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Experimental taste for Lubbock theater

By EMILY MOSER
STAFF WRITER

The Limelight Theatre is the home to a group of creative individuals willing to discuss the liberal side of issues in a city known for its conservative citizens.

The group that resides in the Limelight is part of the non-profit organization called the Experimental Artists Theatre. The group's goals are to expand the boundaries created by traditional theater and provide an outlet to discuss real-world issues. The theater's Artistic Director Paul Fillingham said there is a genuine need for this outlet specifically in a city like Lubbock.

"The thing about Lubbock is there's just a fear in Lubbock," he said. "There's just an eminent fear to talk about anything in Lubbock."

Fillingham, a doctoral student at Tech, said body image, abortion, sexuality, gay and lesbian issues are some of the topics presented at the Limelight. He said he attributes the lack of discussion of these to be the cause of problems in Lubbock such as high rates of sexually transmitted diseases. The need for an outlet of these issues is echoed by the theater's webmaster and photographer Jacie Hood.

Hood, a public administration graduate student, said she believes the acknowledgment of these issues to younger audiences is important. She said younger audiences need to learn about these issues and how to deal with them.

"I think the biggest thing is it provides an avenue to younger audiences," Hood said. "That is pretty much untapped."

Fillingham describes audience at Limelight to be primarily anyone 35 years old and younger. The theater's director said the audience doesn't necessarily come to the theater to be shocked but rather for a safe place to discuss topics that otherwise would be considered taboo.

While standing outside the theater before a performance, Ambra Cole described reasons she enjoys attending the theater's productions.

Cole, a senior human development and family studies major, said there is a unique freedom where discussions on restricted topics are acceptable.

"I like that you could go there," she said, "that you can be that free."

Fillingham credits the openness of Limelight to the theater's resident playwright, Margie Pignataro.

He said he believes he's never seen a playwright write with such abandonment as Pignataro does.

"She doesn't look and say we need to use people," he said. "I think traditional theater underestimates their audience and Margie doesn't."

Fillingham said the theater has had actors play angels, demons, mermaids, rooster, books, HIV and other nontraditional parts. Pignataro, a doctoral student, said she writes very little stage directions and doesn't tell anybody what they're supposed to do; she just writes lines. The playwright believes this opens up creativity.

"Some playwrights treat script like its set in stone," she said. "It's very horrifying to me. I can't be possessive of the work."

The theater's associate artistic director, China Young, said plays written by Pignataro are always rewarding to performers because the playwright doesn't write any extraneous character. Each character is important.

Young, a Tech graduate, said with her work, the actors don't have to strain themselves to find the character. She allows the characters to morph for each performer.

Pignataro's abandonment and deviation from traditional theater is part of the experiment theater movement. Young said most of the theater group has all spent time in areas outside of Lubbock where they had the privilege to experience this movement away from traditional theater.

"This is what we're doing throughout the world," she said, "and Lubbock deserves a taste."

Being in Lubbock, the group gets to experience being the only one of its kind, but Fillingham said the Experiment Arts Theatre's goal is to move to Austin within a year. The theater group believes with the move they would be able to see their contemporaries and advance.

"We're definitely different and unique in Lubbock," Fillingham said, "but when we take it Austin how are we there?"

Although the theater group plans to move to Austin, one of their goals while in Lubbock is get people to come see theater that normally wouldn't. The director said he knew a theater can't realistically compete with the productions and special effects of a movie, but he hopes people would attend one show at the Limelight and see what the theater is all about.

"I wish people would come and give us one shot," Fillingham said, "to see if it's something they're in to."

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AMBRA COLE
TEXAS TECH STUDENT

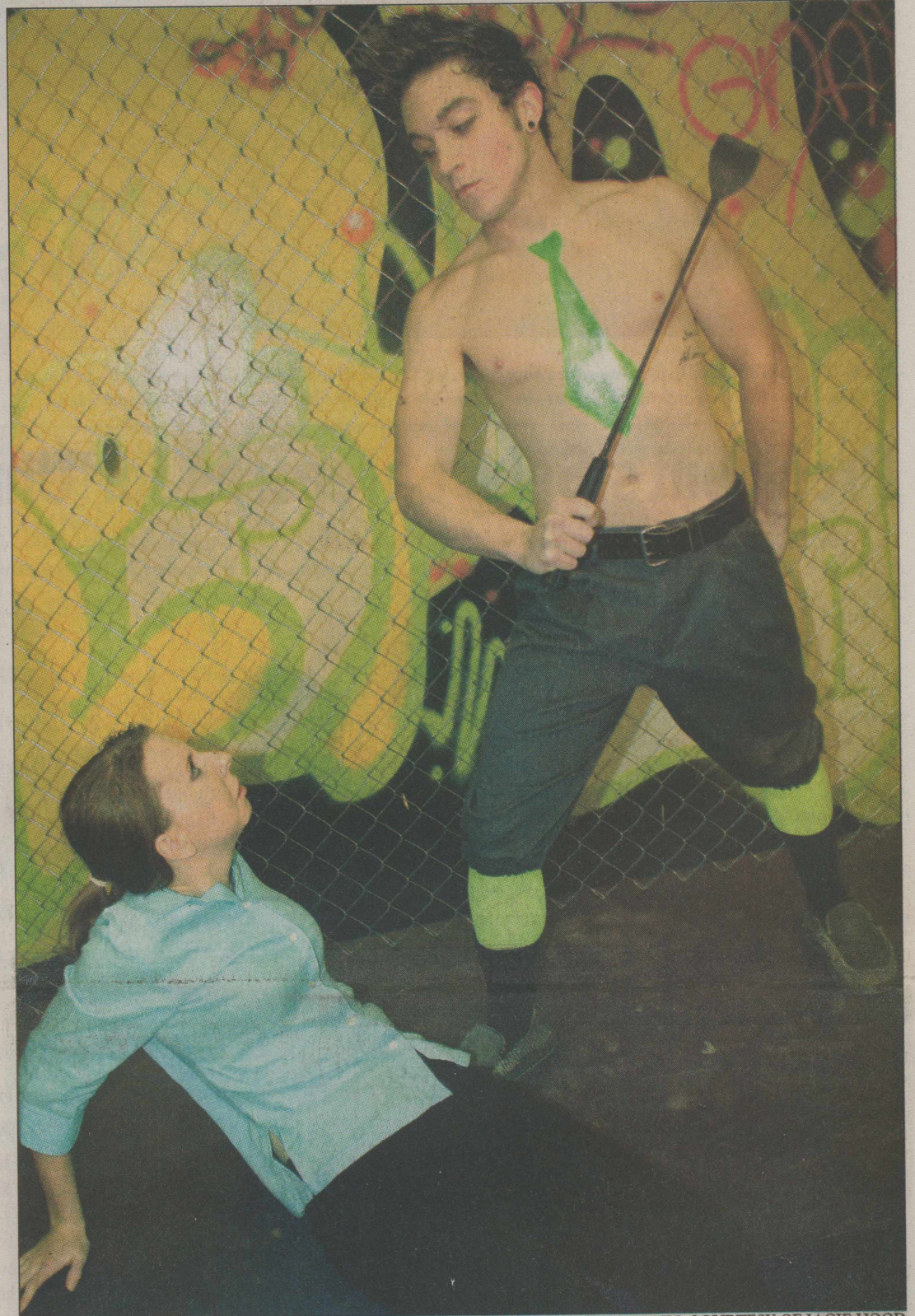


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TINK (BRAD ROTHWELL, right) tries to whip Wendy (Christina Jones, left) after yet another argument in Neverland in the play Phallus Pan.

Democrat: GOP wants sick to 'die quickly'

By BEN EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans say it's payback time for the recent reprimand of one of their own for heckling President Barack Obama.

They want a Democratic lawmaker to apologize or face a reprimand for saying the GOP wants Americans to "die quickly" if they get sick.

Rep. Alan Grayson, D-Fla. — a first-term congressman known for a provocative style — refused to back down on Wednesday.

As Republicans threatened to introduce a resolution disapproving of his remarks, he returned to the House floor and mocked their outrage by citing research showing that nearly 45,000 people die each year for lack of health insurance.

"I would like to apologize... I apologize to the dead and their families that we haven't voted sooner to end this holocaust in America," he said, citing a

study being published in the American Journal of Public Health.

Grayson's initial remarks came Tuesday night as he criticized Republican health care proposals as a "blank piece of paper."

"If you get sick, America, the Republican health care plan is this: Die quickly," he said on the House floor. "That's right. The Republicans want you to die quickly if you get sick."

The rhetoric wasn't spontaneous: He reinforced his point with signs saying the same thing.

Republicans immediately called for an apology, likening the comments to Rep. Joe Wilson's widely criticized shout of "You lie!" during President Barack Obama's address to Congress earlier this month.

Seeking payback from the Democratic-led scaling of Wilson earlier this month, they say Democrats should at least insist that Grayson apologize just as they insisted Wilson, R-S.C., should.

Rep. Tom Price of Georgia, who

heads the conservative Republican Study Committee, drafted a "resolution of disapproval" that mirrors the one Democrats approved against Wilson, saying Grayson's conduct was "a breach of decorum and degraded the integrity and proceedings of the House."

Price said he was withholding resolution to give Grayson more time to consider an apology, but that the measure could be introduced later this week.

"The American people want open and honest discussion," said Price, whose efforts had the backing of Republican leadership. "They want respectful discussion."

Democratic leaders have so far have been quiet. Grayson said he spoke with them about the incident and that none had asked him to apologize.

Behind the scenes, Democratic aides point to comments that Republicans have made in recent weeks alleging that Democratic health care legislation would kill people.

Aid flows to tsunami-hit Samoas; death toll at 119

By AUDREY MCAVOY AND
ROD MCGUIRK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

APIA, Samoa (AP) — Police in green reflective vests searched a ghastly landscape of mud-strewn streets, pulverized homes and bodies scattered in a swamp Wednesday as dazed survivors emerged from the muck and mire of an earthquake and tsunami that killed 119 in the South Pacific.

Military transports flew medical personnel, food, water and medicine to the islands of Samoa and American Samoa, which were devastated by the wall of water triggered by Tuesday morning's undersea earthquake. One cargo plane from New Zealand brought in a temporary morgue and a body identification team — with officials expecting the death toll to rise as more areas are searched.

Cars and boats — many battered and upside down — littered the coastline. Debris as small as a spoon and as large as piece of masonry weighing several tons were strewn in the mud.

Survivors told harrowing tales of

encountering the deadly tsunami.

"I was scared. I was shocked," said Didi Afuafi, 28, who was on a bus when the giant waves came ashore on American Samoa. "All the people on the bus were screaming, crying and trying to call their homes. We couldn't get on cell phones. The phones just died on us. It was just crazy."

With the water approaching fast, the bus driver sped to the top of a nearby mountain, where 300 to 500 people were gathered, including patients evacuated from the main hospital. Among them were newborns with IVs, crying children and frightened elderly people.

A family atop the mountain provided food and water, while clergymen

led prayers. Afuafi helped evacuate some patients, and said people are on still on edge and feared another quake.

"This is going to be talked about for generations," said Afuafi, who lives just outside the village of Leone, one of the hardest hit areas.

Suvaio Ioane was rattled by the violent earthquake that shook his village of 600 people on Samoa — but he didn't have much time to calm down.

"After the shaking finished, about five or 10 minutes after, the wave very quickly came over us,"

“After the shaking finished about five or 10 minutes after, the wave very quickly came over us...”

SUVAIO IOANE
EARTHQUAKE SURVIVOR

said Ioane, who was carried by a wave about 80 yards (meters) inland from his village of Voutosi. He knew he was lucky to be alive; eight bodies were found in a nearby swamp.

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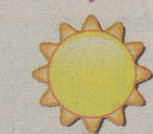
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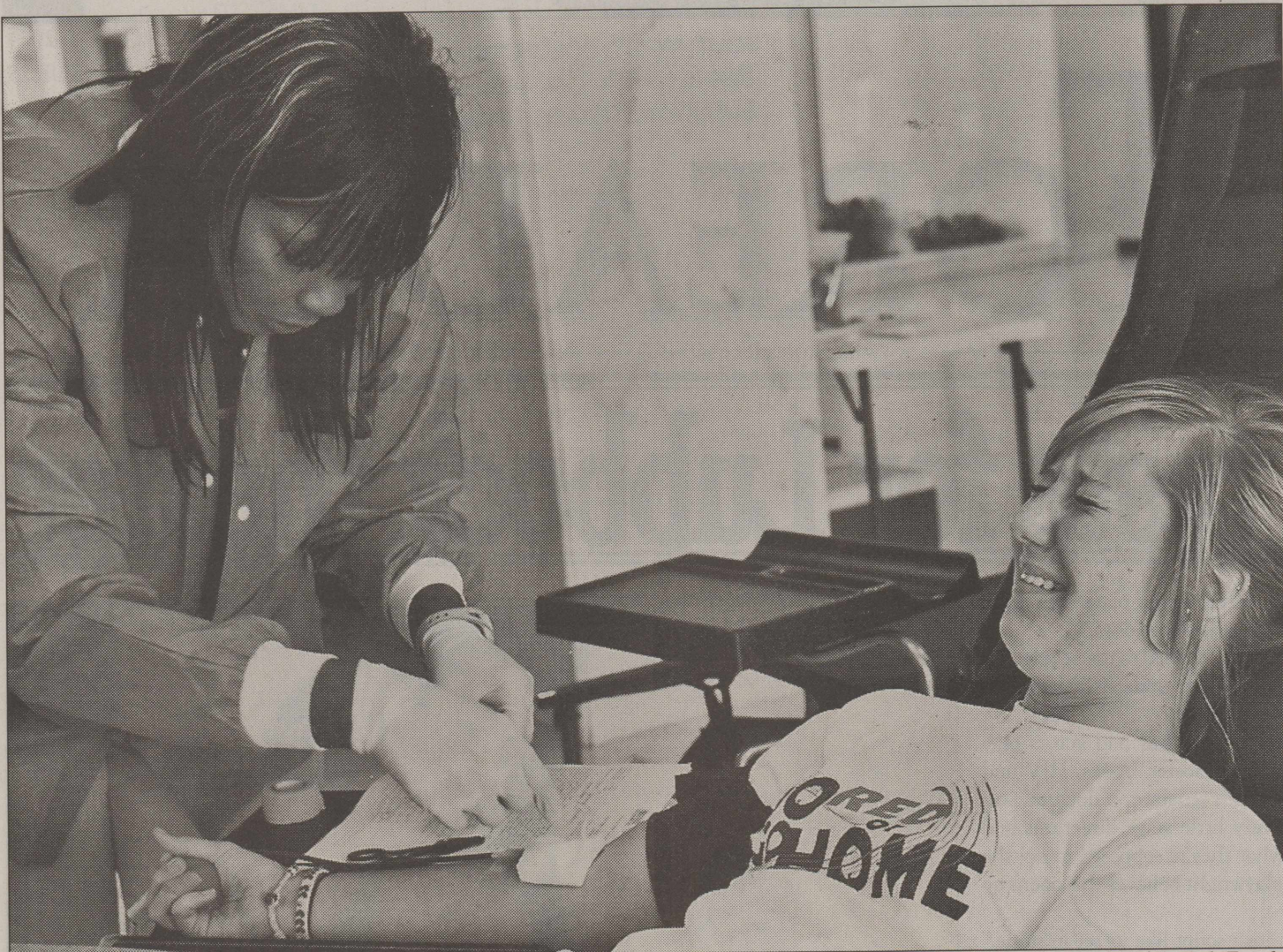


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YLONDA JAMES, LEFT, the donor care supervisor for United Blood Services, places a needle in the arm of Chelsea Larson, a freshman early childhood education major from Dallas, as she donates blood Wednesday at Chitwood Residence Hall.

President's Select prepares for University Day

By ZACH QUIÑONES
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech University Day, organized by President's Select, provides prospective students looking to attend Tech the chance to find answers to what Tech has to offer, what the student community is like and what opportunities are available to them.

"I think it's one of the most important days for students because it has the most college aspect," said Caleigh Aycock vice president of athletics for President's Select. "You actually get to see what it's like on campus."

President's Select is a student ambassador program for the university that is involved in three

departments: The President's Office, Undergraduate Admissions and Texas Tech Athletics.

Christopher Hearon, the vice president of admissions for President's Select, said the organization works as a liaison between the organizations and departments that participate.

President's Select ensures that visitors are able to make their transportation from the airport to campus, booths of organizations at United Spirit Arena are ready when the visitors arrive and a representative from President's Select is available at every access point in the tour to direct the visitors and answer any inquiries, he said.

Rex Oliver, president of the organization, said the response the

tours are getting has been positive from the more than 1,000 students per year who attend.

University Day is more than just a tour for prospective students, he said. Its main purpose is to convince students to choose Tech.

Tech is at its highest enrollment number, 30,049 students as reported during a news conference Monday, and the goal is to continue to grow and reach 40,000 students by 2020, Oliver said.

Despite the success of University Day, he said, Tech students can always contribute to encouraging those attending the tour to come to Tech.

"When people come on campus, they're wanting to know

what it's like to be a student here," Hearon said. "You can spit facts at people as much as you want and what it has to offer, but what they want to know is what it's really like to be a part of this community here. Getting good contact with the students — it greatly impacts the chances of them attending Tech."

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CHRISTOPHER HEARON
VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMISSIONS

University Day starts at 11 a.m. Oct. 19 and tours will begin from the Visitor's Center with groups leaving every 30 minutes.
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INBRIEF

STATE

3 Texas commissioners looking into arson dismissed

DALLAS (AP) — A report concluding a faulty investigation led to a Texas man's execution won't be reviewed by a state board as planned Friday after Gov. Rick Perry abruptly removed three people from the panel, forcing the meeting's cancellation.

Perry, who has said the execution was appropriate, replaced the head of the Texas Forensic Science Commission and two of its eight other board members Wednesday. The upheaval

on the commission came just 48 hours before it was to consider a report critical of the arson finding leading to Cameron Todd Willingham's execution for the deaths of his three daughters in a 1991 fire.

Baltimore-based arson expert Craig Beyler, who was hired by the commission, concluded the arson finding was scientifically unsupported and investigators at the scene had "poor understandings of fire science."

NATION

GM to shut down Saturn after Penske walks away

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Co. said Wednesday it would shut down its Saturn brand after an agreement with Penske Automotive Group Inc. to acquire it fell apart.

Penske, citing concerns of whether it could continue to supply vehicles after a manufacturing contract with GM ran out, ended talks with GM Wednesday to acquire the brand.

GM CEO Fritz Henderson said in statement that Saturn and its dealership network will be phased out.

"This is very disappointing news

and comes after months of hard work by hundreds of dedicated employees and Saturn retailers who tried to make the new Saturn a reality," Henderson said in a written statement. "PAG's announcement explained that their decision was not based on interactions with GM or Saturn retailers."

In a statement, the Bloomfield Hills, Mich.-based auto retailer says an agreement with another manufacturer to continue producing Saturn vehicles after GM stopped making them fell through, leading Penske to terminate talks with GM.

WORLD

US diplomat met with Cuban dissidents in Havana

HAVANA (AP) — Two Cuban dissidents say a senior U.S. diplomat took time out of unannounced talks with Cuban officials this month to meet with 15 opposition activists.

The dissidents say the meeting with Bisa Williams happened during a Sept. 21 lunch at the U.S. Interests Section, America's diplomatic mission in Cuba. Williams is the U.S. deputy assistant

secretary of state for Western Hemisphere affairs.

Martha Beatriz Roque and Vladimiro Roca told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Williams was interested in learning how Cubans who oppose the government cope with the hardships of daily life.

Roque and Roca have both spent time in jail for their political views.

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UN fires top US official in Afghanistan

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon fired the top American official at the U.N. mission in Afghanistan Wednesday after a widely publicized dispute with his boss over how to deal with widespread fraud charges in the country's presidential election.

U.N. spokeswoman Michele Montas said in a statement Ban decided to recall Peter Galbraith, ending his appointment as the U.N.'s deputy special representative.

Galbraith said he disagreed with the head of the mission, Kai Eide, over how the U.N. should handle the

disputed election.

The secretary-general reaffirmed "his full support for Eide" and made his decision "in the best interest of the mission," Montas said, refusing to elaborate.

Galbraith told the Associated Press he was "surprised" by the decision and worried "insufficient attention was given to how this might impact in Afghanistan, or on the reputation of the United Nations."

"I find it quite astonishing that the U.N. would remove an official for being concerned about fraud in a U.N.-supported and U.N.-funded election," he said.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Damage reported to four cars within three hours

Sept. 23

8:41 a.m., an officer arrested a student for criminal trespass at the Texas Tech Student Leisure Pool. The student went swimming after the pool was closed and after refusing to leave, the student was issued a criminal trespass warning and taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

9:58 a.m., an officer investigated a Next Power Climber bicycle theft. The bicycle was stolen at the racks on the north side of Hulén Residence Hall.

10:29 a.m., an officer investigated the theft of six metal letters taken from the outside wall of the Agricultural Pavilion.

12:46 p.m., an officer investigated an accident in the 900 block of Texas Tech Parkway.

12:59 p.m., an officer investigated theft of a cell phone from an unsecured laboratory in the Chemistry building.

2:30 p.m., an officer investigated a reported burglary at Jones AT&T Stadium on the west side of the building. Clothes and other items were reported stolen from the Double T Zone.

11:24 p.m., an officer detained and released two students pending the filing of charges for possession of marijuana in the 1700 block of Flint Avenue.

Sept. 24

8:52 a.m., an officer documented information about a medical call in which a non-student suffered a seizure in an elevator at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Emergency Medical Services responded and took the non-student to the emergency room at University Medical Center.

11:15 a.m., an officer documented damaged property at off-campus Tech property. While using a weed edger, a grounds maintenance employee hit a rock that shot off and shattered a vehicle window.

11:40 a.m., an officer documented an accident in which a staff member tripped on a curb and injured her nose. The staff member refused to be transported to the emergency room by EMS.

1:33 p.m., a non-student in the Psychology building was voluntarily transported to UMC for evaluation for suicidal thoughts.

2:30 p.m., an officer documented a damaged pickup which had a dented tailgate in the HSC C-2 parking lot.

3:30 p.m., an officer documented information about a female student receiving unwanted communication from a male student.

10:50 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief on the 10th floor

of Weymouth Residence Hall. The person or persons damaged six ceiling tiles.

10:52 p.m., a student was arrested for criminal trespass at the Student Recreation Building. The student also trespassed at the rec Sept. 23 and was taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

Sept. 25

1:28 a.m., an officer arrested a male student for public intoxication in the Z5-C parking lot. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

2:00 a.m., an officer released a student pending the filing of charges for public intoxication in the Z5-C parking lot. The student was released to a responsible party.

3:20 a.m., a student was released by an officer pending the filing of charges for possession of a fictitious driver license in the 1100 block of Akron Avenue.

9:25 a.m., an officer investigated a harassment case in Chitwood Residence Hall. A female reported receiving unwanted texts, e-mails and phone calls.

12:26 p.m., an officer investigated an accident in the C-1 north parking lot. No injuries were reported.

3:10 p.m., an officer investi-

gated the theft of a Seagate Free Agent Go external hard drive from a computer room in the Carpenter/Wells Complex.

Sept. 26

2:36 a.m., a student was released by an officer pending the filing of charges for public intoxication in the Coleman Residence Hall restroom on the ground floor. The student was transported to the UMC emergency room.

2:58 a.m., an officer arrested a student for driving while intoxicated in the 3700 block of 4th Street. The student was taken to the Lubbock County Jail.

4:24 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in the Z6-A parking lot. A vehicle was scratched with an unknown object.

4:30 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in the Z6-A parking lot in which vehicle was damaged. A side mirror was knocked off a vehicle.

6:15 p.m., an officer investigated a damaged vehicle in the Z6-A parking lot. The driver side mirror was knocked off a vehicle.

7:17 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in the Z3-K parking lot in which a vehicle's side mirror was knocked off.

Sept. 28

8:40 a.m., an officer investigated a hit-and-run accident in the R-7 parking lot. A parked vehicle was struck in the right rear quarter by an unknown vehicle.

10:07 a.m., an officer documented a shattered vehicle's windshield as a result of being hit by a baseball from the Dan Law Field.

10:19 a.m., an officer documented a damaged vehicle in the Z4-P parking lot. The front bumper was struck by a lawn mower.

2:10 p.m., an officer investigated the theft of a bicycle that was secured by a cable lock from the south bicycle rack of Bledsoe Residence Hall.

7:12 p.m., an officer documented a confrontational argument in the R-5 parking lot between a student and a University Parking Services employee.

8:21 p.m., an officer investigated debit card abuse in which the student's card was used to purchase items on the Internet.

10:42 p.m., two officers investigated the theft of an unattended backpack and its contents from the University Library.

Sept. 29

9:35 a.m., an officer investigated an accident in the 1600 block of Akron Avenue involving a car and bicycle.

The bicyclist was taken to the UMC emergency room.

11:30 a.m., an officer investigated the theft of an unattended Apple laptop in the Student Union Building.

12:28 p.m., an officer investigated an accident in which an unattended vehicle was struck in the Z2-D parking lot.

3:43 p.m., an officer documented information about the damaged left side of a pickup truck that occurred at an unknown location.

4:20 p.m., an officer documented information concerning the left rear window of a vehicle in the Z3-G parking lot. The window had several cracks in it.

4:29 p.m., an officer investigated the theft of a PalmPilot from an unsecured desk at the Physicians Medical Pavilion.

4:50 p.m., an officer documented a student's report of a lost wallet and its contents in Holden Hall.

7:15 p.m., an officer investigated the theft of a Next bicycle from the north bicycle rack at Wall Residence Hall.

10:31 p.m., a student was arrested on the east side of Bledsoe Residence Hall for an outstanding Lubbock Police Department warrant. The student was transported to the Lubbock County Jail.

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West goes to Iran talks, readies sanctions

GENEVA (AP) — The U.S. and five other world powers go to the table with Iran on Thursday to demand a freeze of its nuclear activities, and a senior U.S. official said Washington may seek rare face-to-face talks with Iranian diplomats.

Even as they prepared for Thursday's talks, the U.S. and its allies were contemplating new and tighter sanctions on Tehran, in a clear signal of expectations that the negotiations may again end in failure.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton suggested all six — the five permanent U.N. Security Council members and Germany — were of one mind on the need for Iran to meet international concerns on its refusal to stop uranium enrichment and heed other U.N. Security Council demands.

"We support what the international community has said with a unified voice," she told reporters at the United Nations.

Iran's choice, she said, is to agree to measures that "would guarantee that what they're doing is solely for peaceful purposes — and the alternative track, which is greater isolation and international pressure."

With the stakes raised by Tehran's revelation last week of a secret uranium enrichment site, a move by the U.S. to break precedent and meet directly with Iran would reflect the Obama administration's determination to get

results at Thursday's gathering.

Briefing reporters in Geneva, a senior U.S. official raised the possibility of a meeting between the Americans, represented by William Burns, the under secretary of state for political affairs, and Iran's chief negotiator Saeed Jalili. He spoke on condition of anonymity because of the private nature of the talks.

Such one-on-one negotiations would "offer an opportunity to reinforce the main concerns that we'll be emphasizing in the meeting," the official said.

Also Wednesday, Iran's foreign minister, Manouchehr Mottaki, made an unusual visit to Washington after being granted a visa with striking speed by the State Department. The U.S. and Iran have not had formal diplomatic relations since the 1980 Iranian revolution.

State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley played down the significance of the U.S. move, saying Mottaki visited a Pakistani government office that represents Iranian interests in Washington and had no meetings with U.S. officials.

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Bank of America CEO Lewis leaving by year's end

NEW YORK (AP) — Ken Lewis, the embattled CEO of Bank of America Corp., is leaving the company, succumbing to nearly a year of strife that followed his company's acquisition of Merrill Lynch & Co.

The bank said in a statement late Wednesday that Lewis, 62, would retire as CEO and also leave the company's board by the end of the year. The company said his successor will be selected by the time he steps down Dec. 31.

The news, coming after shareholders had stripped Lewis of his chairman's title earlier this year, wasn't surprising because of the intense pressure he came under after the Merrill deal. Lewis

had said he would stay on as CEO until after the company's financial problems were resolved, a process expected to take several years.

However, with the bank also under heavy criticism from government officials, Lewis was increasingly seen as vulnerable.

"He's had a big target on his chest for the whole Merrill Lynch deal, and I can only imagine the emotional stress he's endured," said Alan Villalon, senior research analyst at Minneapolis-based First American Funds, which owns Bank of America stock.

The deal was first questioned after it was learned that Merrill Lynch's losses

were far more than expected, and Bank of America asked for an additional \$20 billion from the government, in part to offset those losses. The brokerage lost \$15 billion in the fourth quarter and more than \$27 billion for the year.

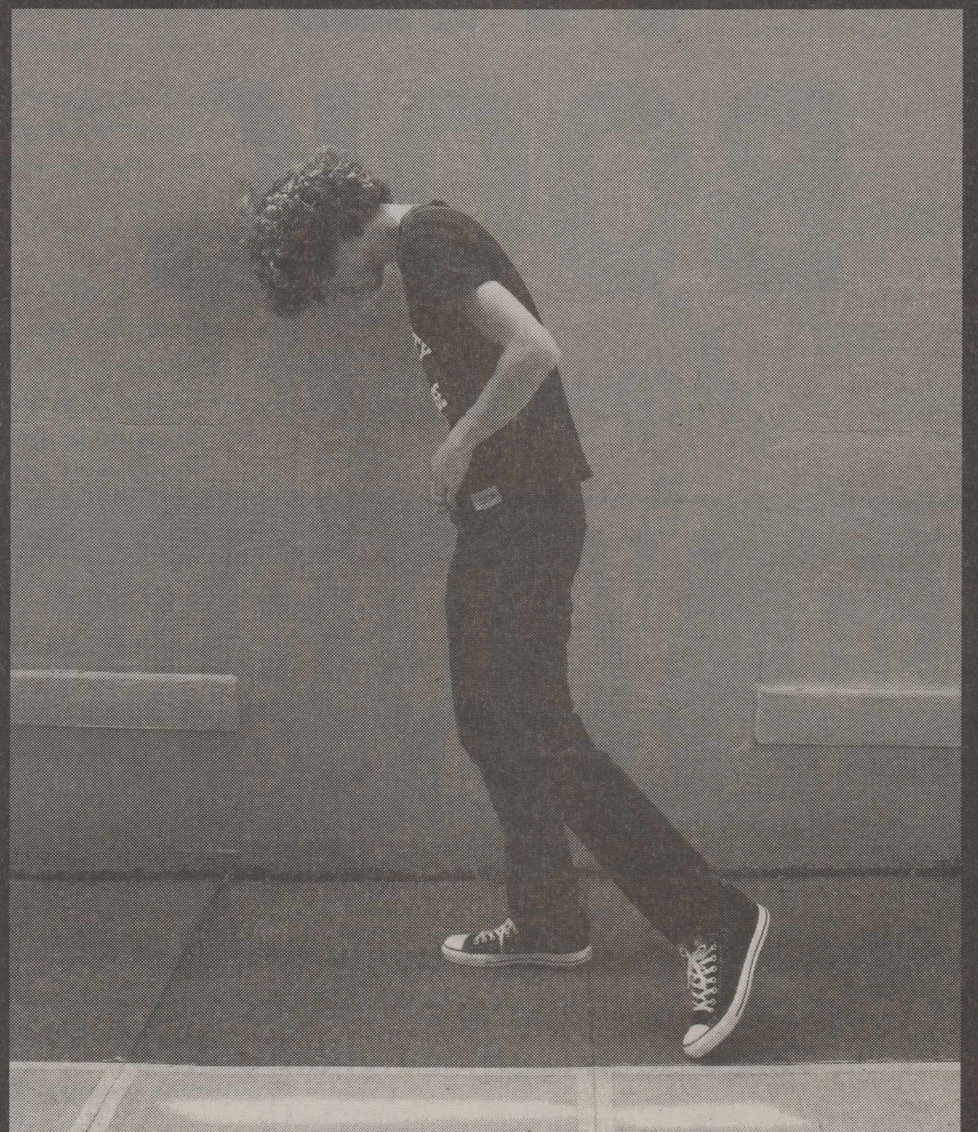
But Lewis came under even greater attack when it was learned the investment bank with the knowledge of Bank of America executives gave billions of dollars in bonuses to employees even as it asked for more bailout money from the government. The deal was forged a year ago at the height of the financial crisis and closed Jan. 1; the bonuses, which would normally have been paid in January, were moved up and paid out in December.

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ON WALKING HOME

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Ben Webb is local law hero

In June, Ben Webb, a Lubbock attorney, was asked to testify in the 140th district court. However, this was no ordinary testimony.

Judge Jim Bob Darnell and the prosecution asked Webb to violate his attorney-client privilege and testify against his former client. Webb denied, citing the privilege that has been the law in court houses across this nation. Most everyone, and especially everyone in law, understands that what you say to your attorney is privileged, as is any information you gain from that relationship.

This privilege is critical. If you are on trial, you need your defense attorney to know all the facts that you know that show your innocence. Some of the facts regarding your alibis or your personal life are things that you may have to share. The privilege allows an individual to share these things without fear. Without this protection, the concept of a fair trial goes out the window because now clients no longer trust their defense attorneys.

When Webb had his day in court on Tuesday, the courtroom was packed full of defense attorneys to show their support for their fellow colleague.

Paul Williamson



According to *The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, Ben Webb felt "pride and vindication."

"It feels good to know what I felt was right was right," Webb said.

The Lubbock Criminal Defense Lawyers Association stated, "We would like to commend Ben Webb for his courage and fortitude."

What Webb did was very courageous. Rather than break the privilege, he stood up for what was right, both ethically and legally. It was a shame that Darnell did not see this. In a world where one lawyer can break the privilege, any lawyer can break the privilege.

Darnell argued since the question was not about direct communication between Webb and his client, it did not break the privilege. This very narrow interpretation of the privilege is dangerous.

The privilege should be that anything learned in the relationship between a lawyer and his or her client should be privileged.

Any other interpretation leads to a slippery slope where attorneys will be called to the stand to testify and be coerced into throwing their client under the bus for fear of jail time.

Even the perception of a loss of the privilege is bad. There needs to be a 100 percent protection in the law for this. If there is a perception that the privilege is lost then clients will not trust their attorneys. They lose their right to a fair trial and our legal system will be broken.

We have freedom of speech in this country. This needs to extend to protect speech that increases justice and societal well being. This includes privileges between attorney-client but also journalists and their sources. Right now, there exists no federal shield law for reporters. A reporter can now be forced to give a court their notes and give up their sources or face criminal prosecution.

This means they are constrained in the things that they can report to

Americans and as a news reporter; they have a duty to the citizens of this nation to inform them of what is going on. A democracy cannot work without an informed electorate.

The Free Flow of Information Act of 2009 intends to end this practice. It seems like this law is going to get through the House easily, especially now that George W. Bush is out of office. He threatened to veto any such legislation while he was in office.

Go figure. Bush not wanting to protect the rights of Americans.

For a democracy to work, there needs to be fewer restrictions on the things we are able to say. Without the attorney client privilege or federal shield laws for reporters, the very fabric of our democracy goes away.

I commend Webb in his fight to protect his rights as a lawyer. The United States needs more people like him to stand up for what is right.

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Don't ignore current news, today's politics

We are all in college now and most of us no longer live with the families we grew up with. The house rules have changed, the responsibilities have expanded and the need to become our own person is now upon us.

The adults we grew up admiring have taken a step back to allow us to grow independently and become adults ourselves. I think as young adults, we should keep an interest in things that could have great effects on our futures.

I would encourage anyone who has not been keeping up with current events in the news to begin doing so in the coming months. The world is changing more rapidly than most could ever imagine.

Our entire health care system is under a microscope. Our military has been overseas fighting in wars for more than eight years (with violence continuing to grow). Middle Eastern countries with extremist views are developing nuclear missiles within striking distance of numerous foreign U.S. bases. Meanwhile, our economy is still yet to make a turn for the better.

Many students who do not keep up with politics on their own tend to take the political stance of the people they grew up with or come from the same background as. Or worst of all, they listen to their parents without knowing the facts for themselves. I hate to call the worldly news of our country "politics" because of the idea that politics tend to sort themselves out and do not affect the average person.

Although I understand the idea that there is not much need for an average person to keep up with day-to-day political operations, I think as Americans it is important to have a good understanding of what is going on with our country. Many people do not understand the magnitude of the changes this country is very close to undergoing.

As young adults, we do not worry much about health care simply because we are young and do not require much medical attention. I suppose this is why so many of us do not take the time to fully understand what is going with this debate in Washington.

Travis Ellington



The uninformed ear might hear "public option" and think as long as there is a public option they will be able to choose the best health care for themselves without any outside interference. This idea couldn't be any farther from the truth. A public option would deplete the idea of choosing the best health care for oneself.

A public option would drive out all the competition of the free market by allowing a government of bureaucrats to make medical and financial decisions which outside competitors will not be able to compete with.

Thus, major employers will look to ensure employees with whatever insurance is cheapest for them (who can afford to offer cheaper insurance than the government?). This could have huge affects on the "perks" that come with the job offerings we will all be looking for very soon.

As for the wars being fought overseas, Yogi Berra may have said it best: "The future ain't what it used to be." Iran developing nuclear warheads capable of destroying many lives during an ongoing feud with Israel (whom we support) could have major consequences and repercussions. If Israel wanted to slow the growth of Iranian military forces, what better way to do so than by attacking them? Enter United States and welcome to World War III.

There are much bigger issues going on than many people realize. This isn't just politics as usual. I encourage everybody to take pride in their country when it comes to current events. Know what is going on.

Bashing the president and the current administration (that has yet to succeed or fail) is not helpful by any means. Having an understanding of the issues at hand while being capable of offering suggestions on how we can succeed is much more respectable, commendable and patriotic.

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Katrina victims still suffering, in need of need help

By **KATE LARRABEE**
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More than four years have passed since disastrous Hurricane Katrina ripped through New Orleans, and the images of demolished buildings and homeless families have faded from our memories.

But the nightmares are still a reality for the more than 14,000 families in New Orleans still living off Disaster Housing Assistance Program vouchers and the countless internally displaced persons.

Unfortunately for those 14,000 families, the DHAP vouchers expire this month. According to Amnesty International, the government estimates that about half of those families could be eligible for Housing Choice Vouchers, allowing them to live in Section 8 Housing. But what options remain for the families who do not qualify for Section 8 Housing?

"Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of his family, including food, clothing, housing, and medical care and necessary social services," according to Article 25 of the Universal

Declaration of Human Rights, If more than 7,000 families lose their homes, the United States would be failing to uphold this clause.

Now is not the time to place disaster relief in New Orleans on the back burner, but it seems that many Americans have pushed it to the back of their minds and consider it old news.

"I think it's definitely not on everyone's minds anymore just because the shock value is gone now," Hannah Nusz, co-director of the Alternative Breaks program, said.

The program directors have decided to send a group of students to help clean

up and build housing in New Orleans this winter break.

Alternative Breaks has gone to New Orleans in the past but had no programs there last year. This year, Nusz said the program felt as if something was missing.

"When you're rebuilding communities, rebuilding homes and peoples' lives, that takes time," Nusz said. "It's definitely not something that just happens in a few months."

Nusz is completely right. The current quagmire that will leave many Katrina victims without housing is proof that reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts in New Orleans are not yet finished.

If only there were other forms of assistance that victims could turn to when federal aid runs out. Groups such as the American Red Cross, Oxfam America, Louisiana Disaster Recovery and the NAACP Disaster Fund have helped since the hurricane hit. At least one of these organizations, Louisiana Disaster Recovery, is still offering support, but the thousands of families who risk losing their homes at the end of this month need a larger relief effort.

Alternative Breaks does more than assist Katrina victims; it also provides a new perspective for the students involved. If more organizations still showed the interest Alternative Breaks is investing in the problem, New Orleans could make great strides forward.

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Leitch's success credited to freshman season

By ZANE TURNER
STAFF WRITER

A full year of experience, intense training and competition can do wonders for an athlete.

Texas Tech women's tennis player Natalie Leitch has taken full advantage of the opportunities she has been given to succeed — her freshman season.

Leitch, a sophomore from Dallas, made a splash in her debut season for the Lady Raiders posting a 21-12 record, tops on the team. This season, Leitch has continued her success with a 5-1 record and has won four straight matches.

Leitch said last season was uncharted territory and the experience from that year and her hard work in the summer has paid off.

"I trained really hard out here in July, and I know what to expect more," she said. "For the competition, I know what the teams are capable of now and I know what to expect. So, I have more confidence than I

did last year."

In the Lobo Invitational this weekend, Leitch swept through the competition, going undefeated in Flight A competition.

Leitch said despite some struggles to adjust to the college game, she took her lessons from it and is now a better player.

In the Midland Racquet Club Invitational, Leitch showed the competitive spirit Tech coach Todd Petty said is a characteristic he likes to see in his players by taking the No. 1 seed in the tournament, Baylor's Jelena Stanivuk to three sets.

Leitch rose to the occasion during Big 12 Conference play last season, recording only

one loss against conference opponents.

Petty said Leitch has shown she has the moxie since she first stepped on campus and that the success is not a new thing to her.

"It's not a new deal but it is coming at a little bit of a higher level now," Petty said. "I think I can contribute that to a little bit of experience and also to her hard work during the offseason and what she put in last year and what she is putting in this year."

Petty also said Leitch will contribute to the team with her no-nonsense approach on the court and is the most competi-

"I know for the freshmen we can look up to her and especially with all of her success lately, she is a good role model."

CAROLINE STARK
LADY RAIDER
TENNIS PLAYER

Owens goes on inoffensive in answering questions

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — If Terrell Owens has any concerns about the Buffalo Bills' offense and his lack of a big-play role in it three weeks into the season, he's going to keep it to himself.

And if reporters don't like that, too bad, because Owens feels whatever he says will be taken out of context, and he has no intention of throwing more fuel on the fire.

"I think over the years that's always gotten me in trouble and created some sort of division in the locker room with guys on the team," Owens said after practice Wednesday. "I try to do the right thing now. And even when I try to do the right thing, it's not the right thing. I'm in a situation where I'm in a no-win situation."

"I just try to do the best I can do without offending someone."

Welcome to T.O. Version 2.0, the one who is refusing to cause a disruption or say anything that might be considered a knock against quarterback Trent Edwards or the offense after he had a 185-game reception streak snapped in a 27-7 loss to New

Orleans last weekend.

"Guys, all I can say is that I'm working hard, we're working hard as a team," Owens said, as the Bills (1-2) prepare to play at Miami (0-3) on Sunday. "Myself, I just have to make the best of the opportunities that are coming my way."

It made no difference to Owens that he has five catches for 98 yards and one touchdown, or that he and fellow deep threat Lee Evans have been mere afterthoughts in what's essentially been a dink-and-dunk passing attack.

And if Evans has said that he and Owens have approached Edwards about taking more shots downfield, then that's OK.

"Lee is a captain on this team, and if he said that, then I'll just go

with that," Owens said. "I don't feel the need to say that because if I say it, according to you guys, I'm taking a shot at Trent or what not. So I just tend to not say anything."

That's a considerable switch for a high-profile player who is no stranger to controversy.

Owens' reputation for being disruptive has grown during his 14-year NFL career following several public quarterback feuds. He's criticized Jeff Garcia, was suspended by the Eagles after a series of dustups with teammates and coaches, and has also suggested Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo played a role in the receiver being cut by Dallas.

Owens said it's not his intention

"I just try to do the best I can do without offending someone."

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Orton embraces 'game manager'

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — His coach, offensive coordinator and even some teammates shy away from the term "game manager" when talking about Denver Broncos quarterback Kyle Orton, figuring it has a negative tenor.

Not Orton. He embraces the term and doesn't see it as an insult at all.

"Not in my mind. I mean, that's my No. 1 job description as a quarterback is to manage the game and it's tough to win games if you beat

to repeat the past in Buffalo, the team that signed him to a one-year contract in March, days after the Cowboys cut him.

"My thing is they brought me here to give this team a lift and obviously create some opportunities," he said. "I don't know what else to say. I'm just going to try to stay positive and keep working hard and hope for the best. That's all you can do."

It hasn't been enough so far. Orton was initially criticized after he refused to address reporters following a season-opening loss at New England. He was questioned again after avoiding the media following a 33-20 win over Tampa Bay in Week 2.

Then came last weekend. After failing to make a catch since Week 6 of his rookie season, Owens went to the postgame podium, where he provided short answers and, on four occasions, said "Just going with the plays called."

His responses didn't sit well with two NBC football analysts, former coach Tony Dungy and former safety Rodney Harrison, on Sunday night.

yourself," Orton said. "So, that's really my approach going into every game."

Orton's style is a far cry from his predecessor, Pro Bowl passer Jay Cutler, who famously bragged that his arm was stronger than Hall of Famer John Elway's and often seemed intent on proving just that.

Orton isn't nearly as exciting as Cutler, but he's certainly been more efficient and effective so far.

Ten times in his career Cutler has thrown for 300 or more yards.

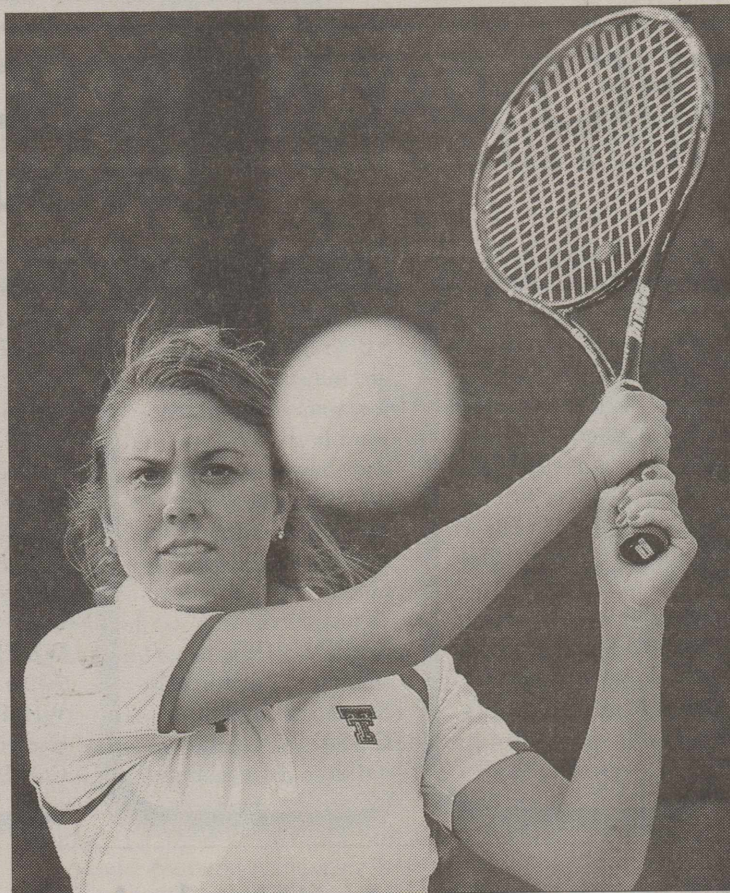


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TEXAS TECH'S NATALIE Leitch has proven she can be solid in the lineup for the Lady Raiders this season. She boasts a 5-1 record this fall after a 21-12 campaign last year.

SPORTS SHORTS

Video review gives Houston's Towles home run

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Houston's J.R. Towles has been awarded a home run after umpires checked a video replay following his second-inning drive off Philadelphia's Pedro Martinez.

Towles' shot to left-center Wednesday night was initially ruled a double. Astros interim

manager Dave Clark quickly came out to question the call and the umpires went to the video.

It didn't take long for them to change it to a home run. The ball bounced off the flower bed behind the railing and back onto the field. Phillies manager Charlie Manuel didn't argue.

Cowboys LT Adams 3-for-3 on fines

IRVING (AP) — Cowboys left tackle Flozell Adams was fined by the NFL for the third straight week, the latest for kicking at Carolina defensive end Julius Peppers.

Adams was docked \$7,500. He was fined \$5,000 for an unnecessary roughness penalty in the opener and \$12,500 for two plays against the New York Giants.

"He just wants to protect the quarterback," coach Wade Phillips said Wednesday.

Running back Felix Jones was

fined \$5,000 for an attempted leg whip.

"You would think you would have to trip the guy to get a fine, but he didn't," Phillips said.

Jones did not practice Wednesday because of a strained ligament in his left knee. Starting running back Marion Barber practiced, but was limited. Defensive end DeMarcus Ware went through the full workout, but was listed on the injury report with a neck problem.

Rookie linebacker shines for Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — Linebacker Brian Cushing has been one of the only bright spots on Houston's NFL-worst defense this season. The rookie is leading the team with 26 tackles despite missing the entire preseason with a knee injury.

"He's been exceptional," coach Gary Kubiak said. "All of our linebackers have played well. He's been an impact player."

Cushing had eight tackles and knocked down two passes against

the Jaguars. It was the third game that he has led or tied for the team lead in tackles this season.

Cushing, the 15th overall pick in the draft, was a four-year starter at Southern California last season. He led the nation's second-ranked defense with 10½ tackles for losses.

As good as Cushing has been, Kubiak doesn't even think he's scratched the surface of his potential.

Madeleine Pickens' foundation gives mustang to SMU

DALLAS (AP) — Madeleine Pickens' Wild Horse Foundation is giving Southern Methodist University, home of the Mustangs, an actual mustang.

Pickens, wife of Texas billionaire T. Boone Pickens, said Wednesday that during the Oct. 17 SMU vs. Navy football game, the school will be presented with a trained Mustang. There will also be a tribute to the armed

forces and country singer Michael Martin Murphey will sing "Wildfire."

Pickens says that with the event she is hoping to get word out about her foundation, which has a goal of creating a permanent home for America's wild horses.

Football coach June Jones said that the yet-to-be named mustang will join Peruna, a pony that's the school's mascot.

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Tech soccer's Hoffert, Pitts showing off-field leadership

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

The players who don't regularly make the starting lineup can be some of the most valuable members to the team.

Senior defender Megan Hoffert and junior goalkeeper Colleen Pitts prove that point as vocal leaders of the Texas Tech soccer team and as key members in Tech Athletics' community outreach programs.

The two players are the team's ambassadors to Tech's Student Athletic Advisory Committee, a committee of student-athletes responsible for community outreach.

"It's just giving back to the community is all it really is," said Pitts, the soccer team's second representative. "It's just an overwhelming contribution for the sports teams to reach out to the community to say, 'Thank you for coming, thank you for being with us and being a part of us. Thank you for supporting us.'"

Hoffert heads the organization, having served as the president since her junior year.

"I'm responsible for handling all the events," Hoffert said. "It's great experience for me, and it's just fun to get to know athletes on other teams on a personal level."

The Student Athletic Advisory Committee is most notable for its efforts in setting up Red Raider Play Day during the spring semester, allowing an opportunity for children to interact with Red Raider athletes and is arguably the Tech Athletic Department's largest community outreach event.

The committee also serves as the student-athlete's voice for communicating information between athletes, coaches and the administrative staff. In addition, members vote on athletic department issues to better enhance the student-athlete experience at Tech.

Both Hoffert and Pitts said the value they take to the Student Athletic Advisory Committee meetings were learned on the soccer field.

Hoffert has played sparingly this season, just three games and only has one start.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

SENIOR DEFENDER MEGAN Hoffert, an ambassador for Tech's Student Athletic Advisory Committee, tries to win possession in a game against Northwestern State earlier this season.

Pitts started the season splitting time with freshman goalkeeper Erin Wikelius before coach Tom Stone decided to keep Wikelius in for six consecutive full games. However, Pitts found her way back to the starting lineup for two of the last three games — both starts resulted in wins.

Although the two representatives are not playing as many minutes as some of their teammates, Stone said their presence on the team is invaluable and it helps the team in the same diplomatic fashion they use at committee meetings.

"Meagan and Colleen know the ropes of this program," he said. "They're both very proactive. They stay on our younger players and say, 'Good job. Keep up the good work, or that's not how we

do it here at Tech.'

Meagan's void will be a tough void to fill because she plays such a big role for us. Colleen's role will get bigger this year and next year, and we'll miss them both greatly after they graduate because of what they do here."

After graduation, the two vocal leaders hope to use their leadership qualities while pursuing their respective careers. Hoffert, an exercise sports science major, hopes to become a strength and conditioning coach. Pitts is a junior public relations major.

"It is important to be able to communicate effectively," Hoffert said. "That's a quality I'll take with me, the leadership experience, too."

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Volleyball drops match to No. 14 Iowa State

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
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Beating No. 14 Iowa State is already a tough task.

But the Texas Tech volleyball team made it a little bit tougher to beat the Cyclones, as the Red Raiders' mental mistakes led to their 42nd consecutive loss to a Big 12 Conference team.

Tech (2-10, 0-3 in Big 12 play) looked poised to pull off the upset in the early going, but Iowa State (11-3, 3-2) proved to be too strong, defeating the Red Raiders 3-0 Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

The Red Raiders kept pace with the Cyclones in the first set, forcing eight lead changes and seven ties to keep the match close.

Tech's mistakes proved to be the difference as ISU grabbed the momentum, winning the set 25-15.

Junior outside hitter Alexxa Roberts said it was Tech's concentration that allowed ISU to pull away in that set.

"We need to just not settle," she said. "We need to keep the next point in mind instead of what just happened. Instead of looking back on the point, if we just lost it, we need to focus on the next point we're going to gain."

The offense was not evident for the Red Raiders Wednesday.

Roberts led Tech with six kills. The usual leader in kills, outside hitter Amanda Dowdy, had time at middle blocker, preventing her from getting as many kill opportunities as usual.

For the rest of the match, ISU's high-ranking offense pulled through to wear out the Tech defense.

Despite the Cyclones' talent, Tech's defense kept the set close for a while, until mental errors once again cost the Red Raiders, who lost the second set 25-14.

Tech head coach Trish Knight said her team's mistakes are holding them back.

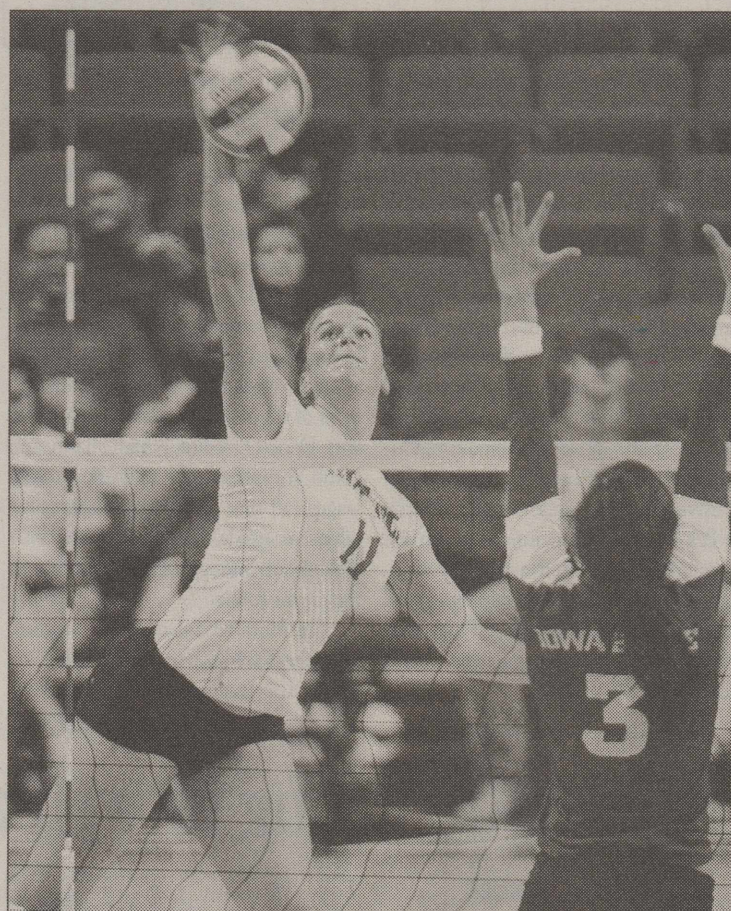


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AMANDA DOWDY SPIKES the ball over the net during Tech's game against Iowa State Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

"For the first 15 points of every match, we played well and we stayed with them," she said. "Then we just made some mistakes and they accumulated. Our players haven't figured out how to fight hard yet. They let little things bother them, they haven't learned how to not play frustrated yet."

There were concerns the recent flu outbreak would slow the Red Raiders down. Tech players missed last week's practices with the majority of them having flu-like symptoms.

However, signs of any lingering illness were not to be seen as they came out and pushed ISU early in third set.

ISU closed the match out with a win in the third set, 25-17.

The flu, along with the off time, was not to blame for the loss, said senior libero and defensive specialist Jenn Goehry.

"It definitely hurt to miss a week of practice," she said. "We're two matches behind other teams and we have some girls who are just now getting back in it. They're fighting through it, but at the same time it's not an excuse to lose."

Tech players believe signs of growth are evident, and before they end the losing streak to Big 12 teams, they have to get past the mental blocks.

"We're all getting it together and it's a process," Roberts said. "We're getting there, it's just a mental thing. But we're getting there."

ISU will go back home for only its third home match all season for a match against Kansas State.

The focus for Tech will now shift to Oklahoma, which stands in fourth place in the Big 12 standings.

Tech plays the Sooners 3 p.m. Saturday, in Norman, Okla.

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Agency: Michael Vick re-signs with Nike

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Vick is back with Nike more than two years after the company severed ties over the quarterback's involvement in a dogfighting ring.

The managing director of the agency that represents Vick announced the deal Wednesday while participating on a panel at the Sports

Sponsorship Symposium. Michael Prince of BEST referred questions to Vick's agent, Joel Segal, who said:

"Mike has a longstanding great relationship with Nike and he looks forward to continue in that relationship."

Segal would not reveal terms of the agreement.

"Mike has had a great relationship with Nike and is excited to be part of the Nike team again," Segal said.

The deal is the latest step forward for Vick as he seeks to rehabilitate his career and his image after serving 18 months in federal prison. On Sunday, Vick played his first regular-season game since December 2006.

The former Atlanta Falcons star signed with the Philadelphia Eagles on Aug. 13. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell gave him his full reinstatement Sept. 3, saying he could return

to the field in Week 3.

Vick participated in 11 plays, accounting for 30 total yards, in the Eagles' 34-14 win over the Kansas City Chiefs, as Philadelphia tries to use him in a variety of ways as a backup.

Nike, which signed Vick as a rookie in 2001, terminated his contract in August 2007 after he filed a plea agreement admitting his involvement in the dogfighting ring.

Vick agreed to a \$1.6 million deal with the Eagles, with a team option for the second year at \$5.2 million. The club has received little backlash — protests have been limited, and the Eagles' sponsors have stood by them. That experience could make companies less wary about adding Vick as an endorser, though the biggest determinant may be no different from any other athlete: how well he performs on the field.

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