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Students, stores pleased with alcohol results

By ZACH QUIÑONES
STAFF WRITER

Stores in the city of Lubbock sold packaged alcohol for the first time within city limits Wednesday and saw a noticeable increase in the amount of business they received.

Residents no longer will need to drive to The Strip to get their fix of alcohol. Now, it can be purchased conveniently just a few blocks away at any store that has a permit to sell and distribute alcohol.

The response of the businesses serving alcohol has been positive and sales have increased noticeably.

"We can't keep the shelves full," said John Jameson, the manager at Market Street at the intersection of Indiana Avenue and 50th Street. "It's been very busy."

Aaron Nelson, an employee at the 7-Eleven store on University Avenue and Fourth Street, said the store made a considerable profit Wednesday compared to normal earnings.

Tech students of legal age have not wasted time purchasing alcohol, either.

"It's so much better, I love it," said Clayton Proctor, a junior broadcast journalism major from San Antonio.

It is safer than going to The Strip, he said, because beer is now a few blocks away as opposed to a 10- to 15-minute drive.

Matt Smith, a senior history major from Plano, said avoiding trips to The Strip in his truck saves him gas and money.

Convenience and saving gas, money and time was the popular opinion among the students while others saw it as a necessary safety measure.

Juan De Hoyas, a senior management information systems major from Del Rio, said regardless of where alcohol is sold, people are going to take the time to get it. However, now that it is more available in more locations closer to people, the chances of drunken driving incidents occurring may decrease.

The rush to get to The Strip before the stores close also creates a dangerous environment on the road, he said.

Despite students now purchasing their alcohol within the city limits, not everyone is writing off The Strip as a possible pit stop.

Steve McKinley, a senior accounting major from Austin, said he will still go to The Strip to purchase liquor, but the close proximity of stores that sell beer is convenient.

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PHOTO BY COLEMAN MOREFIELD/The Daily Toreador
LUBBOCK RESIDENTS TYLER MORRIS and JUSTIN PETTY shop for alcohol Wednesday at the United Supermarket at 50th Street and Avenue Q.



TEXAS TECH POLICE Officer John Radle patrols campus Tuesday afternoon.

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Ride along shows day in the life of a Tech police officer

By ALLYSON SCHELL
STAFF WRITER

Officer Brandon Gilster of the Texas Tech Police Department is one of many who patrol Tech's campus, keeping dangerous situations out of the streets and sidewalks that make up the micro-city of the university.

This reporter had a first-hand look from the passenger's seat at what it was like to patrol the campus.

"We're looking for any traffic violations, speeding or stickers being out of date," Gilster said. "The main thing is looking to keep the safety of the students and the campus. One thing that people think is that since we are in a campus environment, they are insulated from people who just walk on campus intending to do no good."

To help prevent dangerous situations such as the shooting at Virginia Tech in April 2007, the officers attend active shooter scenario training, which is the first place we visited.

The training is hosted in Weeks Hall on a weekly basis and is led by Cpl. Eric Williams and Officer Richard Mogg. Williams was taught advanced tactics by the Navy SEALs and often trains with the Lubbock Police Department SWAT team. He now instructs other officers on procedures for an active shooter on campus.

"We do this once a week to keep proficient," Williams said. "Our view is that it's not if a shooter will come, it's when."

The officers are trained in groups of four during which they are in a hallway practicing clearing each room.

Clearance of a room entails one person

keeping watch in the doorway of a room, looking out in what is called the "fatal funnel," while the others go in to search in corners and around the room.

Once the room is cleared, they go to the next room and repeat the process. Strobe lights are carried to use when it is dark so officers can gain the upper hand by taking away the shooter's night vision. If the officers suspect the shooter to be hiding in the closet, one officer will open the door while the other has his gun ready.

"It's not like in the movies where the officers just stay behind their cars with their guns at the ready and wait for the shooter to come out," Gilster said. "We actually go inside the building."

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World leaders speak in UN General Assembly

By EDITH M. LEDERER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Ignoring U.N. and U.S. appeals for global unity, Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi on Wednesday chastised the United Nations for failing to prevent dozens of wars and accused its most powerful members of treating other nations as "second-class, despised" countries.

In his first speech to the General Assembly in his 40 years as ruler of Libya, Gadhafi focused on the inequality of the U.N. Security Council where five permanent members — the U.S., Russia, China, Britain and France — have veto power.

"It should be called the 'terror council,'" he said, calling for the veto to be abolished and membership to be expanded with a greater voice for Africa, Latin America, Arab and Muslim nations.

Gadhafi swept up the stairs to the podium in brown robes after U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and U.S. President Barack Obama called for greater global engagement to move toward a world without nuclear weapons, tackle the threat of catastrophic climate change, and combat a global financial crisis that is expected to add 100 million people to the ranks of the world's poor this year.

"We have sought — in word and deed — a new era of engagement with the world," Obama told world leaders and diplomats from the 192 U.N. member states. "Now is the time for all of us to take our share of responsibility for a global response to global challenges."

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon opened the 64th ministerial meet-

ing with an appeal "to create a United Nations of genuine collective action" to respond to the global financial, food and energy crises and the swine flu pandemic.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy stressed the urgency of immediate action.

"We are right in the middle of an unprecedented financial and economic crisis. We are on the threshold of a planetary ecological disaster. We must right now invent a new world where the follies of yesterday will no longer be possible," the French leader said.

China's President Hu Jintao said "the trend towards peace, development and cooperation, which represent the call of our times, has grown stronger than ever."

And Russian President Dmitry Medvedev echoed his colleagues, saying: "The unification agenda has been dictated by life itself."

"We must act now, together," South African President Jacob Zuma said, "to halt the degradation of the environment ... (and) to prevent the global economic crisis from undoing the gains that we have achieved over decades."

While speaker after speaker focused on the future, Gadhafi was consumed by the past, accusing the world body of failing to prevent or intervene in 65 wars since the U.N. was founded in 1945, demanding massive reparations for the colonization of Africa, urging additional investigation into the deaths of U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld in 1961, U.S. President John F. Kennedy in 1963, American civil rights leader Martin Luther King in 1968 and others.

"We must act now, together, to halt the degradation of the environment..."

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IN BRIEF

STATE

3 killed when Guard Humvee crashes on Texas highway

TROY (AP) — A National Guard Humvee went airborne on a Texas interstate Wednesday and vaulted into an oncoming lane, triggering a six-vehicle crash that killed a soldier and two other drivers, authorities said.

Texas National Guard spokesman Col. Bill Meehan declined to say where the soldier, who was driving the Humvee, was stationed or where he was going at the time of the crash. The drivers of an 18-wheeler and a car also were killed, authorities said.

NATION

Mass. lawmakers approve Kennedy succession change

BOSTON (AP) — Massachusetts lawmakers fulfilled Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's dying wish Wednesday, granting the governor the power to appoint an interim replacement for him so President Barack Obama can regain a critical 60th U.S. Senate vote he needs to pass a health care overhaul this year.

The final House and Senate votes came after another vote in which House members refused to attach an emergency preamble to

the bill. That left it up to Gov. Deval Patrick to decide whether he'll force the measure into law immediately, instead of the normal 90 days required of all legislation.

He could do so as early as Thursday, simply with a letter to the secretary of state declaring an emergency since a special election to replace Kennedy permanently won't be held until Jan. 19. But even some of his fellow Democrats have accused him of a power grab.

Identities were not immediately released pending notification of relatives. "Our thoughts and prayers do go out with the soldier's family and those of the other people involved in the accident," Meehan said.

The Humvee was traveling southbound on Interstate 35 in the small town of Troy about 11 a.m. when it went airborne, cleared the center barrier and slammed into the oncoming car and 18-wheeler, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Glenn Roque-Jackson, former director of the Texas Tech University School of Law Criminal Prosecution Clinic, was appointed this week by Gov. Rick Perry to the Texas Council on Autism and Pervasive Development Disorders.

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ConocoPhillips donates \$500K to Tech

By **KELSEY HECKEL**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech received \$500,000 from ConocoPhillips to benefit several engineering scholarships, new student programs for engineering students and the construction of the new Rawls College of Business building.

"ConocoPhillips is happy to continue with our second installment of funding toward the construction of the new building for the Rawls College of Business," said senior vice president of ConocoPhillips Tom Mathiasmeier. "We believe our support will further enhance Texas Tech's ability to attract new students and continue to develop top talent for the many companies who actively recruit Tech graduates."

The gift, which was presented at 11 a.m. Monday in the Escon-

dido Theater, was part of a five-year partnership is aimed to help the ConocoPhillips Academic Success Program, the SPIRIT Scholars Program and the construction of the new Rawls College of Business building.

"The funding going toward the business college will provide space related to the building and will also fund a classroom built in recognition of ConocoPhillips," said Donald Clancy, professor and senior associate dean of the Rawls College of Business Administration.

This is the second year the SPIRIT program has been at Tech, after a 2007 donation of \$400,000 from ConocoPhillips to establish the program.

The ConocoPhillips SPIRIT Scholars program recruits outstanding students and provides them with leadership and public service opportunities throughout their college careers. The program's objec-

tive is to prepare students for success in the modern business world, according to the ConocoPhillips Web site. SPIRIT scholars receive scholarships, potential summer internships, business-related training and professional mentoring from ConocoPhillips employees.

Tech became a part of the program in 2007, which includes about 20 scholars from Tech and 292 across the nation.

"It's a great program," Clancy said. "We're really grateful for ConocoPhillips. In the SPIRIT program, company mentors work with each student and students come back and say that it completely changes their outlook on the world."

The ConocoPhillips Academic Success Bridge program provides incoming students with study skills training, academic preparation, tutoring, mentoring and other academic support services. The

program allows freshmen entering the engineering program to come to Tech a month before school starts to learn advanced study skills and gain an understanding of how an engineering degree can be used.

According to the ConocoPhillips Web site, studies have shown students are likely to earn better grades, stay in engineering and get better, higher-paying jobs after participating in the program.

The construction on the Rawls College of Business is a \$70 million project and will be on the site where Thompson and Gaston Halls were demolished on Sept. 20, 2008.

The new building will serve as an anchor for the North Campus Gateway that will be an entrance to the campus from the Marsha Sharp Freeway, according to the college's Web site. The ground breaking for the college will be 10 a.m. Oct. 9. >>> kelsey.heckel@ttu.edu

WORLD

Iran to ask for nuclear fuel at talks next week

(AP) — Iran's president says his country will ask the six world powers at nuclear talks next week for imports of highly enriched uranium — material that the U.S. fears Tehran wants to use to arm nuclear warheads.

Iran vehemently denies having nuclear weapons aspirations and President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told The Associated Press on Tuesday that his country was seeking to buy uranium that is highly enriched — or near that level — to fuel

a small research reactor.

He also made clear that Iran is seeking uranium that is enriched only to 20 percent — the threshold for the high-enrichment level but substantially below then 90 percent-plus grade needed for nuclear warheads.

"We are interested in purchasing it, and we'd like to offer that as an issue to expand discussions on the table for the next meeting," he told the AP on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly.

Former Tech School of Law faculty member to serve on state council for development disorders

By **ALLYSON SCHELL**
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Roque-Jackson teaches as an adjunct professor at the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law while maintaining a position as an assistant U.S. attorney. He applied for the public

member spot on the council and received a letter from the governor's office notifying him of the appointment. He also received a call from a state senator.



ROQUE-JACKSON

"Florence Shapiro called me personally because she's a big advocate for children and education," he said. "She wanted to know if there was anything she could do for the council."

The first meeting that Roque-Jackson will attend is Thursday in Austin. It will be the first time he meets with the other six public members on the council.

"I received an e-mail of his appointment," said Anna Hundley, vice chairwoman of the public

members. "We had a member who resigned, and he is replacing that person. We all work closely together as non-paid volunteers."

The council will be discussing the development of a state-wide plan for help with the treatment of autism.

"They are really neat kids, they just have special needs," Roque-Jackson said. "There has been such an increase in the number of cases so we are trying to help those people become well-adjusted members of society."

According to the Autism Society for America, autism affects one in every 150 births and is the fastest-growing developmental disability. The Texas council was established in 1987 to make sure all available resources for those with autism or other pervasive development disorders were addressed by the state.

The council meets four times a year and provides advice and recommendations to state agencies and the state legislature.

Hundley said the council has been meeting every month to review a strategic plan for autism services in Texas for children and adults. The council was successful at passing legislation last year for a resource center for those affected by the disorder.

Roque-Jackson will be residing on the council as one of the seven public members.

Larry Spain, law professor, said Roque-Jackson primarily was responsible for supervising students as the director in a clinical program where students would work in a municipal prosecutor office before he moved to the Dallas area to serve as an assistant U.S. attorney April 2009. >>> allyson.schell@ttu.edu

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If the top government officials of Iraq and Afghanistan want and need our help in establishing a stable government for them, I think it's in our best interest to comply. They obviously do not have enough resources to combat rebellious actions and enforce democracy without the help of another country.

If victory is still a possibility, I don't see any reason to withdraw our troops. Unless of course it would be bad politics.

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KAR SATA, AN environmental toxicology alumnus from India, meets with Exxon Mobil Corp. representative and Texas Tech alumnus Rick Dudek at the engineering job fair Wednesday in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Police

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After mastering the muscle memory of going through the repetitive dry-runs, the officers use Simunition, or non-lethal ammunition, in their guns about once a month to gain more of a real-life feel to the exercises, he said.

"Attention always goes up when we use the Simunitions because the sims can bruise and break skin," Gilster said. "Everyone's always a little more wary, and it solidifies our under-stress training."

The officers do their training at Weeks Hall because it is unoccupied. After viewing the training, Officer Gilster and I got back into the patrol car to scan the area for any traffic violations.

"A lot of people think that we are here to get them with tickets, but we are just here to maintain the safety of our little city," he said.

The campus is broken up into beats,

or a specific area an officer patrols. The five beats are the Health Science Center and the north, south, east and west sides of campus. Additionally, there are flex officers who can cover where needed.

While on patrol, a red vehicle went straight in a left-turn-only lane. Officer Gilster then turned on the overhead lights to pull the driver over.

The man was confused as to how to get to the Tech School of Law and was issued a warning along with directions.

"Giving out a ticket or a warning just depends on the officer," Gilster said. "I base it on how much of a violation was committed."

Whenever an officer gets out of his or her car during a traffic stop or other patrol duties, they activate a microphone that records conversations or other audible noises. A video camera also records the situation. This information is uploaded to a computer and then burned to a CD for the courts to review. It also allows the

officer to play back the situation and fill out a contact card to log into the computer.

After dealing with the traffic violator, Officer Gilster received a call there was an emergency at the Student Wellness Center in which a patient was having chest pains and difficulty breathing. The police are called in these situations because they usually arrive faster than the emergency medical responders, he said. In this situation, the student already was accompanied by personnel who could give him temporary care, but in other cases it is the police officers who may have to start with first aid.

After the emergency call, I parted ways with Officer Gilster as he went off to investigate a bike theft.

"Every call is different so it keeps it exciting and not boring," Gilster said. "It varies how you approach each situation that occurs."

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POLICE BLOTTER

Tail light stolen from vehicle in Tech parking lot

Sept. 17

9:06 a.m., an officer investigated a hit-and-run accident in which an unattended vehicle was struck in the C-12 parking lot.

12:18 p.m., an officer investigated the report of a stolen Specialized bicycle at Chitwood Residence Hall.

1:28 p.m., an officer investigated the report of a stolen Specialized bicycle at Sneed Residence Hall.

1:31 p.m., an officer investigated a reported theft of a tail light from an unattended vehicle in the Z5-C parking lot.

3:35 p.m., an officer investigated a hit-and-run accident in which an unattended vehicle was struck in the Health Sciences Center E3 parking lot.

6:42 p.m., an officer responded to a medical call from the Business Administration building where a student was having a seizure. The student was transported by Emergency Medical Services to the University Medical Center emergency room.

9:37 p.m., criminal mischief was reported in the Z3-G parking lot in which the side of a student's car was scratched.

Sept. 18

2:35 a.m., a student was arrested for public intoxication after an officer responded to the scene at the 3100 block of 18th Street. The student was stumbling and had fallen once. He was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

11:36 a.m., an officer investigated debit card abuse at the Texas Tech Federal Credit Union.

7:00 p.m., an officer investigated the theft of a BlackBerry Curve in the first floor television lounge in Coleman Residence Hall.

9:20 p.m., an officer arrested a non-student, who was issued a criminal trespass warning in July, for coming to the John Walker Soccer Complex. The non-student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

11:45 p.m., a student was cited by an officer for possession of drug paraphernalia in Coleman Residence Hall.

Sept. 19

1:06 a.m., an officer responded to a medical call in Clement Residence Hall in which a student was suffering from alcohol poisoning. The student was transported to the UMC ER for further treatment.

1:11 a.m., after observing a traffic violation in the Z4-P parking lot, an officer cited and released a student for driving under the influence of alcohol.

1:46 a.m., an officer cited and released a non-student in the 1400 block of University Avenue for driving under the influence.

9:30 p.m., an officer cited a student for providing alcohol to minors. Two other students also were cited.

11:01 p.m., two officers arrested a student for driving while intoxicated in the 500 block of University Avenue. The passenger of the car was intoxicated and a minor. Both students were transported to Lubbock County Jail.

Sept. 20

12:45 a.m., an officer investigated an incident in which unknown persons damaged the push bar and latch on the south side of Hulen Residence Hall.

1:46 a.m., after an observed traffic violation in the 3900 block of Fourth Street, a non-student was cited for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor.

3:54 a.m., an officer arrested a student for public intoxication in the lobby area of Weymouth Hall. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

4:17 a.m., an officer investigated a disturbance on the sixth floor of Carpenter/Wells Residence Hall in which a non-student refused to leave the room of a student. A search through the non-student's backpack, following the consent to look for identification, uncovered marijuana and other drug paraphernalia.

The non-student was issued a criminal trespass warning for all Tech property.

9:41 p.m., an officer cited and released a student for possession of drug paraphernalia in Weymouth Residence Hall.

Sept. 21

10:14 a.m., an officer investigated an accident in which a pedestrian was struck by a Citibus in the 1800 block of Boston Avenue. The pedestrian was transported to the UMC ER.

2:45 p.m., an officer investigated a reported theft of three Medtronic Intrathecal pump interrogators that were stolen from the International Pain Center.

2:48 p.m., an officer investigated an accident in the Z4-P parking lot. No injuries were reported.

9:23 p.m., an officer investigated a hit-and-run accident in the Flint Avenue Parking Garage.

9:33 p.m., a student drove a vehicle with a parking boot attached to it. An officer documented the damaged property.

9:54 p.m., an officer investigated an accident in the 2700 block of 18th Street. No injuries were reported.

Sept. 22

10:06 p.m., an officer recovered university cleaning supplies at an off-campus residence of an ex-employee.

11:28 p.m., a female employee received a suggestive telephone call at the Texas Tech Main Library and an officer documented the call from an unknown individual.

12:44 p.m., an officer documented rock damage to a university-owned vehicle that occurred at an off-campus location.

7:47 p.m., an officer investigated a hit-and-run accident in the Z3-K parking lot in which an unattended vehicle was struck.

9:00 p.m., an officer documented an incident in which a student living in Chitwood Residence Hall injured her hand.

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Sweden launches manhunt after helicopter heist

STOCKHOLM (AP) — With cinematic flourish, the masked robbers dropped from a helicopter onto the roof of a Swedish cash depot before dawn, broke into the building through a glass pyramid, set off explosions to get to the millions inside and escaped by hoisting themselves and their haul back up on rope lines.

All in 20 minutes, and all while Stockholm police were grounded by a fake bomb planted outside their own

helicopter hangar.

Sweden has had its share of high-profile heists against cash storage facilities, post offices and armored cars in recent years, but police said Wednesday's commando-style robbery was the first to use a helicopter.

"There are about 100 hardcore criminals in this country who have specialized in this type of serious robbery," said Jerzy Sarnecki, profes-

sor in criminology at Stockholm University. "They are definitely no amateurs."

He said every successful heist inspires others to follow suit, which explains why they have become relatively frequent in Sweden.

"When you have a group of people doing these things, others are inspired by them," Sarnecki said.

Immigration fling fees may be raised

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The federal government is considering raising fees on applications for immigration-related services to help offset a shortage in revenue.

Alejandro Mayorkas, director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, told reporters Wednesday in Los Angeles the agency is considering cutting costs, raising fees or reorienting revenue in the next two years to alleviate the problem.

Agency officials have blamed the revenue shortfall on an overall drop in immigration-related applications being filed amid an economic slump.

Citizenship and Immigration Services had forecast it would collect \$2.33 billion in fees in the current fiscal year ending Sept. 30, but it is now expecting the figure to fall about \$282 million short of that prediction.

"One of the things that we must consider is the potential to increase fees," Mayorkas said.

The agency saw a surge in applications and hiring in 2007, ahead of a hefty increase that pushed the cost of applying for citizenship from \$400 to \$675.

The fee-based agency was flooded with a record 7.7 million immigration applications in 2007. Filing dropped off after the spike, as it has historically with other fee increases.

"When one does hire additional personnel, and revenues two years later drop, one must be able to address that," Mayorkas said.

Immigration officials are also looking to Congress for relief after requesting \$206 million to pay for fees for asylum seekers and refugees and for military naturalizations.

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Obama's new NMD plans make US stronger

Oh no, here we go again. President Barack Obama hates the United States. Why would he want to guarantee our allies are nuked by Russians and Israel is left alone in their fight against the Iranians? What a crazy Marxist.

Wrong. Obama decided this past week to end our plans for national missile defense (NMD) shields in Poland and the Czech Republic.

Instead of having stationary shields in Poland and Czech Republic to defend against long range threats from Iran, he will focus more on the short and medium range threat to protect the Middle East region from Iran (most notably, Israel) and use more sea-based

Paul Williamson



defense systems.

Yet the criticisms from the Republicans are running rampant. They argue we are succumbing to Russian pressure and we are leaving our allies in the dust.

These criticisms are unfounded and were said without actually looking at the facts. Go figure, the right wing harshly criticizing the president for reasons not founded in facts. For those of you who

still think Obama is a terrorist not born in the United States, I am looking at you.

"This is going to be seen as a capitulation to the Russians, who had no real basis to object to what we were doing," said Republican Lindsey Graham on NBC's "Meet The Press." "And at the end of the day you empowered the Russians, you made Iran happy and you made the people in Eastern Europe wonder who we are as Americans."

Yes, because Iran is going to love our new NMD plans, which include the Aegis missile defense shield. This shield, along with other systems, will be deployed by 2011. A lot sooner than the mixed bag of timetables set out under the old George W. Bush plan.

This plan was not based on Russian

fears. Russian fears were outdated and unproven. The decision was made based on national security reports on Iranian missile threats. The threat from Iran is not long range. People who think Iran will ever have the capability to shoot a missile far enough to reach Poland, much less past Poland to the United States, needs to have their heads examined.

Iran does, however, have the ability to shoot short and medium-range missiles to reach our Middle Eastern allies like Israel. The Aegis system will be placed on United States Naval ships and will be able to deploy quickly to whatever threat comes about as opposed to the ground based systems that do not have those capabilities.

And if you are worried about our Eastern European allies, do not be. This system will be placed on three ships and will be able to protect them too. But the real and most immediate threat is the one from Iran and their short-and medium-range capabilities. Not the Russians to our Eastern European allies. No one can deny that. Obama saw that and reacted to it.

A problem with the ground based system is if Russia shoots multiple missiles at once, the ground-based system would have a difficult chance of actually getting them all. At least with this Aegis system there will be 100 interceptors as opposed to the 10 on the ground-based system.

This combined with the modifica-

tions to 18 of our destroyers to include an upgrade to the SM-3 missile that is more maneuverable than the old missile; our missile defense shield is more comprehensive and smarter than the one under Bush.

My original knee-jerk reaction was to be against this decision. It did look like we were succumbing to Russian pressure and betraying our allies. Until I started to read about the decision in detail I realized how wrong I was.

If only Conservatives did the same instead of watching Fox News.

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Obama should heed military advice, send more troops

Top-ranking officials for the United States military have sent a request to the White House for a troop increase they deem imperative for victory in the war taking place in Afghanistan.

Gen. Stanley McChrystal, President Barack Obama's top commander in Afghanistan, sent a 66-page report of his assessments to Defense Secretary Robert Gates on Aug. 30, and now the report is being reviewed by Obama's top security advisers.

Obama campaigned on a timely removal of U.S. troops from Iraq and Afghanistan. It should be interesting to see if he remains true to his campaign promises while top military officials are convinced more troops are needed to ensure victory in the Middle East.

The president increased troops in February while his popularity was unbelievably high, despite campaigning on "change we can believe in" when it came to military strategy and the careful exit from the wars going on in

Travis Ellington



Iraq and Afghanistan.

Now that the popularity of the wars has dropped, along with the overall satisfaction of the new administration, it should be interesting to see if Obama will continue to listen to his top military officials who live and work overseas or if he will listen to his political advisers who feel the heat of discontent from campaign supporters.

It is obvious more troops are needed to continue to combat the surging Taliban extremists, as well as others. We witnessed the two deadliest months of the eight-year war take place just recently in July (45 deaths) and August (51 deaths), according to icasualties.org.

Gates, Gen. David Petraeus and Mc-

Chrystal, have agreed a troop increase by the end of the year is necessary and the noncompliance would result in a "failure to gain the initiative and reverse insurgent momentum in the near term ... risking an outcome where defeating the insurgency is no longer possible," as said in McChrystal's report.

In recent months and years we have seen many bombings being carried out by al Qaeda loyalists, Taliban extremists and Islamic radicals outside of the Middle Eastern countries the U.S. military currently occupies.

There have been large numbers of casualties in Madrid, London and Jakarta, Indonesia, (as well as many others) linked to the same terrorist groups we are fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. Last week, three men (originally from Afghanistan) were arrested in the United States for plotting bomb detonations within the U.S. borders.

It is absolutely imperative to stop these radicals from forming allegiance to rage against democratic nations. I think

that starts by eliminating the source promoting these suicidal violent actions. I would much rather have our troops fighting a war pro-actively overseas by combating the creation of these extremist groups who assemble, formulate plots and acquire weapons to harm innocent people then have them here at home fighting a war in a reactive manner.

If our top military officials, who are not voted into position and do not have a hand in Washington politics, suggest a troop increase, it would be absolutely irresponsible to deny their request without careful consideration of military strategy being explained by military personnel.

Many top officials believe victory is still obtainable amid disputes of "rigged" elections results. Afghan President Hamid Karzai backs McChrystal in his request for more troops to be sent to the Islamic nation, as reported by CNN.

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Irish set-dancing group becomes Tech organization

By **SHERREL JONES**
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Christopher Smith yelled, "Five, six, seven, eight," and dancers began to move energetically to up-beat Irish music in the back room at J&B Coffee Tuesday night.

Smith, associate professor and chair of musicology, said TTU Set Dancers became an official organization this fall. The organization started as an informal group that had been meeting off and on for about a year.

The real inspiration for the formation of the organization is a class on Irish music and folklore, which Smith said he teaches. As part of the course, there is a two-week field trip to Ireland.

"They visit museums, archeological sites and landscapes," Smith said. "They also participate in music and dancing. This past spring, we had a group of students who were particularly interested in the dancing."

The idea for the organization started between two Tech students: Jayme Smith, a senior music education major from Abilene, and Michael Harrison, a senior music education major from Austin.

"We started it because last semester we took a seminar class and we went to Ireland," Harrison said. "We got back and really missed it and wanted to start an organization."

Harrison said the group meets in the back room at J&B Coffee because they like to dance in a small space.

"It's what people do in their homes," Harrison said. "We try to find smaller spaces to dance in because it emulates what you would have been doing back in the day in Ireland."

All students are welcome to come watch or participate, Jayme Smith said. No dance experience is required to become a set dancer.

"It's a two-step style," said Jayme Smith, who is of no relation to Christopher Smith. "It's not the traditional Lord of the Dance. It's not hard technique. We want to help people get the hang of it, and we're not going to shun you because you can't dance. We will try to teach you."

There is no greater feeling than dancing to up-beat Irish music, Harrison said. During the non-stop movement, the dancers have smiles on their faces.

"There is no bigger joy," Harrison said. "I can't stop smiling. I have dreams about this. Everyone in the set is sweaty and tired, but you get past it and can't stop smiling."

Harrison said the organization has been more successful than he expected. The organization has had official status for about four weeks and



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JAYME SMITH, A senior music education major from Abilene; Lauren Gold, a sophomore music education major from Katy; Amanda Marschall, a senior studio art major from Fredericksburg; and Michael Harrison, a senior music education major from Austin, practice Irish set-dancing at J&B Coffee Tuesday.

has about 26 members.

The organization has exciting plans for this year, Christopher Smith said. "We will perform in Celtic Christ-

mas this year," he said. "It is a fundraiser for a scholarship. This is the ninth annual one, and it's the first time Irish set-dancers will participate."

The members of TTU Set Dancers said more people should join the organization because it is fun, and can be a relief from homework. Harrison

said individuals hoping to join should expect high levels of energy from the group.

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'Community' funny enough for real degree

Generally when you obtain a bachelor's degree from Columbia, you never have to go the community college.

That is unless you're talking about the country and not the Ivy League university.

Such is the predicament facing Jeff Winger, the protagonist of NBC's new comedy, "Community," an attorney who has had his license revoked when it's discovered to be less than legitimate. He enrolls in Greendale Community College, where he encounters a broad spectrum of people, typical of such an institution, or "school-shaped toilet" as he aptly puts it. Every character has their own quirks, and all are well portrayed.

But the show belongs to Joel McHale, better known as the goof-ball host of "The Soup," a much funnier (and lewd) version of "Saturday Night Live's" "Weekend Update." McHale has spent years making fun of actors and reality stars, and it seems to have made him a better actor than most would have thought. Undeniably, McHale shines as the conniving and slippery protagonist, and portrays an acting ability that should entertain for years to come.

To say McHale's character is ethically challenged would be generous. Winger insults a lunch lady, poses as a "board-certified" Spanish

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tutor to get some alone time with a co-ed, and attempts to obtain the answers to his tests from a psychology professor ... in the first five

minutes of the episode. What's more, his experience as a lawyer helps him worm his way out of trouble. According to Winger, "I discovered at a young age that if I talk enough, I can make anything right or wrong."

Winger set up a Spanish study group but only invited the girl he's interested in. His plan backfired when she in turn invited five more people, and our seven core characters are introduced.

Almost all the stereotypical community college students are present, from the high school dropout to the

recent divorcee. Playing a business owner and resident "old guy" is Chevy Chase, trying to resurrect a career that hasn't been relevant since VHS tapes took the world by storm. Chase's character is crude, racist and altogether inappropriate, but he pulls it off surprisingly well and will likely be a major source of conflict in the coming episodes.

The study group scene plays out like a John Hughes movie, and several allusions to "The Breakfast Club" are indeed made. The audience gets a glimpse of each character, and in so doing, can see the direction each person may take. Will Troy get over the fact he's not a star quarterback anymore? Can Abed make

friends and not be so weird or chatty in the upcoming episodes?

Who cares? As long as McHale gets most of the time on screen, the show will have to try very hard to be unfunny. Dan Harmon has written a wonderfully clever script, and if McHale is given the chance to fast-talk his way through every episode, this snarky comedy will complement the other NBC niche comedies well.

Two other actors of note are John Oliver, of "The Daily Show" fame, and Ken Jeong, seen in the summer comedy "The Hangover." Oliver plays a psychologist at the college. He had once hired Winger, so they have a familiarity none of the other characters have. The two have outstanding dialogue and chemistry, and you're disappointed when their scenes end. Jeong was not featured in the pilot but will play the Spanish professor.

So take a chance on "Community" 8:30 p.m. Thursday on NBC. It's got everything a comedy should have: plot, quality acting, great writing, and, oh yeah, it's really funny.

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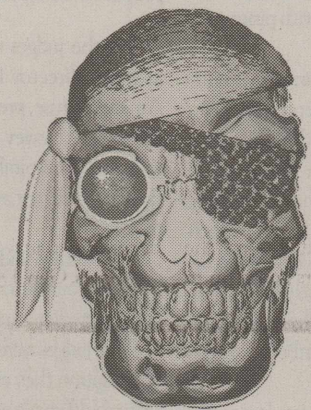
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4 Sirokes on a green
9 Terrible
14 What the Mad Hatter served
15 Apple's instant messaging software
16 No longer tied up
17 Uncooked
18 Barton of the Red Cross
19 Divided country
20 See 48-Down
23 Piano part
24 Bando of baseball
25 Airport waiter
28 Sheds feathers
32 Stereotypical eye patch wearer
34 Start of an order to an attack dog
37 Partner of woes
39 Fed. org. concerned with workplace woes
40 See 48-Down
44 Ill-advised
45 Pageant topper
46 Old draft org.
47 Clothes
50 Slow mover
52 Canada's smallest prov.
53 Fashionable boot brand
55 Starbucks offering
59 See 48-Down
64 Descendant
66 Walking ... euphoric
67 Whatever
68 Fill with wonder
69 Three-card scum
70 Cocktail party bowlful
71 Chair
72 Wrapped up
73 Va. clock setting

DOWN
1 Vegas attraction, with "the"
2 Treaty subject
3 Went off course, at sea
4 Burglar
5 Golden State sch.
6 "All ... Jazz"
7 Empty truck's weight
8 Wild guesses
9 Acid neutralizer
10 Fireside stack
11 Weather Channel offerings
12 Take advantage of
13 Grazing site
21 Golf legend
22 Once around the track
26 Pal of Aramis
27 Nursery rhyme trio
29 Fond du ... Wisconsin
30 Horse's gait
31 Big rigs
33 Louis XIV, to his subjects
34 Subway rider's aid
35 Hot under the collar
36 Spanish dialect that's now standard
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41 Greek X
42 Paleozoic ...

By Jack Sargeant 9/24/09

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TAB crowns Tech Iron Chef

By **CARRIE THORNTON**
STAFF WRITER

"Thirty-three seconds left," the announcer yelled.

The chefs made last-minute preparations and plated their creations.

Ten seconds left, and one chef calmly took off his latex gloves and began to wipe the edges of his plates with a towel, and then — time's up!

Texas Tech Iron Chef, a replication of the popular TV show, heated things up as chefs battled to win over the judges Wednesday night.

"It was fun," said Dwight Hill, a cook at Horn/Knapp Residence Hall. "The only hard part was putting everything together, but there was plenty of time."

Hill was a member of the challenging team, and his meal of the night was Caribbean chicken stuffed with pineapple, cilantro and black beans.

"I went to the Caribbean on my honeymoon, and ever since then I have been hooked on that type of food," Hill said.

The chefs were given one hour to prepare their dish, which had to include the chosen ingredient, chicken. Each had a table and a variety of ingredients, as well as an oven. At exactly 8 p.m., the dishes were presented to the judges and smaller portions were distributed to the audience.

In the end, the challengers lost to the Iron Chef team, led by Reginold Grant, a cook at the Union Grill.

"It feels good," Grant said. "I have to give all the credit to my team."

Grant's coconut-crusted chicken won the prize, and he said he cooked it because it is something he has prepared before and enjoys. The one-hour time limit did not ruin his concentration.

"I had enough time," Grant said. "I was nervous at first, but after we got started with everything, I relaxed."



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A CROWD GATHERS around the Iron Chef Tech judges Mike Gunn the assistant director of student activities; Dewey McCurry executive sous chef for hospitality; Tech Activities Board President Amanda Cruse, a senior managing and marketing major from Happy; and Janice Boyce, a restaurant hotel and institutional management faculty member, as they sample the dishes prepared by the chefs Wednesday in the Student Union Building.

At the judges table sat Mike Gunn, assistant director of student activities, Amanda Cruse, president of Tech Activities Board, Dewey McMurrey, executive sous chef at hospitality services, and Janice Boyce, restaurant and hotel management professor.

McMurrey said he judged the dishes based on four factors: taste, texture, use of main ingredient and presentation.

The judges were chosen based on what organization they are associated with and who would give a good, unbiased opinion on the food served, said Kish Rajput, coordinator of special programs at TAB.

"This was the first time we have done anything like this, and I think it was a great success," he said. "We tried to make it as close as possible to the show."

The TV show features two teams of chefs, the Iron Chef leads one and the other is the challenger, Rajput said.

Teams were divided for Tech's version of the event by flipping a coin, and the winner chose whether they wanted to be

the Iron Chef.

"A lot of what we did was based off what we thought might work best, and everything turned out good," he said.

Taryn Lambert, a junior public relations and electronic media communications major from Austin, said her love for the TV show pulled her towards attending Tech's version.

"I thought it was great," she said. "The portions were a little small, but I enjoyed it."

The event was a great way for cooks at Tech to showcase their skills, Lambert said. However, a few improvements could be made in the future to make it mirror the actual show, she said.

"It was definitely different than the TV show," Lambert said. "The show has cameras moving around so it makes things look more fast paced. Here it was a little awkward to walk up and look at the food."

Lambert suggested the use of a projector showing the audience what the cooks were actually doing to make it a more exciting experience.

"Overall I liked it," she said. "I like cooking myself, and it was fun coming and getting new recipe ideas."

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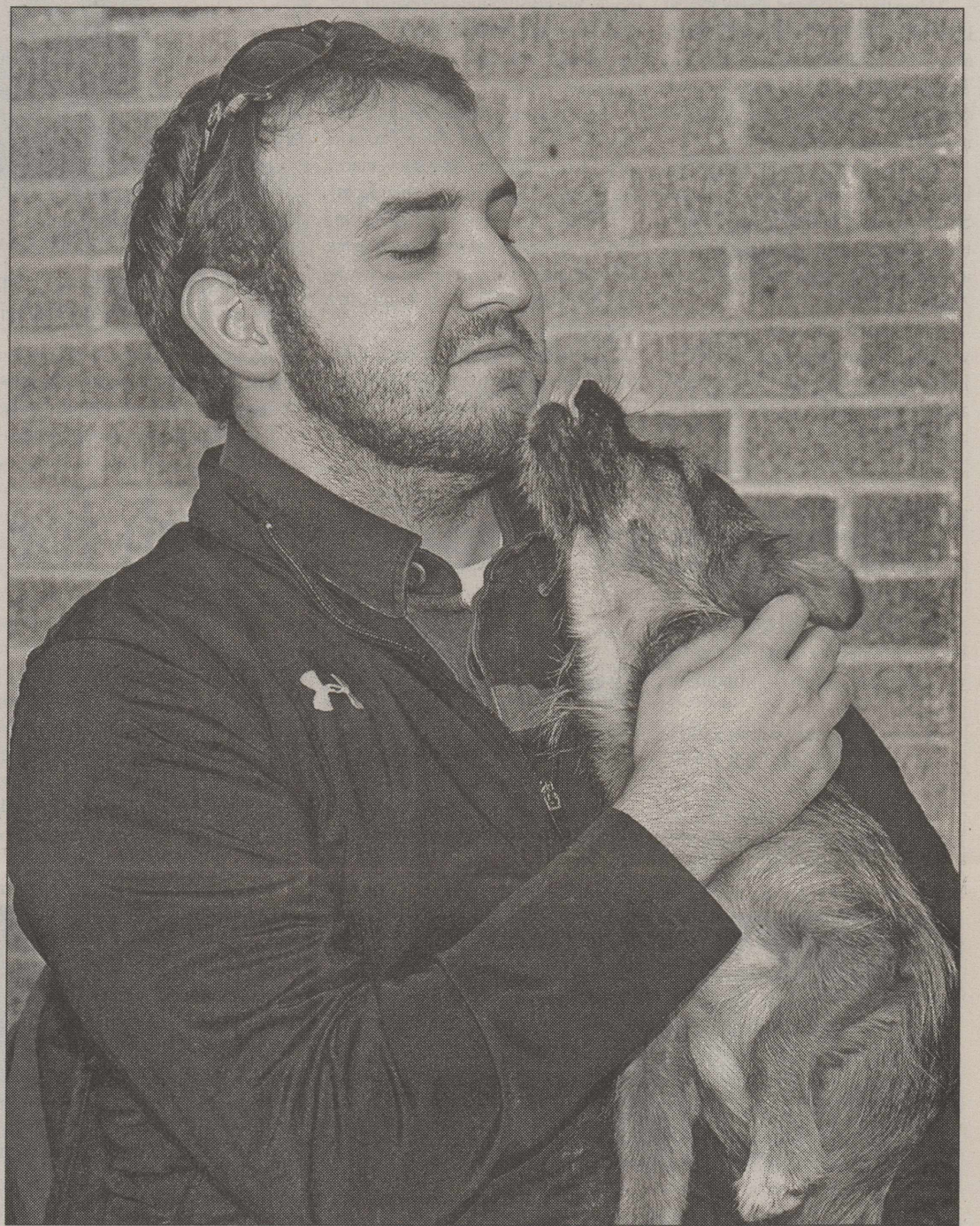


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SHANE ROBERIE, A graduate student in the Fine Arts Performance and Pedagogy program from Lafayette, La., gets a kiss of thanks from a stray dog. Roberie said he will call the Humane Society to secure temporary housing for the dog until its owner can be located.

VH1's 'Best Week Ever' regular to perform at Tech

Students can laugh along with comedian Doug Benson and opener Graham Elwood, who will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union Allen Theatre sponsored by Tech Activities Board.

Benson is a regular on VH1's "Best Week Ever," finished in the top six in NBC's "Last Comic Standing," and earned his second 30-minute special on Comedy Central earlier this year. He also stars in his own documentary

titled "Super High Me," based off of one of his jokes from his standup routine.

"He's a very happy and go-lucky guy," said Aspen Teague, TAB nightlife coordinator. "He is very chill, and being on VH1 is what he's famous for. You see him on there most of the time and that's (a station) a lot of college students watch. He is someone people will recognize from TV which is why brought him in."

Last year's TAB executive board had the chance to watch Benson perform at a national convention for student associations, and decided he would be a great act to bring to Lubbock, Teague said. His material is light-hearted and relatable for college students.

Benson's agent recommended Elwood as an opener because of the two comedians' friendship as well as

their unique style, she said. "We booked them together and are really excited to have Graham here as well," Teague said.

Two free tickets are allotted to each student with a Tech ID, and they are \$12.00 for the general public. Because the tickets are free, Teague said she encourages students check out the show.

"It's two comedians for free," Teague said. "You can't get a much better deal than that. The show will be great not only because he's a very talented comic, but he is somebody who is well known if you watch VH1. It's a chance to see someone who is TV worthy on our campus, and this is our first really big comedy event of the semester. The show provides a good chance for students to come out and check out what TAB brings in."

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Tech soccer continues life without Harrison

By **MIKE GRAHAM**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech soccer star Brittney Harrison's season is done.

However, the rest of the Red Raiders believe their season is just getting started.

Tech coach Tom Stone said the Tech roster is sorry to miss Harrison, but it is time to focus on Big 12 Conference play and a chance at the school's third consecutive berth in the conference tournament.

"The response has been appropriate," Stone said. "On a personal level we feel for Brittney, but it is clear to everyone the season has yet to be played."

It was announced Monday Harrison would miss the rest of the season with a knee injury after being tackled from behind by Alabama defender Grace Lawson in Friday's 2-1 double-overtime loss to the Crimson Tide. The following Sunday against Weber State, Harrison was on crutches with a heavily-braced right leg.

The injury comes at the wrong time for the Red Raiders, as Tech opens conference play against Iowa State Friday and Nebraska on Sunday.

Stone said the roster is not only going to have to step up to make up for the loss of Harrison, but also because each win and loss means Tech is gaining security in the standings or getting closer to the outside looking in.

"We ask that of everybody," Stone said. "It's going to take everyone performing at a higher level to have success in the conference schedule."

Tech may have started that process Sunday when it defeated Weber State 2-1. Forward Dawn Ward netted the game winning goal in the 79th minute of play. It was the first game-winning goal not credited to

Harrison this season.

Ward, a redshirt freshman, was awarded the Big 12 Newcomer of the Week title Tuesday. Ward's award marked the first time the Big 12 acknowledged a Tech player for any sort of conference honor.

Midfielder Taylor Lytle led the nation in assists heading into last weekend with eight in seven games but was passed up for conference accolades. Believing some sort of accolade should have come earlier this season, Stone said at one point, he wondered if the Big 12 was getting Tech's press releases regarding the team's accomplishments.

Although the team is moving forward, players said that does not mean Harrison is off their minds.

Lytle said no one on the team will forget how fortunate they are to have the opportunity to play in every game this season and not permanently watch from the sidelines.

"We just want to go out and play every game for her because we know how much she wants to be out there with us," Lytle said. "But we also know there are plenty of players to pick up the slack."

Harrison leaves a void that may be hard to fill, however.

The senior ended her Tech career fourth all-time on points and goals, sixth in assists and second in career game-winning goals. Stone said Monday he is unsure if Harrison can get a medical redshirt, considering she has already played too many games into her senior year to be considered for an exception.

Tech has made the Big 12 Tournament for two consecutive years but has never made it out of the first round. Stone — who guided Tech to those two conference tournament appearances in his first two years as coach — has said it is no longer an acceptable goal



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH'S BRITTNEY Harrison, right, will miss the rest of the 2009 season with a knee injury. The Red Raiders aim to keep the offense scoring without her as Big 12 Conference play begins this weekend.

to just make the tournament. He said Tech needs to start winning games at the tournament.

Chances of winning up to and through the tournament only could have been helped by Harrison's break-away speed — Stone dubbed her the fastest player in the Big 12.

Despite the sympathy other Big 12 teams may feel for Harrison and the Red Raiders, the Cyclones and Cornhuskers

are coming to Lubbock for wins.

"It's something you hate to hear," said Nebraska assistant coach Wally Crittenden. "It's tragic for that to happen (Harrison's) senior year. I've had opportunities to see her play against two Big 12 teams as an assistant at OU and here at Nebraska and she is a wonderful player. But we're not going to prepare any differently for Tech."

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Oprah Winfrey joins Chicago 2016 delegation to lobby for Olympics

CHICAGO (AP) — Oprah's trying to land another big get.

The talk show queen will travel to Denmark next week to lobby International Olympic Committee members to award the 2016 Games to her beloved city.

The IOC will choose a host city Oct. 2, and Chicago is in a tight contest with Madrid, Rio de Janeiro and Tokyo.

"I love and believe in Chicago, and I think it would be the perfect host city for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games," Winfrey said Wednesday.

Winfrey's addition adds some serious star power to what was already an impressive delegation. First lady Michelle Obama will lead the group and be joined by 14 Olympic and two Paralympic gold medalists, including Michael Johnson,

Nadia Comaneci, Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Nastia Liukin. Ten other Olympians and Paralympians also are going.

And then there's President Barack Obama. He is still trying to decide whether to appear personally on behalf of his adopted hometown, but he did end an advance team to Copenhagen this week.

That Winfrey would be part of the delegation is hardly a surprise. She's been an ardent supporter of the bid, and said earlier this month that she'd do whatever organizers needed. When she threw a party on Chicago's famed Michigan Avenue to celebrate the start of her 24th season, she said she hoped it would impress IOC members.

She also had members of the 2008 Olympic team on her show

after Beijing.

"As a member of our community and as someone who understands and demonstrates the value of helping others, she embodies the spirit of so many Chicagoans and is truly an emissary for our bid and for the city of Chicago," Chicago 2016 chairman Patrick Ryan said.

Johnson had the defining performance the last time the Summer Games were in the United States. Wearing bright gold shoes, he became the first — and so far, only — man to win the 200 and 400 meters at the same Olympics.

Comaneci's string of seven perfect 10s at the Montreal Games captivated the world, and the Romanian teenager appeared on the covers of Sports Illustrated, Newsweek and Time.

Liukin is the reigning Olympic cham-

pion, joining Mary Lou Retton and Carly Patterson as the only American women to win the all-around title. Joyner-Kersey, an Illinois native, is among the greatest track and field athletes ever, winning three golds in the heptathlon and long jump.

Joining them are fellow gold medalists Michael Conley, the 1992 triple jump champion who grew up near the planned Olympic stadium in Washington Park; Bart Conner (gymnastics); Bryan Clay (decathlon); Brandi Chastain (soccer); Bob Ctvrtlik (volleyball); Donna de Varona and Gary Hall Jr. (swimming); Ron Freeman (track and field); Edwin Moses (hurdles); Kerri Walsh (beach volleyball); and April Holmes and Linda Mastandrea (Paralympic track and field).

SPORTS SHORTS

A Russian owner in NBA: Tycoon buying NJ Nets

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Could the New Jersey Nets become the NYets?

The basketball team once known as the New Jersey Americans is a step closer to being owned by Russia's richest man, Mikhail Prokhorov, who on Wednesday said he has a deal to buy 80 percent of the NBA team and nearly half of a project to build a new arena in Brooklyn.

The proposed blockbuster deal would give the Nets' current principal owner, Bruce Ratner, the needed cash to move forward with the centerpiece of his Atlantic Yards development, which includes plans for retail and residential

projects.

It would make Prokhorov, a Russian billionaire and former amateur basketball player, the NBA's first non-North American owner.

It would mean the Nets really do seem headed to Brooklyn, a New York City borough without a major pro sports franchise since baseball's Dodgers decamped for Los Angeles in 1957.

And it would be a sign the NBA is serious about building a worldwide identity. Commissioner David Stern immediately praised the deal, saying it will help the NBA expand its reach and would ensure that the Nets, who play in the aging Izod Center in East Rutherford, will have a state-of-the-art arena.

Cowboys' Adams fined \$12,500 for plays vs. Giants

IRVING (AP) — Cowboys left tackle Flozell Adams has been fined \$12,500 by the NFL for kicking two New York Giants on Sunday, making it two straight games he's been fined.

Adams was punished not only for the second-quarter play that left Justin Tuck with a shoulder injury, but also for doing it to Osi Umenyiora in the fourth quarter.

Adams was flagged for kicking Tuck, but not for the swipe at Umenyiora. After the game, Tuck called it a "bush league play," and Adams shot back Monday, saying he didn't know Tuck was hurt, adding, "From a supposed kick? Tell

him to stay up. It ain't my fault."

On Wednesday, Tuck got his turn to respond.

"Normally, people go to the Pro Bowl for blocking people, not tripping people. So maybe he should keep his feet on the ground," Tuck said. "We're not going to get into a war of words here, we are going to let it be what it is, and I'll see Flozell when we play them again."

The rematch is Dec. 6 at Giants Stadium.

Adams also was fined \$5,000 for an unnecessary roughness penalty against Tampa Bay in the opener, which Adams said he wants to appeal.

Gillispie offered plea bargain in DUI case

LAWRENCEBURG, Ky. (AP) — An attorney for Billy Gillispie says the former Kentucky basketball coach has received a "reasonable offer" for a plea bargain in his drunken driving case but hasn't decided whether he will take it.

William Patrick said Wednesday that he has had several discussions with Anderson County attorney Bobbi Jo Lewis over the last few days about reaching a deal on the DUI charge. A pretrial hearing is set for Oct. 5 in Anderson County, and Patrick said Gillispie would need to be there if a plea bargain is imminent.

"Once coach Gillispie and I have a chance to review that and discuss it, he will make a decision on how we're going to proceed," Patrick said.

Lewis, participating in informal conferences Wednesday with at-

torneys for various cases, confirmed she had made Gillispie an offer but couldn't discuss it.

Gillispie was arrested Aug. 27 and charged with DUI after refusing sobriety tests during an early morning traffic stop in which officers said they smelled alcohol on his breath. Gillispie was jailed overnight in neighboring Franklin County and arraigned the next morning.

In a court document filed Monday, Lewis outlined some of the evidence she has against Gillispie, including audio recordings of the 911 call reporting a vehicle driving erratically, video and audio recordings of the field sobriety tests, and video and audio recordings made at the police department.

Patrick confirmed Gillispie has checked into the John Lucas Athletes After Care Program in Texas for alcohol rehabilitation.

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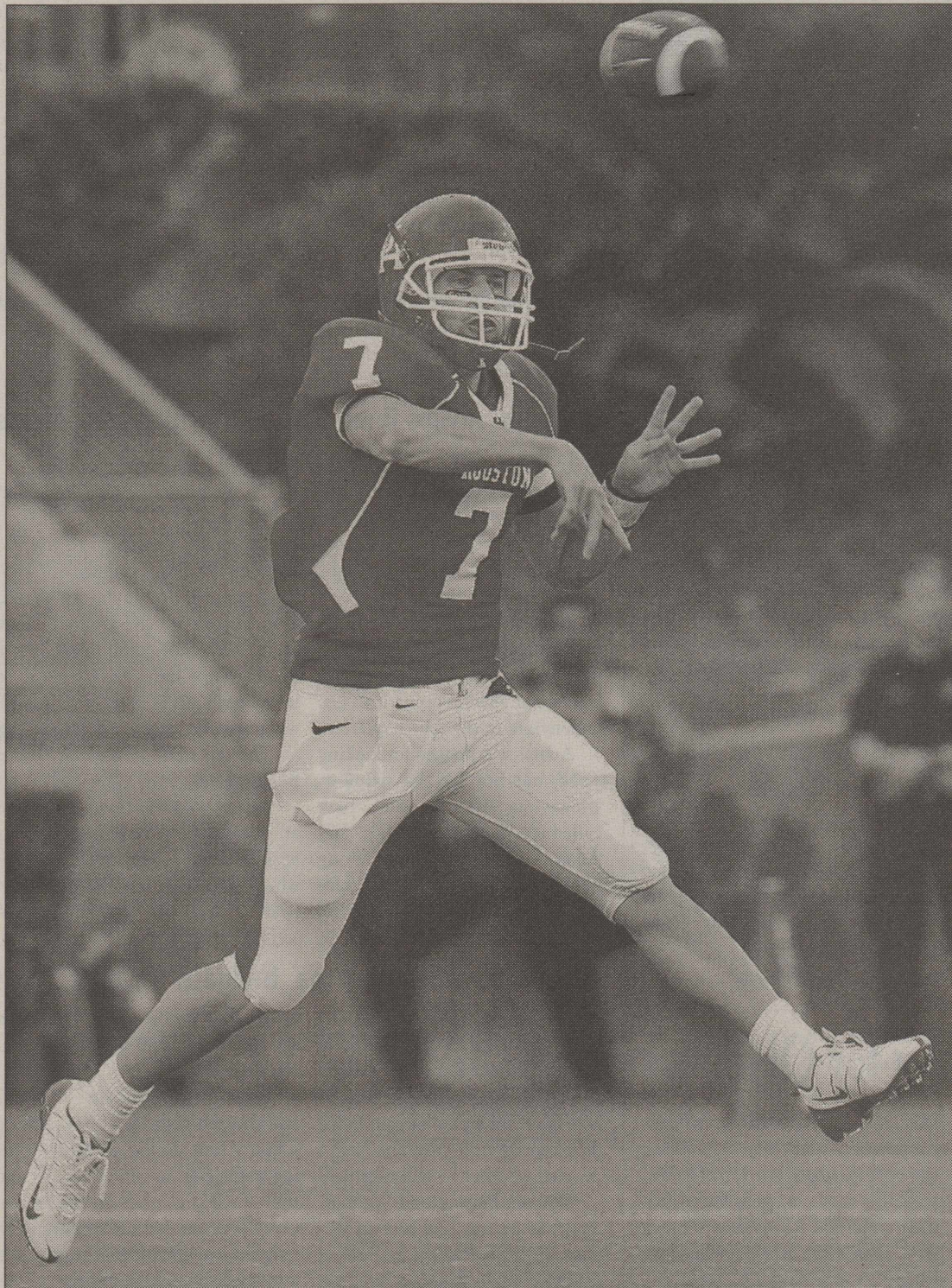


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HOUSTON QUARTERBACK CASE Keenum and his teammates will try to stay focused despite the extra attention they've gained since knocking off then-No. 5 Oklahoma State. The No. 17 Cougars play Texas Tech at 8:15 p.m. Saturday at Robertson Stadium in Houston.

By ALEX YBARRA
MANAGING EDITOR

It didn't take long for the Houston Cougars, whose upset against No. 5 Oklahoma State thrust them into the national rankings for the first time in 18 years, to muscle their way into a spotlight normally directed in a different direction.

"(Houston is) not like a College Station or even an Austin or a Stillwater — those type of towns where it's just a college the only thing in the town," said UH quarterback Case Keenum, whose 180.26 passer rating is fourth in the nation. "You've got just about anything that you want to do on any night."

Like paying attention to the Houston Texans or Astros, or indulging in some other form of entertainment fit for a big city.

But one thing is for sure: This weekend's hottest ticket isn't the NFL game between the Texans and Jacksonville Jaguars.

It's the anticipated shootout between the No. 17 Cougars and Texas Tech Red Raiders, who meet at 8:15 p.m. Saturday at Robertson Stadium in Houston.

Earlier this week, students were lined up Sunday night and as early as 6 a.m. Monday for tickets to the game, which was a sight to behold for coach Kevin Sumlin.

"For our players, that's a huge deal," he said. "It really, really makes them feel great and appreciated. That's what everybody wants. Looking at our players come out of the building and see all their friends and people and guys that they go to class with waiting in line just to get tickets to see them play, can do nothing but help them."

Having a huge crowd at the game would help, too.

The attendance record at Robertson Stadium is 31,818 — expect that to change on Saturday with

tickets already sold out.

After seeing that Tech committed several false start penalties in front of a state-record 101,297 people in Austin, Sumlin said it would go a long way if Cougar fans would be "as loud as humanly possible."

"The crowd can really affect how teams on the road communicate," he said. "This is my public plea to have a little help from our fans."

If they can create a little more noise, we would appreciate it."

But the added hype doesn't strictly impact the attendance at Robertson Stadium.

For senior linebacker Carl Barnett, it's obvious there is a certain increase in the pride factor for students, which means more school colors between classes.

"You used to always see people on campus wearing Texas Tech and A&M clothing, but now you're starting to see people wear UH clothing," he said.

Senior linebacker C.J. Cavness said the compliments are coming in bunches, which is nice, but they could just as easily stop with a loss to Tech this weekend.

"It's hard not to listen to what my fellow classmates say to me in class," he said. "But you have to stay focused on what it takes to win. You just have to say thank you and move on."

"I acknowledge what is happening is exciting, and it will make for good memories later, but our goals are much bigger than where we are right now."

That sounds a lot like what players preached during the Red Raiders' climb to a No. 2 ranking in 2008 — something that brought unprecedented attention.

Much like the Red Raiders, the Cougars' win against Oklahoma State — their first victory against a top 5 team since beating third-ranked Texas in 1984 — redirected their path to a possible BCS bowl game.

"I don't know how many people don't like some attention," Sumlin said. "If you win games, you're going to start to have success, either individually or collectively,

things like that are gonna happen. It's one of those deals where you just have to deal with it."

But Sumlin said his team is full of players prepared to tuck away the hype and give their undivided attention to a Red Raider team that nearly beat No. 2 Texas Saturday in Austin.

"As long as we can continue to listen to what we're talking about in our little building here," he said, "and not what everybody else is saying about us, either right or wrong or good or bad, we'll be all right."

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HOUSTON

Tech, Kansas St., postpone volleyball match

The Texas Tech volleyball team's bid to put a halt to a 41-match losing streak against Big 12 Conference opponents Wednesday will no longer be possible thanks to what is becoming a nationwide problem among collegiate athletic departments.

Tech did not make the trip to Manhattan, Kan., because of a spread of flu-like symptoms among the volleyball team. Six of the 14 players on the roster are out with the illness.

Tech (2-9, 0-2 in the Big 12 play) originally was scheduled to face-off against Kansas State (6-6, 0-2) at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, but because of the illness, the match officially was postponed until further rescheduling can be made.

The outbreak is not rare in collegiate sports, as many athletic programs across the nation are dealing with the same problem regarding student-athletes and flu-like symptoms.

Earlier this season, the Tulane volleyball team canceled its trip to Creighton, Neb., for the Bluejay Invitational — Tech's first tournament of the year — because some of the players had the H1N1 virus.

None of the players were available

to comment, and Tech head coach Trish Knight did not respond after attempts to speak with her. It has not been confirmed if the players have the H1N1 virus and the six ill players were not named.

With the match against K-State being postponed and an upcoming bye week in Big 12 play, the Red Raiders have time to get healthy. The extra time also provides a chance for more preparation prior to next week's match.

Tech is set to host No. 11 Iowa State 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

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Cox to retire as Braves manager after next season

NEW YORK (AP) — Bobby Cox will retire as manager of the Atlanta Braves after next season, ending an illustrious career in which he guided the team to 14 consecutive postseason appearances and the 1995 World Series title.

The 68-year-old Cox, a four-time

Manager of the Year, agreed to a one-year contract extension for 2010, the Braves announced before Wednesday night's game against the New York Mets. He will start a five-year consulting agreement to advise the team in baseball operations after he steps down as manager.

"They asked me to come back, and I

said I would do it for one more year, and we'll announce the retirement along with it. It's the only way I think I'm ever going to walk away from the game, is to go ahead and say I'm going to, and then I've got to," Cox said. "There's no turning back now — win, lose or draw. Whatever happens next year is going to be it."

Higgins comes long way to help cross country

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Hard work and dedication can accomplish even the hardest of feats.

Texas Tech men's cross country runner, Cory Higgins, embodies this statement.

The senior engineering major from Abilene came from humble beginnings — Eula High School, a 1A school located West of Abilene.

Some may think competing in athletics at the 1A level won't translate to a spot in Division I athletics.

However, Higgins said running at a 1A school gave him all the motivation he needed to prove to himself that he could run at the highest collegiate level.

"I definitely feel like I wanted to prove myself," said Higgins, who finished sixth at the Texas Tech Open on Friday in Lubbock. "I felt like at 1A, even if you won, there is always a little asterisk beside your name that said you won in 1A. The 5A guys said, 'Oh well, you won state or whatever but you're in 1A.' There's not as much competition so I was like I'll just go Division I."

Higgins said adjusting to the level of competition at the collegiate level took some time and was a struggle.



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doubled to 80 miles per week.

For the Eula Pirates, Higgins was a three-sport athlete, participating in baseball, basketball and cross country. He said he would have played football, but Eula — a town of 125 people — did not have a football program. Higgins said another reason the competition for cross country suffered was that so many schools focused their attention on football, which led to cross country's place on the back burner.

Higgins was a three-time state champion with one title in cross country, the 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter race in track. Higgins also has Red Raider heritage as his parents both attended Tech and his sister currently is enrolled.

Tech coach Jon Murray said Higgins came in with lofty goals and is different from most runners from small schools in that he was not discouraged or afraid of the challenge Division I cross country brings.

"He is someone who came in and set some high goals for himself," Murray said. "He has worked very

hard to achieve those goals. Most from smaller schools probably get discouraged quickly and most of them probably quit running and just want to be students or something else. But for him to persevere and continue to be motivated and I think what he'll do this year is exciting."

In Eula, Higgins and his coaches had to find bigger meets for the Pirates to compete in, because the school had made an appearance at the state meet since 1997, with its highest finish a second place in 2003. In 2004, Higgins senior year, he ran a time of 16:16 in the 5K race to win the state championship.

Murray said Higgins is a leader for the Red Raiders because he leads by example and takes pride in taking care of his body, staying in shape and keeping up with his grades.

Higgins said he is proud of his accomplishment, but remains humble in the hard work he has put in.

"I really didn't have too many expectations coming here," Higgins said. "I just wanted to come in and train hard and see how fast I could get. So, I didn't put any expectations or limitations even but that's all it was about to get as good as I could."

Higgins and the Tech cross country team resume competition with the Oklahoma State Cowboy Jamboree Oct. 3 in Stillwater, Okla.

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