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### Police break up Tour de Tech Terrace after four-fifths completed

By EMILY MOSER STAFF WRITER

Tour de Tech Terrace Fall 2009 could have added a new element to its slogan "Ten houses... Ten miles... Ten Drinks... Or more...": police.

The student-run biannual bicycle ride, Tour de Tech Terrace, was interrupted by police Saturday. Austin Keith, the tour's organizer, said police were called to break up the bicycle ride because the city received complaints of bicycle riders trampling yards, littering and urinating in public. Keith, a senior at Tech, said even though the tour completed the traditional 10 stops, it officially was shut down after the eighth.

"I told them from here on out it's on their own discretion," he said.

The official count for this tour, which was 1,105 people tallied between two of the first houses. Less than 50 bicycle riders out of those 1,105 made it to the tour's ending house. At the first house, some bicycle riders who had participated on previous tours said it was their goal to make it to the final house.

Cherrelle Spreight, a senior, said she has ridden in the tour for the past three or four years. Every year she began the ride with the goal to make it from the first house to the last. She said she's only made it once. Other than her goal of completing the tour, the reason she said she continues to participate is because the bicycle ride is a good way to meet people with a shared interest.

"It's a good way to relate to other people," Spreight said straddling her bicycle. "We have a common goal — to make it to the last house."

Other previous participants of the tour cited other reasons for rejoining this year. Kim Wong, a senior, said before the bicycle ride started this year she participated in the tour last spring, thought it was fun and got to witness some amusing sights.

"It made me laugh to see the people fall over on their bicycles," she said. "I'm ready to see that again."

First-time tour participant Bobby Cramer said he had heard of bicycle wrecks occurring during the bicycle ride. He said he planned on being a witness, not a participant in the collisions.

"Just go slow and be safe," he said, "just like my mom taught me."

Cramer, a Tech alumnus, said he never participated in the tour before graduating because he used the excuse of not having a bicycle. He said while at Tech he's seen the tour grow bigger and bigger but never got involved until this year. Travis Shappell, a senior at Tech, noted over the years the tour has grown to an astonishing size.

"Other than football," Shappell said, "to get 1,200 people involved in one event is unbelievable."

As a previous tour rider, Shappell said he believed there was less littering in previous tours. He thought the increase in littering was caused by the newcomers and a lack of respect. Keith also credited the problems with littering to the first time participants.

"It's a new crowd," Keith said. "It's not the old crowd. The new crowd is a little rambunctious and doesn't know how to put their empty bottles in their backpack."

Between houses on the tour, some people voluntarily went around with a trash bag to clean up. One of the volunteers this year was Sean Burrows, a Tech alumnus. He's participated in the tour since 2007 and said it should be understood for the bicycle riders to pick up after themselves.

"You see these people?" asked Burrows while picking up the mess left by the parting crowd of bicyclists. "They litter. That's not good. It's a lack of common courtesy."

During the bicycle ride, Gary King, a Tech Terrace resident and landlord for several houses of the area, was outside working on one of his properties near the tour's route. King said he wasn't against the college-student-dominated event.

"It's generally not bad," he said, "and you can't condemn them for it."

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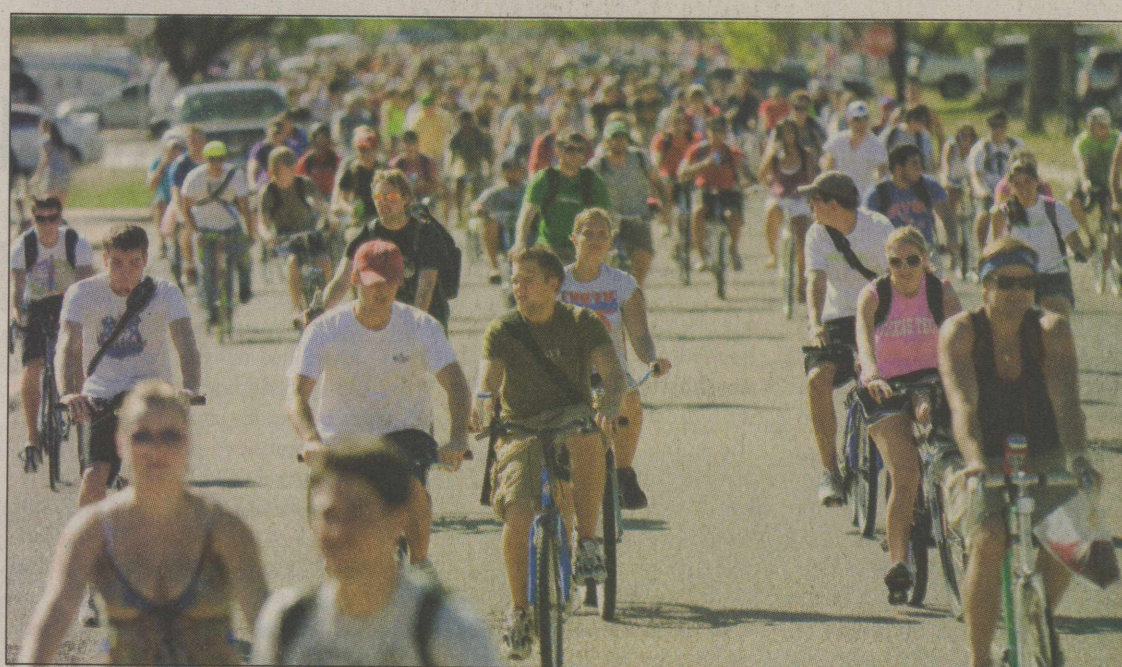


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ABOUT 1100 PEOPLE participated in this semester's Tour de Tech Terrace.

### Student arrested, stun gunned during Tour

By JON VANDERLAAN NEWS EDITOR

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Officers with the Lubbock Police Department used a stun gun on a Texas Tech student Saturday afternoon during Tour de Tech Terrace while the student was being arrested for evading arrest with a vehicle, resisting arrest, failure to identify and public intoxication.

Hunter Temperton, a student in the College of Arts and Sciences, was arrested at about 6:40 p.m. Saturday at the Tech Terrace Park at 23rd Street and Gary Avenue, said Lubbock Police Department officer Sgt. Jon Stewart.

Stewart, who was not one of the arresting officers and said he could not identify the arresting officers, said the subject was in the street when officers told him to go into the park.

Temperton did not comply with officers and was arrested, he said.

Stephanie Kelley, a senior criminology major from Fort Worth, witnessed the arrest and said the arresting officers had no need to use the stun gun.

Temperton was making his way to a group of students while one of the officers was writing him a ticket,

she said, and after the officers warned him, they tackled him from his bicycle and pinned him to the ground.

"The Taser was just unnecessary violence," Kelley said. "There was no need to Taser him. He was already on the ground."

Temperton was not violent with officers, she said, and if he was resisting arrest it was not noticeable from her viewpoint.



TEMPERTON

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## Summer ends, Panhandle South Plains Fair begins

By SHERREL JONES STAFF WRITER

It is the time of year again when the weather cools down, the leaves fall from trees and individuals gather near downtown Lubbock to eat fried food.

The Panhandle South Plains Fair is in Lubbock until Saturday with some new food and attractions.

"We got some new performing acts," said Herbert Higgs Jr., manager of the South Plains Fair. "We have a juggler on the outdoor stage and a live shark encounter that is free for people once they pay the gate charge."

The live shark encounter is a tank with three sharks and an individual stands in the tank while talking to an audience. The thrilling show is considered safe. Higgs said the show is not just entertaining but is educational for children and families.

"They have had good crowds," Higgs said. "Obviously, we don't see many sharks in West Texas."

The fair did not dabble with new eccentric foods this year but does have one new food item on the menu.

"We have chocolate-covered frozen bananas on a stick this year," Higgs said. "As far as I know, it's the only new food this year. Nobody got out there with the exotic stuff like fried butter."

Similarly, Linda Hise, assistant to the assistant manager at the South Plains Fair, said she did not hold back from her taste buds sampling the classic fried food at the fair.

"We ate roasted corn on the cob, chocolate-covered frozen banana on a stick, Frito pie, curly taters, fried pie," Hise said, "and I tried fresh-squeezed strawberry lemonade."

It is a well-organized fair and it is good for children, she said. She enjoyed the entertainment and the fair's kickoff concert with Eddie Money.

"It was a good time," she said. "Even young kids had a good time."

Hise also paid a visit to the hypnosis show. She said it was good family fun.

"I have been to some other fairs that I was real disappointed in," she said. "This is my first fair in about eight years because

I was so put out. The entries that this fair has are the best I have ever seen. The participation around here for the locals is great."

Of course, Higgs said, the fair still maintains its strong livestock roots and its sense of tradition.

"The South Plains Fair has had a long tradition since 1914," he said. "Its main goal and objective is to produce livestock shows and educate children. It still does a very good job of that. We are very fortunate because a lot of fairs around the country experience difficulty showing live stock."

The fair opens weekdays at 1 p.m. and weekends at 11 a.m. The park will close at midnight Sunday through Thursday and 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission price is \$7 for adults and \$2 for children.

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PHOTO BY JEFF DAY/The Daily Toreador

PATRONS RIDE AN attraction at the 2009 Panhandle South Plains Fair. The fair will be in Lubbock until Saturday.

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STATE

Gov. Rick Perry's wealth fueled by land deals

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry never had much money growing up, and he has spent most of his adult life in public office, drawing a part-time salary as a legislator and relatively modest earnings in statewide office for the last quarter century.

But thanks to his investments and a series of private land deals, some that took advantage of his political connections, Perry has squeaked over the millionaire line, records examined by

The Associated Press show.

Perry's Democratic opponents have suggested that Perry traded on his power and influence to turn a buck. Now that he is in a tough primary for a third full term, Perry's Republican opponent, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, is raising the same accusations.

"Rick Perry should do an infomercial on how to become a millionaire as a professional politician," said Hutchison campaign manager Terry Sullivan.

NATION

Mich. stares down 2nd govt. shutdown in 3 years

LAINGSBURG, Mich. (AP) — Economically beleaguered Michigan faces a possible government shutdown — shuttering highway rest areas, state parks, construction projects and the state lottery — if lawmakers fail to reach a budget deal in the next few days.

cuts or tax increases needed to fill the rest have caused bitter infighting at the state Capitol.

Michigan is one of just two states whose budget year starts Oct. 1. The other, Alabama, already has a spending plan in place, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. If lawmakers in Lansing don't make progress soon, Michigan could join the eight other states that failed to meet budget deadlines — but did not shut down — this year.

The state with the nation's highest unemployment rate has a nearly \$3 billion shortfall. Federal recovery act money will fill more than half the gap, but the spending

WORLD

Merkel claims victory in German election

BERLIN (AP) — Chancellor Angela Merkel has claimed victory for a new center-right government in Germany's general election.

Merkel's conservatives are headed for a majority with the pro-business Free Democrats, who performed very well in the vote. That fulfills Merkel's hopes of ending her "grand coalition" with the center-left Social Democrats.

A beaming Merkel told supporters after Sunday's vote that "we have achieved something great. We have managed to achieve our election aim of a stable majority in Germany for a new government."

Merkel still made clear she wants to maintain her consensual approach, saying "I want to be the chancellor of all Germans."

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Panel reviews ruling that led to execution

CORSICANA (AP) — More than five years after his final act from the Texas death chamber

An arson finding by investigators was key to his conviction in the circumstantial case.

knowledges it would have been hard to win a death sentence without the arson finding.

Yet Barry Scheck, co-director of the New York-based Innocence Project, sees it differently: "There can no longer be any doubt that an innocent person has been executed."

In 2006, Scheck's group gave its review of the case to the state commission, which later hired Baltimore-based arson expert Craig Beyler to study. Beyler concluded the arson finding was scientifically unsupported and investigators at the scene had "poor understandings of fire science."

John Jackson, the prosecutor in Navarro County, about 50 miles south of Dallas, says the original fire investigation was "undeniably flawed," based on subsequent reviews, but remains confident Willingham was guilty of killing Amber, 2, and 1-year-old twins Karmon and Kameron.

even though the arson report may be flawed, it certainly doesn't mean it arrived at a faulty conclusion," Jackson said.

"I'm an easy target," he added, shaking his head over media reports on the case "about how we're all a bunch of bozos."

The nine-member commission, created by the Texas Legislature in 2005, also will hear from others including the State Fire Marshal's Office. The panel will release its own report, probably next year and what happens then is uncertain. This is the commission's first review case; the panel is not empowered to rule on Willingham's guilt or innocence.

The commission's mandate is strictly to determine forensic negligence, panel coordinator Leigh Tomlin said.

Willingham, in an Associated Press interview about two weeks before his execution, said Amber's cries woke him around 10:30 a.m. His wife, Stacy, had left earlier to run errands.

"What people missed is that even though the arson report may be flawed, it certainly doesn't mean it arrived at a faulty conclusion."

JOHN JACKSON  
NAVARRO COUNTY  
PROSECUTOR

The prosecutor in the case still believes Willingham is guilty, but ac-

Blasts in Pakistan show Taliban's ability to strike

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The suicide blasts that rocked northwest Pakistan over the weekend signal the Taliban remain a threat despite intensified military operations and unmanned drone attacks targeting the group's leaders, analysts said Sunday.

lated the group may have lost some of its ability to stage attacks.

A retired former intelligence chief of the region, Asad Munir, said Saturday's attacks were a reminder of the threat from Islamist extremists.

"That area is the safe haven for the al-Qaida and Taliban leadership and they don't want to lose it," Munir told The Associated Press. "Yesterday's attacks were a show of strength and indicated the potential threat from militants in those areas."

Two explosives-packed vehicles driven by suicide attackers leveled a police station in the rural district of Bannu, killing 11, and tore through a commercial area in the main city of Peshawar, killing 11. More than 150 people were wounded, officials said.

The killing of Mehsud followed a largely successful army offensive in the Swat Valley region against the Taliban, which to some extent had

reassured Western governments of Pakistan's ability and intent to fight the insurgency.

"In spite of the reverses they have suffered in Swat, and the death and arrest of some of their ringleaders, the Taliban have demonstrated tenacity and proved they are capable of sowing terror whenever and wherever they wish," the Dawn daily newspaper said in a Sunday editorial. "Their command structure is still intact and their sources of funding and arms remain virtually unscathed."

A senior Peshawar police officer said Saturday's bombings were in response to government pressure. "The security forces' offensive against militants is on, and in desperation they are now targeting innocent citizens," said Liaquat Ali Khan.

The Taliban called The Associated Press after the first bombing outside the police station to claim responsibility and warn of more attacks. Taliban

spokesman Qari Hussain Mehsud said the militants had been holding back but the "pause" was now over. He urged civilians to stay away from police and security force installations.

Munir said with the recent killing of the Taliban chief, it is an opportune moment for the military to launch a major offensive in the northwest to eliminate the militants.

"This is the right time for a comprehensive and detailed operation in Waziristan and adjoining areas as they are still in disarray after the death of Baitullah Mehsud. I think the army is determined to do it in October," he said.

Targets in the North and South Waziristan tribal regions have been hit by Pakistani airstrikes, but the military has yet to launch a major ground offensive there. The government has said it will begin army operations in the region at the "appropriate" time.

Arrest

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Although the department does not have a set protocol for when officers should use stun guns, Stewart said, an officer will use his or her judgment if the person being arrested is physically resisting and if it is necessary.

Harvey Madison, a member of the Lubbock chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, said not enough information was available to determine whether the student would have a strong case for legal

recourse against Lubbock police and the organization would not investigate unless a complaint from the student was filed.

However, he said the Lubbock Police Department has inappropriately used stun guns in the past.

"We would be concerned if there was inappropriate use of a Taser," Madison

said. "The Lubbock police have an unfortunate history of unprovoked use of a Taser."

No other arrests were made as a result of the tour, Stewart said, but the department received numerous other complaints regarding littering, urinating on Lubbock residents' yards, noise and impeding traffic.

Kelley said she has participated in five Tour de Tech Terrace events and has not seen the type of littering and disorder that was present in the one Saturday. Her house is on the route of the tour and she filled five garbage bags with cans left from the event.

The organizers of the event did their best to keep order, she said, but a different crowd from previous years may have contributed to the problems that occurred during this year's tour.

"I think people have a different idea of the tour than the idea it was originally started with," Kelley said.

The two organizers of the tour were not immediately available for comment.

Temperton was listed on the Lubbock County Jail active roster, held on \$244 bail, as of press time Sunday.

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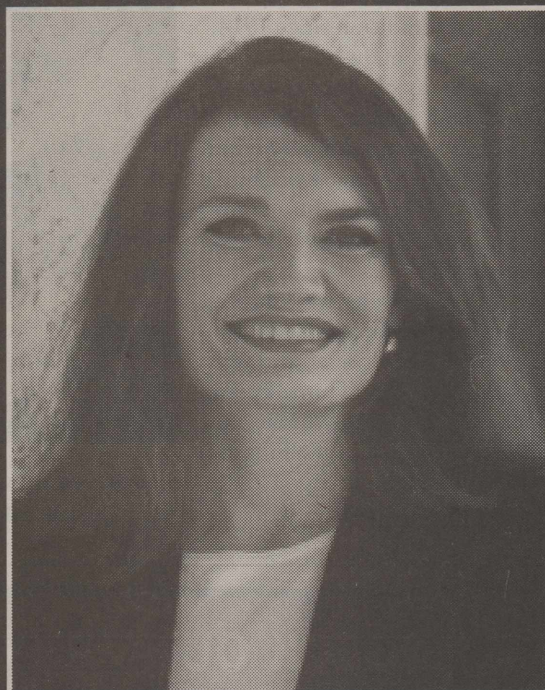
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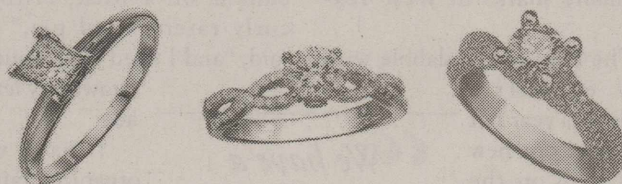
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## Inspiration strikes student, 'Construction' brings opportunities

By **CARRIE THORNTON**  
STAFF WRITER

To some, drywall is an ugly sign of unfinished work, but to one Texas Tech student, it is a blank canvas.

Erick Stow, a senior public relations major from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, spent more than 15 hours Thursday painting a mural on a section of drywall next to Sam's Place in the Student Union Building.

"I was walking through the SUB and saw wall under construction," Stow said. "I had a feeling that I could get in trouble, but I had to do it."

No piece of artwork is entirely random, Stow said. His mural is no exception.

In his news writing class, he said the assignment he had to work on that day was to write about an upcoming event. He visited the Art building because it interests him and began talking to people.

Before leaving, he stopped by the restroom and spotted an abandoned Varsity Bookstore bag containing pastels and spray paint.

"I knew I shouldn't take that bag, but I did," Stow said. "So, I began to walk through campus to look for a spot, and I have a rule once I get on campus I can't leave until 9 p.m., and

that's how I get my work done, so I had a lot of time."

Then, Stow came upon the dry-wall, and although he did not ask for permission, began his work.

"It was amazing. I had people come and sit down and watch, one said they wanted to start a fan club, and a girl named Beth came by and stayed until I finished, which was like six hours," Stow said. "A teacher even brought students from their design studio to come and see because of its asymmetrical (appearance)."

At one point in the day, the owner of the Varsity bag stopped by, Stow said.

"Hey, are those my pastels?" he asked me, and I said, 'Yeah, you can have them back, but can I keep my palette?'" Stow said.

He ultimately was able to keep the palette and continue his work. He received another visit from Matt Ducatt, managing director of Student Union and Activities, who informed him the wall would be knocked down the next morning on schedule.

"I had like two or three seconds of remorse because I worked so hard," he said. "But people go to work every day, people that wait tables or people that do yard work; people work all the time and don't

see results like I see from my work, their work is painted over as soon as they are done."

If Stow could title his work, he would name it "Construction," for obvious reasons. And although the art's lifespan was limited, he said it was a great experience.

"When I found the bag, I didn't even think about turning it in," Stow said. "It was wrong. Everything about this painting was wrong, but it seemed to be well received and it brought a lot of joy to people."

Ducatt said his reaction to Stow's unannounced artwork was one of surprise, not anger.

"We came upon it and were like, 'Hey, what are you doing, why are you drawing on this piece of dry-wall?'" he said with a laugh.

Although the artwork was a well done artistic expression, Ducatt said also people need to understand "we cannot have people drawing on our walls or anything, it's not really appropriate."

After the art was painted over on Friday morning, several people approached Ducatt with concern. He said it was not the university that painted over Stow's work, but the contractors who have been paid to renovate the SUB. It was a scheduled and necessary step.

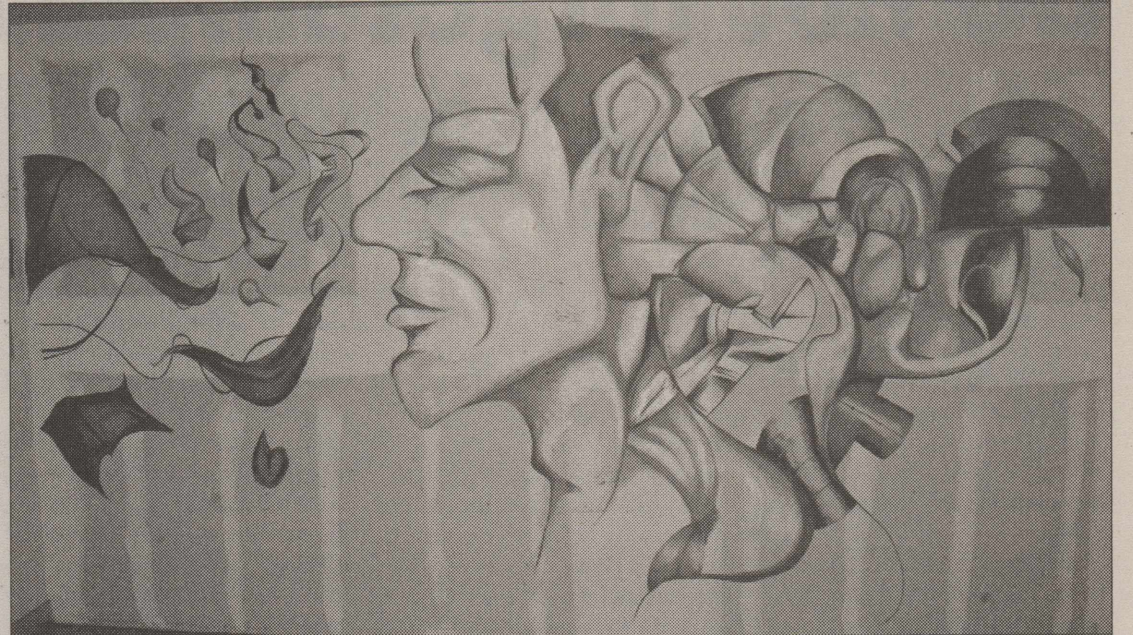


PHOTO COURTESY OF ERICK STOW  
ERICK STOW, A senior public relations major from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, painted a mural in the Student Union Building on Thursday.

"He is certainly very creative and a nice guy," Ducatt said. "We definitely would like to harness his skills in a good way, so we are trying to give him an opportunity to do something that we can display in the union that isn't part of a piece of drywall, like a Tech Activities Board-sponsored event."

Setting Stow up with a TAB venue of some sort is still in the

preliminary stages, Amanda Cruse, president of TAB, said.

"I thought the artwork that he did (Thursday) was wonderful," she said. "It was definitely expressive and very creative and that's a lot of what TAB is really about, giving an outlet for the students to be able to express themselves."

TAB is looking into setting up a canvas for him either to express his

own artistic visions or take requests from an audience, Cruse said.

"It was a very expressive piece of art, and a very unique way of expressing it," she said. "It was something that was already going to be painted over, so his artwork unfortunately didn't last very long, but that's the side effect of doing it on your own without permission."

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### Tour

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King said there are the people who are reasonable with their drinking and where they throw their trash, and then there are

the people who are not. He said there are a few who could ruin it for the rest of the group. He sympathizes with other Tech Terrace residents who are unhappy with the bicycle ride, but he understands why the bicycle ride takes place: to have fun.

"Over the years it's grown in size of course," King said, "and if it's reasonable it can continue."

He said he thinks the city should get involved and help the students by putting up trash bins during the event. Keith said

his plans for the future of the tour are trash bins, porta-potties and a crew of volunteers to pick up trash. He said he's also planning on seeking legal permits for the next tour.

At one of the first houses on the tour, Jake Schwierking, Tech alumnus and a participant of the original tour, said one of his main goals for the tour is legalization. Events that followed on this fall's tour have only substantiated the goal.

"The police didn't have a problem with us (in previous years)," Schwierking said, "but did say we need to seek legalization."

Keith said other than seeking to legitimize the tour he wants to establish it as more of a tradition rather than an event.

"I've heard many students say," Keith said, "this is one of the things they look forward to as a tradition."  
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### Seth Rogen gets dream role: 'Simpsons' writer

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Seth Rogen has fulfilled a dream, and he's not talking about starring in the box-office hit "Knocked Up" or playing a superhero in the upcoming "The Green Hornet."

Rogen co-wrote an episode of "The Simpsons" and lends his voice to a character in the episode that airs 8 p.m. EDT Sunday, kicking off the Fox show's 21st season. He's only the second visiting celebrity to both write and act, following in the 2006 footsteps of Ricky Gervais.

"As a writer, it always just

seemed like the Holy Grail," Rogen said of the animated series. "I can die a happy man now."

The episode, by Rogen and writing partner Evan Goldberg in collaboration with the show's writers, plays off the actor's pre-filming fitness regimen for "Green Hornet." The movie is in production and set for release in 2010.

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By Fred Jackson III 9/28/09

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## Do not forget importance of free market

The father and originator of the conservative movement, William F. Buckley, said once of capitalism, "It is necessary for, but not sufficient alone to sustain a free-market economy, and therefore a free enterprise people."

Last week I mentioned the absolute reliance of an efficient economy on the middle class. That is, an enterprising, entrepreneurial, innovative class of people who take initiative to prosper, and when allowed the liberty to do so, will be what perpetuates the pendulum of success in a nation.

Breaking down Buckley's quote into its two parts, the first being capitalism is necessary to sustain a free market economy, it is imperative to understand these

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to allow for free economic practice in a nation. Not illicit action, mind you, but things that will further a person's fortune and, as a result, further the fortune of the nation. The Sam Waltons, Bill Gates' and Steve Jobs' of America are the pinnacle of success.

What is possible for most of us is to prosper as the key cog to any free society, the middle class. I used the words of Karl Marx and Ronald Reagan last week to

explain the classes and dispel ideas the middle class was a concoction of evil bureaucrats. Very simply put, to ascribe to the idea of permanent class conflict is to deny an entity of its free society. Once thus imprisoned, hope comes only as it is dissipated from a governmental figurehead. Class conflict does not persistently renew and reinvigorate communal innovation. It destroys any such liberty and leaves only a skeletal economy.

In contrast, Reagan expounded in the presence of a capitalistic environment, people will be able to flourish. Men like Walton, Gates and Jobs — or to go old school, Rockefeller, Carnegie and Vanderbilt — will all certainly prosper. What is a reasonable marker is each individual's potential and progress in such a market;

their ability to capitalize.

Without the freedom to become like the greatest philanthropists in our history or to fail miserably or to find moderate and reasonable success, the United States would be absent one of its fundamental pillars. Recognizing certainly that not all are capable of monumental greatness, still most are capable of sustaining, as a whole class of people, an economic type that is foreign in almost all other nations.

Thus we have stumbled onto Buckley's second truth that capitalism is necessary for the existence of a free enterprise people.

I have never quoted a man consecutively as I have C.S. Lewis in the past several weeks. I use him again here to illustrate the dichotomy we face today on

the issue of powers allowed to the government. "The state," he said "exists simply to promote and to protect the ordinary happiness of human beings in this life." A simple truth, you might observe, but one that is none the less important.

Corresponding to the notion of free exercise within capitalism, each person's opportunity to act as they please, so long as it is not out of deleterious or pernicious cause, is a seminal idea in the success of this nation. We must not overlook that.

No amount of flag bearing, brow beating or independence thumping will suffice for reminding this people of what actually resides in their history. People forget. That is the character of any collection of people after they settle in an area. Short attention spans and the passing of generations omit

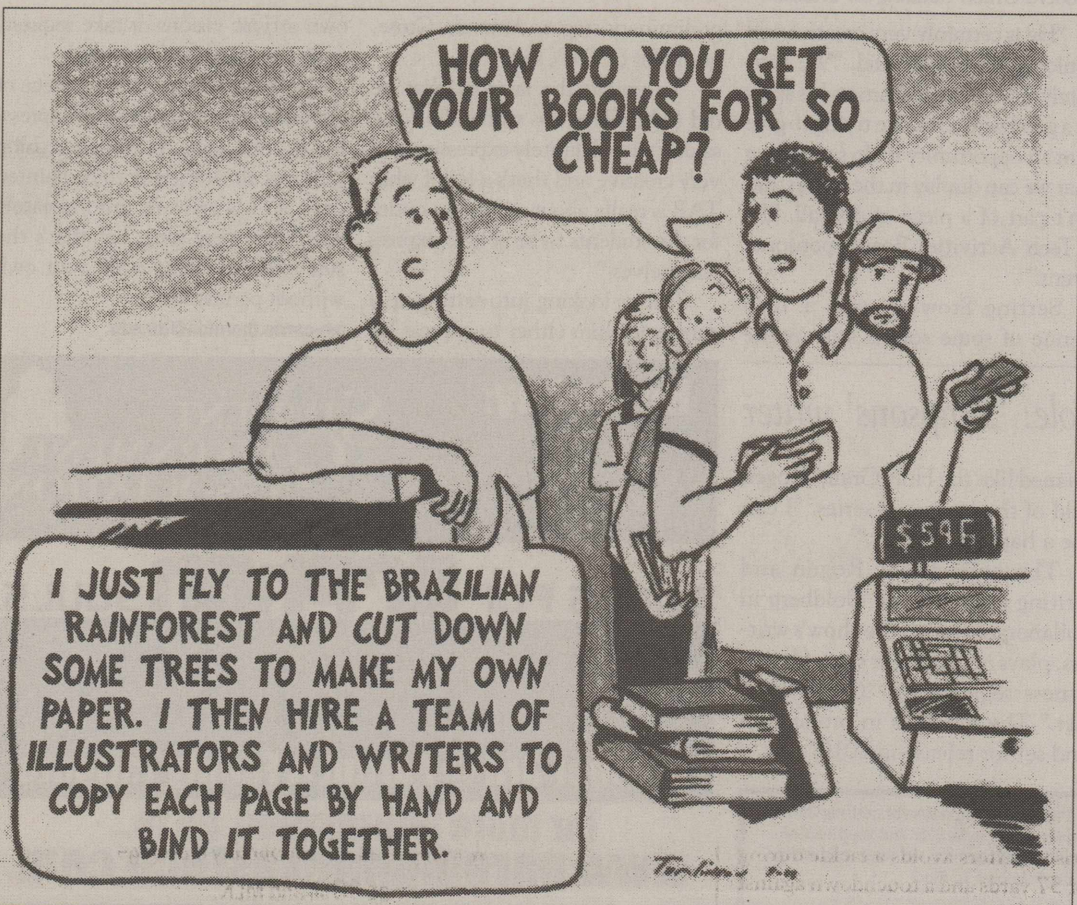
lessons that should not be overlooked.

We have forgotten, in large part, and ceased to realize what the fundamentals of our nation are. We have lost sight of a free country's true purpose. Protecting and sustaining its people are those purposes, not releasing it to the idealistic relics of a failed socialist age.

Liberty and tyranny are our options, freedom or chains, or as Patrick Henry said, "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!"

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## Students opting for 'no strings'

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The start of a relationship is thrilling, enjoyable and fun. The excitement of a new partner can make your stomach churn until you finally get comfortable with each other, and that's when all the cute text messages and frequent telephone calls force many girls to put a label on the relationship.

These girls may be jumping the gun and expecting a relationship before the other party is ready.

Unfortunately, girls put a lot of pressure on each other to label and define relationships, even during the first few weeks of dating. A friend of mine use to ask me daily, "Is he your boyfriend yet? Do you want him to be your boyfriend? Where do you see your relationship going? Do you think he wants you to be his girlfriend?"

This desperation to label our relationships isn't just a college thing. It all started in grade school, when we labeled who our best friend was by swapping "best friend" jewelry. If the "best friends" bracelet didn't define the relationship enough, the "best friends forever" heart necklace did.

It seems as though we have carried the same need to define our relationships

over into the dating world, but it looks as though girls are finally starting to do themselves a favor by following the classic KISS rule. "Keep it simple, stupid," having sex with no strings attached.

Many young adults are altogether avoiding relationships and dating. Having a casual hookup with no strings attached is becoming the new "relationship." After all, who has time for a serious relationship in between all the beer bongs and keg stands?

For the many who are delaying the thought of marriage and creating families, hooking up has virtually replaced dating.

Kathleen Bogle, a professor of sociology and criminal justice at La Salle University, conducted a recent study and found a major culture shift over the past few decades. Bogle interviewed college students on small and a large campuses, as well as recent college graduates.

Based on the interviews conducted, the hooking-up phenomena traced back to the 1960s and the 1970s, when male and female students were thrown together in apartment-style dormitories. Students rebelled and fought against the strict rules on having a member of the opposite sex in your dorm, lights out and curfews.

Forbidding members of the opposite sex in your dorm room seems like a crazy

rule to enforce on a bunch of college students during the prime, sexual times of their lives.

Now, we've learned to altogether avoid romance and head straight for the sheets. Many experts believe the main reason hooking up is so popular among young people in the United States is the age at which people marry for the first time slowly increased over the years. According to the 2007 U.S. Census Bureau, men in the United States marry for the first time around the age of 27, and women at about 25. Back in the 60s, records show couples exchanged vows between 20 and 23 years old.

Even though many girls these days strive to show off their most prized designer labels, whether it be a Louis Vuitton handbag or \$300 jeans, labeling a relationship too soon only makes it appear more valuable than what it's actually worth.

It's pretty hard to have any kind of relationship these days without stating the parameters on Facebook or Myspace.

Even so, it's important to avoid that urge to have "the talk" hoping to change your relationship status on Facebook. Soon "keep it simple, stupid" or having a relationship with "no strings attached" will be more socially accepted.

For now, just KISS.

## Facebook no place to remember the dead

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A friend of mine died some time ago, and if you check his Facebook page today, you will find a plethora of wall posts, including birthday wishes, "I miss you's" and anecdotes. It appears that Facebook is not satisfied with overtaking the lives of its living users; the social networking site is now allowing Facebook profiles of the deceased to "carry on" as interactive altars.

Truly, Facebook has the resources to make it worthy of a mourner's time: walls of photographs, comments, events and e-mails. The discussion boards, wall-to-wall posts and instant messaging make it a convenient and reliable method for sharing memories and commiserating with others.

Furthermore, it certainly has cultural resonance within our generation. However, the "book" cannot so easily escape its more shallow roles of party-planning, telephone-number-gathering and the most socially-acceptable form of stalking. Wall posts regularly consist of profanities, YouTube clips of someone farting or "chin-

faces" singing "What is Love?"

These posts were made while the person was still alive, but now that the individual has died, who has the authority to say what is and is not appropriate? At its center, Facebook broadcasts superficiality and conformity. It is a place for indulging in narcissism and passing judgment on others. Is it, then, a suitable place for honoring the dead?

I'm not seeking to instruct people how to mourn; if someone feels a "Facebook funeral" is the most appropriate way to say farewell to a loved one, then that's their decision and it must be respected.

However, it seems somewhat out of line for mourners to utilize Facebook as their primary means of memorializing a departed acquaintance. Do the confines of a Facebook page really do justice to the memory of a person's life? Is this really a proper forum for expressing such raw and personal emotions? And will the open-community nature of Facebook be self-policing so that irresponsible and damaging posts are prevented from disturbing or distracting from a process already fraught with anguish?

Facebook's terms and conditions

describes the company's role in the event of a death: "When we are notified that a user has died, we will generally, but are not obligated to, keep the user's account active under a special memorialized status for a period of time determined by us to allow other users to post and view comments." In my experience, this "period of time" is unlimited. Their pictures, groups, bumper stickers, gifts and conversations remain available forever for all of their "friends" to reminisce over.

Experiencing the death of a loved one is a moment to reflect on the preciousness and uniqueness of life. It is a moment to lean on friends' shoulders, not to comment on their statuses.

Please, everyone, take the raw emotions that are unleashed by imminent mortality and share them in an honest and unguarded way. Perhaps Facebook can play some small role in remembering the dead, but years from now will it be fitting for these electronic pages to still exist as permanent memorials? In 100 years from now, is it likely that these pages, our pages, will still exist? Are we prepared to have Facebook be virtual tombstones for our generation?

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## Leach takes blame for loss to Houston

By ALEX YBARRA  
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HOUSTON — After Texas Tech's loss to Houston on Saturday, coach Mike Leach gave credit to the Cougars for being clutch in certain moments, and deservedly so.

"I thought both teams slugged it out," said Leach, whose Red Raiders lost back-to-back games for the first time since 2007 after losing 29-28 at Robertson Stadium in Houston. "What Houston did better than we did was key situations."

No situation was bigger and had more consequences than Leach's decision to pass on a late field goal with his team up 28-23 and run a quarterback sneak on fourth and goal from inside the 1-yard line.

With Tech's running game racking up 193 yards on the ground, which is the most since Tech ran for 194 against Texas A&M in 2005, punching it into the endzone didn't seem very difficult.

Running back Baron Batch, who finished with a career-high 114 yards and two touchdowns, got the ball on the first two carries but only managed to move the ball to the 2-yard line. Harrison Jeffers got the next carry, but came up short of the goal line by half a yard.

Leach called a time out and set up a quarterback sneak for Taylor Potts.

But it wasn't really a sneak considering the Cougars seemed to know it was coming.

Potts was stood up at the goal line, a late surge pushed him into the endzone but the referees already had blown the play dead.

"I would've loved to have it, but that was the call," Batch said. "When they make the calls, we go in thinking it's gonna work. I was sure we were gonna score, they made a great play. But like I said, things could've went differently. I got the ball down there and didn't get it in. That's on me."

Houston quarterback Case Keenum would go on to orchestrate a 95-yard drive in which he ran in a 4-yard, game-winning touchdown with 49 seconds remaining.

Had Leach opted for a field goal,

Houston would have needed a two-point conversion to tie the game and force a possible overtime.

But Leach put it on his shoulders after the game.

"We had half a yard, but hindsight I should've kicked it, which is a fairly big botch on my part I would say," he said. "I should've kicked it."

That's the way of life with a coach like Leach, someone who goes for it on fourth down more often than not or makes the gutsy call down the stretch.

In a loss last week to Texas, the Red Raiders went for an onside kick after pulling within a touchdown in the second half. But Texas recovered and marched 41 yards for a touchdown, putting the Longhorns back up by two scores, which proved difficult to overcome.

Other times, the daring style of play pays off, most notably in last year's 39-33 win against then-No. 1 Texas in Lubbock.

"I called the play, but it doesn't change the fact," Leach said of the quarterback sneak. "If I put the field goal team out there — at that point in the game — that's the better thing to do, and I didn't do it." But things could've gone

differently. What if Leach handed it off to a running back one more time? Maybe Batch or Jeffers, who had an explosive night with 57 yards and a touchdown on four carries, would've squeezed it in on fourth down.

"As far as the call, stuff happens," Batch said. "Could it have been different? Yeah. Could we have punched it in and scored? Yeah. Could we have won the game? Yeah. But we can't point fingers. That's what happened, they played well and unfortunately we got another loss."

"I wanted the ball bad, but Potts had it," Jeffers said. "He made a good play, we just didn't get the right outcome."

Even in the loss, Tech found out that it can still run the ball and maybe even better than last season if it can be consistent.

Jeffers had a career night, scoring his first touchdown, and ran a



PHOTO BY SAM GREINADIER/The Daily Toreador

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON quarterback Case Keenum eludes the tackles of two Texas Tech defensive linemen.



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TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Harrison Jeffers avoids a tackle during Saturday's loss to Houston. Jeffers ran for 57 yards and a touchdown against the Cougars after not playing a down against Texas on Sept. 19.

couple end-arounds from the slot position — a package installed this week. One of his runs went for 35 yards, and another was an 11-yard touchdown scamper.

All of this coming after he didn't play a down against Texas last week.

"We came as a group, talked about it and said we really have to show everybody that Texas Tech had a running game," he said. "We just came out to play, and the offensive line showed how they came out to play."

Unfortunately, all the improvement wasn't enough to gain one more half yard and put the Cougars away for good.

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### Jags get first win, 31-24 over Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — Maurice Jones-Drew finally got going and led the Jacksonville Jaguars to their first win.

Jones-Drew had his first 100-yard game of the season and scored three touchdowns to lead the Jaguars to a 31-24 victory over the mistake-prone Houston Texans on Sunday.

Jones-Drew scored the go-ahead touchdown on an 8-yard run early in the fourth quarter and finished with 119 yards rushing.

Jacksonville became the third straight team to run all over Houston's NFL-worst run defense. The Texans allowed 190 yards to the Jets, 240 to the Titans and 184 on Sunday.

Houston (1-2) had several chances to tie the game. The last came when Chris Brown's goal line fumble was recovered by the Jaguars (1-2) in the end zone. The Texans challenged but Jacksonville kept the ball.

The Texans had a touchdown nullified two plays earlier when Kevin Walter was called for offensive pass interference.

The Jaguars were driving with a seven-point lead and 4½ minutes left when Houston's Dunta Robinson forced a fumble by Mike Sims-Walker. Zac Diles recovered and the play was challenged, but the ruling on the field stood and the Texans got the ball.

The Jaguars forced Houston into a three and out after Clint Ingram tripped Matt Schaub for the sack with about six minutes left in the fourth quarter. Ingram jumped around after the hit while the normally stoic Jack Del Rio broke into a huge smile.

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# Houston thrives amid increased attention

By ADAM COLEMAN  
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HOUSTON — Robertson Stadium was filled with Houston students and alumni who had been hungry to see competitive football for years.

Fans not in attendance got to watch on national television.

Even appearances by Hakeem Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler indicated the Texas Tech-Houston game carried a lot of weight.

All this might be a little bit too much pressure to handle for a team new to the limelight.

But however much pressure there was, Houston quarterback Case Keenum welcomed it with open arms.

"If you're not excited for these kind of games, then you're not alive," said Keenum, who led then No. 17 Houston to a 29-28 win against Tech Saturday at Robertson Stadium in Houston. "You're not human. You don't feel something in these kinds of games, love the adrenaline, the excitement that comes with it, you're not breathing. It's a lot of fun. I'd like to do this every week."

The Cougars might have a chance to be around that atmosphere for weeks to come after the win against Tech Saturday. A second consecutive win against a Big 12 Conference team has the program, and its followers, at an all-time high. Somewhere the Cougars have not been in a while.

In a weekend where many of the ranked teams fell, the No. 12 Cougars are now in the BCS bowl game discussion.

No. 4 Ole Miss, No. 5 Penn State, No. 6 Cal, No. 9 Miami (FL), No. 18 Florida State, No. 22 North Carolina and No. 24 Washington all lost Saturday.

Houston, who is in the Associated Press Top 25 for the first time in 18 years, seems to be headed for even more attention after Saturday's win.

The Cougars are trying to stay grounded amongst all the BCS talk surrounding their team.

UH coach Kevin Sumlin said his players should realize it's normal that more eyes will be on the program the more it continues to have success, and after a win like Saturday's, they'll have to



PHOTO BY SAM GRENIER/The Daily Toreador  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON quarterback Case Keenum dives into the endzone, scoring the game winning touchdown in Houston's win against Texas Tech on Saturday at Robertson Stadium in Houston.

deal with whatever comes their way.

"As you win, every game becomes bigger," he said. "If we win, the next game is bigger than the last game. And that's just the price of poker. We all knew what was at stake (Saturday)."

Not trying to get ahead of themselves, Houston players are hoping to keep the right mindset through being a team new to exposure.

Keenum said he had never been part of an atmosphere like the one Saturday with 32,114 fans selling out Robertson Stadium — the first and only sell-out crowd in the venue's history.

Now in the same discussions with Boise State and TCU as possible BCS-busters, Keenum and Sumlin pointed out that the Cougars still have a lot of things to accomplish and even though the early-season success is welcomed, it can end at any minute.

Even with the win, Sumlin said the Cougars did not play their best, considering they trailed for most of the game.

The road to the BCS may not get any smoother either, as Houston visits UTEP and Mississippi State the next two weeks.

"We have no control over anything," Sumlin said. "We didn't play (last week) and got into one poll. All we can do is play the people on our schedule. We don't have any control over anything after that. So we're not going to worry about it."

After a shootout against then-No. 5 Oklahoma State two weeks ago, the Cougars' win Saturday was fueled by key defensive plays and a late 95-yard drive to go along with it.

After stopping Tech quarterback Taylor Potts' sneak into the end zone at the Cougars' 1-yard line, Houston's drive at the 10:56 mark in the fourth quarter took a turn for the worst with Tech defensive back Will Ford's interception.

But another defensive stop by Houston gave the Cougars one last chance to deliver.

Houston's last offensive drive of the game, which started at 5:47 in the fourth quarter, took 4:58 off the clock. The drive was highlighted by Keenum's 7-yard pass to Patrick Edwards on fourth and 3 and Keenum's 4-yard score later in

the drive, sealing another win against a Big 12 team.

"I think that whole drive, everybody just reacted," Keenum said. "There's not a lot of thinking after four quarters of hard-nosed football. Both teams playing extremely hard and as fast as we play. As hard as the Texas Tech defense plays. Same thing with our defense. It's a react deal. You're past the point of thinking and nerves."

The goal-line stop came after the Cougars allowed the Red Raiders to efficiently move the ball down the field.

With Tech running back Baron Batch getting the Red Raiders to the 1-yard line and Tech up 28-23, a score would put the game out of Houston's reach.

UH linebacker Marcus McGraw said the defensive line can be thanked for not allowing that to happen.

"At the moment, I didn't know what was going on," McGraw said. "All I knew is that we had to make a stop. Honestly, I didn't even know they were that close to the goal line. By the time he lined up, I finally realized it and luckily, the (two techniques) got down and do what they had to do."

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# Tech captain Carter suspended indefinitely

Texas Tech captain and pre-season All-American Brandon Carter has been suspended indefinitely for a violation of team policy, according to a news release from the Tech athletics department late Sunday.

Tech coach Mike Leach could not be reached for comment.

Carter on Sunday had informed those who followed his Twitter account that he was no longer a captain and would not be playing in Tech's upcoming game against New Mexico on Saturday. The post read, "I am not a captain anymore and will not be playing this week. Good luck red raiders ill still be cheering on my family from the stands!!!"

As of late Sunday, his Twitter account was no longer active.

The release did not comment on his status as a team captain.

The suspension comes the day after Tech's 29-28 loss to then-No. 17 Houston. The Cougars, who jumped five spots in the rankings to No. 12 after the win, won in the final minutes after quarterback Case Keenum capped off a 16-play, 95-yard drive with a 4-yard touchdown run.

Carter entered the season with much attention having



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador  
TEXAS TECH CAPTAIN Brandon Carter has been suspended indefinitely by coach Mike Leach. Carter is a pre-season All-American and was named to the Lombardi and Outland Trophy watch lists before the season began.

earned spots on the Lombardi Award Preseason Watch List and the watch list for the Outland Trophy, which awards the best offensive lineman in the country.

The offensive lineman has started all four of Tech's games this season and was named a captain in August along with quarterback Taylor Potts, cornerback Jamar Wall and defensive end Ra'Jon Henley.

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# McCoy remains healthy, hopeful

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas quarterback Colt McCoy has a key factor going for him in the chase for the Heisman Trophy: He's injury-free through four games.

One month into the season and the early list of Heisman contenders reads like an emergency room admissions log.

Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford, last season's Heisman winner, hasn't played since injuring his shoulder in the first game. Florida quarterback Tim Tebow, the 2007 trophy winner, spent Saturday night in a hospital after a third-quarter concussion

in the top-ranked Gators' win over Kentucky.

Other contenders such as California tailback Jahvid Best have been knocked down by a poor game. He had just 55 yards in a 42-3 loss to Oregon.

The worst thing to hit McCoy so far has been the flu.

Even when he struggled with that two weeks ago, a halftime snack of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and grape Pedialyte, a children's hydration drink, helped him recover well enough to throw the game-clinching touchdown pass in a nationally-televised win over Texas Tech.

McCoy was at full strength in Saturday's 64-7 win over Texas-El Paso, passing for 286 yards and three first-half TDs for the No. 2 Longhorns (4-0). McCoy threw his fifth interception, which was returned for a touchdown, but now has 1,145 yards passing with nine TDs.

He could have even bigger numbers, but left the game after the first drive of the third quarter and Texas leading 50-7.

Coach Mack Brown was asked to assess McCoy's Heisman standing at this stage of the season while others are falling down or getting hurt.

"I don't watch the Heisman standings. That changes more than my waist size," Brown said. "What happens now is very unimportant. It's the body of work at the end."

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**THIS WEEK IN RED RAIDER SPORTS**

# Tech soccer nets 4 points in standings

By MIKE GRAHAM  
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Things did not start well for the Texas Tech soccer team in its Big 12 Conference matchup with Nebraska on Sunday.

However, trailing 3-1 against the Cornhuskers at halftime, the Red Raiders showed second-half resiliency as they dug deep for a 3-3 draw and a big opening weekend in conference play.

"It was probably one of the more disappointing halves of the year, the most disappointing first half of the season," coach Tom Stone said. "I really felt like our team had a chance, because we're so young, to really fold in the locker room or show some character. I really could not be more proud of this young group."

With Sunday's tie, Tech (6-4-1, 1-0-1 in conference play) achieved what it has not since the 1997 season: Record at least four points towards the conference standings in the opening weekend of conference play.

A conference win is rewarded with three points in the standings while a draw is worth one point. A loss is worth no points.

Stone said getting points in the Big 12 standings, regardless of how the points are won, is going to be more important this season than in his past two seasons at Tech.

"I've heard that everyone this year looks a lot better," Stone said. "The teams in the bottom look a lot better, the teams at the top look like they might be caught by a few people. I think that every point is going to be crucial."

By halftime of Sunday's game against Nebraska, it seemed Tech was going to be embarrassed by a physical, veteran-led Husker team.

Nebraska's Morgan Marlborough scored on a 25-yard shot off of the left post and into the back of the net just one minute and 40 seconds into the match against Tech keeper Erin Wikelius. Nineteen minutes later, Marlborough expanded the Husker lead to two.

Tech's Leanne Mihelich drew Tech closer in the 41st minute with her first collegiate goal, but Nebraska answered back about a minute later with its third goal of the first half for a 3-1 halftime lead.



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TEXAS TECH'S MADISON Terry, left, narrowly misses a potential game winning goal against the Nebraska Cornhuskers during the Red Raider Classic Sunday. The game ended in a 3-3 draw.

But Tech roared back in the second half. Taylor Lytle scored her third goal of the year 35 seconds into the half. Junior Leanne Mihelich tied the game up in the 56th minute with a shot right in front of the keeper.

From that point the two teams battled up and down the field to the end of regulation.

Both teams had one shot each in both of the two 10-minute overtime periods but to no avail, ending in a 3-3 draw and a big point in the conference standings for the Red Raiders.

"There was a lot of motivation at

halftime," Mihelich said. "Tom (Stone) pretty much told us that's not the kind of team we are, that we're better than (that) and we knew we could step up our game."

Tech also got three points Friday against Iowa State.

Freshmen midfielders Dawn Ward and Conner Williams scored in the first half against the Cyclones (4-2-4, 0-1-0, as of press time) allowing Tech to coast to a 2-0 victory and three points towards the conference standings.

Goalkeeper Colleen Pitts earned the first shutout of her collegiate career with

the win against the Cyclones.

Taylor Lytle, one of the NCAA leaders in assists, netted her ninth assist of the year on William's goal. With the assist, Lytle is tied for the school record for most assists in a single season with former Red Raiders Kristi Patterson and Kristy Frantz.

Lytle has eight games left in the regular season to break that record.

"I'm so happy for myself, I'm only a sophomore," Lytle said. "But it's my team. Without them scoring I wouldn't have any assists."

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# Tech golfers take to links with Special Olympians

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finish out the day.

The Special Olympics along with Rawls Golf Course and the Texas Tech men's and women's golf team participated in individual and golf skills competitions Friday and Saturday at the Rawls Golf Course.

The athletes began with preliminary competition consisting of putting, driving and chipping on Friday and began the finals Saturday morning.

Special Olympics volunteer, Dennis Wyatt, said the competition was a great experience for the athletes and competitions like these allow them to learn a life-long game and enhance their social life.

"The athletes are the greatest; they

have the greatest attitude." He said. "They enjoy what they do, they enjoy the opportunity to compete. They see maybe friends they see throughout the year from different areas and in different sports. Lots of smiles, they're the best at having a good time."

Wyatt said competitors came from Midland, Lubbock and Amarillo with ages ranging from 16 to 46 years old. Lubbock Cooper had a team that played in the skills competition. After the skills competition the participants played at the Reese Golf Course where they received their awards and played a round of golf with a partner to

the regional competition for West Texas. The athletes who participated at the Rawls Course played for the chance to advance to the Special Olympics Fall Classic in College Station.

Sue Galkantas, Central Texas Program Director and all-time leading scorer, male or female, in Florida State basketball history said it was great for the athletes to have a competition on a college campus.

"It's huge for our athletes to play on a college campus such as Tech," she said. "Most times they get to play at a local golf course with friends and family helping them. What's huge is in the regional and area competition to have college players on the course helping them. It's something our athletes can remember and have someone to look up to."

Special Olympics athletes compete in a wide range of sports including team sports such as basketball and soccer and individual game such as golf, bocce and bowling.

Tech men's golfer Nils Floren said the experience with the athletes was a valuable experience for both parties.

"They really appreciated us being out there," he said. "It's a different perspective in golf and in general. It's a combination of us learning from them and how they compete and what we can give back to them."

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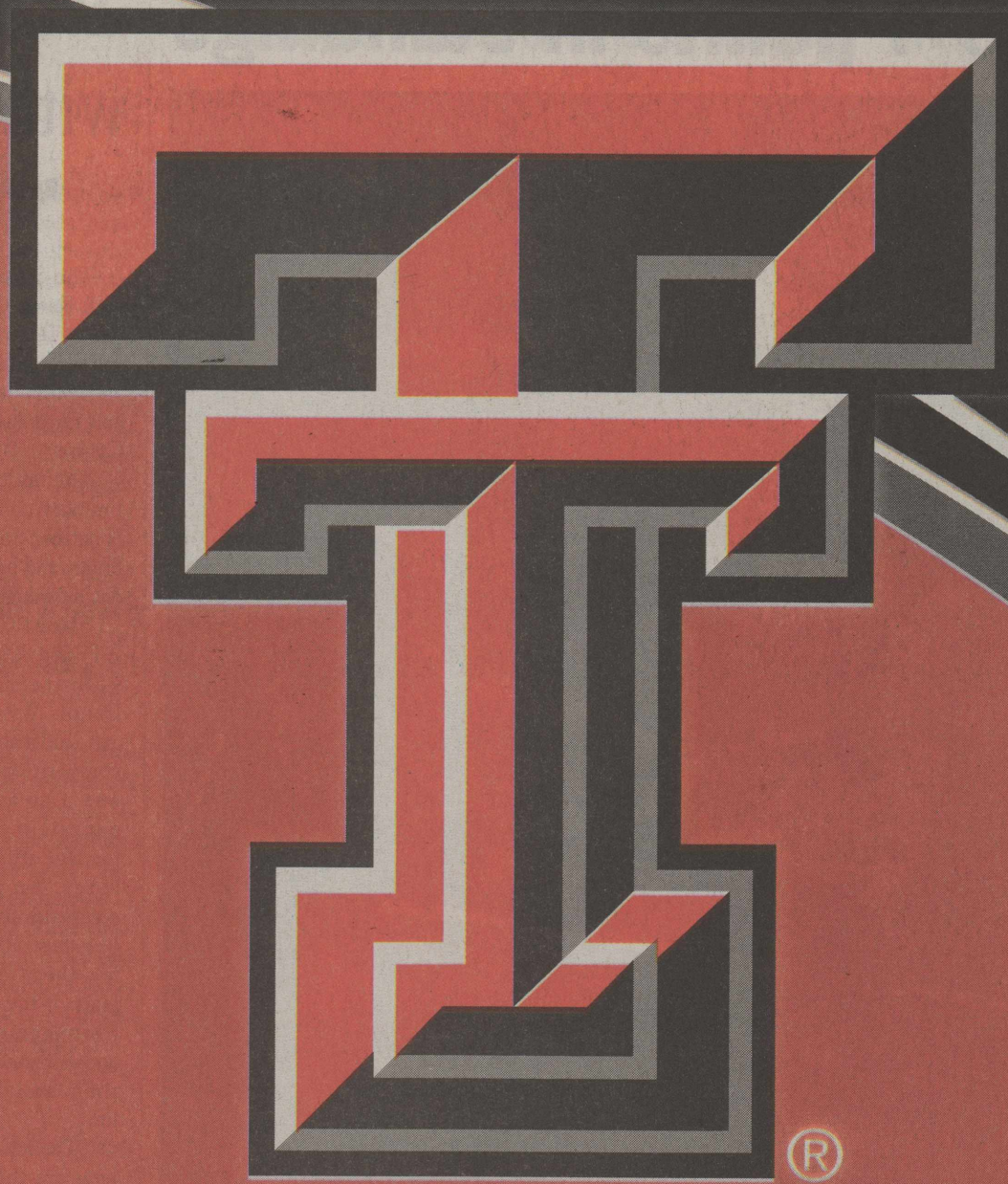
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