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Enrollment surpasses 30,000

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After modest gains in enrollment of between 200 and 300 students for each of the Fall 2006, 2007 and 2008 semesters, student enrollment at Texas Tech skyrocketed in the Fall 2009 semester, posting the highest enrollment numbers in the history of the university.

Tech administrators announced Monday university enrollment numbers have surpassed the 30,000-student benchmark for this fall.

Official enrollment numbers typically are made public after the 12th day of classes, and the university has seen enrollment grow by 6 percent from 28,422 students in 2008 to 30,049 this fall — an increase of 1,627 students.

Tech President Guy Bailey made the announcement Monday morning alongside Tech System Chancellor Kent Hance and Student Government Association President Suzanne Williams.

"We now have 30,049 students at Texas Tech," Bailey said, "and this speaks volumes about what's going on in the institution."

Undergraduate enrollment increased by 5 percent and graduate enrollment increased by 11 percent, he said. Freshmen enrollment of both Hispanic and African-American students also has risen by 15 percent according to a news release from the Office of Communications and Marketing.

Hance said before he began working as chancellor at Tech, the university lost students for three consecutive years. After a then-record enrollment of 28,549 students under former Chancellor David Smith in 2003, enrollment declined during the 2004, 2005 and 2006 fall semesters to a total of 27,996 students. Hance became chancellor in November 2006.

He said things have turned around in the most significant increases the university has ever seen.

Along with the goal of increasing enrollment to 40,000 students by 2020, Hance said, it is important to retain the unique culture and academic excellence known on the Tech campus.

"Our culture will not change, and our excellent quality of students will not change," he



SUZANNE WILLIAMS, LEFT, president of the Student Government Association, offers a student government perspective on Tech's reaching of the 30,000 enrolled students benchmark. Tech president Guy Bailey also addressed the enrollment growth.

said. "Only our numbers will change."

Tech and Texas Legislature officials also have said enrollment could affect which universities reach National Research University status as described in House Bill 51 of the Texas Legislature. The only other emerging research university in Texas that surpassed Tech both in number and percent increase

was the University of Texas at Arlington, which now has 28,084 students after a 12 percent and 2,984 student increase in enrollment.

Bailey praised the SGA and Williams for their efforts in recruitment and promotion of the university.

Williams said the association has hosted recruitment sessions in Houston, Austin and will also

host a recruiting booth at the upcoming Tech-Baylor football game Nov. 28 in Dallas.

The SGA also has started a new "telecounseling" program, she said, in which SGA Senators call potential students and help answer questions and point high school seniors in the right direction.

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University officials review student accommodations

By KELSEY HECKEL
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Texas Tech officials have been planning for an influx of students on campus with the goal of 40,000 students at the university by 2020 and the announcement of more than 1,600 newly-enrolled students for the Fall 2009 semester.

A new residence is in the planning stages to replace Weeks Hall to keep up with the increasing numbers of students living on campus. Weeks Hall has been closed for more than 20 years. Sean Duggan, director of University Student Housing, said the building was "depleting."

"We're going to tear it down and build something students can actually use," he said.

The new building is supposed to house another 450 to 500 students upon completion in the fall of 2012. The building also will be geared more toward allowing students more privacy. To ensure that Tech can keep up with the expected rise in numbers during the next 10 years, more residence halls will be built to accommodate students.

"We are expecting another 1,500 students to be living on campus," Duggan said. "If we build a residence hall in 2012, another in 2014 and another in 2020, all of which would have 500 beds, we would be able to handle university growth."

During the last year, the number of students living on campus has increased 3 percent, from 6,233 to 6,450, according to statistics provided by University Student Housing. More upperclassmen also are living on campus; in the last year, the number of juniors living on campus increased by 7 percent and the number of seniors on campus increased by 16 percent.

Changes also will be made to existing residence halls, he said. "Bledsoe and Sneed Hall will

be undergoing some changes," he said. "Bledsoe will be for engineering students and Sneed will be for male science, technology, engineering and math students."

University Parking Services also is building more bike racks and parking lots to meet the growing demand of students.

"Tech needs more parking everywhere," said Sarah Ellis, a freshman human development and family studies major from Lone Oak. "I'm in Commuter Parking West and there is never enough spaces because people park where they aren't supposed to, so we are forced to park somewhere else and get a ticket."

Lee Sonnenberg, associate director of University Parking Services, said the department

has submitted a proposal to build a parking garage near Drane and Doak Halls.

Craig Cotton, day supervisor of University Parking Services, said new bicycle racks will be going up after a survey of the campus is finished.

The goal of the survey is to find out which bicycle racks are being utilized and which areas are overflowing with bicycles.

"In the academic areas on inner campus there is plenty of space on the bike racks," he said. "The real problem is some of the obscure areas the bike racks are in. We have a night shift that is going to go in and reposition some of the harder to rack racks."

Cotton said the racks outside of most residence halls need more than minor adjustments. Bicycle racks are going through production and the department is waiting on the survey to be completed by the Bicycle Coordinating Committee to place them on campus.

"The committee will also be making some policy changes and are trying to get more bicycle paths built on campus," Cotton said.

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SEAN DUGGAN
DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY STUDENT HOUSING

Tech admissions officials required to deny prospective students on Facebook

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Students hoping to get a leg up in the admissions process have learned to seek the Facebook pages of admissions counselors such as Adabel Estrella in the Texas Tech Office of Admissions.

"I have had a student request me on Facebook," Estrella said. "I deny it because I think it is important not to cross that line."

According to a Kaplan survey, more than 70 percent of admissions officers receive friend requests from prospective students on Facebook or MySpace.

Kristen Campbell, national director of College Prep Programs for Kaplan, said the growing trend is a result of a tech-savvy generation.

"I think students get it," Campbell said. "They are savvy and they get that this is a hyper-competitive college admissions environment. Facebook and MySpace has become a useful tool for students to get to know colleges and colleges to get to know students."

Jacob Taylor, an electronic media and communications junior from Bellville, said he has a different opinion.

"I would not ask for a friend request from admissions officer," Taylor said. "I do not

think it is appropriate because it seems like an unfair advantage over other students."

Although Tech does not have a written policy regarding admissions officers accepting friend requests on Facebook, the office has a policy against the practice.

"Our office policy is to not accept friend requests to our personal Facebook pages," said Jamie Hansard, assistant director of Admissions. "Instead, we direct prospective students to our new regional admissions Facebook page."

The existence of a university social networking policy is rare, Campbell said. Only 13 percent of colleges have a policy and 21 percent are in the process of writing one.

"While students might be reaching out proactively, college admissions haven't necessarily figured out how to react," she said.

Tech Admissions has created four separate Facebook pages for each regional admissions office to curb the occurrence of students sending friend requests to admissions officers.

"I think it's another way to make sure prospective students know the admissions counselors are there to support them through the admissions process," Admissions Counselor Tori Riley said. "It also helps with accessibility. We work from 8 (a.m.) to 5 (p.m.) and that is not always convenient for students. This way they

have access to us through e-mail or Facebook 24/7."

Campbell said Facebook should not replace the importance of other application factors.

"While Facebook is a way to connect with a college, it is not going to be the end-all, be-all," Campbell said. "Grades, essays, extra curricular activities and test grades are still the most important part of an application."

Last year Tech also launched RaiderSpace, a social networking site for admitted students where they can interact with admissions officers and other students.

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IN BRIEF

STATE

Oil spill cleanup on part of Houston Ship Channel

HOUSTON (AP) — Three miles of the Houston Ship Channel has reopened three days after an oil spill closed the section.

The affected part of the channel was a secluded northern segment.

About 10,500 gallons of oil spilled late Friday after a barge struck the 458-foot tank vessel Chemical Supplier near Brady's Island and the Interstate 610

bridge. The motor vessel received a 2-foot by 4-foot gash in one of its fuel tanks. No injuries were reported.

Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Mark Mackowiak (muh-KOH-wee-ak) says the spill had "very minimal impact to the overall port operations."

The Coast Guard spokesman said about 4,200 gallons had been removed as of Monday.

NATION

Video shows teens beating Chicago student to death

CHICAGO (AP) — Cell phone footage showing a group of teens viciously kicking and striking a 16-year-old honors student with splintered railroad ties has ramped up pressure on Chicago officials to address chronic violence that has led to dozens of deaths of city teens each year.

The graphic video of the afternoon melee emerged on local news stations over the weekend, showed the fatal beating of Derion Albert, a sophomore honor

roll student at Christian Fenger Academy High School. His death was the latest addition to a toll that keeps getting higher: More than 30 students were killed last school year, and the city could exceed that number this year.

Prosecutors charged three teenagers on Monday with fatally beating Albert, who was walking to a bus stop when he got caught up in the mob street fighting, authorities said.

WORLD

Iran tests its longest-range missiles

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran tested its longest-range missiles Monday and warned they can reach any place that threatens the country, including Israel, parts of Europe and U.S. military bases in the Mideast.

The launch capped two days of war games and was condemned as a provocation by Western powers, which are demanding Tehran come clean about a newly revealed nuclear facility it has been secretly building.

The tests Sunday and again Monday added urgency to a key meeting this week between Iran and the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and Germany — an international front seeking clear answers about the direction of its nuclear program.

Iran's missile program and its nuclear work — much of it carried out in secrecy — have long been a concern for the United States, Israel and its Western allies.

Bombings kill at least 18 in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — A string of bombings killed at least 18 people across Iraq on Monday, shattering a relative lull in violence during the celebration last week that marked the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

The blasts primarily targeted Iraqi security forces, which have been the focal point of insurgent attacks since U.S. troops pulled out of Iraq's cities at the end of June. The uptick in violence also comes as the country's shops and schools reopened after the Eid holiday that follows the end of the Muslim holy month.

The deadliest attack Monday occurred in Ramadi, about 70 miles (115 kilometer) west of Baghdad, when a suicide bomber slammed a tanker truck packed with explosives into a police outpost, killing at least seven people and wounding 16 more, a security official said.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release the information.

Witnesses said the truck exploded near the front gate of the outpost, which is home to one of seven police battalions in the area, setting cars and trucks on the base on fire.

"It is like an earthquake occurred in this place," a police official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

He said the blast caused a fireball powerful enough to throw cars into the air and overturn trucks.

Ramadi is the capital of Anbar province, a former Sunni insurgent stronghold in the vast stretch of land west of Baghdad to the Jordanian border. The region has been relatively stable since Sunni fighters

turned against al-Qaida in Iraq and joined forces with the U.S. military in 2006 to fight the insurgency. But the province has been shaken in recent weeks by a series of attacks on police and Iraqi army checkpoints.

Despite the dramatic drop in violence nationwide since the fierce sectarian bloodletting that engulfed Iraq in 2006 and 2007, insurgents still regularly target Iraqi security forces across the country.

Three Iraqi soldiers were killed Monday in a double roadside bombing in the predominantly Sunni neighborhood of Ghazaliyah in western Baghdad, a police official said.

Fifteen others, including 11 civilians, were wounded in the attack.

In southern Iraq, a bomb attached to a bus killed at least six people, while in the northern city of Mosul two policemen were killed and two others wounded when a roadside bomb hit their patrol, two security officials said.

The officials all spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information.

The news came as the U.S. military freed another 35 members of a group linked to the abduction of five British citizens from Iraq's Finance Ministry in 2007, a representative for the faction said.

The prisoner release means nearly 100 members of Asaib Ahl al-Haq, or League of the Righteous, have left U.S. custody since late last week. In total, about 250 have been freed since July as talks intensify over the fate of the sole British hostages believed to be still alive.

An envoy for the militant group, Salam al-Maliki, said the talks also are seeking the release of its leader, Sheikh Qais al-Khazali.

WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

Gadhafi strengthens relationship with Chavez

PORLAMAR, Venezuela (AP) — Moammar Gadhafi and Hugo Chavez are strengthening their relationship and finding common ground as two radical former military men who both want to challenge the "imperialism" of wealthy nations and aspire to speak for many poor nations.

The Libyan and Venezuelan leaders were expected to meet one-on-one on Monday, although no public events were announced.

Chavez and Gadhafi led a week-

end summit where South American and African leaders pledged to deepen links between the continents. Chavez made diplomatic inroads while offering African countries Venezuela's help in oil projects, mining and financial assistance.

Gadhafi, who is making his first visit to Latin America, said the two regions should unite to wield more influence and form a defense alliance, a "NATO for the South" — calling it "SATO."

Czech trip was low-key, but pope is 'very happy'

PRAGUE (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI wrapped up a low-key pilgrimage to the fiercely secular Czech Republic on Monday, reaching out to nonbelievers and calling on an increasingly diverse Europe to embrace Christian teachings.

Throughout the three-day visit, the crowds were contained, and so was the pope's rhetoric.

Although he often wades into contentious issues such as abortion or same-sex marriage, this time a conciliatory Benedict — apparently

unwilling to antagonize already apathetic Czechs — made no direct mention of either.

But the Vatican pronounced the pontiff's 13th foreign trip a success. So did President Vaclav Klaus, a non-Catholic, who called it "extraordinarily successful."

Benedict's spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said the 82-year-old pope was "very happy" with the response in the ex-communist country, one of Europe's most secular nations.

Lawyer: Polanski will fight extradition to the US

ZURICH (AP) — Imprisoned director Roman Polanski is in a "fighting mood" and will battle U.S. attempts to have him extradited from Switzerland to California to face justice for having sex with a 13-year-old girl in 1977, his lawyer said Monday.

An international tug-of-war over the 76-year-old director escalated Monday as France and Poland urged Switzerland to free him on bail and pressed U.S. officials all the way up to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on the case.

Polanski was in his third day of detention after Swiss police arrested him Saturday on an international warrant as he arrived in Zurich to receive a lifetime achievement award from a film festival.

Authorities in Los Angeles consider Polanski a "convicted felon and fugitive." The director had pleaded guilty to unlawful sexual intercourse in 1977 with a 13-year-old girl. He was sent to prison for 42 days but then the judge tried to renege on the plea bargain.

Peru ex-leader pleads guilty in corruption trial

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Former Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori has pleaded guilty to authorizing wiretaps and bribes to journalists, politicians and businessmen.

The 71-year-old ex-president already faces the prospect of spending the rest of his life in prison because he has been sentenced to 25 years in earlier trials.

But his daughter is a leading candidate for president and says

she'll pardon him if elected.

After prosecutors presented the new charges on Monday, Fujimori said three words to the presiding judge: "Sir, I agree."

Prosecutors say Fujimori ordered his former spy chief Vladimiro Montesinos to secretly wiretap 28 politicians, journalists and businessmen and to bribe 13 congressmen, a TV station and a newspaper editorial board.

Honduras to restore liberties after criticism

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — The coup-installed government in Honduras is backing off of its increasingly desperate measures to hold onto power.

Interim President Roberto Micheletti says an emergency decree restricting civil liberties for 45 days will soon be lifted.

He made the statement Monday afternoon, less than a day

after his government imposed the emergency order.

Supporters of ousted President Manuel Zelaya tried to demonstrate in the Honduran capital, but riot police surrounded them and prevented them from marching. They sat down in the street and vowed not to move until their protest was allowed.

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Enrollment

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Michael Shonrock, vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, said it is important for Tech to maintain the same "feel" during the period of growth and preserve the rich history and traditions on campus.

Shonrock also said focus groups have been established to discuss ways to attract new students while

carrying on in the legacy of the past. Tech is working on helping alumni and their families become more engaged through programs like the Tech Legacy Program.

Both Hance and Bailey said a the growing need exists for new facilities on campus with everything from new classrooms to more dorm rooms. Planning for these new facilities is in the works by a special task force and will be announced in the next few months.

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EMERGING RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES

STUDENT ENROLLMENT NUMBERS

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

28,084 (preliminary) 2,984 student, 12 percent increase

TEXAS TECH

30,049 1,627 student, 6 percent increase

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

15,700 (preliminary) 757 student, 3 percent increase

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

21,011 553 student, 3 percent increase

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

29,133 720 student, 2.5 percent increase

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

36,206 1,508 student, 2 percent increase

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

36,999 895 student, 2 percent increase

Source: Administrators and institutional research departments from each university

Texas near bottom in stimulus funds

DALLAS (AP) — Texas ranks near the bottom in federal stimulus funds received so far, according to a newspaper analysis of grants and contracts.

The Dallas Morning News reported Monday that Texas has been approved for about \$12.9 billion in stimulus grants and contracts, not including an estimated \$4.2 billion received through

programs.

Medicaid accounts for 63 percent of stimulus outlays so far, yet most low-income, childless Texas residents can't get Medicaid. About 17 percent of Texas residents are enrolled in Medicaid, according to the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.

"The fact that Texas is 50th out of 50 states in terms of children and adults insured for health care, that

has not only hurt those families, it has cost us billions of federal dollars," said U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards, a Waco Democrat who supported the stimulus. "That, along with the decision to reject \$550 million in unemploy-

"If you are looking for benefits, you don't move to Texas."

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Texas lawmakers complain that funding formulas are often written by lawmakers in small states, creating a disadvantage for big states. Texas also has fewer research universities, less subsidized housing and a smaller contribution to programs like Medicaid and unemployment insurance, so that means less emergency stimulus funds.

"If you are looking for benefits, you don't move to Texas," said Sherri Greenberg, a public finance expert at the University of Texas' LBJ School of Public Affairs.

The \$787 billion stimulus flows through tax credits, student loans, Social Security checks, highway contracts, Medicaid, unemployment and several other

ment stimulus funding, certainly hurt the funding totals for Texas." Texas lawmakers gave up \$565 million by not changing the unemployment benefits program. To get stimulus funds, states had to expand their programs to reach more unemployed workers, including part-timers. Only 20 percent of unemployed Texas residents received unemployment benefits during the second quarter of 2008, 49th among states, according to the National Employment Law Project.

Many Republicans scoff at the idea that Texas is losing out. Gov. Rick Perry says accepting some stimulus funds, like the unemployment money, would require changes that would make the state less competitive.

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers 2, 4, 7, 1, 1, 6, 3, 8, 7, 2, 3, 7, 5, 2, 5, 6, 5, 3, 8, 9, 4, 2, 3, 8, 1

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Magical skills not required for TTU Muggle Quidditch group

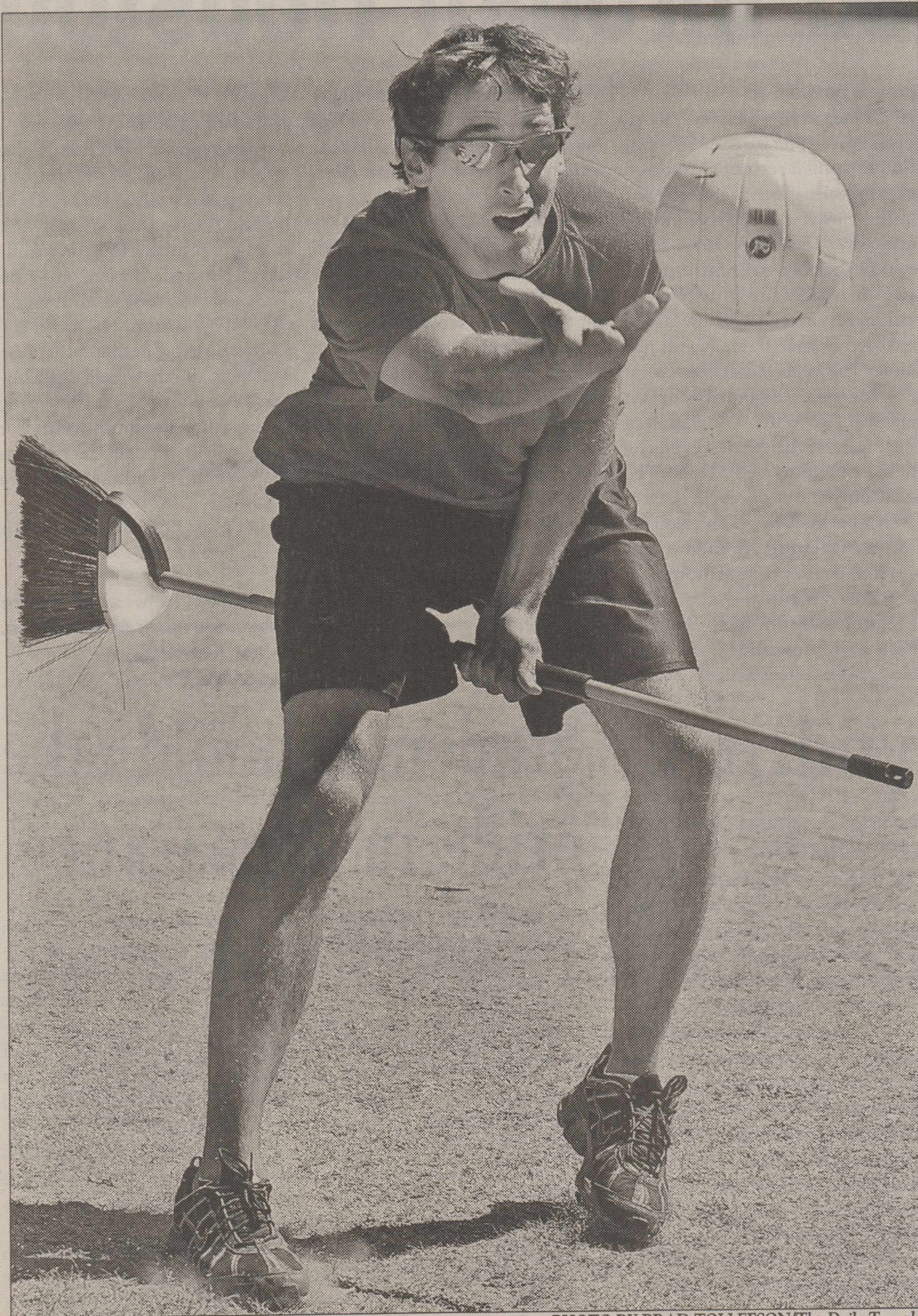


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CONNER DAVIS, A senior in the nursing program from Plainview, throws a quaffle.

By **CARRIE THORNTON**
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Collegiate Quidditch is sweeping the nation. Literally.

Quidditch, the game wizards and witches play in the "Harry Potter" series in which the players fly on brooms, has been brought to life in college campuses around the United States, including Texas Tech.

"A team at A&M is going to the World Cup this year," said Alex Saulnier, junior psychology major from Plano. "And I thought, if they have a team, why shouldn't we?"

Saulnier is the commissioner of TTU Muggle Quidditch, as it is named on Facebook. Other Tech Quidditch enthusiast groups exist on the Web site as well, but Saulnier said as far as she knows, they have been inactive for a year.

A "muggle" is J.K. Rowling's term for a non-wizard.

"Someone sent me a video about muggle Quidditch, and I figured we could do that here if there are people crazy enough to go along with it," she said. "And I know there are."

Xander Manshel and Alex Benepe, who is the National Intercollegiate Quidditch Commissioner, created a 36-page handbook to clearly define the rules of the game.

Muggle Quidditch differs slightly from Harry Potter's version, for obvious reasons. The brooms players hold between their legs cannot make them fly, so they must have one hand on the broom at all times, according to the handbook. The snitch is not a winged ball but a player dressed in gold with a tennis ball stuffed in a sock tucked into his or her shorts.

Benepe is a student at Middlebury College in Vermont, which hosts the World Cup, Saulnier said.

"This summer we talked to Alex Benepe about fundraising to get to the World Cup, but being that it's a two-day drive, we cannot afford that without additional funding," she said.

Sunday was the group's first game of the semester. Out of the group's 93 members, about 14 checked the "attending" box on the Facebook page, but only five showed up to play. Because of the shortage of players, the game turned into keeper practice.

The keeper is essentially a goalie. The job of the keeper is to guard the three hoops posted behind him or her where the chasers are aiming their balls.

"We try to advertise and get people's attention through Facebook and word of mouth," Saulnier said.

But it seems to be not enough. Until the group secures an adviser and official student organization status, funding and means of attracting students are limited.

"I think people don't show up because they are too busy, and really, Quidditch is a weird game to play," Saulnier said. "It's been difficult finding an adviser because most professors don't know what (Quidditch) is."

She said she hopes eventually colleges around Texas, and even in the Big 12 will recognize the unusual game.

So, who is crazy enough to help Saulnier in her Quidditch endeavors?

Conner Davis, a senior nursing major from Plainview, is the co-commissioner for TTU Muggle Quidditch and said he learned about the group through Goin' Band.

"Together Alex and I started the Fa-

cebook group," Davis said. "I took it upon myself to help schedule events and recruit. I try to help wherever I can."

A "Harry Potter" fan, Davis said he was surprised to find the game had leapt from J.K. Rowling's books and into Tech.

"I was pretty excited," he said. "I was like, 'People actually play Quidditch here?' I had heard about it, but did not think it would spread to Tech."

The majority of the group's support comes from Goin' Band because both Davis and Saulnier are members, he said, and they are looking to broaden their fanbase.

"I hope someday it will grow to a real sport (here at Tech)," Davis said. "But I don't see it getting big anytime soon."

Although the sport originated from a children's novel, it is physically demanding and tougher than most perceive it to be, he said.

"It's a legit sport," Davis said. "It's really difficult and exhausting and a combination of three sports: dodgeball, basketball and soccer."

To gather a larger group of supporters, Davis said they plan to utilize TechAnnounce or fliers. Student support is vital to the group's success.

"If students aren't going to get into it, the faculty certainly won't," he said.

Jacob Mathews, a junior history major from San Antonio, participated in the keeper practice, acting as a chaser and said he has been in the group since it began.

"It is silly, but I have fun playing it," Mathews said.

Mathews and the other players used regular brooms that can be found in any grocery store, but he said other teams purchase custom-made brooms designed just for Quidditch.

Specialized brooms can be found online at Web sites like The Broom Closet, which sells three types of Quidditch brooms ranging from \$76 to \$96.

"People really like the books and find the concept of getting to play the game, even if it's make-believe, appealing," Mathews said with a laugh. "I guess it takes a little immaturity."

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Warmer weather threatens moose in Minnesota

BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE AREA, Minn. (AP) — The moose calf didn't seem to want to get out of the water.

But its mother, perhaps concerned about approaching boats, decided it was time to leave. She waded back into the reeds along the Sea Gull River and nudged her light brown offspring. Then she bounded through the thick brush into the forest, her calf struggling to keep up. In moments, both were gone.

Researchers say such sightings of moose, an icon in Minnesota's northwoods, are likely to become more rare. A special advisory committee warned last month that climate change threat-

ens moose in Minnesota and recommended several steps to help them.

Minnesota is one of the few strongholds for moose in the lower 48 states. Among other states with moose, only Alaska and parts of New England and the Rocky Mountains have large, stable populations.

Maine has the most moose in the lower 48 states, estimated at 60,000 by wildlife officials. Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Idaho have stable moose populations, and the animals are spreading in some northwestern states. They're also common in Canada, where there are an estimated 110,000 in Ontario alone, but scientists there express similar concerns as their U.S.

counterparts.

Minnesota has an estimated 7,600 moose, nearly all in the forests of northeastern Minnesota, where plentiful swamps, lakes and streams provide good habitat. Yet they're beleaguered by increasingly warm weather and parasites such as brainworms, ticks and liver flukes.

"Almost without exception all of the indicators are that the population is declining," said Mark Lenarz, a moose expert with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Researchers said they weren't sure why the animal is struggling more in Minnesota than elsewhere and more study is needed.

Milan brightens recession gloom with spring and summer fashions

MILAN (AP) — As the Milan Fashion week draws to an end, it is clear that the designers are looking to lift the yoke of recession gloom.

The spring/summer 2010 collections previewed on the runway speak of happy colors, easy styles, and lots of sensuality. The DSquared2 campsite presented on Monday, the last day of the week of preview showings, is a perfect example.

"It has been a very youthful season," said Bepe Modenese, honorary president of the Italian Fashion chamber and the man who got Milan fashion started back in the 1970s.

Famous for their skin tight sexy styles, this round the Italian designer's presenting their summer wears opt to keep things

demure. Peek-a-boo lace, sheer fabrics and transparent plastic are the favorite see-through materials, but the styles are loose and innocent, from the myriad of bubble skirts, to the short shorts and mini dresses.

There has been a lot of underwear as outerwear from bra tops, to body suits and bloomers, but the look is more yesteryear girlie than contemporary sex pot with heavy use of chaste cotton and innocent ruffles.

Even the look of the many micro mini skirts — except at Versace where the skirts were as tight as they were short — is softened by baggy shapes and bubble hemlines.

"Despite the crisis, Italy is still in first

place on the world fashion scene," Mario Boselli told reporters after Laura Biagiotti, last show of the five day fashion week.

DSquared2 The show by Canadian designing twins Dean and Dan Caten was full-immersion into the wild, from the tents pitched on the runway to the hiking gear and rain wear. This campsite was for the fashionista who will only go so far in roughing it.

Between the chandelier lighting in the tents and the plastic evening gowns for a wet night, it was clear that this was a flashy, high-end campsite.

The designers known for their fun-loving styles put together the perfect outfit for the city-slicker camper.

Baz Luhrmann wields the judges' paddle on 'Dancing'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The man who made "Moulin Rouge" is lending his expertise to "Dancing With the Stars."

Baz Luhrmann is serving as a guest judge on the hit ABC dance show on Monday and Tuesday as head judge Len Goodman takes a week off.

The 47-year-old Australian filmmaker wrote and directed "Strictly Ballroom" in 1992, which launched his film career.

"Dancing" host Tom Bergeron says that movie "was a major inspiration in the creation of this little show."

Luhrmann says his mother was a professional ballroom judge and that he called her for advice before his two-day stint on "Dancing."

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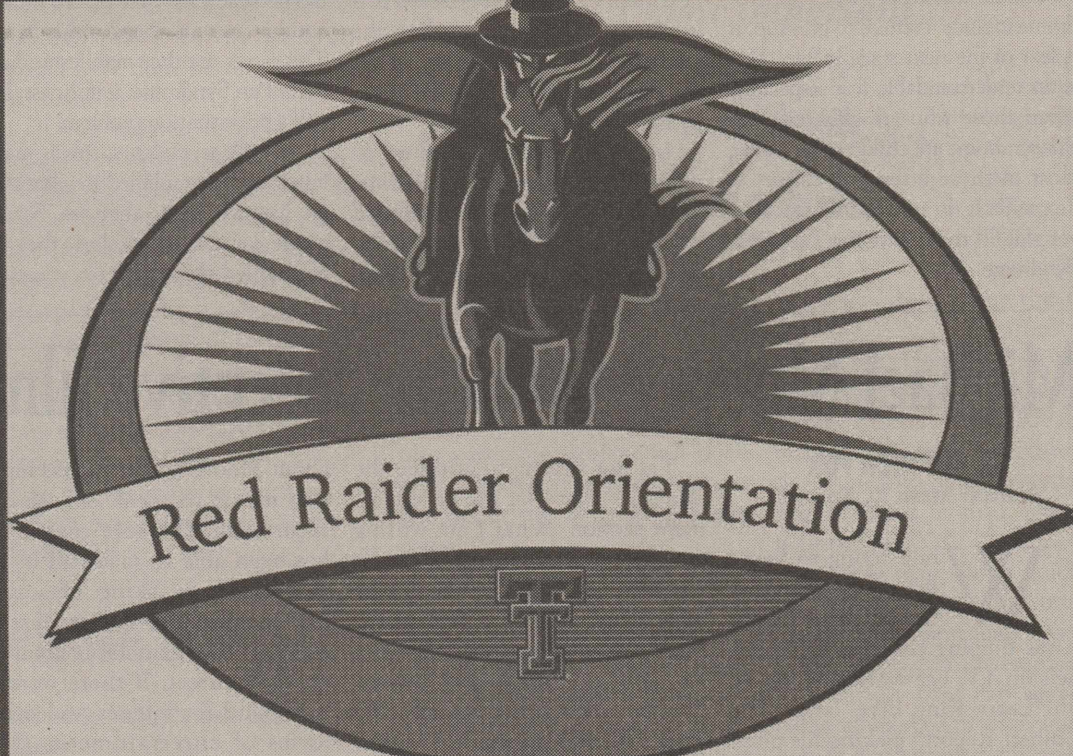


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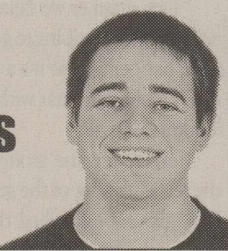
All roads for Tech lead through Houston

On Saturday, we all witnessed Texas Tech's heartbreaking, last-minute loss to the University of Houston.

With a stadium record crowd on hand to witness a program-defining victory, Tech could have played a critical role in the state of the University of Houston's football program. Not that it makes the loss any less difficult for Tech fans, but Houston is working its way back to prominence after its success in the early 1990s.

Since the breakup of the Southwest Conference, Tech has gone on to achieve national recognition in the powerhouse Big 12 Conference, while Houston has been stuck in lowly Conference USA. As evidenced by UH fans rushing the field after the

Ben Jones



dramatic victory, the game certainly carried more weight than the actual outcome. However, the game represented not just a match-up between two former Southwest Conference foes, but between two schools craving for academic prominence and respectability.

Just this summer, Texas Governor Rick Perry signed House Bill 51, allowing Texas to open up funds for a third tier-one university. As part of the bill, seven

state universities were targeted as "emerging research universities." Among the seven universities listed, UT Arlington, UT San Antonio, UT El Paso, UT Dallas, the University of North Texas, and of course Tech and Houston, all remain candidates for becoming the state's next tier-one school.

While the designation to become a National Research University is a multi-year process, tier-one status has been years in the making for Tech. At the front of the race, however, appears to be a rematch of Saturday's thrilling football game. As part of the bill, a school must meet six criteria designed to instigate student learning, increase graduate program quality, and most importantly, increase research expenditures as a product of state, university and

private funding.

Of the criteria Tech must meet, Tech must generate over \$45 million of annual restricted research expenditures. Tech is at about \$27 million in research expenditures annually. Tech then must meet four of the six remaining criteria, two of which the university is either very close to achieving, or has already met. Tech awards just under the required 200 doctoral degrees each year and already has membership in the Association of Research Libraries. However, the next two requirements seem to be a bit further out of reach.

It appears as if Tech is on its way to reaching an endowment greater than \$400 million — a required amount — according to a statement by Tech president Guy Bailey on the Texas Tech

Web site. Then, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board must designate Tech of having a high achieving freshman class, high-quality faculty or high quality graduate-level programs.

Now, while Tech seems well poised to become a Tier One university, consider Houston's current position. According to data from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Houston is about \$11 million closer to the required \$45 million in annual restricted research expenditures, already awards well over 200 doctoral degrees each year, and has an endowment \$200 million more than Tech's, according to numbers on the university's Web site. Certainly much of this difference can be explained by the nearly 9,000-student difference

between the schools, and Tech's attendance figures are growing.

Geography could certainly play a factor as well. With tier-one schools Rice and Texas A&M both in the Houston area already, it might inhibit Houston's ability to persuade lawmakers. And Tech and Houston certainly aren't the only frontrunners, with UT Dallas posting perhaps the best academic numbers, and the University of North Texas increasing its exposure and enrollment. For now at least though, Tech seems best poised to capture the extra funding.

Let's just hope we don't lose it at the last minute.

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Grow up, avoid Peter Pan Syndrome

Peter Pan was my childhood hero. He had every quality a kid could want.

He could fly, hang out with fairies and fight pirates in Never Never Land. Besides wearing the tights, I could really see myself doing all of those things and tried to emulate him in many ways.

Now that I am an adult, I know I should not act or be like Peter Pan. We must beware of Peter Pan Syndrome. This is a disease which causes us to believe we can remain in childhood forever, like Peter Pan. It preys upon college kids who believe their lives parallel the life of this hero of children's literature. Those afflicted with this syndrome believe Never Never Land exists and it is called college. Peter Pan Syndrome is the pandemic of our generation.

Manifestations of Peter Pan Syndrome include a refusal to grow up. It is fear of the next stage in life. This is an understandable fear, especially when those who are afflicted with this syndrome are children. However, most of those attending classes at Texas Tech do not fit this category, yet still fill the criteria for Peter Pan Syndrome.

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Symptoms include a refusal to go on dates, spending hours upon end playing video games and eating pizza every meal of the day. In short, it is a refusal to take responsibility for life. Undiagnosed and untreated, Peter Pan Syndrome will result in years wasted in the pursuit of things which do not matter.

There is a cure, but it requires more than just a pill or a workout regimen. First, we have to recognize the problem and then we have to make that next step. Change can be scary. It is ironic we as a nation voted on the platform of change in 2008, but yet fear change in our own lives. However, we must make that next step.

Life occurs in phases, and we do not need to fear the next phase in life. Perhaps it is time to devote yourself more to your schooling, get married to your long-time boyfriend or girlfriend,

or get a job. Whatever that next step may be, taking responsibility is a good thing. It makes us more capable individuals and we find that happiness does come from successfully providing for those dependent on us.

The message is simple. We need to grow up. Things which are most important in life should not suffer from those things which are not. We need to put the pursuit of fun and entertainment on the bottom of the totem pole, below family, responsibility and personal development.

Those who join onto this ship of responsibility must beware of going overboard. We need to remember what happens in Disney's sequel "Hook." It is important to keep your responsibilities in moderation. In the film, Peter Pan grows up and in a trip back to Never Never Land realizes he has become a jerk. He placed himself and his pursuits ahead of his family. This is yet another manifestation of Peter Pan Syndrome: selfishness. It is still a prioritization problem.

In college students, this is manifested by being fulfilled in what they do, instead of who they are. For example, some actually believe they will be fulfilled through their vocation.

While we should do those things we enjoy, work is not the purpose of life. We need to understand that happiness stems from our identity, not our accomplishments. The shadow of our accomplishments should never overpower the reality of our own selves.

So, my advice is simple: Re-prioritize. To those of you who spend the bulk of your time pursuing your own happiness, look to others. You will find deeper fulfillment in relationships with others, in personal development (which is distinct from the pursuit of fun) and in devoting yourself to your studies (which is one of the purposes of your time in college).

To those who always seem "too busy" for these things, I advise you to simplify your life. Close the books, clock-out of work and reconnect with those who matter. Whether we relate more with Peter Pan as a young boy or as a man, it is time to grow up, to remember Never Never Land does not exist, and to keep fun and responsibility in moderation to those things

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Students should take pride in appearance

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College students are not necessarily known for their keen sense of fashion. Ask anyone. When most people try to conjure up the image of a typical college student, they envision tousled, unruly hair, ratty sneakers, unwashed jeans and old sweatshirts.

This student, let's call him Jim, just got up five minutes ago and is late for class. He's barely brushed his teeth, much less had the time to comb his hair. He doesn't care about what people think. He's a rebel, and the women love him for it. After all, it's college. Right?

Of course, this description does not apply to all of us. It is almost offensively stereotypical to say that most college students roll out of bed not caring how they appear to others. There are many students out there that take time and effort to look put-together.

Yet, we all know this image of the "typical" disheveled college student. We see Jim on campus everywhere, whether on our way to class or sitting in lecture. We know Jim. Some of us may even be Jim. But is it appropriate to dress that way on campus?

I say no. Our parents, our college guidance counselors and those college brochures we all collected our senior year claim that college prepares you for

the real world. In the real world, appearance does matter.

Therefore, students should take some care in the way they dress for class. If professors dress appropriately for class, why shouldn't students? They should treat their classes as they would their jobs and dress accordingly.

I am not saying that we should wear pantsuits to class. Clean jeans and a clean shirt are more than acceptable.

But it's more than the clothes we wear. It's also about how we look. Students should brush their

hair, shower and wear clean clothes. We should take the time to look like we care.

I think that those who complain about time constraints in the morning can easily take an extra five minutes to brush their hair and put on a clean T-shirt. It is not that difficult.

I understand the pressures that come with being a student, particularly at a prestigious university. I understand that sometimes all you want to do is throw on a sweatshirt after a long night of studying. And this is perfectly acceptable once in a while. But it is completely inappropriate to do so everyday.

What you wear in your free time is your own business. But if you are going to class, you should dress accordingly. Take some pride in your appearance.

And if you won't do it for yourself, do it for the people in your class - it's unbelievably distracting trying to hold your breath throughout an entire class period because you're trying not to smell the un-showered, unkempt head then sitting next to you.

Michael Moore continues deceptive filmmaking career

By **MATTHEW FOX**
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While trying to figure out what to write for this week's column, I was flipping through the channels on TV. I saw Michael Moore on "Larry King Live" and "The Colbert Report" making his pitch for his new movie, "Capitalism: A Love Story," and I knew the topic for my column.

For those who have not seen the previews for his new movie, Moore is going after Congress (again) and the huge financial companies on Wall Street for taking the American people's money. He said the American populous has had a love affair with capitalism, and now, as the Web site for the movie puts it, "... the all too similar symptoms of a love affair gone astray: lies, abuse, betrayal..."

I'm not writing to critique the movie — that's for the entertainment section. What I am writing about is Michael Moore. He claims to be doing a huge service to the American people by going after AIG and other financial companies for "stealing" the people's money. However, that is not the case. He simply focuses on the hot button issues and presents ideas that are, quite frankly, less than original.

In the previews Moore is hailed as being some kind of prophet that has foreseen what all of us have known for a long time. Him trying to make a citizen's arrest of the AIG executives, or walking up to them with sacks, demanding they fill them with the money they owe the American taxpayers, are over-the-top theatrics to get people's attention. Tactics like that aren't going to change anything.

The biggest thing that irks me

about Moore is that he has made this movie to speak out against capitalism, the sole reason he has been able to make all of his movies. He is taking advantage of our capitalist society just as much as the financial companies on Wall Street. If there weren't a demand for movies and other forms of entertainment, then movie studios would never agree to produce them.

I also find it a bit ironic that during times of economic hardship, the amount of money Americans spend on entertainment goes up, and Moore is putting out a movie during a recession about how bad capitalism is. He may not be a great documentarian, but he is a great businessman.

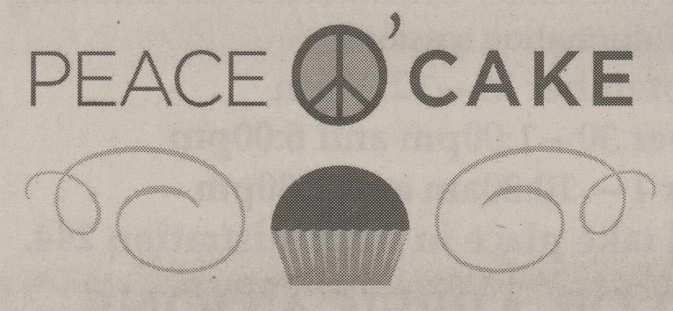
As humans we do things for one of two reasons: physical or psychological reward. When we help a stranger, we do it for psychological reward because it makes us feel good. When we make a movie or cut a record we do it for financial (physical) reward.

Even when we volunteer with

charities or other organizations and seemingly get nothing out of it, it makes us feel good to know that we've helped someone in need. Moore is in the same category as all of the other directors, music artists or anyone in the entertainment business; they do it for money and he is not the exception to the rule.

If he were truly out to help the American people he would focus more on underlying issues that are equally important rather than the one that happens to be in the spotlight at the time. As I've said before, he is a great businessman but he falls short as a documentarian. If Michael Moore thinks our government and capitalism are really as bad as he says they are, then he should take a cue from Thomas Jefferson and start a rebellion to replace and fix the government and economy.

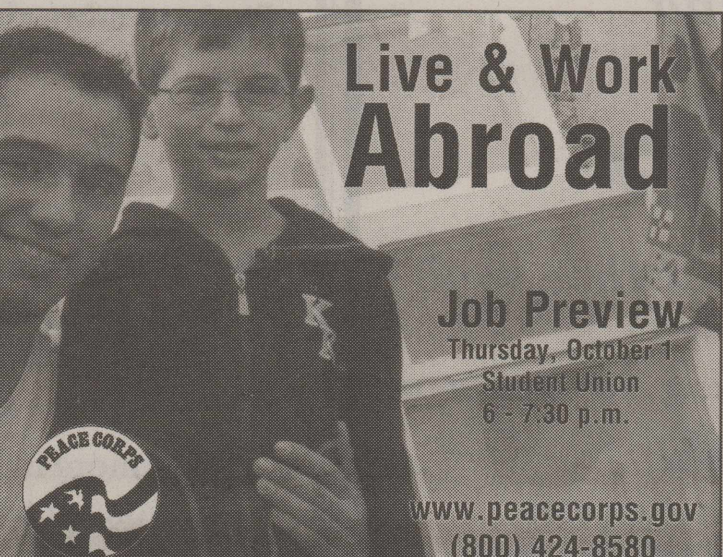
But if he did that, then he would no longer be able to make movies and therefore would also make no money. I'll let you be the judge, but it's pretty clear where this writer stands on the subject.



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Musicians bring big city music to big campus

By EMILY MOSER
STAFF WRITER

Some people take pride in the fact Texas Tech has the second largest contiguous university campus in the country. Some on the other hand are a little intimidated.

Tech's Student Union Courtyard was filled with music by Kailin Garrity and Derek James, musicians from New York, Monday afternoon.

"I looked up Texas Tech on Google Earth last night," James said. "I was worried I would get a little lost."

Luckily for James, members of the Tech Activities Board met him and Garrity at the airport and gave them a ride to the Student Union Building Monday.

TAB began planning for Garrity and James' arrival last semester in March according to the group's daytime coordinator Erin Rinderknecht.

Rinderknecht, a sophomore in pre-communications disorder from Thrall, said the event was arranged through a National Association for Campus Activities convention. She said a group of TAB members attended the convention last spring and believed Tech students would benefit from Garrity and James' music. She also thought

they would bring something different than what students typically hear.

"Texas country is a big popular genre here," Rinderknecht said, "and they have more of an urban feel."

Students came and went during the couple of hours Garrity and James intermittently traded performances in the SUB courtyard. Jeffrey Chui, a junior in marketing and management from Lubbock, said he was drawn to the area by the music.

"Texas country is a big popular genre here, and they have more of an urban feel."

ERIN RINDERKNECHT
GROUP COORDINATOR

"I like that it's acoustic and in a very chill area," Chui said, "and it's very coffee-house feeling."

He said he would definitely like to see more TAB events like this. Other students seemed to be enjoying the musicians' performances as

well. Some even began to participate in the call and response chorus of one of Garrity's songs titled, "Hell Yeah." Interactions like these are why Garrity said she likes doing college tours.

"I really love it because, for me, solo is a good chance to get students involved," she said. "It's more intimate."

Monday marked the first time Garrity has been to Lubbock. She said she was amazed of the size of the campus. She also said she could feel the history

of the school and the students' openness to different types of music.

Garrity attended Quinnipiac University in Connecticut. After two years at Quinnipiac she moved to New York City for an internship at a music production company. In New York City she began playing with other musicians and formed a band.

She said she wanted to do something with music. The 24-year-old said she has been playing guitar since she was 14, writing songs since the age of 18 and singing all of her life. She said music has the power to connect people and allow them to feel.

"That's what I wanted to do," Garrity said. "Make them feel and forget life for a while."

Unlike Garrity, who wanted to do something with music all her life, James became a musician out of a suggestion from his college roommate. James attended Syracuse University and graduated with a degree in philosophy. He spent his senior year abroad, first in Australia, then in France. After he graduated he stuck around in France for a year playing in the streets.

James said his first time to perform in front of people was his senior year in college. He said he played guitar a lot in his room during college and his roommate would yell at him. He said one day he and his roommate were having a discussion about what they were going to do with their lives when his roommate off-handedly suggested he become a musician. He said even the slightest comment could become poignant.

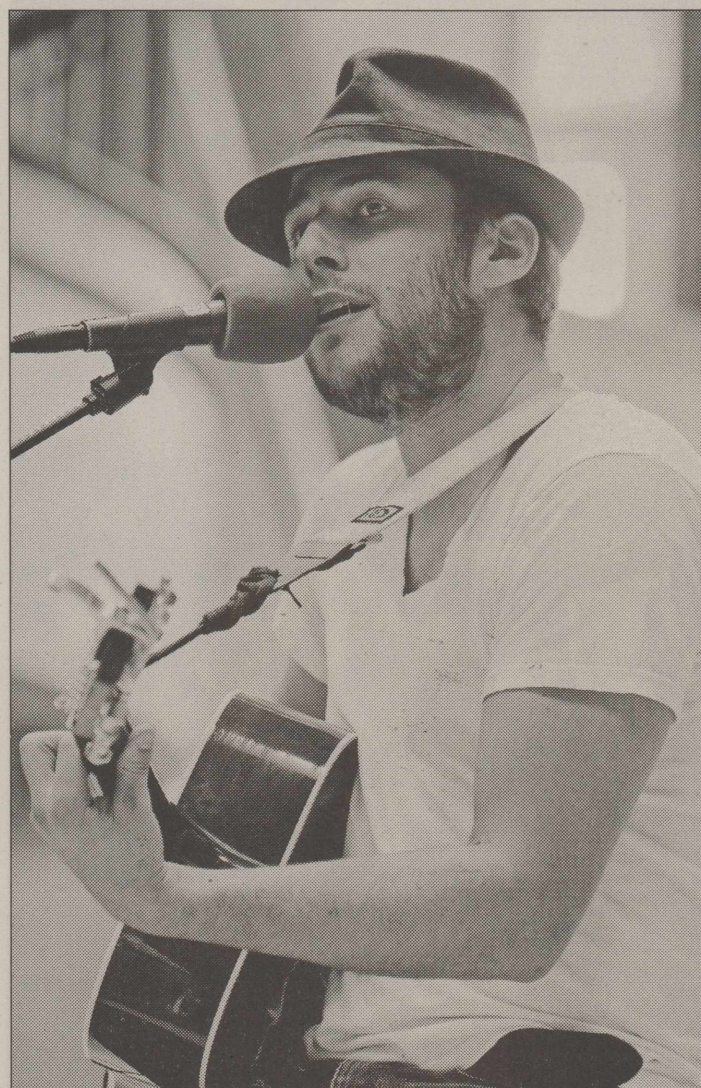


PHOTO BY SAM GRENADEIR/The Daily Toreador
SINGER/SONGWRITER DEREK James performs Monday at the Student Union Building Courtyard.

"And that's why I'm here in lovely Lubbock today," James said with a chuckle.
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France quick to defend Polanski

PARIS (AP) — Was Roman Polanski "thrown to the lions because of ancient history?" That's what the French culture minister says — though not everyone in France agrees.

The French government has rushed to the filmmaker's defense since he was arrested this weekend in Switzerland on a three-decade-old U.S. charge of having sex with a 13-year-old girl. Government ministers and France's cultural world have lauded Polanski as a great artist, a family man and a survivor of countless hardships who deserves peace at age 76.

In Paris, Polanski is not a fugitive wanted for a sex crime, but rather a revered artist and public figure who has never had much reason to hide.

While Polanski would have risked arrest to attend the 2003 Academy Awards in Los Angeles — where he was named best director for "The Pianist" — he is free to climb the red carpet at every Cannes Film Festival.

Actor Harrison Ford eventually delivered the golden Oscar statuette to Polanski at another French film festival in the Normandy beach town of Deauville.

Polanski, who has dual French and Polish nationality, has long been protected by France's refusal to extradite its citizens. But there's more to it than that: France's indulgence toward artists has played into sympathy for him among the country's elites, as has the French distaste for peering into public figures' private lives.

Preparing iPhone for international travel

CANCUN, Mexico (AP) — An inventory for a trip to a tropical beach could read like this:

Swimsuit, check.
Sunglasses, check.
Passport, check.
And iPhone, check.

Well, make that a possibly giant check, drawn from your bank account. Unaware travelers can blithely rack up eye-popping bills on their iPhones while traveling abroad.

The international roaming calling rates are bad enough, but data usage is what really delivers the sting. The root of the problem is that the iPhone, with all its apps, positively inhales data. Because domestic plans feature unlimited data, few users bother to track the amount they send and receive.

When you travel to a foreign country, this cheap smorgasbord of bits and bytes becomes a pricey a la carte menu. Worst case scenario, you don't sign up for any international plan and use your phone as you would at home, checking e-mail, sending photos and adjusting your fantasy football roster from the beach while

enjoying an ice-cold beer and taunting your friends in chillier climates.

When you get home, the bill could be hundreds or thousands of dollars.

There are some steps you can take to maintain some of the functionality of the phone without the monster bill, but it will still cost you extra.

First off, learn how to defang the functions of your iPhone that can whack your wallet: international calling and data. The easiest way to completely shut these off (other than turning off the phone) is to go into flight mode. But that leaves you with a virtually useless phone that can't make or receive calls, check e-mail or text.

To be more selective, go to "Settings," then "General" and then "Network." Here you can shut off "Data Roaming" so you won't feast on high-priced data but can still make phone calls.

Also, in your e-mail settings, turn off the "Fetch" option so you won't automatically download e-mail. Do so under "Settings," then "Mail, Contacts, Calendars" and

"Fetch New Data."

There are a few options for international calling plans, which bring down the cost of making or receiving calls while abroad. I used the AT&T Mexico add-on plan for \$4.99 a month for a recent trip, thereby qualifying for a calling rate of 59 cents per minute rather than 99 cents.

Incoming calls calls that go to voice mail also cost. And, in an amazing double-whammy, "Visual Voicemail" uses data to deliver the messages while also charging you international airtime for the duration of your friend's meandering message.

If you'd like to check e-mail, view maps or update Facebook with the iPhone, you should probably also sign up for an international data plan. The cheapest is the \$24.99 Global Add-On plan, which gives you 20 megabytes of data at \$1.25 per megabyte. That compares to nearly \$20 per megabyte if you don't have an international plan. There are other options going up in price and amount of data available.

Before using your iPhone in another country, you should also

reset your usage statistics so you can track how close you are to your limit. Go to "Settings," then "General" and "Usage." The reset option is at the bottom. Also on the same page, there is a listing for "Cellular Network Data." This can grow at an astounding speed.

I used up a third of my 20 megabytes in an hour by checking e-mail, instant-messaging friends, getting directions from the Mayan Riviera resort area to Cancun's airport, and resetting my fantasy football roster for the week (I would have done better ignoring my team).

If you happen to be staying somewhere with wireless Internet access, you can dodge most of these charges. Establish a connection with the network, use Skype or another Internet phone service for all voice calls and use the wireless network to surf the Web and check e-mail.

With some care, your iPhone can make a wonderful travel companion, but just don't expect it to deliver quite as much as it does at home anywhere close to as cheaply.

Potato genome cracked

DETROIT (AP) — A global team of researchers has mapped the genetic code of the world's most popular vegetable — the potato.

The draft of the potato genome released last week represents the work of more than 50 scientists from 16 institutions and will provide a starting point for other researchers to develop sturdier, more nutritious potatoes.

That's important because the potato is widely grown and plays a central role in feeding the world's 6.3 billion people, said Robin Buell, a Michigan State University plant biologist who worked on the project. The East Lansing school announced the results in the U.S.

"The potato is the most important vegetable worldwide," Buell said. "This report on potato (genes) is a major milestone in genome mapping."

The Potato Genome Sequencing Consortium began work in 2006. It has 16 institutional members in Argentina, Britain, Chile, China, India, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Russia and the United States. Michigan State and Virginia Tech are formal members of the consortium, and some work was done at the University of Wisconsin.

The potato genome has 12 chromosomes with 840 million base pairs, about a quarter the

size of the human genome. The draft covers 95 percent of potato genes.

Launched by the Plant Breeding Department at Wageningen University in the Netherlands, the work took off with development of a new computer program at China's Beijing Genomics Institute. The computer program

allowed researchers to more easily pool results of their work on chromosome segments to create a full genetic map.

As a researcher at the Institute for

Genomic Research in Rockville, Md., Buell was part of a collaborative effort in 1999-2005 that mapped the gene structure of rice. A nearly complete genome map of maize, or corn, was announced in 2008.

A gene map allows quicker development of new crop strains. The rice genome map has already led to the development of a variety that can survive being submerged in water and is used in flood-prone Bangladesh, according to the International Rice Research Institute.

First cultivated in South America about 7,000 years ago, the potato is now grown on every continent but Antarctica. It's a close relative of the tomato.

"The potato is the most important vegetable worldwide."

ROBIN BUELL
PLANT BIOLOGIST

Palin quick to finish memoir, 'Going Rogue,' to release Nov. 17

NEW YORK (AP) — That was fast.

Sarah Palin, the former Alaska governor and vice presidential candidate, has finished her memoir just four months after the book deal was announced, and the release date has been moved up from the spring to Nov. 17, her publisher said.

"Governor Palin has been unbelievably conscientious and hands-on at every stage, investing

herself deeply and passionately in this project," said Jonathan Burnham, publisher of Harper. "It's her words, her life, and it's all there in full and fascinating detail."

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JONATHAN BURNHAM
HARPER PUBLISHER

Palin's book, her first, will be 400 pages, said Burnham, who called the fall "the best possible time for a major book of this kind."

The book now has a title, one fitting for a public figure known for the unexpected — "Going

Rogue: An American Life."

Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins, has commissioned a huge first printing of 1.5 million copies. Sen. Ted Kennedy's "True Compass," published by Twelve soon after his Aug. 25 death, also had a 1.5 million first printing.

As with the Kennedy book, the digital edition of Palin's memoir will not be released at the same time as the hardcover. "Going Rogue" will not be available as an e-book until Dec. 26 because "we want to maximize hardcover sales over the holidays," Harper spokeswoman Tina Andreadis said Monday.

Publishers have been concerned that e-books, rapidly becoming more popular, might take away sales from hardcover

editions, which are more expensive.

Palin, who abruptly resigned as Alaska governor over the summer with more than a year left in her first term, has been an object of fascination since Sen. John McCain, the Republican presidential candidate in 2008, chose her as his running mate, making an instant celebrity out of a once-obscure public official.

Although Democrat Barack Obama easily won the election and Palin was criticized even by some Republicans for being inexperienced, she remains a favorite among conservatives and is a rumored contender for 2012. Interest in her is so high that a fan recently paid \$63,500 to have dinner with her, part of an Internet auction for a charity that aids wounded veterans.

Secret Service probing Obama Facebook poll

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Secret Service is investigating an online survey that asked whether people thought President Barack Obama should be assassinated, officials said Monday.

The poll, posted Saturday on Facebook, was taken off the popular social networking site quickly after company officials were alerted to its existence. But, like any threat against the president, Secret Service agents are taking no chances.

"We are aware of it and we will take the appropriate investigative steps," said Darrin Blackford, a Secret

Service spokesman. "We take of these things seriously."

The poll asked respondents "Should Obama be killed?" The choices: No, Maybe, Yes, and Yes if he cuts my health care.

The question was not created by Facebook, but by an independent person using an add-on application that has been suspended from the site.

"The third-party application that enabled an individual user to create the offensive poll was brought to our attention this morning," said Barry Schnitt, Facebook's spokesman for policy.

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MICHELLE DEMEL, A senior ceramics major from Littlefield, makes a plate on the potter's wheel Monday at the Art Annex.

Pregnant? Get a flu shot but it may be a hassle

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's hard for pregnant women to escape the message: You're at extra risk from swine flu — it could trigger premature labor, hospitalize you for weeks, even kill you — so be among the first in line for vaccine next month. But only about one in seven pregnant women gets a flu shot each winter.

While federal health officials are working hard to raise that number this year, repeated swine flu warnings won't automatically overcome a key obstacle: Many obstetricians don't vaccinate. And not only are many women reluctant to go hunting for flu shots elsewhere, historically some pharmacists and other providers have been wary of vaccinating them.

"I feel like if I hadn't brought it up, they never would have mentioned it to me," said Bason, 30, who is seven months pregnant with her first child. Bason decided to seek vaccination after watching a CDC Webcast about pregnant women and talking with a physician in the family. But she still has no clear answer about where to get one.

BIZ WEEKLY

Khloe Kardashian and Lamar Odom get married

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lamar Odom and Khloe Kardashian have reportedly tied the knot. The 29-year-old Los Angeles Lakers forward and the 25-year-old reality TV starlet were married Sunday at a private residence in Beverly Hills, according to People,

US Weekly and other entertainment news outlets. The bride was walked down the aisle by her stepfather, Bruce Jenner. The wedding was attended by several stars, including the bride's sister Kim. "Tonight was one of the best nights of my life! Khloe & Lamar's wedding

was a night to remember!" Kim wrote on Twitter. Kardashian appears with her family on "Keeping Up With the Kardashians." Odom agreed to a four-year contract to stay with the Lakers this summer after helping the team win the NBA championship.

Lady Gaga named Billboard's 'Rising Star'

NEW YORK (AP) — Lady Gaga's already famous, but she's being honored as Billboard's "Rising Star" at the trade publication's annual Women in Music event this week.

Lady Gaga's debut CD "The Fame" has sold more than 1 million copies since its release late last year, and she's had two No. 1 singles with "Just Dance" and "Poker Face." In November, she

kicks off a joint tour with Kanye West. Lady Gaga will be honored along with Beyonce on Friday. Beyonce was named "Woman of the Year."

Jackson sneak peek screenings sell out in 2 hours

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Jackson is still playing to sellout crowds. Advance screenings to the music documentary "Michael Jackson: This Is It" sold out within two hours early Sunday as fans who began lining up three days

earlier snapped up all 3,000 tickets to the Los Angeles shows. The documentary opens nationwide Oct. 28, but fans will get a sneak peek the night before in screenings at the new Regal Cinemas Stadium 14. For the theater's grand opening, the cinema will show "This Is It" on

all 14 screens that night. Directed by longtime Jackson collaborator Kenny Ortega, "This Is It" draws on hundreds of hours of footage as Jackson prepared for a series of London concerts for which he was rehearsing before his death on June 25.

'American Idol' runner-up Justin Guarini weds

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former "American Idol" runner-up Justin Guarini has tied the knot. Guarini's spokesman, Jeff Ballard, said the 30-year-old

first-season "American Idol" runner-up married 27-year-old Reina Capodici at a private estate Saturday along the Delaware River near their hometown of Doylestown, Pa. Ballard said there were

50 guests at the private ceremony and no other contestants from the Fox singing competition were in attendance. Guarini lost the "Idol" crown to Kelly Clarkson in 2002.

Lucy of 'Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds' fame dies

LONDON (AP) — Lucy Voddan, who provided the inspiration for the Beatles' classic song "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds," has died after a long battle with lupus. She was 46. Her death was announced Monday by St. Thomas' Hospital in London, where she had been treated for the chronic disease for more than five years, and by her husband, Ross Voddan. Britain's Press Association said she died last Tuesday. Hospital officials said they could not confirm

the day of her death. Voddan's connection to the Beatles dates back to her early days, when she made friends with schoolmate Julian Lennon, John Lennon's son. Julian Lennon, then 4 years old, came home from school with a drawing one day, showed it to his father, and said it was "Lucy in the sky with diamonds." At the time, John Lennon was gathering material for his contributions to "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club

Band," a landmark album released to worldwide acclaim in 1967. The elder Lennon seized on the image and developed it into what is widely regarded as a psychedelic masterpiece, replete with haunting images of "newspaper taxis" and a "girl with kaleidoscope eyes." Rock music critics thought the song's title was a veiled reference to LSD, but John Lennon always claimed the phrase came from his son, not from a desire to spell out the initials LSD in code.

Video captures Jackman chiding cell phone offender

NEW YORK (AP) — Hugh Jackman knows how to stop the show. He did it recently when a cell phone call interrupted a preview performance of "A Steady Rain," the Broadway play that stars Jackman and Daniel Craig. The moment captured on an amateur video shown by the TMZ.com Web site appears to have been recorded by someone in the audience. It shows Jackman breaking char-

acter to tell the owner of the ringing cell phone, "You want to get that?" as the audience erupts in cheers. As the ringing persists, Jackman pleads: "Come on, just turn it off." He then paces the stage of the Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre, waits about a minute for the ringing to stop and the play resumes. Producers of "A Steady Rain" declined to comment. The interruption occurred during an intense moment in the play, when Jackman's character, a Chicago policeman, reveals haunting memories.

A customary loudspeaker announcement reminds theatergoers to turn off their phones. Since the incident, users who seat patrons and pass out playbills at Schoenfeld are also instructing patrons to silence their phones. "A Steady Rain," a taut drama about the relationship between two policemen, opens Tuesday for a limited engagement through Dec. 6. The play by Keith Huff already has proven to be a potent box-office winner, playing to capacity audiences since it began previews on Sept. 10.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle. Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis. Includes crossword grid and solutions for Monday's puzzle.

Andrew Why and Co. show Tech talent at La Diosa

Those who frequent the upscale La Diosa in the Depot District have come to expect a certain degree of class and distinction among the musical acts that perform there and Andrew Why is one such act. Andrew Ybanez, a pianist from the Texas Tech School of Music, performed last Thursday accompanied by huge talents bassist Joy Harris and drummer Alwyn Robinson. The trio has been playing together for two years and can best be described as a versatile fusion of jazz melodies and rock beats with catchy vocals. For their performance at La Diosa the group set a easy-going tone for the evening and never



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Tech volleyball players feeling better after recent flu scare

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Last week, the Texas Tech volleyball team took the term "under the weather" to another level.

It was announced Wednesday the Red Raiders would postpone their match against Kansas State that day in Manhattan, Kan., because six players had the flu. The illness ended up spreading throughout the whole team that week, as Tech coach Trish Knight said all but four players were sick in some sort of variation.

However, not having a game this weekend gave the team extra time to rest and get healthy and the Red Raiders hit practice Monday feeling a little bit better and prepared for No. 14 Iowa State at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

"That weekend off couldn't have come at a better time," Knight said. "The big thing I'm seeing (Monday) is they're just still physically tired from being sick. That's why we're doing a short quick two-hour practice. No more, no less."

Knight said junior outside hitter Caroline Courtney was the first player to admit she was sick. Knight said Courtney's illness took its toll the Thursday before Tech's game against Texas A&M on Sept. 19. Courtney did not play in the A&M match.

Knight said after that game is when the flu-like symptoms started spreading to her players. She said the majority of her players ended up sick in some sort of fashion and some had it worse than others. Knight said some players had nausea and some were just congested.

Knight also said as far as she is concerned, none of the illnesses have been diagnosed as the H1N1 virus.

The four players who stayed healthy were Alexxa Roberts, Miana Cave, Caroline Witte and Barbara Conceicao. But that was not enough to convince Knight to take her players on the road to play Kansas State. Knight said she notified Kansas State coach Suzie Fritz Wednesday morning it probably would be wise to postpone the match.

"I think it was a responsible thing on our part," she said. "We could've went and the kids would've tried to play sick. But we would've started giving it to them. I told Suzie, 'Once it starts going through your team, you won't be able to play.'"

With the players visiting New Orleans prior to the A&M match, Knight said that humid weather may have been a factor in the players getting sick



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador

THE TEXAS TECH volleyball team postponed its game against Kansas State Wednesday because of illnesses on the team. Coach Trish Knight said all but four players were sick in some variation, but practices have resumed in preparation for a meeting with No. 14 Iowa State at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

and the fact they're around each other all the time may have helped spread it. Neither Knight or the rest of the Tech coaches got sick as a result of the players' illnesses. Players and coaches were unavailable for comment at the time it was announced the K-State game was being postponed.

Having a weekend off when they're usually busy preparing for a match may have been the best thing for the players. Knight said without it, she is unsure they would have been able to practice Monday.

The H1N1 virus and the flu has made its way through some college campuses and athletics programs this year.

Earlier this season, the Tulane

volleyball team had to pull out of the Bluejay Invitational — Tech's first tournament of the year — because several of the players had symptoms indicative of the H1N1 virus.

It's shown up in other sports as well, as ESPN.com reported on Sept. 9 that Ole Miss' Dexter McCluster was hospitalized while suffering effects from the flu.

With the time off this weekend, junior defensive specialist Jackie Vincent said Tech players made sure they took the necessary steps toward getting healthy, including taking vitamins.

This is not irregular for Vincent either, as she said she experienced something similar with her high school volleyball team concerning wide-

spread illnesses. "We were on a bus full of girls," Vincent said. "One person got sick and it just traveled throughout the whole thing. Actually this time, we took more precaution than my high school, which is good because a lot of girls didn't come back faster in high school."

The Kansas State match might have been a chance for the Red Raiders to end a 41-match losing streak to Big 12 Conference teams, as the Wildcats were on a three-match losing streak prior to their date against Tech.

Tech spokeswoman Jody Roginson said the team plans to make-up the K-State match either when Tech visits Kansas on Nov. 24 in Lawrence, Kan., or when the Wildcats visit the Red Raiders in Lubbock on Nov. 28.

Tech sophomore outside hitter Amanda Dowdy said missing the opportunity to play Wednesday was disappointing, but the team's health is far more important.

"I think just not playing the game is sad, regardless of who we were playing," she said. "Yeah, it would've been nice to play them of course, but I rather us go play them healthy than be sick."

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SPORTS SHORTS

Houston looking to fix defensive woes

HOUSTON (AP) — Missing tackles, surrendering big plays and the inability to stuff the other team on third down.

The problems are many for a Houston defense that is among the league's worst three weeks into the season.

Coach Gary Kubiak pointed to Maurice Jones-Drew's 61-yard touchdown run as a glaring example of what's wrong. The Jaguars ran the exact play on their first series and the Texans stopped Jones-Drew after

a 4-yard gain.

When they ran it again, Kubiak said the defensive scheme was the same but the players "decided to do something different." Jones-Drew ran virtually untouched for the score. It was the sixth score of at least 30 yards the Texans have allowed this season.

"We're searching for the reasons why we would choose to do something like that," Kubiak said. "It's something we're stumped with right now as coaches but it's our job to figure that out."

McGrady: Knee healing ahead of schedule

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Rockets forward Tracy McGrady said Monday he's "far ahead of schedule" in his recovery from knee surgery and wants to show that he's still got a few good years left in him.

The seven-time All-Star underwent risky microfracture procedure on his left knee on Feb. 24, and doctors said his recovery could take up to 12 months. McGrady said he hasn't set a target date for

his return, but he can already run and jump several weeks ahead of doctors' expectations.

"It's only seven months out, post-op," McGrady said at Rockets' media day. "It's not time to really rush it back. Confidence-wise, running, cutting, jumping — I have that right now."

General manager Daryl Morey said McGrady will have an MRI exam Nov. 23 and the team will have a better feel for when he'll return after that.

Wild send young wing Gillies to minors

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Minnesota Wild left wing Colton Gillies has been sent to the minors.

Gillies was assigned to Minnesota's AHL affiliate, the Houston Aeros. The move was made Monday, reducing the team's training camp roster to 26 players. The list must be down to at most 23 players by

Wednesday, the NHL's deadline for the regular season.

The Wild's opener is at Columbus on Saturday.

The 20-year-old Gillies was Minnesota's first-round draft pick in 2007. He spent last season with the Wild, scoring two goals and tallying five assists in 45 games.

Griffin's season-ending injury blow to Baylor

DALLAS (AP) — While the loss of injured star quarterback Robert Griffin certainly will change the look of Baylor's team, coach Art Briles insists it will not affect the overall goals.

"What we'll do is move forward as a team," Briles said Monday during the Big 12 coaches teleconference. "Our image may change

a little bit, but the determination won't."

An MRI on Sunday showed Griffin has an "isolated tear" in the ACL of his right knee. The dual-threat sophomore got hurt when he was stopped for no gain on a fourth-down play early in the Bears' 68-13 victory over Northwestern State on Saturday night.

K-State's Banks honored by Big 12

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Brandon Banks of Kansas State has been named the Big 12's special teams player of the week after matching an NCAA record with two kickoff returns for touchdowns in the same game.

Banks had a 91-yard return for a score in the first quarter and 92-yarder to open the second half in

the Wildcats' 49-7 win against Tennessee Tech on Saturday.

Texas safety Earl Thomas won the defensive honor after he intercepted two passes in the Longhorns' 64-7 victory over UTEP.

Iowa State running back Alexander Robinson and Missouri receiver Danario Alexander shared the offensive award.

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Leach mum on Carter suspension, opens up about Twitter

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During Monday's weekly press conference, the first question fielded by Texas Tech coach Mike Leach was about the recent indefinite suspension of star-lineman Brandon Carter, which wasn't a surprise.

But Leach — who at times makes it hard to tell if he's joking or not — said he actually pondered whether to break his protocol of keeping football issues private and spill the facts on exactly why Carter was suspended.

"I woke up this morning, I thought, 'For 10 years, I've never talked about any internal issues or anything like that.' But I said, 'You know what? Today, maybe I ought to. Maybe this'll be the day that I'll tell all the details,'" he said. "I'll say all the stuff. I'll mention quotations. I'll say what was said. Then I said, 'That's exactly what I'm gonna do.' And son of a gun, right before I walked in that door, I didn't change my mind."

Therefore, it's still unclear why Leach benched one of the best linemen in the Big 12 Conference. However, one thing is certain. "Twitter has lost a little bit of business as a result of me," said Leach, who said his players will no longer have Twitter accounts after Sunday's fallout regarding the

social networking site.

After the 29-28 loss to Houston on Saturday gave Tech its first back-to-back losses since 2007, Carter tweeted that this wasn't how he envisioned his final season and that he felt like he let the team down. Then on Sunday, another tweet from Carter informed followers of his demotion.

"I am not a captain anymore and will not be playing this week," the tweet read. "Good luck red raiders ill still be cheering on my family from the stands!!!"

Also, senior line-backer Marlon Williams had a post on his Twitter account on Sunday calling out Leach for being late to a meeting.

Both accounts no longer are active.

But it's clear Tech has had its fair share of storylines this weekend. After the Red Raiders seemed to prove something in a loss at No. 2 Texas last week, they dropped a disappointing game to the Cougars in dramatic fashion.

Now Tech will be without an emotional, fiery leader in Carter when it faces winless New Mexico at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Lubbock.

When asked if the offensive line will miss its leader, Leach replied without hesitation, "not at all."

Senior center Shawn Byrnes said while Carter is a big part of the team, he believes younger offensive lineman such as guards Mickey Okafor and Lonnie Edwards will



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TEXAS TECH OFFENSIVE lineman Brandon Carter, right, has been suspended indefinitely by Tech coach Mike Leach. Carter announced the suspension via his Twitter account Sunday and Leach said Monday that players will no longer be allowed to have Twitter accounts. Tech Quarterback Taylor Potts, left, will lead the Carter-less Red Raiders against New Mexico at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium in Lubbock.

step up and rise to the occasion.

"We got a veteran offensive line, people know how to maintain their focus, be a man about it," he said.

Senior cornerback Jamar Wall said he was surprised to hear about Carter's suspension considering his demeanor.

On the field, Carter is known for his multicolored Mohawk, unusual amount of face paint and emotional leadership, but off the field he was one of Leach's most accessible, articulate players.

"A lot of people say, you see all the paint and all these things, people like, 'Man, something wrong with this guy,'" Wall said. "But he's

really not. He's probably the most calm guy you'd ever meet."

Wall said somebody will have to take over for Carter's presence during Saturday's game, and he said he'd do it if he needs to — without the face paint of course.

"He gets in his stages before games," he said. "I actually watched him put his paint on last week and he's just by himself ready to go, talking to himself. I would say he's calm, but when it's time to play the game, he's ready."

Leach said there hasn't been a policy in place prior to the incidents and that he wasn't too aware of what was being said through the Web site, adding that "little twitter

things that relate to football is a violation of team rules."

He called Twitter and anything that is a distraction "stupid," citing that college football players don't need any more attention than they already receive.

"I'm not gonna sit around with a bunch of narcissists that want to sit and type stuff about themselves all the time," he said. "We'll put mirrors in some of their lockers if that's necessary, but they don't have to Twitter."

Leach said he "saw this coming," referring to players use of Twitter, after seeing how the National Football League has adapted to the popular site.

Someone or some group from the team will monitor Facebook for any kind of football information, Leach said, and action will be taken if anything is found.

But he was mum, once again, on whose task that will be.

"That's a committee that's very secret and the names of those people are in a vault deep in the bowels of our training center, which even the entrance to that is highly classified," he said tongue-in-cheek. "We've had several people die over that sort of thing. We've killed all of them. I think even that's dangerous to even talk about really."

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Duncan, Ginobili return healthy for Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tony Parker didn't see many familiar faces Monday when he returned to work after an unusually long summer for the San Antonio Spurs.

"I came in the locker room and half the guys are all new," Parker said. "It's kind of nice."

Parker is not unsentimental. He's just realistic about what the Spurs needed.

So are Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili, who are healthy again and eagerly welcomed Richard Jefferson, Antonio McDyess and the rest of an overhauled roster to training camp following the frustration last season of the shortest Spurs playoff run since 2000.

The Spurs also brought aboard veterans Theo Ratliff and Keith Bogans, and added All-America forward DeJuan Blair in the draft. To make room, San Antonio let go aging role players and longtime Spurs fixtures, including Bruce Bowen.

The Spurs didn't get drastically younger, but they are certain they got better.

"I think it's important at a certain point to realize that it's time to turn," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "We felt like that for a couple years and slowly moved toward it, knowing full well at some point we had to change. And last year was our last attempt with that group."

The 35-year-old McDyess said he might have retired had the Spurs not made him an offer in free agency. Jefferson said he just wants to fit in after coming over from Milwaukee in a four-player deal.

"You have that established group with Tim, Tony and Manu," Jefferson said. "You just want to contribute to that."

Ginobili told reporters at the Spurs media day that he feels no pain after ankle problems limited the 32-year-old to just 44 games last season and

kept him out of the playoffs.

Duncan showed up 15 pounds leaner and said he, too, was feeling OK after being hobbled by knee problems last season.

Duncan said he doesn't want to break down again like he did last spring, when the 33-year-old sat out games down the stretch to rest and recover.

So entering his 13th season, Duncan started his preseason regimen a month later. He didn't flip tires or run sprints up a steep hill like last summer, and instead kept up his conditioning with boxing and swimming.

"I'm not gearing down or playing at a different level," Duncan said. "I'm just trying to stay healthy."

Popovich said he'll ease Duncan back into camp along with Ginobili and Parker, who sprained his ankle playing for the French national team this summer. Jefferson, who jammed his thumb during a workout earlier this month, said he won't miss any time.

The biggest relief for the Spurs might be the sight of Ginobili walking around healthy. The Spurs sputtered badly last season without Ginobili's offensive spark, particularly during a first-round loss in the playoffs to Dallas. It was the second straight postseason that Ginobili was banged up.

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Rangers' Omar Vizquel's newest offseason adventure: bullfighting

ARLINGTON (AP) — Omar Vizquel is done catching massive snakes. Next up, he wants to become a matador.

The Texas Rangers infielder, who last winter searched for anacondas, plans to try bullfighting when he goes home to Venezuela this winter.

"Just go and learn the basics and stuff," Vizquel said. "It's one of my things on the to-do list. There's a lot of things still to do."

There are few players who can match Vizquel's offseason pursuits. Among the other adventures he hopes for: parachuting, flying in an F-16 jet and attending all three Triple Crown horse races.

A grand tour to see the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes might have to wait because the 42-year-old Vizquel, already the oldest position player in the major leagues, intends to come back next year for a 22nd season.

"When I retire and have some free time, I want to do the three races," he said.

Vizquel said Sunday that he is

planning to play another season because he feels pretty good and "better take advantage of it" while he feels that way.

"It's highly unusual. But you look at him, he stays in great shape, he still moves well," Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon said.

"I don't see why not, the guy's probably in as good or better shape than anybody in this clubhouse," Texas pitcher Kevin Millwood said. "He can still play the game. I don't see why he shouldn't."

Vizquel has started 43 games for Texas — 21 at shortstop, 14 at second and eight at third — and has 202 fielding chances without an error, the most among any player at those positions in the major leagues. In 60 games overall, he is hitting .266. He knew when he came to Texas for \$1 million last spring that he would be a part-time player and mentor to rookie shortstop Elvis Andrus, a kid half his age from Venezuela.

An 11-time Gold Glove winner, Vizquel's 2,680 games at shortstop are a major league record. Only Ozzie Smith has won more Gold Gloves at shortstop

(13), but Vizquel is the only shortstop to win the award multiple times in the American and National League.

Last winter, Vizquel and some buddies went to a wildlife refuge in Venezuela in the search for anaconda and to view other wildlife as well. About four hours into their trip, they found their snake.

In a video that Vizquel shared in the Rangers clubhouse during spring training, the group's guide stepped into shallow water to grab an 11-foot anaconda by the tail and pulled it onto dry land.

The 5-foot-9 Vizquel was all smiles when he got his chance to take the agitated nonvenomous snake by the tail, and he eventually held the head of the snake, its mouth opened wide and its body coiling. The anaconda was released unharmed.

"Anacondas already done, that's a dream I've already conquered," Vizquel said.

Now, it's time for the toros.

"Bullfighting? You are the most interesting man in the world," Chris Davis, his 23-year-old teammate, said after overhearing the latest plans.

Broyles gets first win against A&M

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Arkansas' matchup with Texas A&M this week brings back a fine memory for Frank Broyles.

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Broyles spoke Monday at the Little Rock Touchdown Club, sharing some of his memories from his half-century with the Razorbacks. That 21-8 win at Texas A&M was the start of an eight-game winning streak, and Arkansas went on to finish at least tied for first in the Southwest Conference in 1959, '60 and '61.

Those days are long gone now, and so is the Southwest Conference, but nostalgic fans will have their chance to reminisce this week as the Razorbacks prepare to play the Aggies on Saturday at the Dallas Cowboys' new stadium.

Broyles talked for about 40 minutes about his coaching days, current trends in college football and the fight against Alzheimer's disease, from which his late wife, Barbara, suffered.

Broyles mentioned the growth of the spread offense and said offensive linemen play differently now that teams rely so much on speed and passing.

He told one funny story involving former Arkansas athletic director John Barnhill. Broyles said Barnhill once told him Gov. Orval E. Faubus had given him the money to expand War Memorial Stadium.

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