchdown the next drive.

"I didn't want to let my teammates down," said Potts, who had 420 yards, three touchdowns and an interception. "I was voted captain of this team out of respect for my teammates. I'm laying on the ground hurt, don't want to come back and finish the ballgame, finish some drives and put us back in the ballgame — that's not a very good captain."

There were plenty more hits though. Maybe that's because Texas blitzed more than it had in its first two nonconference games.

up the blitz when Tech was driving in their half of the field.

"They started bringing a little more," he said. "It's really nothing we've ever seen. We should've handled it great. At times we did and some

There must have been some the offensive Tech coach said he'd like production

Edwards. "One of have to step "We need to get more out of one of those guys. It's not physical. Physically, they're fine."

A few plays before Kindle's hit, Potts was called for hit. "That's something that scared Roddrick Muckelroy. In the first quar-Eddie Jones. He was hurried a lot too, but he was able to stay in the pocket and consistently deliver accurate throws.

quarterback's "rare, rare, rare" ability to his play, saying that any doubts about Potts being able to manage a Division I football team should be dispelled after his performance Saturday.

"There's some great quarterbacks out there that ultimately have great the game.

careers that can't do what I just described and that is get hit really, really, really hard and then come in the next been playing in the national champion-



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador TEXAS LINEBACKER RODDRICK Muckelroy sacks Texas Tech quarterback Taylor Potts during Texas' 34-24 victory against Texas Tech Saturday at Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium in Austin.

intentional grounding after a hit by everybody, when something like that happens. Like he said, we voted him ter, Potts fumbled after being hit by captain out of respect and we couldn't pick a better one."

Potts and the Red Raiders have to pick up the pieces and prepare for No. What stood out to Leach was his 17 Houston this week.

But losing this early in the season Potts said the Longhorns turned not allow hard hits to negatively affect leaves the door open for Tech to make a late season run, much like Oklahoma did last year to reach the national championship after losing to Texas.

Tech defensive tackle Richard Jones said that situation was discussed after

"Leach was telling us, if we would've lost early last year, we probably would've play, the next series and not flinch," said ship," Jones said. "As far as OU losing

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Leach, who is now 0-5 in Austin.

For receiver Alexander Torres, seeing Potts get up and dust himself off was motivating for him and his we just take it one game a week." teammates.

one wants to see that, especially being instead, he reinforced his team needs our quarterback," Torres said of Kindle's to correct mistakes and move on from

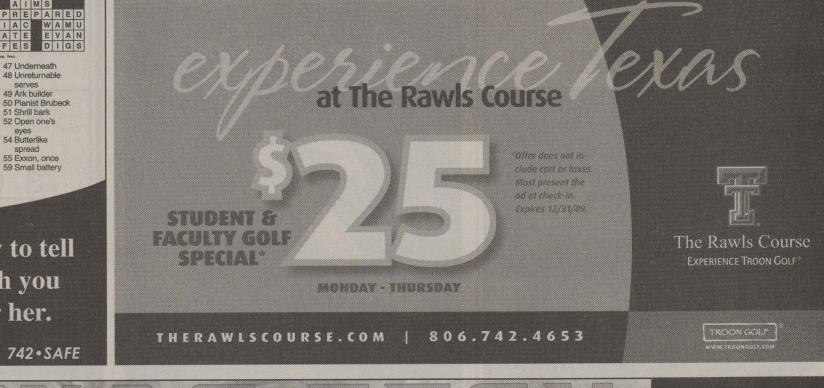
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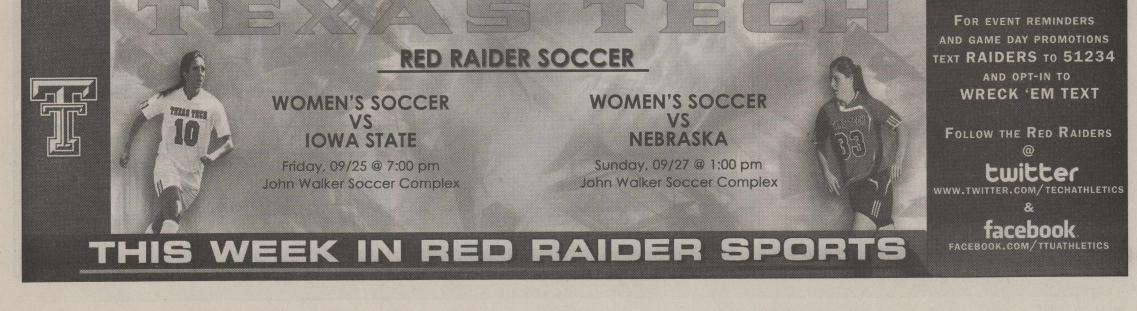
this early last year and they still went to the national championship. We still have the ability to do the same thing if

But Leach wasn't going to talk about "Seeing him take a shot like that, no what could happen down the road; week to week.

"Well that's all pretty much big picture bullshit," he said. "The thing is, because all that really counts is Sunday's practice and our ability to watch film and look at it there."

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# Tech dominates Texas Tech Open Volleyball falls in straight sets

## **By ZANE TURNER** STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech men's and women's cross country team continued their hot start to the 2009 season.

Tech took the Texas Tech Open at 5 p.m. Friday at the Meadowbrook Golf Course in Lubbock with a strong performance and a total of 38 points to win the title.

The No. 24 ranked Lady Raiders dominated the women's race by placing seven of the top 10 runners, with Lillian Badaru leading the team finishing second in the women's 5K race with a time of 17:30.37 and a second-place finish.

For the Red Raiders, Gilbert Limo took the individual championship for the men's 8K race with a time of 24:55.53.

Badaru said she was pleased with the overall run of the team and knows the team will continue to improve.

"We did good as a team," said Badaru, an NCAA All-American last season with a 14th place finish at the NCAA Championships. "We're hoping to keep the same spirit, run as a team and keep the team membership to perform. This is just the beginning, hopefully we are going to do more in the next meets and continue to train."

The Red Raiders had an impressive performance proving they may have what it takes to move up from ninth last year in the Big 12 Conference.

Behind the winner Limo, three Red Raiders came in sixth through shape and I'm going to continue last season, Michelle Guzman, a time of 25:33.72 to finish sixth excited about today." while Silas Kemboi placed seventh running a time of 25:57.97.

After the first lap, Limo was runner. caught in a pack of six runners second lap. On the final lap Limo can do it in impressive fashion. distanced himself from the other runners for the victory.

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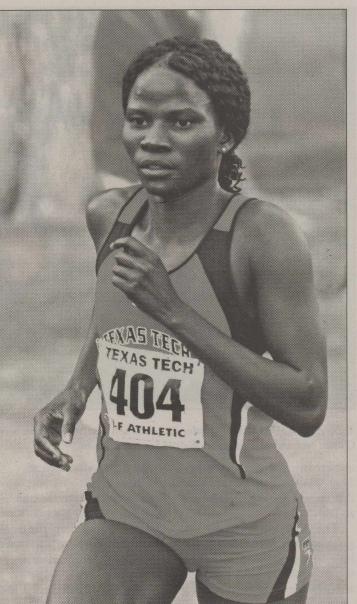


PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador TEXAS TECH JUNIOR Lillian Badaru from Uganda, comes in second at the Texas Tech Open on Friday at Meadowbrook Golf Course.

with a time of 25:45.47 and Zach runner to cross the line last sea- as she was ninth, recording a Quiñones crossed the line in eighth son at the Texas Tech Open but time of 19:50.65. finished second to an amateur

that was trimmed to three by the can win without Sally Kipyego and crowd.

behind Badaru was Wayland Bap- been practicing, showing their Limo said it was great to run tist transfer Purity Biwott who fin- real true form," he said. "The at home and win a race despite ished third with a time of 17:30.37. women's race was very fast, and early-season cobwebs with condi- Ruidoso Open winner Gladys Kip- overall I'm very happy with the sang ran a time of 18:15.96 to place effort from everybody. "We have been training very fourth overall. Caroline Karunde well," he said. "It was very excit- came in fifth running an 18:26.11 gets a couple weeks off and reing since it was our home meet, while her twin sister Winrose Kar- sumes competition at the Oklaand I just wanted to go out there unde, in her first race as a Lady homa State Cowboy Jamboree and do my best. I didn't run as well Raider, was sixth posting a time on Oct. 3 in Stillwater. as I wanted, but I'm getting up to of 18:57.46. All-Big 12 performer »zane.turner@ttu.edu

eighth place. Cory Higgins posted to increase my stamina but I'm finished seventh with a time of 19:18.83 and Kaci Westervelt Limo, was the first collegiate continued the team's dominance

Tech coach Jon Murray said

he was pleased with the team's The Lady Raiders showed they effort in front of the home

"This race was real vindica-Finishing in the top 10 for Tech tive of how hard they have

The Tech cross country team

### **By JOSE RODRIGUEZ** STAFF WRITER

The Big 12 Conference is known for producing some of the better volleyball programs in the nation year in and year out.

The Texas Tech volleyball team may not be one of those programs just yet, but it got a good look at one last Saturday against Texas A&M.

Tech (2-9, 0-2) came into the match reeling from a loss at Nebraska, while A&M (9-1, 1-0) played its first conference match of the 2009 season. The Aggies left Lubbock with the win, as they beat the Red Raiders 3-0 Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

Tech got off to a quick start and it seemed the match would be a back-and-forth game. After taking the first set 25-15, the Aggies wasted no time making a statement, thanks in part to an offense that catches many opposing defenses off guard.

"Defensively we struggled on the block, they run a really fast offense and our kids weren't used to seeing that," Tech coach Trish Knight said.

Leading the Aggie attack was senior outside hitter Mary Batis, who tallied 13 kills and no errors, helping her post an efficiency of .565 on the day.

Tech's defense, led by senior setter Caroline Witte, had a hard time slowing down Batis and the fast-paced Aggie offense.

"We just weren't ready, and we could've played better defensively as a team," Witte said. "Their offense is just so fast that it makes our reactions faster and we just ball and making a better play while forcing her to commit five had a hard time keeping up with out of it." them."

gles, Tech's offense had problems the ball. of its own, failing to keep them close in the match.

The offense managed 26 kills combined in three sets, resulting in a hitting percentage of .102.

However, it was Tech's own errors and mistakes which led to their downfall, said Knight.

"We constantly struggle with our attacking percentages and we really need to take out the mistakes that we make," she said. "We make too many forced errors

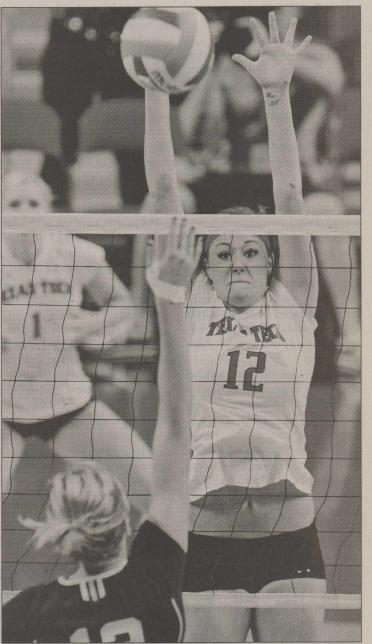


PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER /The Daily Toreador TEXAS TECH MIDDLE blocker Michelle Kuester, blocks the shot of Aggie outside hitter Sarah Ammerman during the Lady Raiders straightset loss to A&M on Sunday in the United Spirit Arena.

Despite the defensive strug- not only on the offensive side of mistakes.

Tech's 31, and outplayed the Red team," Dowdy said. "I definitely Raiders in the blocking game, could've dug more balls and just 5-2, which to this point has been defensively play better. It's first Tech's strong suit.

Bellinger had a team-high 15 digs together and personally. Tonight ato add to and overall productive wasn't my best game, but I plan showing.

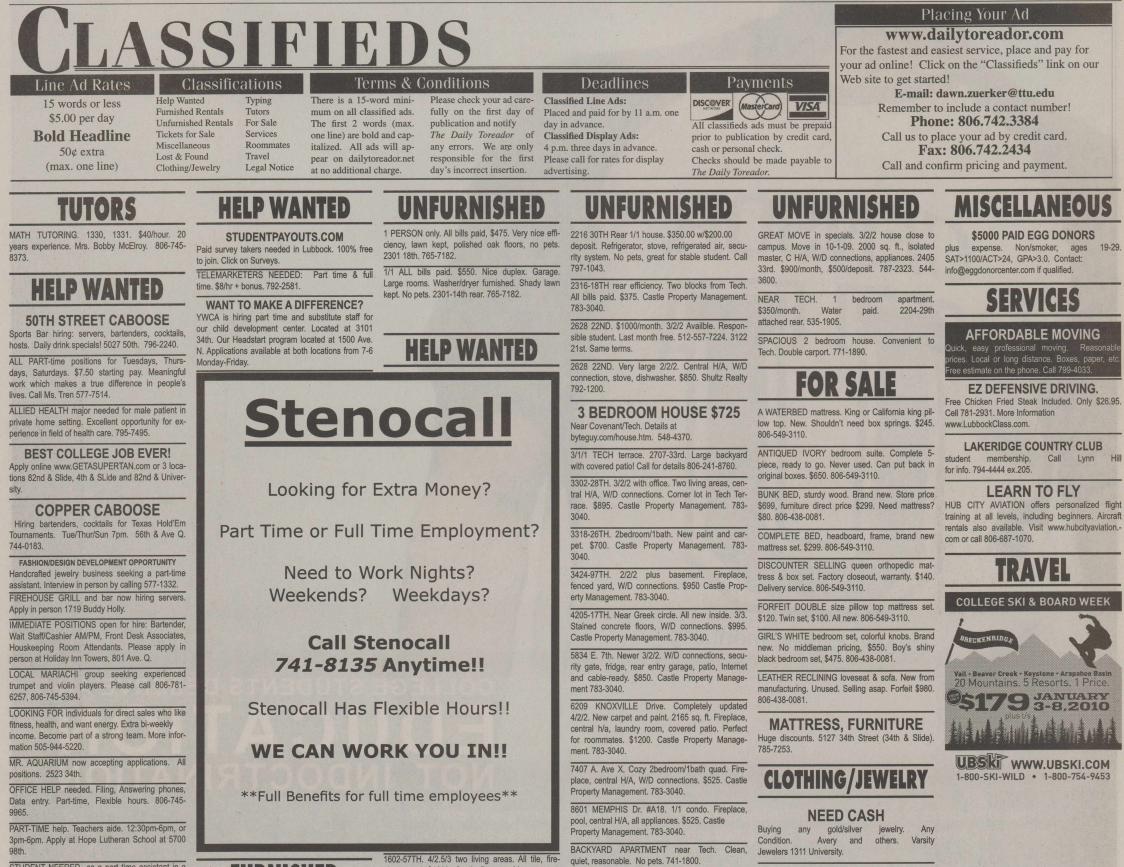
throw off Tech's most consistent again for a conference match up player to this point, sophomore against Kansas State at 7 p.m. outside hitter Amanda Dowdy, Sept. 23 in Manhattan, Kan. and we really struggle with a bad holding her to a mere seven kills »jose.rodriguez@ttu.edu

errors. She said her struggles Texas A&M's dominance was offensively led to her defensive

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"I could've just played all The Aggies totaled 40 digs to around a little better for my game jitters, it's a team sport, A&M freshman libero Tori and everybody's got to get it done - on making the rest my best."

A&M's defense managed to The Red Raiders hit the road



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# Tech soccer splits weekend matches, loses Harrison to injury

### **By MIKE GRAHAM** STAFF WRITER

Frustrations boiled over after Texas Tech soccer dropped a heartbreaker Friday night when it lost to Alabama 2-1 with three seconds remaining in a suddendeath overtime period.

Tech avenged the loss Sunday with a 2-1 win against Weber State.

However, repercussions from the Alabama game may linger for a long time.

In retrospect, Tech might have won Friday's game in regulation when Brittney Harrison had an apparent breakaway, breaking free from Crimson Tide defender Grace Lawson. In a last-ditch effort, Lawson tackled Harrison from behind and caught Harrison's leg.

Harrison left the game and did not return to play for the rest of the weekend while Lawson was called for a foul and issued a yellow card.

"It's inexcusable for another team. That girl should have had a red card," said midfielder Dawn Ward, who suffered an ACL tear from a tackle from behind in high school. "That's exactly what happened to me. It was a flashback,

and I knew exactly when she fell and what happened. I was sad and scared for her."

Harrison's injury and status were unavailable as of press time, but it was obvious Harrison would not play after she took the field with the rest of the Red Raiders for warm-ups with crutches and a heavily braced leg.

Aside from Harrison's injury, Friday's game was full of frustrations.

A record-setting crowd of 1,048 people watched as the Red Raiders controlled the ball almost all night, out-shooting Alabama 30-6 through the almost 110 minute game. Tech also was fouled 15 times by the Crimson Tide compared to Tech's eight.

Midfielders Dawn Ward, Conner Williams and Taylor Lytle sped past the Crimson Tide defenders all night getting shot after TEXAS TECH FORWARD Brittshot. But only one shot found the ney Harrison went down with a back of the net when a pass by Williams found Ward for a giveand-go goal.

Ultimately, the game came down to Alabama's goalkeeper Alabama's Kelsey King was able to out crediting their goalkeeper. Justine Bernier who made 10 saves, including multiple saves from point-blank range.

Thanks to two saves in the sec-



leg injury after being tackled from behind during Friday's loss to Alaavailable as of press time Sunday.

capitalize on a Tech turnover to net the game-winning goal with I've seen in my three years here three seconds remaining.

"If they gave victories for time ond overtime period by Bernier, of possession, there'd be a lot of game against Weber State was different results," Tech coach how to create more offensive Tom Stone said. "But you can't opportunities without Harrison, really talk about this game with- arguably one of the fastest players



bama. Details of her injury were not TEXAS TECH'S HALEY Fowler kicks the ball past Weber State forward, Kylie Johnson, at the Red Raider Classic on Sunday at the John Walker Soccer Complex.

> That was the best performance at Tech."

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in the Big 12 Conference. Those questions may have

been answered in the second half end. of Sunday's match when Karen Rebecca Ritchie.

teaming up with Williams again for her second goal of the week-

"We have to become more dy-DeLeon evened up the score namic," Stone said. "We have to at one-all with an unassisted become more sophisticated with rebound off Weber State keeper our passes and angles because we don't have that breakaway runner. Ward gave Tech the 2-1 lead, Sarah Conner can give us some of that up top, but Brittney was in a different class as a sprinter so we'll have to change our game accordingly."

> Tech keeper Colleen Pitts played her first full game since 2006 against the Wildcats. Earlier in the season Pitts and Wikelius split halves before for the first two games of the season before Wikelius was given the nod as the full-time starter.

Pitts made one save while allowing the Wildcat goal on six shots.

"It felt really good to get back on the field," Pitts said. "Working hard has finally paid off and it was great to get a chance today." >>> michael.graham@ttu.edu



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