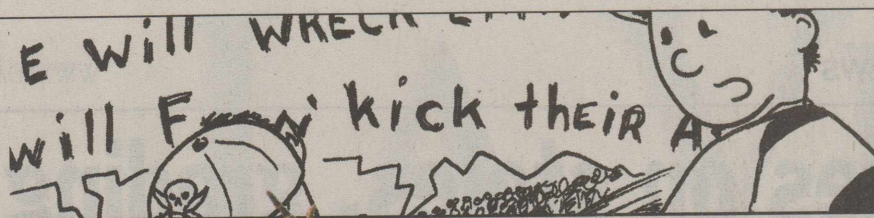


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HSC's Berk: Use caution until H1N1 vaccine arrives

By JASON HARTLINE
STAFF WRITER

With the availability of the H1N1 vaccination approaching and the number of Texas Tech students diagnosed with the virus on the rise, students are being urged to stay educated about the virus itself and how to prevent it from spreading.

"Students can do two main things," said Dr. Steven Berk, dean of the School of Medicine. "One is to receive the vaccine once it becomes available, and the second is to stay educated about the virus as much as possible."

Because the regular influenza season is generally in January and February, most people receive their vaccinations in November. One of the unique things about the H1N1 virus is it comes much earlier in the year, he said.

Dallas Owens, a 20-year-old junior political science major from Sweetwater with chronic asthma, recently was diagnosed with the H1N1 virus and has since been cured.

"It was terrible to go through," said Owens. "At first I thought I was just coming down with something, but it soon worsened immensely."

Owens said the symptoms between the seasonal flu and H1N1 virus seemed very similar but the flu hurt worse.

"I've dealt with chronic asthma my entire life," he said. "When I get the flu or any other illness that targets the respiratory system, I run the risk of potentially becoming terminally ill. The swine flu didn't seem to get bad enough for me to go to the doctor though."

Tech has requested 35,000 anti-viral vaccinations that will be available mid-to-late October, according to the H1N1 Web site created by the Tech administration.

"The high-priority age group of people who are strongly recommended to receive the vaccine are between the ages of six months and 24," said Berk. "Where we get into problems is with people with other underlying medical problems or severe diseases."

For most people who contract the H1N1 virus, Berk said they will feel regular flu-like symptoms: coughing, sneezing, body aches and fever. Although



BERK

the symptoms should be monitored, students do not need to go directly to the hospital.

He said people 25 to 50 years of age with underlying medical conditions and pregnant women also should strongly consider the vaccine.

Health care professionals also are given the option to also receive the vaccine, he said.

"Although hospitals care for their employees, they are not the main reason for urging health care professionals to get the vaccine," Berk said. "The virus is contagious up to one day before the infected person even feels symptoms. If the hospital nurses and physicians are sick with (the H1N1 virus), they could potentially pass it on to someone with a severe disease."

It is not mandatory for any health care professional to receive the vaccine, he said. It is, however, strongly encouraged for the patient's safety and well being.

"It is just the right thing to do," Berk said.

College campuses create an environment for mass amounts of people in a small area, he said. With other campuses, such as Texas State and Washington University, being affected tremendously by the virus, Tech students are being

encouraged to practice good hygiene to help stop the spread.

"I didn't know the virus was so contagious," said Arahd Kohan, a junior Tech petroleum engineer major from Arlington. "I would much rather be prepared against it. The vaccine, washing your hands and things of that nature seem like a great idea."

The Tech H1N1 Web site recommends washing hands as often as possible because the only way to get the virus is through nasal and oral secretions.

Berk also said students should not cough on one another and remain isolated for about three days if they catch the virus.

"For the most part, a student will contract the virus from someone who is already sick. It takes about three days for the virus to run its course," Berk said. "If a person can go a full 24 hours without a fever, they are generally over it."

If students practice the recommendations made by administration and local physicians, they will stay healthy, he said.

"Students can work together to keep this thing from spreading," Berk said.

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On top of the world

UNM long snapper, mountain climber gives back to poverty-stricken communities

By ALEX YBARRA
MANAGING EDITOR

In a situation where most his age might feel helpless, 14-year-old Evan Jacobsen felt empowered to make a difference.

Immersed in poverty-stricken, flood-ravished cities in Russia, the avid mountain climber was getting a heavy dose of harsh reality.

"Your teachers are always telling you be grateful the way you live and be happy in America," Jacobsen said. "I'm like, 'OK, I believe that.' Then I see pictures, and I'm like, 'I saw this. They need something. They need help. There's no one giving them help.'"

"I just felt like I had to give something back. It was a gut feeling. I just felt horrible. I felt spoiled to have all the stuff I had."

Witnessing the anguish in the faces of countless families struggling to keep a roof over their heads, his father, Donald Jacobsen, understood why it was so much for Evan to take in.

"We go tramping through their little villages with thousands of dollars of climbing equipment that's probably equal to a year's salary for them," Donald said. "They feed us. They house us. We climb the mountain, and then we leave."

"(Evan) wanted to leave something a little more permanent behind."

As part of Evan's plan to become the youngest person to climb the highest peaks in each of the seven continents, they were there to conquer Mt. Elbrus, all 18,549 feet of it.

But with the help of his father, he ended up beginning another mission: Summit7. It's a non-profit organization in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity and other home building charities dedicated to raising money for housing proj-



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DON JACOBSEN, LEFT, and his son, UNM long snapper Evan Jacobsen, stand atop Mount Elbrus in Russia. The pair founded Summit7, a non-profit organization that helps raise money for housing projects in poverty-stricken countries.

ects in countries such as Tanzania, Russia, Nepal, Australia, Argentina and the United States.

Apparently, doing good deeds is a hereditary trait, at least in this family it could be. When his older sister was a senior in high school, she helped build an orphanage in Russia. His other older sister went to Mexico with a church group to help build homes, while his parents have always offered their time and efforts into giving back, he said.

"Climbing is a sigh of relief," Evan said. "But when you feel like you've finally built a house, your heart melts. I feel like I have a purpose in this world, finally."

Evan, who now is the starting long snapper as a freshman for the New Mexico football team, sent out e-mails and letters to friends, high school teammates and families for support. All the

donations went strictly toward the charities. Equipment, travel costs and other expenses for the Jacobsen family were paid for with their own money.

After failing to summit Mt. Elbrus, Evan's next climb was Mt. Kilimanjaro, a 19,340-foot trek in the African country of Tanzania in July 2006. He conquered it, and gave a check to Habitat for Humanity that helped build three homes.

He flew back to Russia shortly after to try and scale Mt. Elbrus again, but he fell short on his second try. Don and Evan made it to the saddle, a point just before the summit, but bad weather forced their guide to call off the climb.

"(The guide) said it was too dangerous," Evan said. "We just wanted to chew him out and say, 'Let's do this.' We were ready to ditch our guide, but we decided

guide knows best, I guess."

Two days later, after weather conditions hindered them on the previous two climbs, the duo made it to the summit. Evan had two of the tallest peaks in the world off his list, with five to go.

With his next target being Mt. Kosciuszko in Australia, Evan kept raising money. Donations came from people who read about his story in the newspapers.

By the time he traveled to Australia in 2006, he had enough money to help build one home there, two more in Tanzania and another in Russia. Then he knocked Mt. Kosciuszko off his list and was ready for Mt. Aconcagua at 22,841 feet in Argentina, which he summited in February 2008.

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Distributors try to keep up with alcohol requests

By ALLYSON SCHELL
STAFF WRITER

Alcohol distribution companies have been working to accommodate the increased demand after last week's release of alcohol onto Lubbock convenience and grocery store shelves.

With more than 90 locations around Lubbock permitted to sell alcohol, and the residents of Lubbock ready to buy it, beer and wine has been flying off the shelves.

"The demand was something no one anticipated," said Ryan Suttles, market manager of 7-Eleven. "We are catching up to the demand of the public, which is a good problem to have."

Les Gillet, sales manager for local distributor Standard Sales Company, said the wave of demand has increased sales.

"There's a lot of demand now, but I think that it will fall off," he said. "It's just because a lot of people are saying, 'Oh I want to buy beer here because I've never done it before.' I think that in the long term, sales will really only go up by 10 percent or less."

For this week, Suttles said he is focused on re-stocking the shelves in time for the Texas Tech-University of New Mexico football game Saturday.

"We fully expect to have all of our locations be fully stocked by Friday in time for the very busy weekend," he said.

The demand will increase even more on the weekends of the Texas A&M and Oklahoma games, he said, because they bring energy and out-of-town guests.

Eddie Owens, director of corporate communications for United Supermarkets, said he understands the distributors are doing the best they can to get alcohol to many locations that want it at the same time.

"It's been a challenge keeping adequately stocked, but there's no question that in a very short period of time, distribution

will become a matter routine," he said. "We are just trying to keep up with the demand of a new product."

Owens also said beer has been harder to keep in stock than wine.

The process for alcohol distribution involves a store manager and an employee of the distributor collaborating together to

write an order. The distributor then delivers the alcohol to the store. Gillet said all Standard Sales Company employees worked Saturday to fill the orders sent in Sept. 25 as more stores were receiving their permits from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

"I think we're keeping up pretty well," he said. "We have lots of phone calls that we try to keep up with each day. Our goal is to get fully re-stocked as soon as possible from all the initial business."

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STATE

Texas judge clears way for gay divorce

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas judge has cleared the way for two Dallas men to get a divorce, ruling that Texas' ban on same-sex marriage violates the constitutional guarantee to equal protection under the law.

The Dallas Morning News reports that a Dallas district judge's Thursday ruling finds that the court "has jurisdiction to hear a suit for divorce filed by persons legally married in another jurisdiction."

The Texas attorney general has argued that because Texas doesn't recognize gay marriage, its courts can't dissolve one through divorce. Voters approved a state constitutional amendment banning gay marriage in 2005.

Attorney General Greg Abbott says he'll appeal the ruling.

Peter Schulte, an attorney for the unidentified man who filed for divorce, says he and his client are "ecstatic."

NATION

Dems ease impact of health bill, big advance nears

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fearing a backlash, Democrats worked to smooth the impact of sweeping health care legislation on working-class families Thursday as they pushed President Barack Obama's top domestic priority toward a crucial Senate advance. The most far-reaching overhaul in decades aims to protect millions who have unreliable coverage or none at all and to curb insurance company abuses.

Republicans on the Senate Finance Committee attacked the bill as riddled with tax increases that violated Obama's campaign promises, but failed to remove any of them.

After marathon public debate, agreement by the Senate Finance Committee is all but certain for the legislation, although no final vote was expected until next week. That formality — Democrats hold a 13-10 committee majority — will clear the way for the full Senate to begin debating the measure at mid-month.

WORLD

EU Envoy: IAEA to visit nuke plant soon

GENTHOD, Switzerland (AP) — A senior EU envoy says Iran has pledged to open its recently revealed uranium enrichment plant to U.N. inspectors perhaps in the next few weeks.

program and other issues raised by the Islamic Republic.

He spoke Thursday after the seven-nation meeting outside Geneva. The U.S. and Iran sat down for bilateral talks during a break, a significant departure from past U.S. policy of not negotiating with Tehran.

Javier Solana, the EU's top foreign policy official, also confirmed Iran and six world powers will hold a new set of talks on international concerns about Tehran's nuclear

Solana said the next seven-nation negotiations will be in October.

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SGA votes on stoles, grading scale

By JETT THOMPSON STAFF WRITER

The SGA Student Senate began voting through a computerized system for the first time Thursday night using electronic clickers and passed three resolutions and one concurrent resolution through the system.

The meeting began with the distribution of voting clickers to each senator and then the first electronic roll call vote was held.

The most hotly-discussed topic at the meeting was Senate Resolution 45.12 which requires all undergraduate students to purchase and wear an \$18 decorative stole during graduation.

Several senators questioned the resolution and said most students would not want to pay an extra \$18 for the stoles.

One of the co-authors of the resolution, Sen. Laura Stout, said the stoles would help to make Texas Tech graduates look more prestigious during

graduation. "It's a good way to spice it up and make graduation more special," she said.

After much debate the Senate passed the resolution and Tech administrators must approve the measure if it is to be included in the December graduation.

SR 45.13, which proposed a new bike lane be placed between the University Library and the Foreign Language building from the Southwest Collections and University Library to the front of the Student Union Building, also passed.

Sen. Drew Graham, who proposed the resolution, said more bike lanes are needed at Tech.

Although the resolution was a recommendation from the senate for building a new bike lane, Graham also said plans exist to make a bicycle-friendly area on campus around a coffee shop.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 45.14 approved the addition of



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a referendum on the Homecoming Election ballot to allow students to decide on the possible implementation of a plus-minus grade scale at Tech.

In the proposed grading system, new brackets of grades would be introduced so that GPA ratings are different based on the strength of a grade within a spread of 10 points.

"I think it would be a pretty good idea," said Student Senate President Sarah Saunders. "It would create uniformity between our grading systems and other Big 12 schools."

Stout, one of the co-authors of the resolution, said many other Big 12 universities like the University of Texas already have started using the grading scale and Tech students should have a say in whether the university adopts it.

At the beginning of the meeting, Graham announced his sup-

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port for a shoe drive sponsored by Paradigm Bible Study that will benefit the Buckner Children's Home of Lubbock. The shoe drive will take place during the Parents Weekend football game and donations may be placed in donation baskets.

Graham also said everyone who donates shoes Saturday will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win size-18 shoes signed by Mike Leech and several players from the Tech football team.

The results of the Freshman Council Election also were released Thursday and are pending ratification at the next meeting. >>>jett.thompson@ttu.edu

Homecoming events to showcase international theme

By ZACH QUINONES STAFF WRITER

As October nears and the Halloween atmosphere begins to kick in, another pastime that has become a tradition at Texas Tech is approaching: homecoming.

From Oct. 5 through Oct. 10, homecoming is a time that allows students and alumni to come together for a week and celebrate Tech traditions and events, said Megan MacArthur, the Tech Homecoming Association publicity chairwoman.

The theme for homecoming this year is "Tech...Your Passport to the World." The concept behind the theme is to showcase Tech's influence around the world with students who study abroad and those who come from foreign countries to attend Tech, she said.

Sandy Crosier, the director of study abroad for International Affairs at Tech, said it is vital for Tech students to take advantage of studying abroad because it provides them with a competitive edge when applying for jobs.

"To be a global citizen you need to be a global perspective," she said.

"And you can only develop that when you go abroad and look at it through the perspective of another culture,"

Crosier said the study abroad program has 400 sites in more than 83 countries with a program for every major.

Multiple events are planned throughout the week to promote the theme that

will lead up to the kick-off of the Texas Tech versus Kansas State game Saturday.

Some of the major events include the Jean and Shoe Drive, Homecoming Kick-Off, Student Organization Sing, Candidate Showcase, Blood Drive, Tech-Baylor volleyball game,

Techsan Memorial, Tamale Fest, Rowdy Raider Rally, Homecoming Step Show, Pep Rally and Bonfire, Red Raider Road Race, Homecoming Parade, Raider Gate and the Tech-Kansas football game.

As part of the theme, the 51 organiza-

tions participating will represent specific locations around the world, according to information provided by Stephanie Shettek, the chairwoman for student organizations of the Tech Homecoming Association.

Some of the places showcased include Rome, Paris, Egypt, India, Athens, Rio de Janeiro, London, Maui, Singapore, India and Berlin.

MacArthur said it is important to have support from students to show a unified student body.

"We've all worked really hard, and all the events are going to be a definite improvement from last year," she said. "We're really excited about what we have to offer this year and hope that everyone comes out."

The following are some of the scheduled events taking place throughout the week.

Monday — Homecoming Kick Off from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the North Plaza at the Student Union Building and the Student Organization Sing at 8 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena.

Tuesday — Candidate Showcase at 8 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena.

Wednesday — Blood Drive from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center racquetball courts and Tech-Baylor volleyball at 7 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena.

Thursday — Techsan Memorial 5:30 p.m. at Memorial Circle.

Oct. 9 — Tamale Fest from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Urbanovsky Park, Rowdy Raider Rally at 11:45 a.m. at the North Plaza in the Student Union Building, Homecoming Step Show at 7 p.m. in the Allen Theatre in the Student Union Building and Pep Rally and Bonfire at 9 p.m. at the Rugby Fields.

Oct. 10 — Red Raider Road Race at 8 a.m. at the rec center, Homecoming Parade at 9 a.m. and Tech-Kansas State football game later in the day.

For more information on these and other events for homecoming visit the Homecoming Web site at www.homecoming.ttu.edu. >>>zachery.quinones@ttu.edu

"To be a global citizen you need to be a global perspective."

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Diplomats: Palestinian Authority drops support for Gaza resolution

GENEVA (AP) — The Palestinian Authority, under heavy pressure from the United States, has withdrawn its support for a U.N. Human Rights Council resolution on alleged war crimes in Gaza, diplomats said Thursday.

The resolution endorses a U.N.

report that claims both Israel and Palestinian militant groups committed war crimes and possible crimes against humanity during their Dec. 27-Jan. 18 conflict.

Palestinian officials earlier this week welcomed the report when it was presented to the Geneva-based rights coun-

cil, while Israel and the United States have strongly rejected the findings.

U.N. and European diplomats, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter with reporters, said the Palestinian delegation's surprise turnaround means any resolution on

the report would likely be delayed until next March.

Although the Palestinians aren't voting members of the 47-nation rights council, Arab and Muslim countries who control the body may be reluctant to press ahead with the resolution Friday without Palestinian support.

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Breast cancer awareness to pack stadium with pink

By **EMILY MOSER**
STAFF WRITER

There will be a little pink in many Red Raiders this Saturday.

Pack the Jones in Pink will take place for the first time this Saturday at Texas Tech's football game against New Mexico. The event was spearheaded by Phillip Duffy, the youth chair of the Lubbock area Susan G. Komen affiliate. Duffy, a sophomore in international business and finance from Lubbock, said his inspiration to be involved in Komen is from his grandmother, a 10-year survivor of breast cancer.

"Komen was kind of something that came naturally," he said.

Lubbock is the first Susan G. Komen affiliate to have a youth board, Duffy said. The idea had been in the works for about a year, but it wasn't until March it came into fruition. He said he joined the Lubbock's Susan G. Komen board of directors in April as the youth chair. One month after joining the board of directors, he formed a youth committee.

Duffy said 12 people are on the

youth committee he heads. Out of those 12 people, people from different organizations represent all of the different aspects of Tech. He considers the amount of student involvement in the Susan G. Komen charity to be a considerable amount.

Allison Lewis, mission coordinator of the Lubbock area Susan G. Komen affiliate, said the charity has a lot of volunteers from Tech who contribute their time.

"The student body does a lot for Komen," she said. "We've always been proud."

Lewis said Pack the Jones in Pink is a big event

the youth committee is putting on. The charity is trying to target a different audience by setting the event at a Tech football game. She said the goal is to raise breast cancer awareness and recognize survivors.

While handing out breast cancer awareness brochures and fliers at the Student Union Building on Tuesday, a member of the charity's youth committee, Lily Chapman, said the committee chose the same day for the Pack

the Jones event as Race for the Cure because they wanted to create a big day for breast cancer awareness.

Chapman, a sophomore in business management from Lubbock, said the festivities for Pack the Jones will begin Saturday at the Frazier Pavilion where T-shirts, koozies and other items will be handed out. She said during halftime the band will do a special performance, a video will be shown and at a point all survivors of the disease in the stadium will be recognized. Chapman believes Tech's involvement with the charity is significant.

"I think it's important because Texas Tech is a big part of Lubbock," she said, "and for students to support other things around the community shows students do more than just go to school."

Duffy said he encourages all to wear pink this Saturday. He said he knows some people don't feel comfortable sporting pink but suggests people show support at the game by wearing a pink ribbon.

"The more people come out and show support," Duffy said, "the more people will know how great Texas Tech really is and how much they care."

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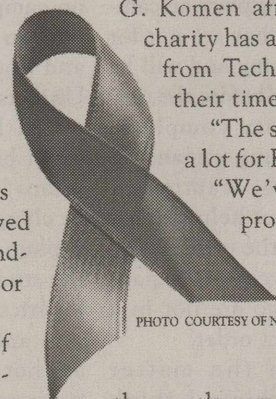
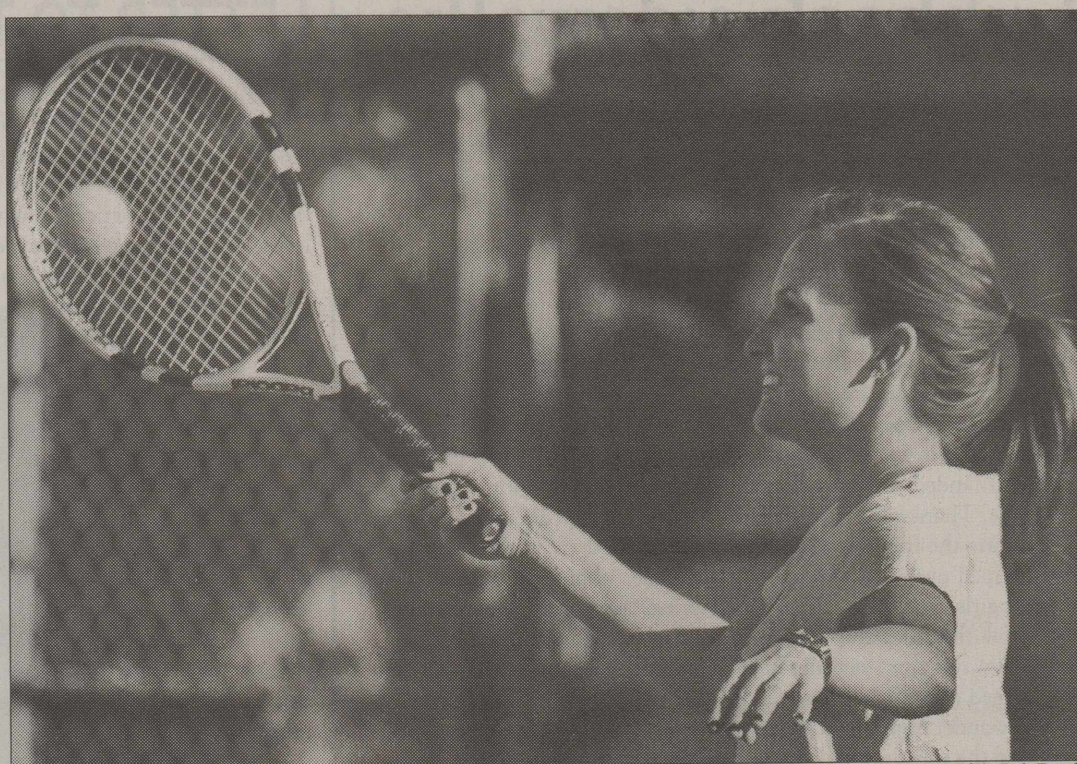


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TENNIS TIME



JESSICA JACKSON, A second-year law student from Austin, plays tennis Thursday at the courts near the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

Pan-Hellenic promotes positive body image

By **ZACH QUIÑONES**
STAFF WRITER

From what they wear to how much they weigh, women are constantly under pressure to fulfill a certain criteria that society often deems as an acceptable body image.

These were some of the issues tackled in a program this week to help women overcome body image stereotypes.

The Tri-Delta sorority orchestrated a body image program known as "Reflections," meant to create awareness and examine the various connotations of what is the ideal body image.

The program began at Trinity University and Tri-Delta adopted the program, taking it to the national level in 2005, said Katie Owens, a Tri-Delta member leading the program.

Stephanie Rushing, a Tri-Delta alumna, was the first to introduce the

program into the Pan-Hellenic community at Tech by asking the Center for Prevention and Resiliency to sponsor it.

The program was then orchestrated through the Pan-Hellenic system, Rushing said, because a strong body of women in the Pan-Hellenic community would create a firm platform to progress the program.

"After our whole chapter is trained, we want to spread it to other chapters in the community and eventually the Tech community," Owens said.

Some sororities that already have implemented the program are Alpha Delta Pi, Delta Gamma and Pi Beta Phi. Other sororities at Tech are receiving training for the program as well.

The program focuses on subjects like the "Thin Ideal," Owens said, how society has evolved and what is believed to be beautiful and attractive.

Another aspect of the program is to examine the costs of the "Thin Ideal" —

how it affects self-esteem, academics and economics, she said.

"We explore ways that we as individuals can resist the pressure to be thin," said Owens.

In the program, women reveal personal stories of when they felt pressure to fulfill a body image and then perform exercises that focus on positive body image.

"It's really beneficial to girls, especially at this age," said Caroline Finklea, a sophomore English major from Dallas.

Once the Pan-Hellenic community has fully implemented the program, it plans to spread it to the Tech community, Owens said.

"I think there's a lot of negative connotations with the Greek and sorority system," said Owens. "If they can realize that this affects us as sorority members but also women in everyday life, they can see the benefit of the program."

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ACL should prove to be a rockin' good time

This weekend, many Tech students will be making the journey down to Austin to party on 6th Street, maybe do some hiking, and most importantly enjoy some of the best live music acts in the world.

Austin City Limits, the world-famous music festival, begins its 2009 edition Friday, and is sure to provide some memorable concerts. Now, I'm sure all of you who will be traveling down to Longhorn land already have a basic idea of who you want to see. But perhaps you are looking at your schedule and you see an abundance of time in between your previously made concert commitments. Or perhaps you just bought a ticket and still have no idea who to go see. No worries amigo, your friendly neighborhood music critic prides himself on knowing good music and good live acts, and I am here to deliver you from ACL purgatory into the greatest music weekend of your life.

Friday, Oct. 2 — Friday is going to be an incredibly eclectic day (but then again, so is the whole weekend). I would first check out Blitzen Trapper, Portland's super-creative ensemble. How many bands do you know that can successfully blend country, folk, indie pop, progressive rock and soul? I would definitely follow with The Avett Brothers, one of my new favorite singer/songwriter combos, and then head on over to see French sensation Phoenix. If you hear a catchy electro-synth-rock-pop

Noel Bryant



song on some random car commercial, and you can't stop singing it for the rest of the day, chances are, it is a tune by the wonderful Phoenix.

Just when you are getting tired from all the awesomeness, it's time to go back-to-back-to-back to end the day. First, introduce yourself to the greatest voice in music today, neo-soul prince John Legend. Follow that up with the master of minimalism in indie music, Andrew Bird. And then, at last, complete your eclectic Friday with the most overplayed group that is still good enough to not get sick of, the Kings of Leon. Whew. Tired yet?

Saturday, Oct. 3 — After catching up hardcore on some sleep, and grabbing a nice lunch (perhaps at my favorite Austin lunch place, Frank and Angie's Pizzeria), start your day by treating yourself to the Mute Math, one of my favorite alternative rock bands to see live. These guys simply know how to rock out. The Airborne Toxic Event should be your next stop.

These Los Angeles dudes are emotional, passionate and put everything they have into their music.

If you are a fan of groups like Arcade Fire, you will love TATE Afterwards, check out D.C.-born Citizen Cope, and then one of the best rappers in the game, New York City's Mos Def. To finish out the evening (just in time to go to 6th Street), enjoy indie poster-boys The Decemberists, and then jam with thousands of the illustrious set list of one of the best live acts there is, the Dave Matthews Band.

Sunday, Oct. 4 — OK, last day. You have to relax some, right? Not gonna happen. You need to get your money's worth in concerts. So I recommend starting the day with the always energetic, always entertaining Arctic Monkeys. Britain loves them, and soon America will, too. Later, hop on over to listen to the better version of Jack Johnson, otherwise known as Brett Dennen. He writes beautiful melodies and has a uniquely soulful voice.

The entire festival will end on a bang, as one should dance amongst the ACL-goers to the super hip DJ Girl Talk. And as the icing on the cake, all will rock out with their socks out to one of the world's greatest rock bands, Pearl Jam, as their concert closes the entire festival. After you check your eardrums for permanent damage, go find somewhere to sleep so you can make it back to Lubbock on Monday for that afternoon test!

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Mayor bans Conan from New Jersey

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The mayor of New Jersey's largest city has raised the stakes in his face-tious feud with "Tonight Show" host Conan O'Brien, saying the late-night comic is now banned from the state.

A video of Newark Mayor Cory Booker posted Thursday on YouTube is Booker's latest response to O'Brien's mockery of his city.

It comes after a two-minute segment Wednesday night by O'Brien, who pretended to extol Newark's virtues while showing images of urban neglect. A reference to its arts scene was accompanied by a graffiti-covered wall.

The exchange began last week with O'Brien joking that the city's new health care program consisted of a bus ticket out of Newark. Booker responded Tuesday with a YouTube video "banning" O'Brien from Newark Liberty International Airport.

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Lubbock sidewalks need more upkeep

Sometimes I think the sidewalks are out to get me. Once I finally manage to dodge a crevice, the next thing I know I am flying in an undesirable direction. One time I flipped on one right in front of the Rawls College of Business building off of Flint and landed on the palms of my hands. Thankfully, Texas Tech students are the friendliest around; I was helped up by an anonymous group of girls.

I know the sidewalks were not built that way; many sidewalks have simply aged over time. However, I have to wonder how long they have remained the way they do. I am not talking about pavers, or brick pavement, either. I am talking about the crumbly concrete pieces that feel like fallen earth upon your shoe and the now rough sections part of a much longer strip of sidewalk.

How long have they been neglected in order to become such nuisances? Based on the grunge collected over time, I would say at least 20 years. While the city is at it, a pressure washing is in order. Even if the city doesn't want to pay for it, the storefronts in older areas can make an effort to bring in more customers.

After all, McDougalville around the Overton Hotel is booming; the fresh look attracts students who are from suburban cities. The age-old advice that location is one of the most important aspects of a business never fails, not even in Lubbock.

Uneven sidewalks make it difficult for long boarders, bicyclists, walkers and people in wheelchairs to get around. The many disability acts have done an excellent job of making Lubbock create curb-cuts and graded entrances; however, accessibility extends beyond an accessible route. The minimum is never enough.

While I doubt there is ever a lack of handicap parking spaces around the Texas Tech campus, particularly by Murray Hall, people still have to dodge rocks, joints, roundabout circles and puddles. The easiest part of any trip is pushing the button to open the automatic doors.

Then there are those indented strips, or concrete expansion joints,

Colleen Gartner



that are always hungry for the tips of high heels. Why aren't these filled in with sand, tar or some other kind of filler? Of course, sand would attract ants and tar would expand.

There are a plethora of flexible concrete joint filler epoxies available on the market today. Just searching the name "joint filler" comes up with thousands of different products. See Tech, it is that easy. Order, fill, use. Us ladies will be forever grateful.

I must admit, however, that there was a lot of sidewalk work done around campus during the summer. Memorial Circle was closed the entire summer, and well-traveled intersections were fixed up. The Recreation Center has its pool entrance pressure washed every few months. While the Tech campus gets repaired, what about the city-owned sidewalks and streets?

University Avenue, especially the older part of it near 19th Street, certainly has its share of interesting curb cuts. As one walks from the Student Union Building, past Doak Hall, and to University Avenue toward the storefronts, one cannot help but notice the oddities. Cracks, collapses, the quality of concrete and the level of traffic all litter University Avenue, and affect the ability for a sidewalk to be a consistent pathway.

In fact, changes in levels up to a quarter of an inch are allowed, and any change in level greater than half an inch should have a ramp. The city leaders of Lubbock need to keep their heads down instead of their heads up if they want to improve the look and feel associated with our college town.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

When I picked up the Tuesday edition of *The Daily Toreador* I was not surprised to see the related articles on the front page. The article on the left side of the page boasting of the Texas Tech's increased student enrollment, and the article on the right addressing the copious and daunting issues surrounding student housing and parking.

As I was reading these two articles, I could not help but feel conflicted. As I read the article about increased enrollment, I was pleased, if not proud about our growing campus. However, when I read through the article concerning housing and parking I became agitated with what I was reading.

I for one am in favor of expanding our campus and extend-

ing our welcome to new students from all walks of life, but I am not in favor of is how the expansion of our campus is being handled. It is no secret that university officials want to have a student enrollment of 40,000 by

2020. Instead of building dorms now, when your demand for space is already strained and growing, why on earth would you not have started building before current students arrived on campus, especially when data suggests that we are growing steadily right now?

I recognize that construction takes detailed planning, time, labor and money, but there are plenty of projects currently taking place on campus that are not for housing and will be done before the university completes housing expansion across campus. I cannot help but feel that the priorities as far as campus expansion go are not in a correct order.

On the matter of parking: I think that it is ridiculous that there is simply not enough room on campus for students

and faculty to park. Also, I particularly do not appreciate that University Parking Services issued an excess of parking permits in the commuter lots causing many students to receive parking tickets on or off campus because they did not park in a legal zone.

Student's and/or their parents pay their hard-earned money to this institution and they deserve the product or service they paid for. For a student to pay the fee to park on campus and not be able to park in a spot is inexcusable and does not speak well for University Parking Services.

If I have this whole situation backwards, then by all means I encourage whoever is in charge of these projects to explain to me and the rest of the students here at Tech the logistics behind campus expansion and parking. I am sure I am not the only one who is frustrated by the current status of these particular situations.

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Distracted driving stupid, dangerous

I'm a grumpy guy. I always have been, and if you've been a regular reader of *The Daily Toreador's* opinions page since 2006, it's likely you know this.

Aside from the usual ulcers that come from being high-strung, it's quite easy to let other people's mistakes bother you more than they should. My blood pressure shoots up every time I see a baseball cap that's not on straight, Uggs boots, "Fauxhawks" and some hip young thing with a Prius, complete with Obama stickers. None of these, however, (with the exception of the Prius floor mats) are dangerous to anything but one's mental state.

One of my favorite activities is driving. This is a difficult thing to really enjoy because there are usually other drivers involved, and as we know, other people tend to ruin everything. This is a common complaint because nobody's a perfect driver. People run stop signs, go too fast in residential areas, too slow on highways and main thoroughfares, turn their fog lights on in the city, etc.

The complaint list is infinite and is different for every person. Mine's endless and changes every

tasks into one period of time. We can throw blame at our hectic lifestyles, but it comes down to responsibility.

I've noticed an upswing in this moronic phenomenon as of late, and it's no surprise with the continuing popularization of smart phones, which make texting much simpler. It's easy to spot the texting motorist by the weaving of their vehicle between the lines, inadequate acceleration and braking times, and the vacant stare of the driver towards the glowing little device in their hand.

I've always viewed driving as an activity that should be done by itself, with the exception of listening to music or talk radio. Not everyone shares my belief however, and they make it commonplace to make their automobiles a mobile living room. It's commonplace to see people eating, playing with pets, reading or talking on their cell phones while piloting a two-ton hunk of steel at 40 or 50 miles per hour through a populated area.

It's not particularly difficult to wait the few minutes travel time to arrive at the destination to perform these tasks, but the majority of people want to combine as many

tasks into one period of time. We can throw blame at our hectic lifestyles, but it comes down to responsibility.

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Clemson University confirmed this with a study conducted by their psychology department in late 2007. The study "tested driv-

ers' ability to stay in their lanes on a curvy road while they completed such tasks as talking on cell phones, text messaging and operating MP3 players. Although their reaction time may have been reduced, there was no reduction in lane-keeping for drivers who talked on cell phones. But for those who looked away from the road to use electronics, the difference was significant."

Overall, their research showed those who were texting while driving veered from their lanes 10 percent more often.

Although 10 percent may not sound like a hugely significant number, it only takes a driver one bad incident to cause an accident. The number of dolts who participate in this type of vehicular lunacy is increasing as well, making the roads a more dangerous place. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, "A recent Virginia Tech Transportation Institute study found that manual text messaging elevated the risk of a crash or near crash to more than 23 times higher than 'non-distracted' driving."

It's a difficult thing to remedy, though. I definitely don't like the idea of adding more laws to the books, and I'm definitely OK with survival of the fittest. If people feel they need to blow-dry their hair while in the bathtub or think seat belts or motorcycle helmets aren't necessary, it is best they shuffle off this mortal coil before procreating.

Problem is, when behind the wheel, drivers are not only responsible for their own safety, but others as well. "Distracted driving" caused nearly 6,000 deaths in 2008, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. That's about 15 percent of all road deaths in the United States, a number that's likely to climb in the future.

Ultimately, additional laws won't fix all of our highway woes. Outlawing texting while driving would be a start but wouldn't fix the main problem of those who are doing it. Sadly, there's no way to regulate those who drive while stupid.

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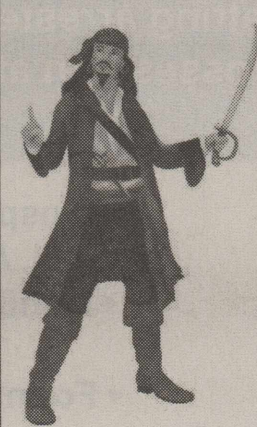
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David Letterman admits affairs, claims extortion

David Letterman acknowledged on Thursday's show that he had sexual relationships with female employees and that someone tried to extort \$2 million from him over the affairs.

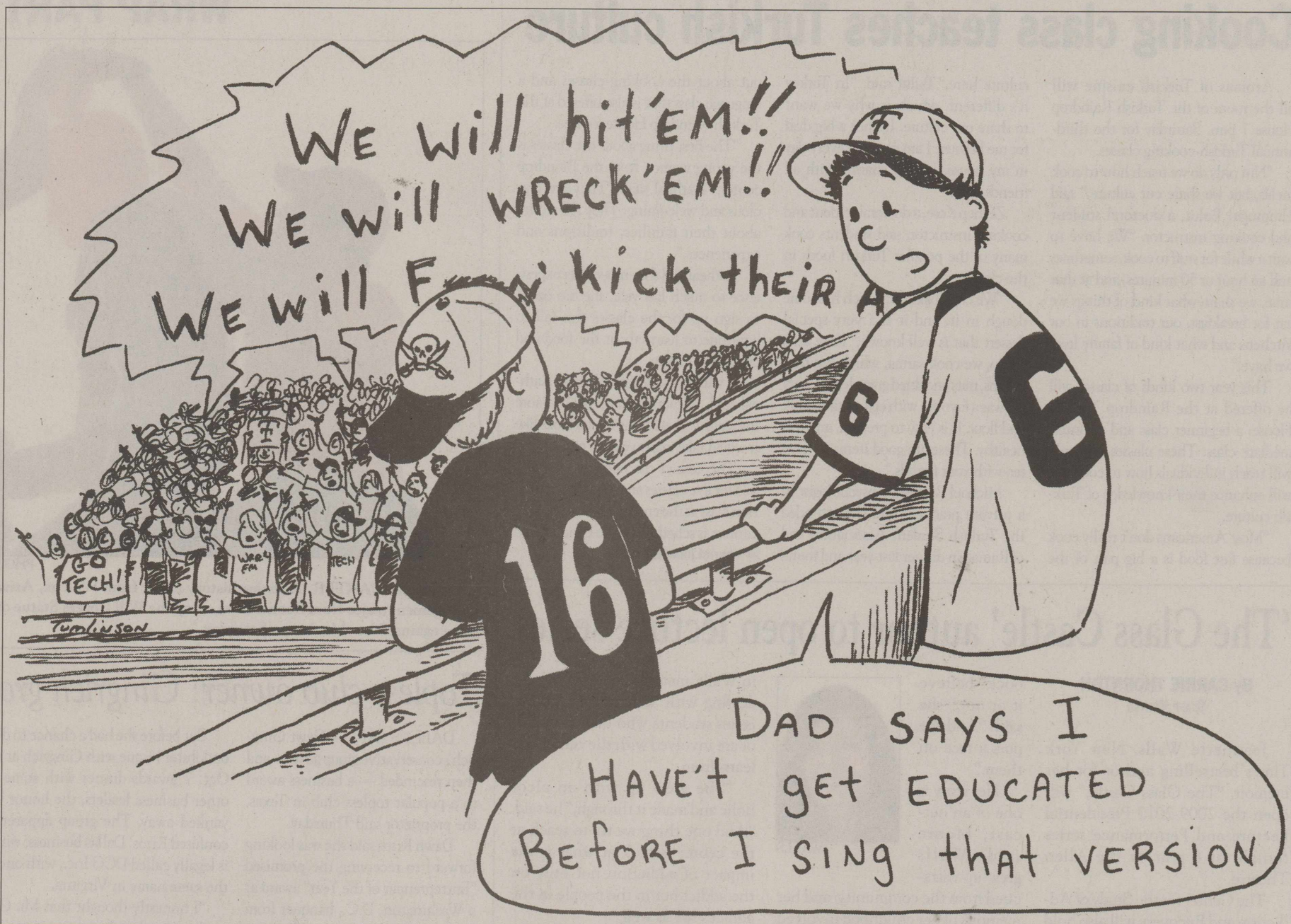
During the taping of his CBS late-night show in New York, Letterman discussed receiving a threat to either pay \$2 million or risk the relationships being made public.

In a release from the show's production company, Letterman said he referred the matter to the Manhattan district attorney's office and that an investigation ended in an arrest Thursday. Letterman did not identify the person he said was arrested.

As part of the investigation, Letterman said he issued a "phony" \$2 million check to the individual and the arrest followed — along with testimony by Letterman.

"This morning, I did something I've never done in my life," said Letterman. "I had to go downtown and testify before a grand jury."

In his testimony, he said he acknowledged sexual relationships with members of his staff. It was not immediately clear when the relationships took place; Letterman and longtime girlfriend Regina Lasko married in March. The couple began dating in 1986 and have a son, Harry, born in November 2003.



Jon Gosselin says he wants his kids off TLC show

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The father of the children on "Jon & Kate Plus 8" says it's "not healthy" for his kids to continue appearing on the TLC reality show.

Jon Gosselin says he had "an epiphany one day" and realized his 5-year-old sextuplets and 8-year-old twins shouldn't be filmed at the family's Pennsylvania home while their parents are going through a divorce.

Gosselin's comments came during an hourlong interview on CNN's "Larry King Live" Thursday.

TLC network has shut down filming of the children on "Jon & Kate Plus 8" after receiving a cease-and-desist order

from Gosselin.

In a statement, the network said production would remain suspended "pending further conversations" between both Gosselins. Filming not directly involving the kids is ongoing, TLC said Thursday.

"It appears that Jon's priority is Jon and his interests," his estranged wife, Kate Gosselin, said in a statement on Thursday. "My priority remains our children and their well being."

Jon Gosselin says that though his family has earned \$1 million for appearing on the show, he wants production "to stop completely." He told King that, in retrospect, he wishes his family hadn't done the show at all.

Gosselin's attorney, Mark Heller, also appeared on King's show Thursday.

"This man doesn't care about the money. He doesn't care about the show," Heller said of his client, adding that "the priority should be the well-being of the family."

Gosselin said he posted a sign outside the family home prohibiting TLC's production crew from entering or filming on the property.

Wed for a decade, the Gosselins filed for divorce in June, after weeks of reports of marital discord and infidelities, which both spouses denied. The couple made their separation official on a "Jon & Kate" episode seen by 10.6 million viewers.

Piece be with you: Detroit pastors packing heat

DETROIT (AP) — The Rev. Lawrence Adams teaches his flock at the Westside Bible Church to turn the other cheek. Just in case, though, the 54-year-old retired police lieutenant also wears a handgun under his robe.

Adams is one of several Detroit clergymen who have taken to packing heat in the pulpit. They have committed their lives to a man who preached nonviolence and told followers to love their enemies. But they also say it's up to them to protect their parishioners in church.

"As a pastor, I'm referred to as a

shepherd," Adams said. "Shepherds have the responsibility of watching over their flock. Do I want to hurt somebody? Absolutely not!"

Responding to a break-in at his church Sunday evening, Adams surprised a burglar carrying out a bag of loot and shot the man in the abdomen after the man swung the bag at him.

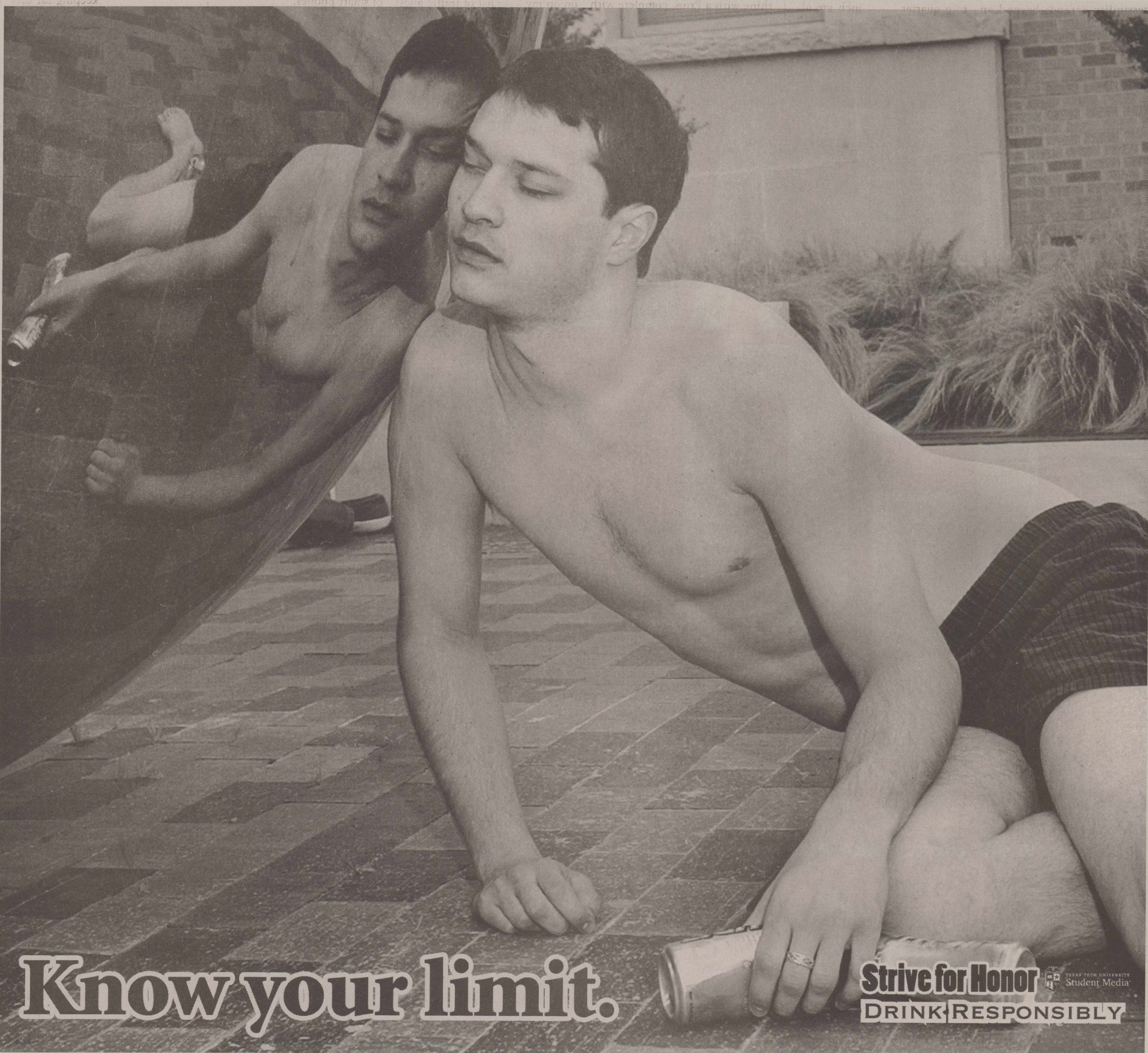
The burglar survived — for which Adams is grateful — but the reverend said he could have been hurt or killed if he had not been armed.

Detroit had the nation's highest homicide rate last year among cities of at least 500,000 residents. The city

has been losing manufacturing jobs for decades, and these days about one in four working-age residents is without a job.

The northwest Detroit neighborhood surrounding Adams' church isn't one of the city's most dangerous. But there have been many recent reports of crimes in the area, including four burglaries, three auto thefts, one armed robbery and four assaults, including one with intent to murder.

"It's getting worse because of the economy," Adams said. "People are out of work and feel they have to provide for their families."



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Cooking class teaches Turkish culture

Aromas of Turkish cuisine will fill the room of the Turkish Raindrop House 1 p.m. Saturday for the third-annual Turkish-cooking classes.

"Not only do we teach how to cook meals, but we share our culture," said Ummugul Bulut, a doctoral student and cooking instructor. "We have to wait a while for stuff to cook, sometimes half an hour or 50 minutes, and at that time, we share what kind of things we eat for breakfast, our traditions in our kitchens and what kind of family lives we have."

This year two kinds of classes will be offered at the Raindrop Turkish House: a beginner class and an intermediate class. These classes not only will teach individuals how to cook but will enhance their knowledge of Turkish culture.

"Most Americans don't really cook because fast food is a big part of the

culture here," Bulut said. "In Turkey it's different, which is why we want to share our culture. It's not a big deal for me because I am cooking every day in my house. I enjoy sharing with all friends here."

Zeynep Kose, a doctoral student and cooking instructor, said students cook many of the popular Turkish foods in the classes.

"We cook baklava, which has some dough in it, and it is a very special dessert that is well known," Kose said. "Also, we cook sarma, which has rice, onions, nuts and dried grape leaves. Lazy pie was a favorite with egg, potato, milk and flour. It is easy to prepare, and it is healthy. These are good items to have tea with your friends."

Michael Ratheal, a psychologist in a private practice, said she attended the Turkish Student Association end of Ramadan dinner last year and found

out about the cooking classes and a language class that is also offered at the Turkish Raindrop House for free.

"The best thing about the classes is the young women from the Raindrop center," Ratheal said. "They are gracious and welcoming. They tell stories about their families, traditions and experiences."

Ratheal said she enjoyed her experience so much last year, she has opted to sign up for the classes this fall to continue to learn about the food and culture of Turkey.

"I will try the advanced class," Ratheal said, "although some of the more intricate work with the dough looks like it would take many years to perfect."

The cost of the cooking classes is \$25 for five classes and a special graduation class at the end in which a cooking contest is scheduled to be conducted.

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'The Glass Castle' author to open lecture series

By CARRIE THORNTON
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Jeannette Walls, New York Times bestselling author for her memoir, "The Glass Castle," will open the 2009-2010 Presidential Lecture and Performance series tonight at 8 p.m. at the Allen Theatre.

The Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery will also hold a question and answer session with the author at 2 p.m. at the center in the Serenity Room.

"We are incredibly excited that she is coming," said Jo Moore, administrator for the series. "Her book, 'The Glass Castle,' has been studied by Lubbock high schools for years. I wanted her here because I thought she would be fantastic."

A book signing will immediately follow the lecture, Moore said. She encourages students to attend because Walls will speak about issues that tend to not get enough attention, as well as obstacles she has overcome that students can relate to.

"She speaks from the heart about poverty and the homeless. These things are an issue in Lub-

bock, believe it or not," she said. "And she puts a face on them."

Her story is one of an out-cast, Moore said. Walls grew up ostracized from the community, and her memoirs of her childhood involved the issues of poverty, alcoholism and struggling to rise above hardships such as living without running water.

"Her story is one of resilience and overcoming odds, facing the truth about your past and moving forward," she said. "Anyone who has come from a difficult family or background, and there is a large number, will find her immensely appealing."

A big impact she will have on students is showing those who come from a troubled past that there is hope, and provide an example of what it is like to move forward.

George Comiskey, associate director of the Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery, said



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in Walls' memoir, she writes about dealing with addiction and other issues students who take classes at or are involved with the center can learn from.

"She grew up with an alcoholic and made it through," he said. "And one thing we try to teach at the center is look at what is the impact of addiction not only on the addict but in the people in the addict's life as well."

Comiskey said most assume when children grow up in a destructive environment, surrounded by addiction, they will end up with the same behavior one way or another. Walls, however, is the antithesis of this.

"She made it through and is now highly successful," he said. "Successful enough to turn around and tell her story in a wonderful way."

All students and faculty are encouraged to come to the session and discuss how she turned out the opposite of her parents and whether she did it all alone.

Students can pick up one ticket at the Student Union Building ticket office with their Texas Tech ID, and general admission is \$12.

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WRAP PARTY



PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreador

CAMERON CARTER, A senior history major from Willcox, Ariz., and Lucas Mckernan, a junior wildlife management major from Boone, Iowa, wrap the Will Rogers Statue on Thursday in preparation of the football game against New Mexico on Saturday.

Topless club owner: Gingrich group rescinded award

DALLAS (AP) — Newt Gingrich's conservative group gave — and then rescinded — a business award to a popular topless club in Texas, the proprietor said Thursday.

Dawn Rizos said she was looking forward to receiving the promised "Entrepreneur of the Year" award at a Washington, D.C., banquet from American Solutions for Winning the Future, which the former U.S. House speaker chairs.

After all, Rizos is the owner of The Lodge, which was named the Best Overall Club in America last year by ED Publications, which sponsors the gentlemen's club industry's annual convention and trade show.

But before she had a chance to dine on lobster bisque with Gingrich at the Oct. 7 awards dinner with some 50 other business leaders, the honor was yanked away. The group apparently confused Rizos' Dallas business, which is legally called DCG Inc., with one by the same name in Virginia.

"I honestly thought that Mr. Gingrich wanted to honor our company because it's very successful," Rizos said. "Really, what's two more people to dinner? How rude!"

She wondered how such a mistake could have occurred and questioned the about-face.

"I just don't understand why this is so taboo," she added. "You can see racier things on MTV than what goes

on in this club."

Rick Tyler, a spokesman for Gingrich, declined to comment. Dan Kotman, American Solutions' press secretary, did not immediately return a call from The Associated Press.

A fax Rizos received from American Solutions in early September explained that she was being honored for "your success in building your business and recognition of the risks you take to create jobs and stimulate the economy."

The Lodge, which has about 150 employees, mainly waitresses and kitchen staff, contracts with an additional 570 dancers or entertainers. It awards a college scholarship annually to an entertainer.

University of Florida ready for flesh-eating zombie attack

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — No one expects a zombie apocalypse. But the University of Florida is making sure officials are ready for a night of the living dead, just in case.

The school has a plan for re-

sponding to the undead on its Web site among outlines for dealing with hurricanes and pandemics.

The exercise lays out how university officials would respond to attacks by "flesh-eating, apparently life impaired individuals." It notes

that a zombie outbreak might include "documentation of lots of strange moaning."

A University of Florida spokesman says the exercise was written by an employee to "add a little bit of levity" to disaster preparation discussions.

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Please join Texas Tech, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, and Covenant Women's and Children's for the first ever Red Raider Pink Day. Let's show the nation how tough Texas Tech students really are by wearing pink to the football game tomorrow against the University of New Mexico. Look for your free pink shirt from Covenant in the stands.

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Volleyball heads to Oklahoma

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

For a Texas Tech volleyball team looking to drop a losing tradition, Saturday's match against Oklahoma will provide a glimpse of what exactly a changed program looks like.

Tech (2-10, 0-3 in Big 12 play) will hit the road to take on Oklahoma (10-4, 3-2) at 3 p.m. Saturday in the McCasland Field House in Norman, Okla.

OU is a program that didn't experience much success prior to head coach Santiago Restrepo's arrival in 2004. His impact immediately was felt, and by 2006, he had the Sooners in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament. OU finished that season ranked No. 12 in the nation, the highest in school history.

Restrepo has a record of 81-71 since arriving at OU.

In order for a program to turn things around, good work ethic and determination are required, Restrepo said.

"It takes a lot of hard work and dedication," he said. "I held my players to a high standard which helped them succeed. I think Trish Knight is doing a good job at Tech, and I think sooner or later she is going to turn that program around."

Tech is doing everything it can to make that change possible.

Tech coach Trish Knight said her team is not lacking the determination, but the team has to be patient and brush off the losses.

"They haven't quit working hard," she said. "They just need to keep their enthusiasm going, if they can do that and not let losing pound on them so much because we are always getting better and we need to keep that in mind."

With that said, preparation will be important when it comes to getting ready for OU.

The Sooners lead the Big 12 in digs as a team with 389. Two players, freshman defensive specialist Maria Fernanda and senior outside hitter Bridget Laplante, are ranked within the top 10 in digs in the conference.

OU's talent will give Tech a challenge, Knight said, but the preparation for the Sooners will have the team ready to come out and compete.

"I've been watching game film on



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador

TEXAS TECH'S MIARA Cave attempts to block a shot from Iowa State's Rachel Hockaday in the Red Raiders' 3-0 loss to ISU Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

these guys in prepping for Saturday," she said. "We have a really good game plan for those guys, so we're just going to have to go execute it."

A win Saturday will require a good offensive performance, something the Red Raiders lacked against Iowa State on Wednesday.

Tech's most consistent player this season, sophomore Amanda Dowdy, moved back to her natural position of middle blocker against ISU — a position she had not played yet this season. Dowdy was primarily a middle blocker last season and led the Red Raiders in kills with 301.

The change had it effects, as junior Alexxa Roberts led the team in kills against Iowa State with six.

Despite the down performance, OU coach Santiago Restrepo said he is well aware of the talent Tech possesses, and his team will not look past it.

"Texas Tech is still a very strong

team," he said. "They are very well-coached and we will have our hands full. Every team in the Big 12 provides a challenge, so we have to be ready."

The Red Raiders do not have to look far for motivation, as players and coaches said they are well aware of their current 42-match losing streak against Big 12 opponents, something they hope to end soon.

Tech has shown flashes of competing with the top teams this year, but the Sooners seem to bring out more from the Red Raiders, said senior libero and defensive specialist Jenn Goehry.

"Oklahoma is a great team," she said. "I personally love playing Oklahoma; we've really competed with them in the past. Everyone in the Big 12 is great, so it feels like you play the same team over and over again. It's not so much as preparing to play at Oklahoma, as it is to prepare to just play."

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Moodie shoots 8-under 64 to take Navistar LPGA Classic

PRATTVILLE, Ala. (AP) — Scotland's Janice Moodie shot a bogey-free 8-under 64 on Thursday to take a one-stroke lead over 14-year-old Alexis Thompson in the Navistar LPGA Classic, with Michelle Wie and top-ranked Lorena Ochoa two strokes back.

Moodie, a two-time winner on the LPGA Tour, played her final nine holes — the front nine on The Senator course at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail's Capitol Hill complex, in 6-under 30. She birdied her final four holes and six of her last seven.

"All of a sudden I'm hitting driver, wedge, wedge, wedge," Moodie said. "I thought, you know, I better capitalize on this one, and I did. I think I was more thinking about how the golf course has dried out compared to making the birdies."

Thompson had eight birdies and a bogey.

"Everything was working for me," said Thompson, a ninth-grader from Coral Springs, Fla. "My ball striking was good. My driver

was a little off, but I'm not going to complain. I rolled my putter really good."

The sister of PGA Tour player Nicholas Thompson, she won the 2008 U.S. Girls' Junior and tied for 34th in July in the U.S. Women's Open.

The 36-year-old Moodie noted that Thompson was "almost a third of my age."

"The thing is, I think she wants to beat me more than I want to beat her," Moodie said. "I used to be that age. I know what it's like."

Thompson made a late decision to travel to Alabama to attempt to qualify. Event officials canceled a Tuesday qualifier when enough spots opened up to add all qualifier participants. "My dad was like, 'You want to go and try to qualify for this event?'" Thompson said. "I was like, 'Yeah, sure, why not?'"

Wie eagled the par-5 fifth — hitting a 3-wood to 6 feet — and had five birdies and a bogey on the links-style course.

"It's a fun golf course. It's interesting," Wie said. "It's really

nothing like we played all year. You know, it's a fun golf course. You have to put it in the fairway and get on the greens and make the putt."

Ochoa, the defending champion who finished second last week behind Sophie Gustafson in the CVS/pharmacy LPGA Challenge in Danville, Calif., had a bogey-free round. She's winless in 11 starts since the Corona Championship in April and has two victories in 17 events this season after winning 21 times in the previous three years.

"I'm feeling good," Ochoa said. "I'm for sure really happy with my round. It was a good day, an easy day, because I didn't make any bogeys. It was just a lot of birdie chances, and we love to have those days."

Karine Icher also opened with a 66, and Alena Sharp, Lisa Strom, Katherine Hull, Na Yeon Choi, Meaghan Francella, Inbee Park, Eunjung Yi, Pat Hurst, Sung Ah Yim and Pornanong Phatlum shot 67s.

Rockies clinch playoff spot, NL West in sight

DENVER (AP) — It's a Rockies redux for the Colorado Rockies, who are back in the playoffs after a one-year hiatus.

"It stings," Troy Tulowitzki said as he squinted away the tears that were flushing the champagne out of his eyes. "But I've never forgotten '07 and it's great to experience it again. It never gets old."

Aaron Cook pitched four-hit ball over eight spectacular innings in his second start since missing a month with a sore shoulder, and Garrett Atkins drove in three runs for the Rockies in a 9-2 win over the Milwaukee Brewers on Thursday.

The Rockies' fourth straight victory eliminated Atlanta, their final pursuer, from contention for the NL wild card. Colorado can still catch the Dodgers for the NL West title if

the Rockies sweep a weekend series in Los Angeles.

"We're in," Tulowitzki said. "Anything can happen once you're in."

The Dodgers, who have lost four straight, were off Thursday and watched their division lead over the Rockies get sliced to two games with three left.

As the Rockies rejoiced behind the mound after the final out, fans broke into a chant of "Beat L.A.! Beat L.A.!" while fireworks crackled through a cloudless sky.

"We're celebrating right now. We'll worry about that tomorrow," Todd Helton said as his teammates sprayed him with beer and champagne.

On the other side of the clubhouse, manager Jim Tracy was getting soaked by players serenading him

with "Boom Boom Pow" by the Black Eyed Peas.

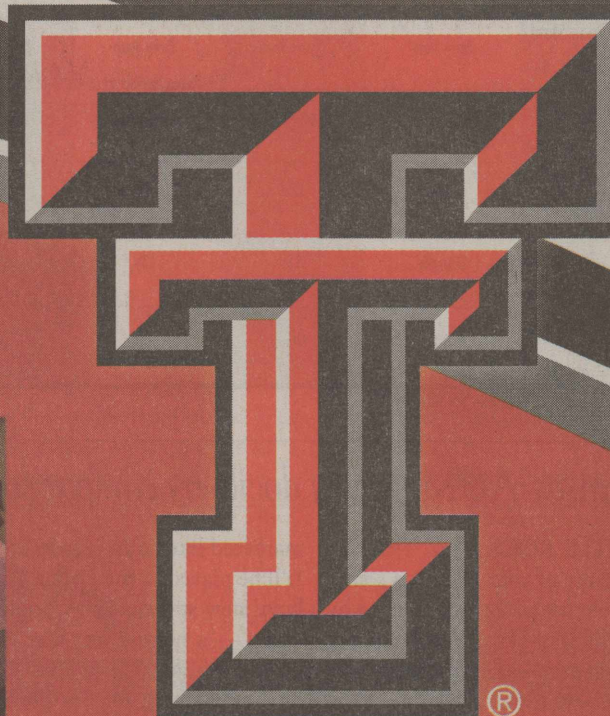
"I've never had a better feeling than this in 33 years in professional baseball," Tracy said.

He's not planning on resting any regulars in Los Angeles.

"Until we get beat a game, we're going to try to win the division," Tracy said.

A bundled-up crowd of more than 38,000 sat through blustery winds on a 50-degree day to watch the record-setting win. At 91-58, the Rockies set a franchise mark for wins in a season and moved 23 games over .500 for the first time in their 17-year history.

Unlike two years ago, when they got hot at the right time, winning 21 of 22 on their way to their only World Series appearance, these Rockies simply got good.



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SPORTS SHORTS

Millwood pitches Rangers to 11-3 win over Angels

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Chris Davis homered and drove in three runs, Julio Borbon triggered a six-run sixth inning with a go-ahead RBI single and the Texas Rangers beat the playoff-bound Los Angeles Angels 11-3 on Thursday night. Kevin Millwood (13-10) recorded his third complete game of the season and 20th in 375 career starts, giving up two earned runs and seven hits in his season finale and tying a season high with 10 strikeouts. He threw a season-high 122 pitches. The 34-year-old right-hander, who came within 1 1-3 innings of

reaching the 200 mark for the sixth time in his 13-year career, finished with a 3.67 ERA in 31 starts. The Angels, who completed their home schedule with a 49-32 record, moved the starting time of this game up to 3 p.m. so that they could hold a postgame rally for their fans inside the ballpark before heading to Oakland for a three-game series that closes out the regular schedule. They open the division series in Anaheim next week against the Boston Red Sox, who beat them in the first round in each of the previous two years.

Texans CB Reeves has broken finger

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston cornerback Jacques Reeves will miss Sunday's game against Oakland after breaking his right pinky finger during warmups for practice. Coach Gary Kubiak said Reeves broke the finger Wednesday when he was hit with a ball. He said it was a compound fracture, meaning the bone broke through the skin. He expects to return next week.

Reeves was released from the hospital Thursday after having surgery to repair the finger. This is the second broken bone this season for Reeves, who was a starter last year but broke his leg early in camp and hasn't played this season.

Jones says Cowboys' Barber should play in Denver

IRVING (AP) — Cowboys owner Jerry Jones says running back Marion Barber should play Sunday against Denver. Barber missed Monday night's 21-7 victory against Carolina after injuring a thigh the previous week against the New York Giants. He was close to ready Monday, but the medical staff decided to hold him out. Jones said Barber showed more progress than expected

Wednesday. Barber was in full gear for Thursday's practice. Barber's return gained urgency when backup Felix Jones sprained a left knee ligament against the Panthers. Jerry Jones said the second-year back from Arkansas would miss the Broncos game. Third-stringer Tashard (tash-ahard) Choice filled in well as the starter late last season when Barber and Jones were out.

Gray, Miller to honor fellow DeSoto alum

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M running back Cyrus Gray and defensive lineman Von Miller will change their jersey numbers for Saturday's game against Arkansas to honor a player from their Texas high school who was paralyzed during practice. Gray and Miller will wear No. 24 to show support for Corey Borner, a 16-year-old defensive back now confined to a wheelchair after he was injured at DeSoto High School on May 6. Gray normally wears No. 32 and Miller wears No. 40. The Aggies (3-0) will play the Razorbacks (1-2) at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, about 20 miles from the high school. Miller, Gray and fellow DeSoto products and

A&M players Garrick Williams and Tony Jerod-Eddie visited Borner in the hospital and got the idea to wear Borner's number. "We were just sitting there with him and we were just thinking like, what can we do to show him that we've got his back?" Miller said. "We just wanted to show him that we're there for him and he could lean on us if he needed anything. "At DeSoto, it's not like the Aggie network, but we are pretty tight-knit, too," Miller said. "We keep in touch and we love everybody like a family. If you have a football team, that's like brothers right there." A&M coach Mike Sherman is proud of his players for making the gesture of support.

Cross country to run in Cowboy Jamboree

By ZANE TURNER
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There is a point in every season when the pressure intensifies and the importance of each competition increases.

The Texas Tech men's and women's cross country teams have reached that point.

Tech heads to Stillwater, Okla., to compete in the 73rd running of the Cowboy Jamboree on Saturday.

The Jamboree will have open junior college and high school races along with the Division I schools race. In all, 32 Division I schools will compete and more than 5,000 runners will participate Saturday.

Tech coach Jon Murray said the meet is a great chance for Tech to see where it stands at this point in the season.

"We've been working hard, and it's just going to be a good gauge to see where we are right now," Murray said. "We're always getting ready for the conference meet, the regional meet and the national meet, so we've been making preparations to continue to get better."

And a substantial measuring stick will be provided in Stillwater.

The Cowboy Jamboree features some of the top teams in the nation.

On the men's side, hoping to defend its Jamboree title for the third consecutive year, is No. 2 Oklahoma State. Following the Cowboys are No. 5 Northern Arizona, No. 9 Alabama, No. 11 Tulsa and No. 13 William and Mary.

On the women's side, three teams enter ranked with Northern Arizona coming in as the No. 16 ranked team in the country, Stephen F. Austin at No. 27 and the Lady Raiders at No. 30.

A year ago the Red Raiders had

a strong showing, finishing in eighth place. They hope to improve on that finish with the additions of Silas Kemboi and Zach Quinones, who redshirted last year.

Gilbert Limo, who won the Texas Tech Open Sept. 18, finished 10th last season in Stillwater to lead the Red Raiders.

The Lady Raiders placed 25th in the Jamboree last season without All-Americans Sally Kipyego and Lillian Badaru and All-Big 12 Conference runner Michelle Guzman, who competed at the Notre Dame Invitational instead.

Guzman said the course could give the runners fits because of its hills, but the Lady Raiders are primed to win the meet.

"We're just hoping to go out there and do the best that we can and win first place as a team," she said. "Some of us haven't ran the course, so I've heard it is a pretty tough course with hills. This is a little different competition and a little different course, so we're just ready to go out there and win the meet."

Tech started the season strong, sweeping the first two meets of the season, but coach Murray said the mileage increases as they continue to work towards the Big 12 and NCAA Championships.

The Cowboy Jamboree may also be a great opportunity for the newcomers to get their first real taste of top-flight competition.

"It's a great meet for our newcomers to experience what cross country is really about," said David Boston, a junior from Belton. "The previous meets we've been able to run as a team together and focus more on sticking as a group, but it will be more competitive this time around."

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FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
PURITY BIWOTT, LEFT, and Caroline Karunde run in the Texas Tech Open Sept. 18. The men's and women's teams will compete on Saturday in Stillwater, Okla.

The DT Staff College Football Pick 'Em

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No. 15 Penn State vs. Illinois	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State
Florida State @ Boston College	Florida State	Boston College	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State
No. 7 USC @ No. 24 Cal.	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC
No. 4 LSU @ No. 18 Georgia	Georgia	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
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Arkansas-A&M rivalry docile by comparison

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The enemy of your enemy is sometimes your friend. Perhaps that's why the Arkansas-Texas A&M rivalry has always seemed so ... tame? Sure, the teams played a few big games when they were in the Southwest Conference, but most of the time they had their eyes on Texas. "I don't think, in all honesty, it comes close to comparing," former Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum said.

Arkansas and Texas A&M will renew acquaintances Saturday night in their first meeting since 1991. There's little animosity in the air, though certainly not the ill will that surfaces when either team faces the Longhorns.

Instead, this weekend's game was

marketed like an in-season bowl. It'll be played at the Dallas Cowboys' new stadium in Arlington, Texas — a neutral site that isn't TOO far from each campus.

"It's exciting for our players, exciting for our program," Arkansas coach Bobby Petrino said. "I think it's great for the tradition of the rivalry from the old Southwest Conference days."

Arkansas has a 38-24-3 lead in the series, which began in 1903 with a 6-0 Texas A&M win. The teams began playing annually in 1934, and A&M won six straight over the Razorbacks starting in 1938. In '39, Texas A&M brushed aside Arkansas 27-0 en route to its only AP national championship.

Cowboys end sack drought

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys defense broke through with its first sacks of the season Monday night against Carolina.

Now it's DeMarcus Ware's turn. The reigning NFL sack leader is in a four-game drought that's his longest since his 2005 rookie season. He led the league with 20 last year.

Dallas finished with three sacks and shut down the Panthers in the second half of a 21-7 victory. Ware didn't get any, but nose tackle Jay Ratliff says he might as well have. "DeMarcus is a great player," Ratliff said. "If any of us get a sack it's because they're focusing on him and opening up one-on-one for us."

Case in point: rookie linebacker Victor Butler. In just five snaps against the Panthers, Butler had two sacks and the second one resulted in a Jake Delhomme fumble late in the fourth quarter.

The Cowboys are a long way

from worried about their biggest pass-rushing threat as they prepare for a visit Sunday to undefeated Denver. Last week, coach Wade Phillips' message was, "The defense will be fine." Now, his message is, "DeMarcus will be fine."

"I don't think he'll get discouraged," Phillips said. "He might get mad. One time ... he knocked the back right on his rear and we got there and the guy threw it."

Ware's teammates say that's happened more than once. His backup, Steve Octavien, said quarterbacks are taking shorter drops and linemen are doing everything they can to slow him.

"They're strategizing," Octavien said. "They know what to do. They're doing all kinds of things to try to slow him down for like 2 seconds. Once that door opens up and he gets a sack, they'd better watch out because I know the sacks will start coming then."

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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Soccer aims for Big 12 separation, bragging rights

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Bragging rights are on the line when the Texas Tech soccer team takes on the Baylor Bears.

Tech will kick off its weekend with the "Battle of the Brand" game against Baylor at 7 p.m. Friday at the John Walker Soccer Complex.

Since the game's inception in 2006, Tech has won the game and trophy that comes with it in all three meetings. Tech defeated Baylor last year in a 2-1 comeback victory and renewed a one-year lease on the trophy, which the Red Raiders display with much pride.

"I know we have a very competitive nature with Baylor," defender Haley Fowler said. "Our teams have always been very close in performance level so I think it's a tough rivalry. I know we have the trophy now, and it's our only technical trophy in our locker room, so we'd like to keep it there."

However, the game and trophy are just a few of many factors contributing to what is expected to be an exciting weekend atmosphere at the John Walker Soccer Complex.

Prior to the Baylor game, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 5 p.m. at the John Walker Soccer Complex celebrating the completion of the facility.

John Walker, the complex's namesake, will be in attendance and honored for his donation to make the construction of the complex possible. Athletic Director Gerald Myers will make a presentation as will Judi Henry, the senior associate athletics director/senior woman administrator and soccer coach Tom Stone. A reception is scheduled immediately following the event.

What's more, the university is

hosting Parents Weekend and the Red Raiders expect larger than average crowds for the two games. In addition, Tech soccer recruits will visit campus during the weekend.

"(Tonight) is going to be one of the biggest nights of the year for our program," Stone said. "It's Parents Weekend, we have all of our official visits in and we just couldn't be any more excited what this place will feel like."

Baylor (4-2-3, 0-1-1 in Big 12 Conference play) enters tonight's game sitting in a tie for sixth place in the conference standings.

The Bears are looking for their first conference win. Last weekend, Baylor dropped a 1-0 match against National Soccer Coaches Association of America's then-ranked No. 13 Texas A&M. Baylor went on to a 0-0 draw against Texas.

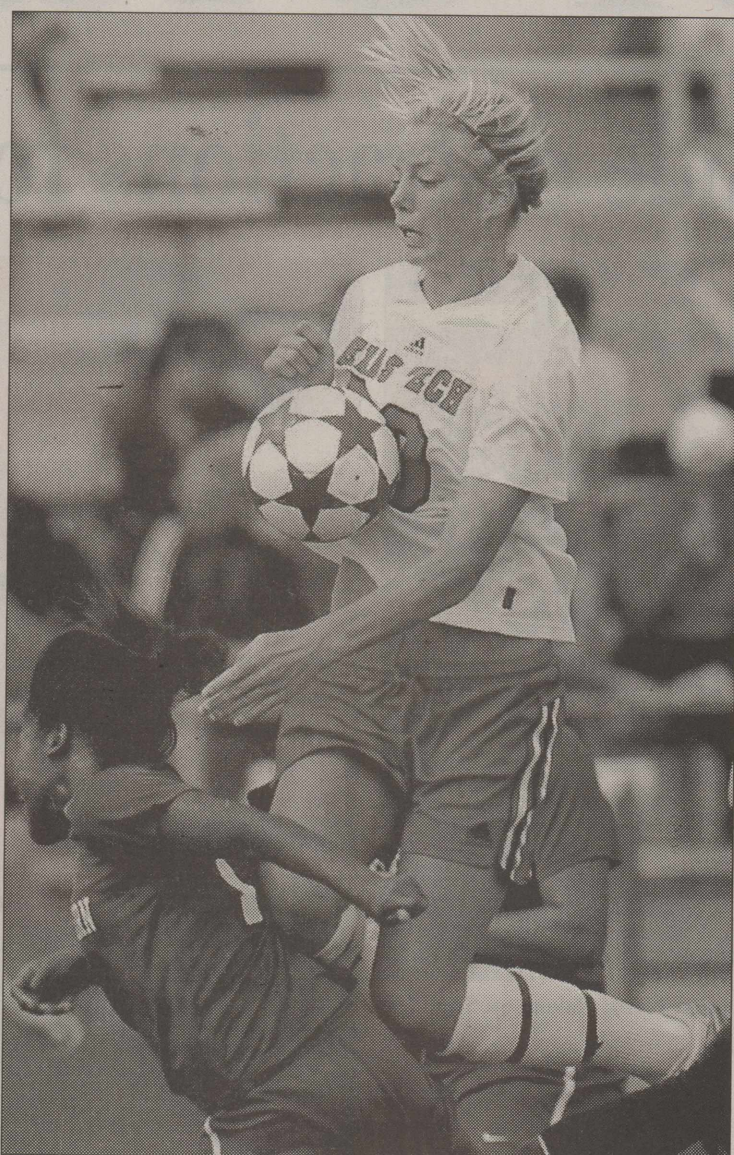
In contrast, Tech (6-4-1, 1-0-1) starts tonight's game in a tie with Texas for second place in the standings after defeating Iowa State and drawing with Nebraska last weekend.

Ultimately, the game could come down to Tech's offense against Baylor's defense. The Red Raiders' offense averages 2.64 goals per game while Baylor averages 1.44. However, Baylor allows .54 goals per game and Tech averages 1.91.

The atmosphere might be just as exciting Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. when Tech takes on Oklahoma (6-4-1, 1-1-0), a team that is fresh off a 1-0 win against Texas A&M.

The Sooners' goalkeeper, Kelsey Devonshire, has kept the Sooners in many games with 55 saves through the first 11 games.

However, OU dropped a 3-1 game to Vanderbilt earlier in the season. The next weekend, Tech defeated the previously undefeated Vanderbilt team 3-1.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH'S MAEGAN WILBER, chests a ball to gain possession from two UNT forwards. Tech faces Baylor and Oklahoma this weekend.

Despite there being a trophy on the line against Baylor and not against Oklahoma, the Red Raiders want to take both games and get some early separation from other Big 12 foes.

"There's always a trophy on the

line," goalkeeper Colleen Pitts said. "There's a Big 12 trophy riding on every game. There's a chance to get points from every game so every game has a little more intensity, a little more something to it."

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A letter to Tech football fans

By ISAAC AVILUCEA
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Dear Texas Tech fans:
Consider yourselves lucky.

You will soon be 3-2, because this week you have the privilege of receiving a visit from GoldiLocks(ley) and the Bad News Bears. Suffice it to say, you will probably be able to rest your starters by the third quarter.

The Lobos make the 2008 Detroit Lions look competitive — that's how dysfunctional this team is.

"Iron Mike" Locksley, the Lobos' heavyweight coach, is too preoccupied scheduling title bouts with his own assistant coaches — and the featherweight wide receivers coach, at that. Hey, I can't blame him. That's the only way the Lobos can get national attention.

What's more, UNM has lost its four games by an average of 24 points. So for all you sports betters, consider taking the Red Raiders to cover that 36-point spread.

About the only positive that can be taken from watching the Lobos every week is I get to write another negative column. Truthfully, I don't mean to pile on. But when you're 118th in total offense and 107th in total defense — well, I rest my case.

Keys to the Game:

•1. The Lobos appear panicky when teams get a lead on them, even by the slimmest of margins. It has a snowball effect. Trust me, if UNM gets in a hole, expect quarterback Donovan Porterie to develop a severe case of happy feet. Once that happens, an interception looms just around the corner.

If the sink-or-float Lobos don't

want to get downright skewered, scoring first — or at least early — is critical. Having gone winless four games into the season, UNM's psyche is too fragile to withstand large deficits. In fact, UNM had its first lead of the season, 7-3, against bitter in-state rival New Mexico State last week — and still ended up losing.

•2. I have a theory on why UNM refuses to protect the football: a sweeping fear of Swine Flu. Some people stopped eating bacon. Reasonable people just took extra precautions, like frequently washing their hands. Not the Lobos. It's become team policy — UNM wants nothing to do with the pigskin. For whatever reasons, the Lobos don't like hanging on to the ball. In four games, they've turned it over 11 times. That can't happen against the Red Raiders.

•3. The no-huddle offense is supposed to catch teams snoozing. To date, UNM's only had a few effective drives, because the Lobos operate at such a dawdling pace and allow opponents to get schemes set. Last week, however, the Lobos had to work in the two-minute offense to have a shot at beating the Aggies. Down 20-17 with 39 seconds left, Porterie, with a renewed sense of urgency, quickly guided his team into field-goal range. There's been no discussion on the Lobos' part of coming out on the first drive in the two-minute offense, but I believe it would be beneficial in jumpstarting UNM's offense.

Prediction: I'll be holding a candlelight vigil for the Lobos late Saturday night. Locksley's going to need all the prayers he can get — 63-7 Texas Tech.

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Climber

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He was on schedule to finish all seven mountains by the time high school ended. But once he was done

with Mt. Aconcagua, Evan had lost 21 pounds, dropping from 232 to 211. Considering he was one of the best long snappers in the nation, with scholarship offers from Florida and Boise State, among others, he realized that climbing and football weren't a good combination.

"It took me a month to get my weight lifting strength back," he said. "It took me at least three months to get

my long snapping. I was horrible. After three months, I was back into it."

The three summits left on his list were Mt. Denali in Alaska, Mt. Vinson Massif in Antarctica and the final frontier, Mt. Everest in Nepal.

But that's where the climbing stopped and his quest for the record ended. Evan had to give it up to focus on football, a choice he said was tough because of how much he missed being on top of the world, literally.

"The mountains will still be there, football won't," said Evan, who has dreams of reaching the National

Football League. He didn't stop giving, though. He gathered 27 teammates from his

high school football squad and helped landscaping on six homes in Anaheim, Calif., for Habitat for Humanity during his senior year.

Evan, who said it was great team-building experience, plans to get his New Mexico teammates involved with Habitat for Humanity projects.

"I think he's a great story for our current players to see that there's a lot of other things outside of football in your development that can help you become a better person," said New Mexico coach Mike Locksley. "One of the ways to grow as a person is to give back, and it speaks volumes for the type of character Evan has."

Evan said he plans to do some small climbing in the summer. However, on a daily basis, he can't help but think about reaching the top of Mt. Everest.

"I really want to get there and climb that sucker," he said. "I know it's dangerous. I used to be terrified of the Khumbu Ice Falls, this glacier you have to climb. But now I'm just like really stoked. I just want to get there, just experience it."

Someday, he will.

Twins beat Tigers 8-3, avoid elimination

DETROIT (AP) — The AL Central is still up for grabs.

Scott Baker got plenty of run support and pitched the Minnesota Twins to a testy 8-3 victory over Detroit on Thursday, preventing the Tigers from clinching their first division title in 22 years.

Minnesota avoided elimination from the playoff race and moved within two games of the first-place Tigers with three to play.

"We just didn't want to see them celebrating," Twins outfielder Denard Span said.

The teams split a four-game series — The Showdown in Motown. The Tigers had a chance to wrap up their first division crown since 1987 in the finale, but their bats were quieted and their pitchers got roughed up in a three-run third inning and a four-run eighth.

Detroit started the series with a

two-game lead and ended it with the same tenuous cushion.

"We controlled our own destiny today and we had a chance to clinch it out, but you have to give them credit," catcher Gerald Laird said. "We're still two games up with three to play, and we're in the driver's seat. We just have to play good baseball like we have at home, take it to the White Sox and we'll be celebrating."

The tightest race in baseball won't be decided until this weekend — or early next week if a tiebreaker is necessary.

Minnesota has clinched the season series and would host an extra game if needed, likely on Tuesday because the Vikings play an NFL game Monday night at the Metrodome against the Green Bay Packers.

If Detroit beats the Ozzie Guillen-led Chicago White Sox twice at home, it would win the division. If not, the Tigers would need some help from the

Kansas City Royals, who end the season at Minnesota.

Royals ace Zack Greinke is lined up to start on Saturday.

"We're going to the dome for the last weekend, and we've still got a shot," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "We've got to beat the Royals and, 'Come on, Ozzie!' I'm going to leave him a note."

Tempers flared in the eighth. Detroit manager Jim Leyland was ejected during a face-to-face argument with umpire Angel Hernandez in the top of the inning, following an inside pitch. Then, Tigers pitcher Jeremy Bonderman and Laird were tossed in the home half.

Both benches and bullpens emptied after Twins outfielder Delmon Young was plunked in the leg by Bonderman, but the players contained their emotions enough to avoid any pushing or punching.

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Tech, UNM set aside distractions for Saturday's game

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Texas Tech coach Mike Leach and New Mexico first-year coach Mike Locksley have had a few unwarranted distractions at the wrong time: the middle of the season.

Leach's recent suspension of offensive lineman and team captain Brandon Carter has raised questions from the media and his Twitter ban made waves this week as the coach's latest act in keeping his players focused.

Locksley's week has been surrounded by the fallout from a physical altercation with UNM receivers coach J.B. Gerald, which surfaced after the Lobos lost to New Mexico State on Saturday.

For both coaches, a win when the teams play at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium could be a step toward solving a few problems.

"I think coaches and players need to be stable and just improve for the sake of playing football," said Leach, whose Red Raiders are looking to end a two-game skid — the first since the 2007 season. "Just be excited about it. We just have to raise the confidence level. We have a bunch of young guys playing that are better than they think they are and their abilities are at higher level than some of them think."

It seems the Red Raiders (2-2, 0-1 in Big 12 Conference play) have seen how dangerous they can be with solid performances in a 55-10 win against Rice and a 34-24 loss to No. 2 Texas.

It's the 29-28 loss to then-No. 17 Houston that has Tech searching for answers.

Tech failed to win the game when a quarterback sneak on 4th and goal at the 1-yard line was unsuccessful late in the fourth quarter. The score would have put Tech up 34-23. Instead, Houston's defense stifled Tech quarterback Taylor Potts, which allowed the Cougars to hang around long enough for a 95-yard scoring drive to end the game, led by Houston's Case Keenum.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH DEFENDS a kick against North Dakota on Sept. 5 at Jones AT&T Stadium.

After the game, Carter used Twitter to express his disappointment at Tech's season so far. By Sunday, Carter announced on his Twitter account he was no longer a captain or a part of the team, bringing about speculation he had been suspended, which later was confirmed by Tech Athletics on Sunday evening.

During his weekly press conference Monday, Leach chose not to comment on why Carter was suspended indefinitely, only saying he broke a team rule. In addition to that, Leach banned his players from using Twitter, which grabbed the attention of sports news outlets nationwide.

Although Tech players said it may be tough to take the field without Carter, what they're concerned about is making things right after Saturday's loss.

"You could see it (Sunday) in a lot of down faces but it is something that happens with football," Tech cornerback Jamar Wall said. "That suspension thing, I am not too sure about all of that. But

we just have to keep going, we can't let anything hold us back from the suspension to the two losses. We've got to keep on pushing forward."

The Red Raiders have been looking to move on to the game against the Lobos since Sunday.

Tech center Shawn Byrnes and Wall said Monday they were anxious to face New Mexico, in hopes of erasing last Saturday's game from their memories with a win.

That may not be too difficult, considering how much the Lobos are struggling at this point.

UNM (0-4) still is trying to find out what it has on its roster, as Locksley said 22 first-year players are still trying to gain experience. The Lobos have lost all of their games by an average of 24 points. Their closest game was a 20-17 loss to New Mexico State on Saturday.

Things haven't gotten any easier for the Lobos this week either.



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Harrison Jeffers avoids a Rice defender during the Red Raiders' game against the Owls on Sept. 12. Tech faces New Mexico at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Locksley was reprimanded Monday for reportedly grabbing Gerald by the collar and punching him in a coach's meeting on Sept. 20.

It is not the first time something of this sort has surrounded Locksley and New Mexico. It was reported in May that Locksley was accused of age discrimination, sexual harassment and retaliation by a former administrative assistant in the New Mexico football offices.

During the Mountain West's weekly teleconference Monday, Locksley said the altercation happened last week and is new to the media. He said his players

and the program are past it and it should not prevent his team from focusing on the task at hand Saturday.

"As far as the distractions, some things are out of our control," Locksley said. "The recent distraction is definitely something that I could've controlled, which is why I have no problem with taking the responsibility for my actions."

Leach and Locksley are quick to point out the positives about each program.

Locksley said the most noteworthy thing about Tech is how much the defense has improved under defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill. Leach credited the New

Mexico defense, as he said the Lobos are aggressive and tend to blitz more.

Byrnes said Monday that Tech may not be where it wants to be right now, but turning things around starts with the Lobos.

"I think we're just going to try and stay focused we're not going to let distractions get to us," Byrnes said. "Our main focus is New Mexico. We haven't had the best start. We didn't want this, 2-2 isn't what we saw, but we are just going to try and fix that and stay positive and go into this week with a good mindset and good attitude."

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