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Chamber hosts news conference in support of Prop 4

By **JASON HARTLINE**
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In an attempt to urge Texas voters to support Proposition 4 on the Nov. 3 Texas Constitutional Amendment Election ballot, city and state leaders hosted a news conference at the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday.

Proposition 4, if passed, would establish a new state fund that would benefit seven Texas emerging research universities in reaching tier-one status, including Texas Tech.

"Lubbock area residents who vote for Prop 4 on Nov. 3 will help provide a pathway for Texas Tech University and six other distinguished Texas universities to achieve academic excellence and produce good-paying jobs in Texas," said Randy Jordan, the chamber chairman. "The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce has no doubt that passage of Proposition 4 will have a profound effect on the Lubbock area economy based on the potential for Texas Tech to reach tier-one status."

According to information provided by the chamber,

economists estimate every \$10 million in research expenditures creates 334 new jobs, adds \$8.6 million to the regional economy and generates \$13.5 million in local sales.

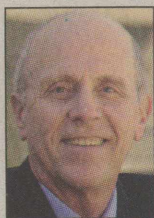
"Proposition 4 will not raise taxes," said Tech Chancellor Kent Hance. "Nothing else will help Texas Tech more than voting for Prop 4."

The amendment would establish the National Research University Fund, a constitutionally-dedicated fund available to the state's seven emerging research universities that meet specific legislative standards.

"Texas Tech is leading the pack in pursuing tier-one status," said Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Texas. "Proposition 4 is the key to allow Texas Tech University to become a tier-one school."

The NRUF will provide steady funding similar to the Permanent University Fund, which has elevated both Texas A&M University and the University of Texas to tier-one status.

"We're already moving toward tier-one status," said Rep.



HANCE

Delwin Jones, R-Lubbock. "This is just a booster shot toward that advancement. It is giving money without raising taxes."

Funds for NRUF will be transferred from an existing, but dormant, higher education account, thereby providing support without new tax dollars or bonds.

"Reaching tier-one status will not raise tuition," Hance said. "This is for the students. It is a big plus for everyone to be a part of this and for the students to have a hand in changing the university by voting."

Lubbock county representatives are optimistic for the outcome because every member of congress voted for this piece of legislation.

"The general attitude of the legislative body is very pro higher education," Jordan said. "A higher education is so critical to be successful in the economic situation we live in."

The passage of Proposition 4 brings advancement for Lub-



JORDAN

bock and Tech, according to presentations made at the news conference.

"This is for the betterment of the community as well as Texas Tech," said Eddie McBride, president and CEO of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce. "Tier-one status will bring in more bright and brilliant minds to Tech. Tech is of huge importance to the community. It has made Lubbock what it is today and bettering that will only better the community of Lubbock."

The seven prospective research universities that could benefit from a voter approval of Proposition 4 are Tech, the University of Houston, the University of North Texas, UT-El Paso, UT-San Antonio, UT-Arlington and UT-Dallas.

Lubbock County voters can cast their vote at any of 40 polling sites on Nov. 3, including the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center on the Tech campus. Several early voting locations, including the one at the rec, also are open with varying hours.

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CO-MAYORS OF RAIDERVILLE Drew Gardner, a junior exercise and sport sciences major from Lubbock, and Kurtis Vanderpool, a junior general studies major from Wolfforth discuss its layout in its new location Tuesday near the end of the Engineering Key.

Interest group pushes new malpractice idea in health care debate

By **RICARDO ALONSO-ZAL-DIVAR**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's willingness to consider alternatives to medical malpractice lawsuits is providing a boost for taking such cases out of the courtroom and letting experts, not judges, decide their merits.

The idea of appointing neutral experts to sift malpractice facts from allegations appeals to conservatives in both political parties. They want to address medical liability as part of health care legislation that's now largely silent on the issue. Trial lawyers remain steadfastly opposed to curbs.

Nonetheless, the American Hos-

pital Association has been shopping a new plan to lawmakers, hoping it will be considered during Senate floor debate on health care in the coming weeks.

Separately, at a Health and Human Services hearing next week, proponents of the idea will urge the administration to provide funds for a pilot program. Obama has set aside \$25 million to test a range of alternatives to malpractice litigation, and the hearing is the first step in deciding how to distribute it.

"There is a progressive opportunity here to leapfrog what has been a stereotypically polarized debate in Washington," said Will Marshall, president of the Progressive Policy Institute, a centrist Democratic

think tank. "This serves both progressive and conservative goals. You wouldn't have to have a terrible injury and attract an enterprising malpractice lawyer to have access to court. And it would reduce malpractice premiums."

Doctors have maintained for years that fear of being sued leads them to order unnecessary tests that raise costs for everyone. In Obama, they've found a Democratic president who accepts that premise.

Validation has also come from the Congressional Budget Office. In a turnaround, it recently concluded that malpractice curbs would lower the federal deficit by \$54 billion over 10 years, mainly because Medicare and Medicaid wouldn't have to pay

as much for defensive medicine.

What Obama doesn't accept is the idea of slapping hard limits on jury awards in malpractice cases, the remedy long advocated by doctors' groups. So the search is on for alternatives.

That's what Richard Umbdenstock, president of the hospital association, says his industry has come up with. "We are trying to offer this as a constructive approach, to see if we can generate some interest," he said.

Under the plan, patients who've suffered an injury at the hands of a medical professional or institution could take their case to a local panel of experts appointed by state authorities.

Afghans race to organize Karzai-Abdullah runoff

By **HEIDI VOGT**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL (AP) — Facing Taliban threats and approaching winter snows, Afghan election officials must now scramble to organize a runoff presidential election on Nov. 7 after a grim President Hamid Karzai bowed to intense U.S. pressure and acknowledged Tuesday that he fell short of a majority.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said it will be a "huge challenge" to pull off new balloting without repeating the widespread fraud that caused U.N.-backed investigators to strip Karzai of nearly a third of his votes from the Aug. 20 first-round election.

Although Karzai's capitulation was a relief to American officials and averted a constitutional crisis, new balloting carries with it the risk of low turnout or another round of wholesale ballot-stuffing and voter intimidation. Another failed election would bring the Obama administration no closer to its goal of a credible, legitimate Afghan government necessary to win public support in the U.S. for the war and reverse the Taliban rise.

If the election goes relatively well, it's unclear that a second-round win by Karzai, widely considered the favorite over former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah, would erase the stain brought on his leadership by widespread fraud in the first balloting Aug. 20.

Karzai, standing alongside Sen. John Kerry and U.N. mission chief Kai Eide, said he welcomed the runoff. He called the decision to hold a second round "legitimate, legal and according to the constitution of Afghanistan."

"We believe it will strengthen the process of democratization in Afghanistan," he said. "It's going to be a historic period."

But Karzai did not express regret over massive fraud — most of it on his behalf — uncovered by U.N.-backed investigators after the first election.

"This is not the right time to discuss investigations," Karzai said, speaking exactly two months after the first election. "This is the time to move forward toward stability and national unity."

Karzai appeared before reporters moments after the government election commission accepted the findings of the auditors that the president fell short of a majority. The Karzai-influenced commission released preliminary results last month that showed the president winning with more than 54 percent

out of a field of 36 candidates.

Agreement came at the end of a day of intensive talks between Karzai and Kerry, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He praised the Afghan leader for "genuine leadership in the decision he has made today." The two men met at least four times before the announcement.

An Afghan who is close to Karzai told The Associated Press that both Kerry and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton had made clear that the United States and its international partners could not accept the results of an election that was so tainted by fraud. The Afghan spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the subject.

Although accepting a new election, Karzai demonstrated flashes of irritation, occasionally glancing at his watch as the news conference dragged on. Karzai supporters had complained of interference by foreigners, especially those on the U.N.-backed panel, which investigated and reported the fraud.

This is the time to move forward toward stability and national unity.

HAMID KARZAI
PRESIDENT OF AFGHANISTAN

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Watchdog group labels Hutchison a 'porker'

AUSTIN (AP) — Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison received the dubious "porker of the month" award Tuesday from a government spending watchdog group.

Washington, D.C.-based Citizens Against Government Waste said Hutchison deserved the award because she called herself a conservative while promoting lavish spending practices. Hutchison, a member of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee, has requested \$1.6 billion

for 149 projects in the 2010 fiscal year, the group said.

Gov. Rick Perry, who faces a challenge from Hutchison in the upcoming Republican primary, has made her federal spending requests an issue in the race. Perry spokesman Mark Miner said Tuesday that Hutchison's "earmarks" have contributed to spiraling federal debt.

"The senator has made a career out of wasteful spending," Miner said.

NATION

SC gov impeachment resolution to be introduced

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A South Carolina legislator says he will introduce a resolution to impeach Gov. Mark Sanford when lawmakers return next week for a special session on unemployment benefits.

Republican Rep. Greg Delleney said Tuesday he expects the measure will be sent to a committee and will get impeachment proceedings started. There are no plans for now for the full Leg-

islature to take up impeachment before the regular session resumes in January.

Leaders of the South Carolina Republican Party and 61 of 72 GOP House members who will deal with impeachment have called on their fellow Republican to resign. Delleney's resolution says Sanford ignored his responsibilities to pursue an affair with an Argentine woman, tried to cover it up and embarrassed the state.

WORLD

Iranian-American academic gets 12 years for unrest

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran has convicted an Iranian-American academic for his alleged role in the post-election unrest in the country and sentenced him to more than 12 years in prison.

The state IRNA news agency reported the sentencing of Kian Tajbaksh on Tuesday. It quotes his lawyer, Houshang Azhari, as confirming he received the verdict.

The attorney says the sen-

tence is "more than 12 years" but the law prohibits him from divulging details.

Washington has repeatedly demanded Tehran free Tajbaksh, arrested during the crackdown on protesters rallying against Iran's disputed June presidential election.

Tajbaksh was the only American who was part of the mass trial of Iranian opposition members. Charges against him reportedly included espionage.

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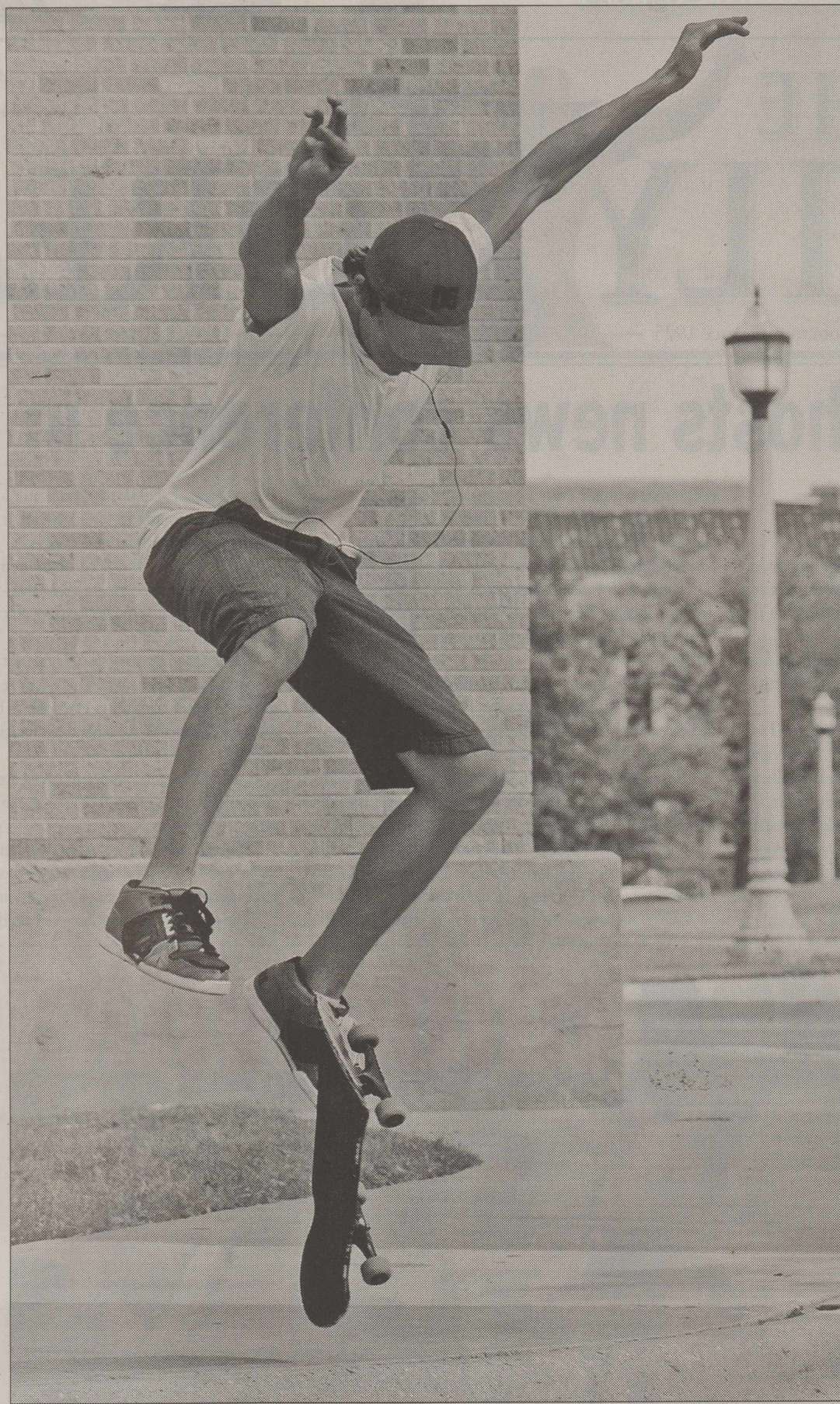


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PAUL MCCASKILL, A sophomore electrical engineering major from Dallas, does a kick-flip off a curb near the Engineering Key Tuesday.

US-Iran nuke talks resume

VIENNA (AP) — American and Iranian negotiators met directly Tuesday to try to kick-start stalled talks meant to persuade Tehran to send most of its enriched uranium abroad — and thus delay its potential to make a nuclear weapon. The head of the U.N. nuclear agency said progress was slow but he expected a breakthrough.

A diplomat at the closed-door talks told The Associated Press that a deal was "close" but not yet sealed. Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner of France — one of the nations negotiating with Iran — warned that it and its partners in the talks "won't back down" on insisting that Tehran export most of its enriched material.

Tuesday was the second day of talks in the Austrian capital between Iran and the United States, Russia and France over Iran's nuclear program. But the meeting convened only in the late evening after a day of backdoor negotiations, mediated in part by International Atomic Energy Agency chief Mohamed ElBaradei.

U of Ill. chancellor quits amid scandal

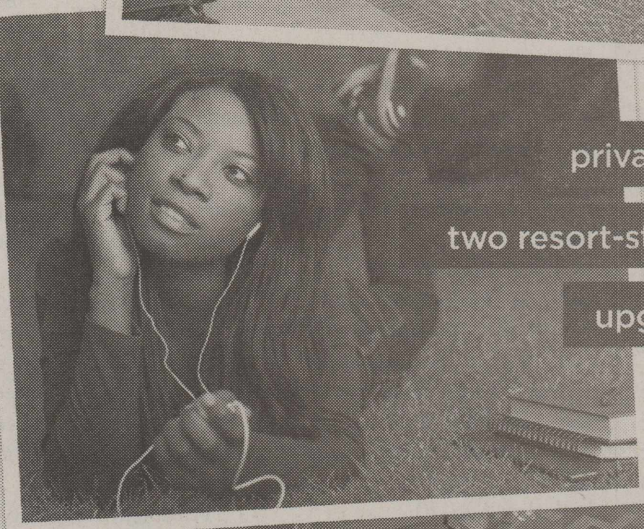
CHAMPAIGN, ILL. (AP) — University of Illinois Chancellor Richard Herman resigned Tuesday following months of pressure over special attention the school paid to politically connected applicants at its Urbana-Champaign campus and news that some were admitted over more qualified students.

In a resignation letter to the board of trustees that oversees the university's three campuses, Herman called his time at the school an honor.

"Ours is a great institution with its brilliant and hardworking faculty and staff, and its smart and ambitious students, and I plan to continue to contribute to ensuring the bright future of the University of Illinois," Herman wrote. "Thank you for the honor to serve the University. I have enjoyed every minute, in fact, every nanosecond."

His resignation from the \$400,000-a-year chancellor's job is effective Monday.

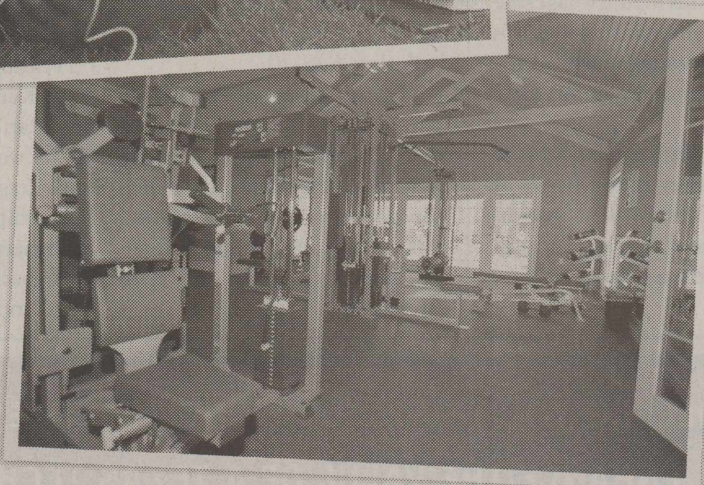
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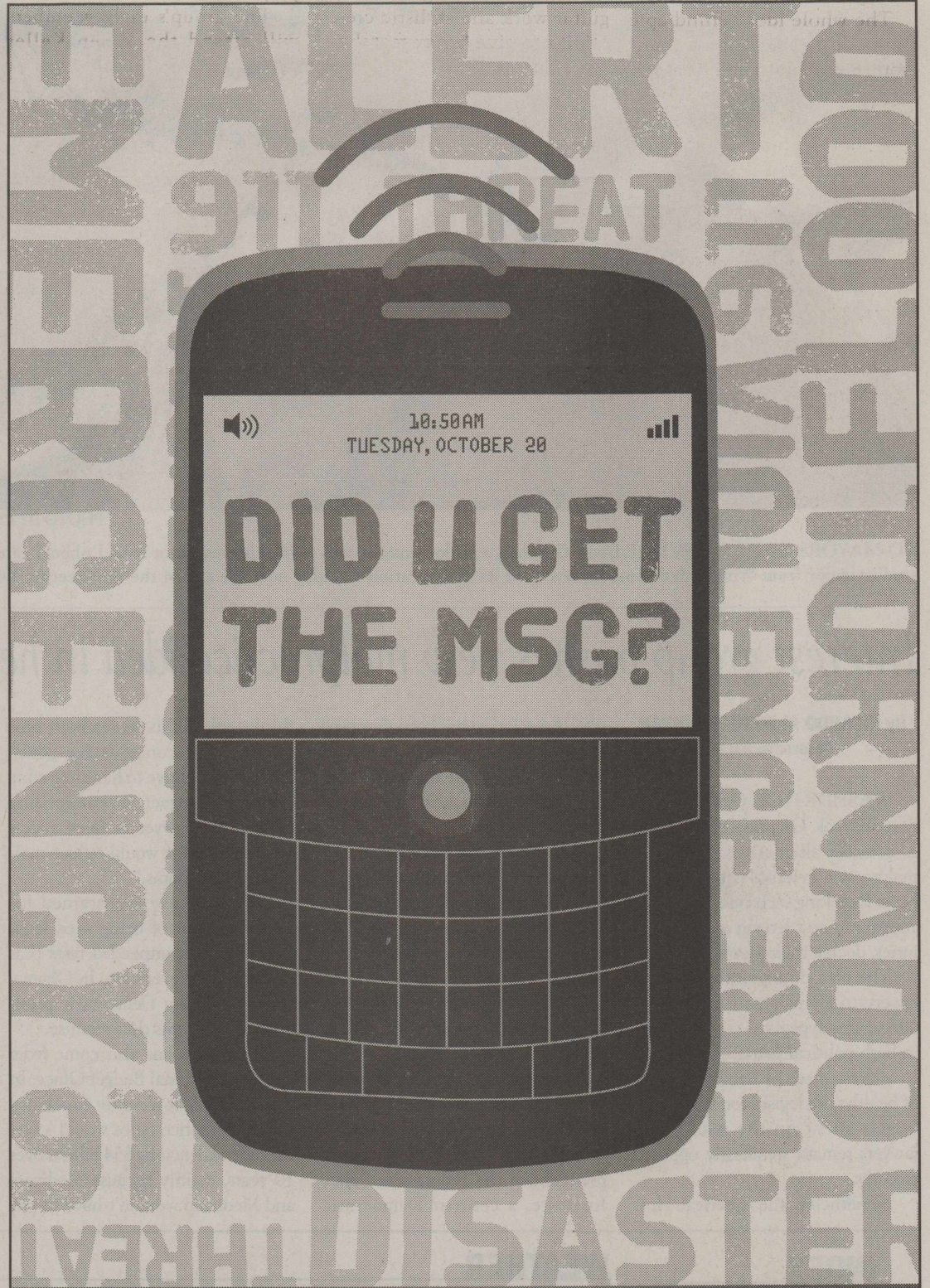
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Game gives heavy metal 2nd chance

Instead of driving home or catching up on homework over fall break, I slew demons and created beauty by simply rocking in the new video game "Brutal Legend."

Based in a world of heavy metal where guitars blow stuff up, Jack Black stars as main character Eddie Riggs in an epic tale of rock 'n' roll. Even though I have never been interested in heavy metal, I decided to give the game a chance.

Being a fan of Black's antics in his band Tenacious D, I figured the game would definitely be good for some laughs and some crazy rock 'n' roll shenanigans. I did not expect to actually enjoy the thrashing guitars as guttural screaming of some of metal's greatest bands in the process but, to my surprise, I did.

Black is just too convincing in his love of heavy metal. It took a little coaxing, but I think after playing "Brutal Legend" I am finally ready to give some of the heavier rock a chance.

During my questing I listened to dozens of songs that suddenly became less hard to stomach. This genre of epic guitar solos and screaming vocals actually is really awesome once I get past the earsplitting dissonance and spiky black exterior.

From the well thought out album covers to the die-hard metal head fans and the crazy hair and makeup, there is just a different level of depth behind heavy metal. Beyond just making music, artists create eccentric and complex personalities and captivate audiences with their grandiose showmanship.

The whole idea behind epic quests and songs that recount battle give metal a unique atmosphere of lore and legend. Even though fanatic devotion to rock gods and investing supernatural

Ben Willms



powers in guitar solos can be comical and ridiculous, these silly ideas make rocking out and listening to the music all the more entertaining.

After being turned off by what I felt was a lack of musicality in metal music, I have been introduced to some groups that have blown this initial misjudgment out of the water. The band Dream Theatre is technically spectacular in its music but does not get as much attention because of its style.

Fans of Guitar Hero will no doubt remember the song "Through Fire and Flames" from the band DragonForce, which I definitely enjoy. These groups, as well as many other I have heard of but never thought to investigate, have great material I must admit deserves recognition.

I am by no means ready to start dressing in leather and wearing skull jewelry, but I am ready to have an open mind and give credit to some of the amazing musicians who have lent heavy metal their talents. Some of the best musicians alive have found their home in the impossibly fast and baffling riffs of heavy metal.

Although I realize metal is simply not for everyone, I have seen enough stellar guitar work and stylistic creativity to give heavy metal a second chance.

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Education team travels to Uganda

By SAMANTHA HENSLEY
LA VIDA EDITOR

Eight educators and students left on an 8,500 mile trip Tuesday for Uganda to create a transatlantic partnership between Texas Tech and special needs education programs.

The group, which includes two doctoral students studying special education, a National

Association of the Deaf and Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf certified American Sign Language interpreter, a person in charge of infrastructure assessment, two deaf-blind college students and a deafblind project coordinator, departed Lubbock International Airport Tuesday for a two-week trip that will serve several purposes and focus on distance education for former soldiers, women and people with disabilities.

"I know it seems really random why this group of people, this motley crew, is going to Africa, but we are focused on distance education and empowering women," said Amy Parker, research assistant professor and project leader.

The group's eight members will attend the Helen Keller World Conference Oct. 23 to 27 in which representatives from more than 15 countries will discuss the meaning of U.N.

documents for people who are deafblind, Parker said. The group also will visit Uganda School for the Deaf in Ntinda, the first school in Uganda for deaf and deafblind children, and ChildVoice International, a school for child victims of war, to assess the schools for a distance education program with Texas Tech.

Parker said Shane Hammontree will serve as the infrastructure expert and evaluate if the schools have the infrastructure to support distance education and stream course content.

"There are some people at these schools we're going to visit who are interested in our doctoral and master's degree program," said Hammontree, an institutional research coordinator in the College of Education. "So we're going to see if we can stream our content to them."

A teacher at the school for the deaf is interested in joining the College of Education's graduate program, and Parker said Tech hopes to have more than just a pen pal relationship with the school as the group is focused on education and preparing teachers.

She said children who have



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FROM LEFT, ASHLE Wilson, a doctoral student; Amy Parker, research assistant professor and project leader; and Shane Hammontree, an institutional research coordinator, await their flight to Uganda Tuesday.

disabilities often are denied the right to education in other countries. Women in Third World countries also are not automatically given the right and access to education, and there is a desperate need to train teachers and support women in Uganda.

As the final leg of the trip, Parker, Hammontree and George O'Dongo, a doctoral student from Kenya, said they will travel to northern Uganda to assess the distance education possibilities with ChildVoice International, which includes former child soldiers, rape and abuse victims, and child mothers.

O'Dongo said his focus on the trip will be on the school and he plans to look the possibility

of working with special needs education programs in higher institutions. The trip also will help him gather research for a dissertation.

"This matches so well with my study in special education," he said. "It's a great opportunity."

Hammontree also said he believes the trip will be a rewarding experience because he enjoys helping people with technology.

The group will post video daily at the its Web site, www.educ.ttu.edu/africablog, and aid in the set up of a distance education program via streaming video.

"It really makes a rich environment, and I hope I get to see that," Hammontree said.

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Halloween costume spooks immigrants

MIAMI (AP) — A Halloween costume that depicts a space creature in orange prison garb emblazoned with the words "illegal alien" is reigniting debate over a long-used term based on the U.S. government's designation of all foreigners as aliens.

The dispute has immigrant advocates calling on retailers to pull the costume from its shelves, while a group that supports strict immigration laws say it's all a to-do over nothing, with freedom of speech being turned upside down by political correctness.

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Hutchison banking on Governor's mansion

Earlier this month, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison sold her home near Washington, D.C. According to the Houston Chronicle, the 4,300 square-foot house went for \$1.4 million. As the gubernatorial election in Texas grows closer, it appears Hutchison is preparing to make running her campaign a full-time job.

By selling her residence near the Capitol, Hutchison is indicating not only her dedication to her purpose, but also she's demonstrating her self-confidence. Hutchison spokeswoman Jennifer Baker told the Chronicle Hutchison sold her home because "she's moving back to Texas to be the governor, and she looks forward to living in the Governor's Mansion."

Whether it's arrogance or self-confidence, Hutchison seems to believe she has an excellent chance at beating her opponents in the Republican primary and the general election.

Leaving the Senate would give Hutchison more time to concentrate on her campaign. While many politicians choose to stay in office while running for a different government position, others prefer to focus all of their energy on the future.

Of course, resigning her Senate seat is not without consequence. Ac-

Hunter Jones



Hutchison don't always share the same views, they are both still Republicans. Thus, Hutchison's replacement would undoubtedly be a conservative Republican, ultimately having little effect in Congressional decision making.

And although appointing a new senator may sound appealing to Perry, it comes with a heavy price. The more time Hutchison has to devote to her campaign, the more formidable she will be in the months leading up to the gubernatorial election.

It's clear Hutchison won't leave the Senate until she's ready. She knows she still has responsibilities to her constituents in Texas. I just wonder when she'll decide it's time to fully pursue the governor's office. When Hutchison does make that decision, Perry will have a tough time keeping up with her.

It's just a matter of timing. Hutchison has the ability to defeat Perry in the Republican primary; however, she's going to need to devote most (if not all) of her time to the campaign.

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According to the Chronicle, Hutchison had planned to leave the Senate either in October or November, but certain issues in Congress like health care reform are forcing her to reconsider.

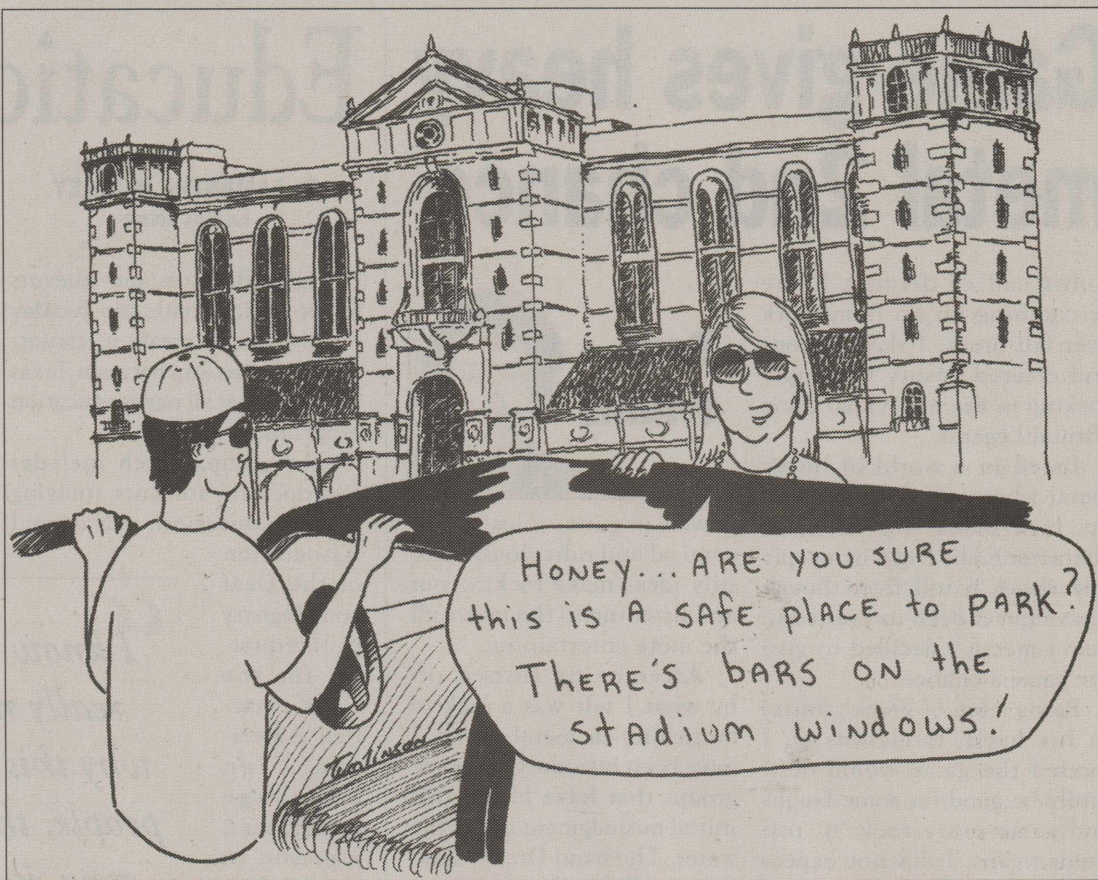
According to a *Politico* article, Hutchison said, "I want to stay and fight with every bone in my body against a government takeover of health care."

Clearly Hutchison realizes she still has a duty to the American people and with the current economic situation and with health care reform on the table, this would be a bad time for her to give up her voice in Washington.

However, there may be another reason Hutchison is reluctant to leave the Senate. If she resigns now, Gov. Rick Perry would have the opportunity to appoint a temporary replacement until a special election could be held.

Perry would then be able to affect politics on the national level.

But even though Perry and



Tech should focus on academics, standards rather than appearance

"You can put lipstick on a pig, but it's still a pig." This statement was taken as a direct blow at former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin during the 2009 presidential election.

Ironically, it's also the first thought that came to mind after I read an article published Oct. 2 in *The Daily Toreador* regarding a proposed resolution that would require graduates to wear stoles during graduation.

I'm not opposed to Texas Tech graduates presenting themselves in a more united and dignified fashion, but I have a problem with a comment made during the discussion of the issue.

Student Government Association Senator Laura Stout suggested the addition of stoles would make Texas Tech graduates look more prestigious, according to the article in *The Daily Toreador*. Am I the only person who has a problem with this? If I'm to be required to purchase additional attire for graduation so I will "look" more prestigious, is it wrong for me to ask President Guy Bailey, Chancellor Kent Hance or SGA President Suzanne Williams to improve our academic curriculum so in addition to looking more prestigious, we actually become more prestigious?

Our administrators insist we attend one of the best academic institutions in the nation, but since I've been here, my impression has been we've been more focused on increasing our student body population for research purposes than increasing the variation and competitiveness of courses and majors offered throughout the campus.

Shay Irby



Maybe if we focused our efforts here, our struggle for funding wouldn't be so difficult.

Sure, wind research is great, but what if I'd like to conduct research in African-American studies after taking the one African-American history course that is offered here at Tech, even though officials have acknowledged the 15 percent increase in black students?

I haven't seen very many courses geared towards educating us on Mexican-American contributions either, even though an equivalent increase in Hispanic student population was acknowledged by the same officials. Just recently I heard a student express frustration because she's unable to study Middle Eastern cultures and structures to the extent that she would like, even though diversifying our community has been considered a top priority for the past few semesters.

Frequently I've overheard peers hoping to receive a D in a class just so they don't have to retake the course. At first, I wondered how anyone could be satisfied with a D. I mean, this is below average, and being below average has never been an aspiration of mine.

However, after reading Stout's comments, I understand why some are OK with just getting by. It doesn't seem those in charge of making deci-

sions for us expect very much.

Anyone who makes a D in English should not receive credit for that course. Students who attend the University of California-Irvine, which happens to be among the top universities in the nation, are placed on academic watch, threatened with the possibility of suspension and forced to retake the course if they receive a C- or lower in English.

Here at Tech, a D is acceptable in nearly any course that isn't needed to fulfill a major, minor or adjunct requirement. If we expected more from our students, I'm sure we'd get more.

I'm not implying that Tech is not a great university because anyone who roams the streets of Lubbock cannot deny the strong tradition that radiates from this campus. What I am suggesting is we can do much more to improve our national standing by holding our students to higher expectations, thus boosting the pride felt upon departure from the institution as alumni.

We are capable of more, and we should be doing more. Instead of encouraging the addition of more bike lanes, which many bikers fail to even use, we should improve our academic competitiveness by diversifying our curriculum and vying for the best professors in the nation.

In all fairness, I will say I may have taken Stout's comments wrong, or she may not have said exactly what she meant.

My intentions are not to embarrass or attack anyone because we should all be able to discuss our views, whether similar or different, in a mature and respectful manner.

However, I want to leave Tech with a feeling of prestige, not just the look. As phenomenal as we are as a university, it's not enough to just look the part. We're capable of being the part and setting examples for academic institutions across the country and we should be doing exactly that through our actions, not just words.

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After Hours event brings student performers, crowd

By EMILY MOSER
STAFF WRITER

Music provided students a channel of expression, of enjoyment and a way to forget about life for a while Tuesday night.

Texas Tech students gathered for the TAB After Hours event to listen to music and enjoy one another's company. Stephanie Hartwig, a member of the TAB night-life committee, said After Hours is an event TAB continues to provide because students enjoy it.

"I think that music, especially with our generation, has become an important part of student lives," she said.

Hartwig, a junior fashion design major from Katy, said After Hours is a unique event because the people who perform are not already established. The performers are all students who can be seen walking around campus to classes like their peers.

Another special element of the event, she said, is After Hours gives student musician a means to reach another audience. Even though a lot of the audience is there to support their friends, they have the opportunity see other students perform.

An audience member, Sally Stixrood, said she was just there for the music.

Stixrood, a sophomore exercise and sports sciences major from Plano, said she had never heard about After Hours until her friend, who was one of the musicians performing, told her about it. She found it interesting because she was into her hometown's music scene and she believes the event is a good way for students to learn of local artists.

"I just wish I was musically inclined," Stixrood said. "I definitely would be in it."

A musician who participated in After Hours, Jamie Bassett, said he has performed in TAB After Hours several times.

Bassett, a senior political science major from Euless, said he continues to participate because he enjoys playing his music, and After Hours is a simple outlet for him to do just that.

"I enjoy it because it's easy and accessible and there's usually a decent turnout," he said.

Bassett describes his music as a mix of pop and acoustic. He said his start with playing the guitar and writing music began while he was in

high school after his stepbrother got a bass guitar.

"I've kind of been singing forever and my stepbrother got a bass guitar, and I wanted to play with him so I got a guitar," he said.

Mark Shockley, a senior political science major from Edmond, Okla., said as the student supervisor for other student theater technicians he has attended several TAB events.

Shockley said he believes anything that brings students together is a good thing. He said he has been to TAB After Hours before and has enjoyed seeing his fellow students perform but notes there are some aspects that set some performers apart.

"I think so much of it is stage performance," Shockley said. "Like how you are acting up there."

Some musicians who participated in After Hours said they like the event because it allows them a means to begin performing in front of an audience for the first time that is not in a professional setting.

Austen Sharp, a freshman civil engineering major from Royce City, said this was not only his first performance in the event, but it was his first time to play music for crowd full

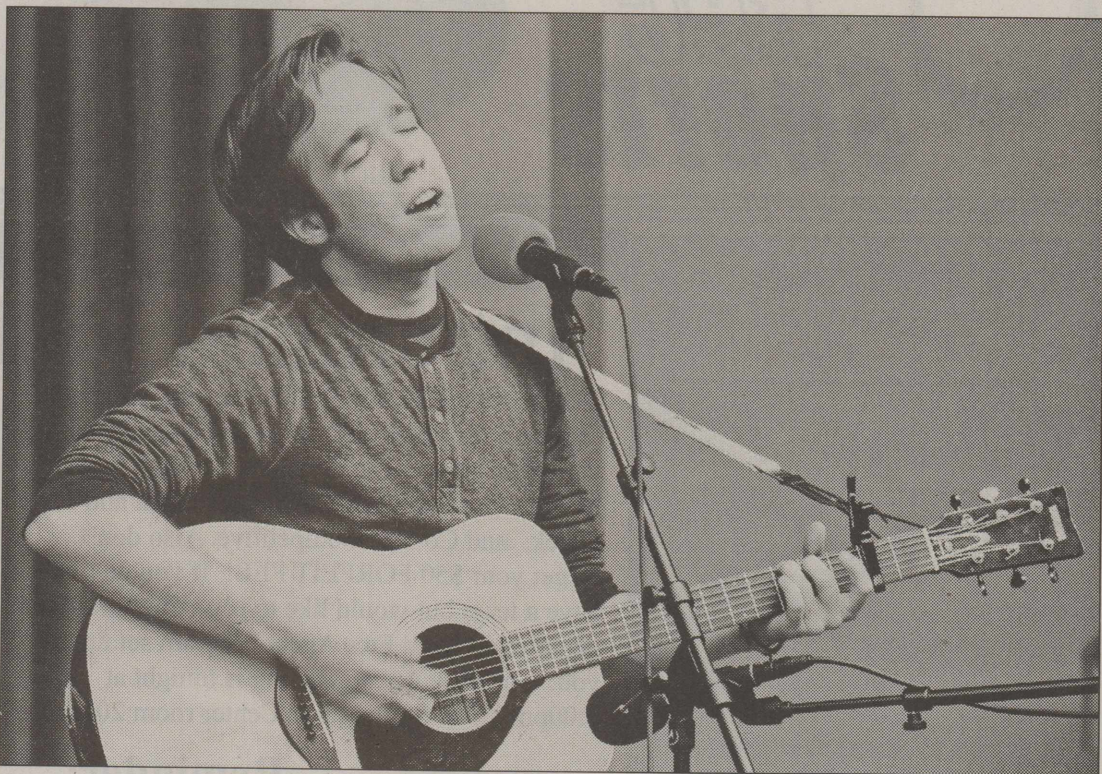


PHOTO BY SAM GRENADIER/The Daily Toreador
BRAD WORLEY, A senior bio chemistry major from Georgetown, plays an original song at TAB After Dark on Tuesday in the Student Union Building Matador Room.

of strangers. He said he was nervous because he has only performed in front of friends and family.

"I act and I'm cool with that," Sharp said, "but I've never conquered

my singing abilities."

Sharp said his start with the guitar began before his freshman year in high school. He grew up listening to music with his parents but his inspi-

ration, he said, comes from seeing musicians like AC/DC perform.

"I'll never do that," Sharp said, "but it's just cool to have a passion."

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AP says artist made up story about Obama poster

NEW YORK (AP) — In court papers filed by The Associated Press, the news organization said Shepard Fairey concocted the story that he was mistaken about which photo he used to create the famous Obama HOPE poster and disputed his contention that he has not personally profited from the iconic red, white and blue image.

Days after Fairey acknowledged trying to destroy potentially damaging evidence in his legal battle with the AP, the news agency filed amended papers in Manhattan federal court, accusing the Los Angeles-based poster artist of deliberate deception.

Until recently, Fairey had claimed his image was based on a 2006 photo of then-Sen. Barack Obama, seated next to actor George Clooney. Fairey

now says that he was in error and that he used a solo, close-up shot of Obama, as the AP had long alleged.

"It is simply not credible that Fairey somehow forgot in January 2009 which source image he used to create the Infringing Works, which were completed only a year earlier in January 2008," according to the papers filed Tuesday.

"It also strains credulity that an experienced graphic designer such as Shepard Fairey misremembered cropping George Clooney out of a source image and making other changes ... when no such cropping or other changes were ever made."

Fairey's attorneys filed amended court papers Friday night, saying the artist had fabricated information and destroyed material to cover up

evidence of which picture he used. Anthony Falzone, executive director of the Fair Use Project at Stanford University, and the other lawyers plan to seek permission from the court to withdraw from the case.

Fairey and Falzone have both said that regardless of Fairey's action, his work is still protected by fair use.

"Shepard continues to stand by his statement from last Friday," said Fairey's spokesman, Jay Strell. "He has apologized and taken responsibility for his actions. The more important question is why the AP continues to spend enormous financial resources attacking Shepard and diverting the debate from the central question in this case, which is whether he transformed the ... image into a work of art, which he has."

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A vaccine to prevent H1N1 (swine flu) is not currently available. The H1N1 vaccine is expected to be available sometime in Fall 2009.

TTU is working closely with the Health Department, which will be responsible for distributing the vaccine.

Information for students is available at <http://www.ttu.edu/flu/>.

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October 21 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
SUB-Red Raider Lounge

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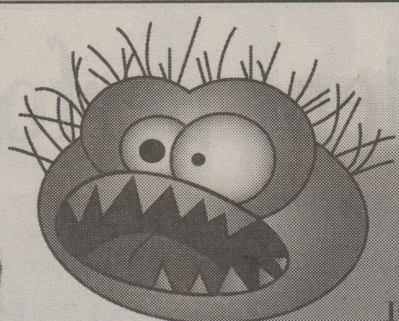
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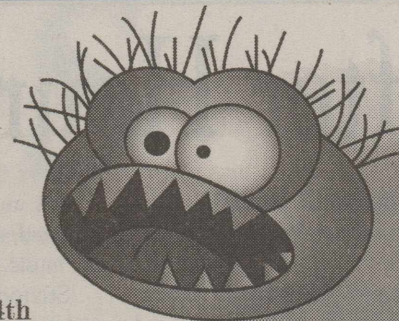
4:00 - 6:30pm Room 201

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Sport Clubs

Racquetball Club Results:

Arlington Tournament
1st Place Competitive Doubles - Charlie W. & Ty Stolp
1st Place Mixed Competitive Doubles - Alicia A & Charlie W.
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Fencing

The Double T Fencing Club hosted the annual Cliff Wilson Memorial Fencing Tournament this past Saturday at the Rec. Center. The tournament consisted of the three different weapons of Fencing, Foil, Epee, and Saber. For the first time in recent history Tech pulled off a first place win in each event.

Epee

Michael Kearney took 1st earning a rating of D 09
Matthew Gemmill took 2nd earning a rating of E 09
Saber
Michael Kearney took 1st earning a rating of E 09
Aaron Clements took 2nd
Hanson Wallace and Travis Ferrell tied for 3rd place
Foil
Travis Ferrell won 1st place and re-earned his rating of E-09
David Lindsay took 3rd place

Intramurals

Intramural Volleyball

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Reminder:

Intramural Flag Football PLAYOFF Schedules are now out!

Play will begin tomorrow, Thursday, October 22.

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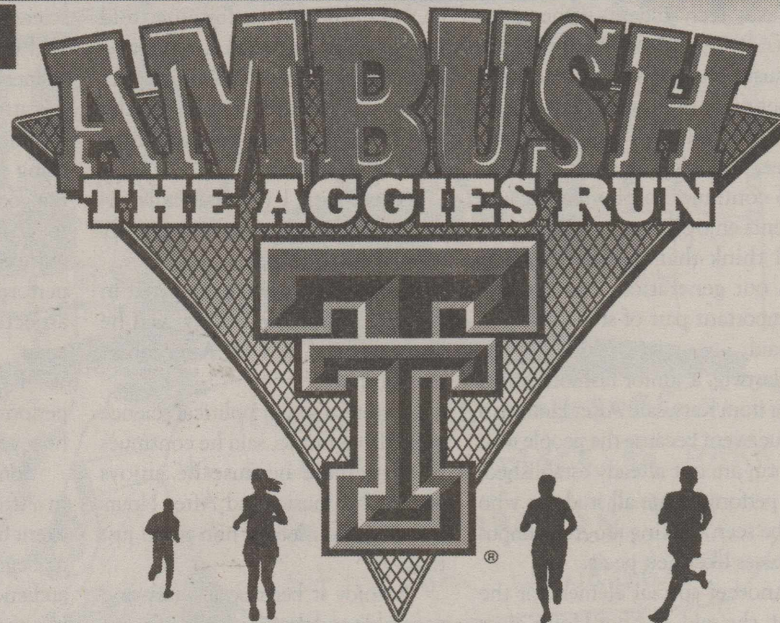
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Grand Canyon Backpacking

Register by November 3
Trip Dates: November 21-29
Trip Cost: \$315

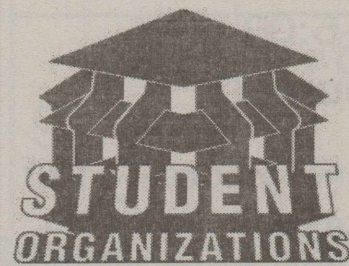
Come spend a memorable Thanksgiving week in one of the 7 Natural Wonders of the world. This trip is what loving the outdoors is all about. We will spend the week hiking down to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and following the Colorado river to it's junction to the Little Colorado River. If you love the outdoors and want an adventure, this trip will not disappoint you in any respect!

Caprock Bike Tour

Register by November 5
Trip Dates: November 14 - 15
Trip Cost: \$55

Join us as we ride a converted railroad track near Caprock Canyons State Park. We will travel this 32 mile trail over the period of two days. Come join us as we try our skills on this van supported mountain bike ride. Bring your bike or rent on from the shop for an additional fee.

student union



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Student Organization Risk Management Session

Wednesday, October 28, 2009
3:00 pm
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RaiderGate
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Movie: Milk
Thursday, October 29
SUB Allen Theatre | 8:00 pm

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student organization updates...

S.O. Registration Meeting
Tuesday, October 27
SUB Senate Room | 2 pm

Tech volleyball at home against Kansas

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

Some may be wondering what it will take for the Texas Tech volleyball team to end its 47-match losing streak to Big 12 Conference teams, but Kansas coach Ray Bechard knows how it got to that point in the first place.

"They just happen to be in a great conference which is why they are struggling," Bechard said. "They have outstanding athletes in the middle and a setter that runs the offense really well so it would be a big mistake for us to look past them. Trish Knight will have her team prepared, so we have to be ready."

With that said, Bechard and his Jayhawks are not expecting an easy win against a Tech team that appears to be rested.

Tech (2-15, 0-8 in Big 12 play) hosts KU (10-8, 3-6) at 6:30 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena.

The Red Raiders are coming off a home loss at the hands of No. 2 Texas, while the Jayhawks play their second consecutive road match tonight. Their previous match was a sweep of Kansas State in Manhattan, Kan.

Being on the road may be something the Red Raiders are glad to be away from for the time being — Tech is playing a second consecutive match at home after Saturday's loss to No. 2 Texas. It's only Tech's fourth match at home this season.

The chance to play at home is something that has provided rest for a team that has been on the road so often. Being home again will give more recovery time to a team that has battled injuries and illness, Tech head coach Trish Knight said.

"We've had to make adjustments

because of the flu and the postponement of the Kansas State game as well as dealing with several injuries," she said. "We've been all over the place and haven't fully recovered."

Aside from the rest, senior defensive specialist and libero Jenn Goehry said Tech plays its best volleyball in front of familiar faces and the team expects plenty of support from the fans.

"It is so much harder to play on the road in any sport," she said. "Being away from home is not an excuse to lose, but it definitely will be nice to be home back-to-back. We had a great amount of fans support us the other night, and we have more of an advantage at home. I would love nothing more than to get that first win in front of our home crowd because they have been so great to us."

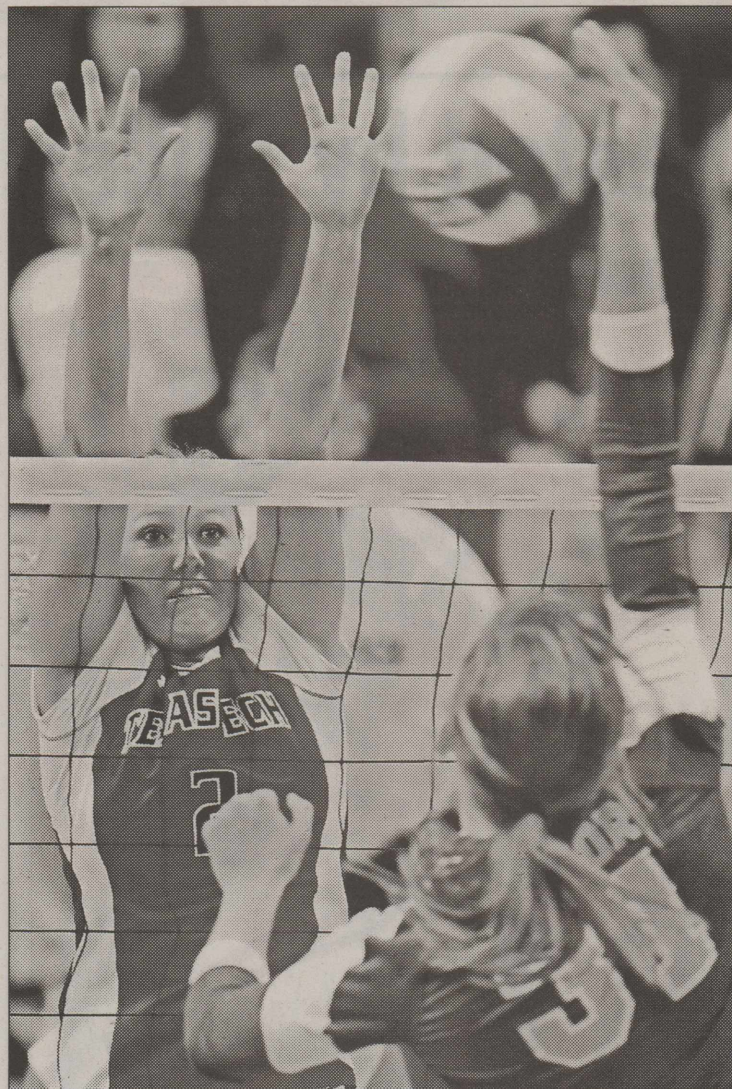
Knight is well aware of the Jayhawks' talent despite them not being one of the top squads in the Big 12.

"We do know that Kansas has a couple of really nice looking players on the outside and in the middle, and that was from me just casually looking at them so we know this team can play," she said.

Kansas' strength lies in its offense. The bulk of KU's kills come from outside hitters Karina Garlington and Allison Mayfield, who rank fifth and sixth, respectively, in kills per set throughout conference play.

Players are aware of the opportunity to defeat a team not as strong as their other opponents. After KU, Tech faces No. 14 Iowa State and No. 5 Nebraska — both of whom Tech has lost to already.

Tech sophomore middle blocker Amanda Dowdy said this homestand is something that can energize the team going further into conference play as



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Treador

BAYLOR'S ELIZABETH GRAHAM spikes the ball against Texas Tech's Caroline Courtney during Tech's loss to Baylor Oct. 7 in the United Spirit Arena.

it will attempt to win a Big 12 match — something Tech has not done since the 2007 conference opener.

"Playing at home back-to-back is a great way for us to get momentum in conference play," Dowdy said. "We

are keeping a positive attitude because we're still early into conference play and we have a lot of matches to play so we can definitely get some wins coming up."

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Cowboys LB Brooking eager to face former team

IRVING (AP) — Whatever reasons the Atlanta Falcons had for giving up on linebacker Keith Brooking, the Dallas Cowboys are sure glad they did.

As intense as ever in his 12th NFL season, Brooking leads the team in tackles and has brought an edge they were missing. He's become the emotional leader and has a great feel for the pulse of the team.

Brooking insists he's not by trying to prove anything to the folks in Atlanta. Still, he gets that chance Sunday, when Matt Ryan and the Falcons come to Cowboys Stadium.

"I'd be lying to you if I was like, 'Ah, I'm not trying to prove to those guys that I can still do it at a high level,'" he said. "But that's not my priority. ... I'm 12 years into my career. That window of opportunity is narrowing every passing day. I know I'm much closer to the end of my career than the beginning. I just want to enjoy these last few years and get the most out of every day and

cherish every moment."

Brooking, the Cowboys have learned, does everything at full speed.

He's thrown haymakers at assistant coaches, and that was after he made a great play. He ran down the sideline watching receiver Miles Austin score a touchdown against Kansas City, then was the first guy off the bench to give Austin a stinging high-five.

"They call him 'The Mad Backer,'" running back Tashard Choice said. "You stay away from Brook when he gets like that."

Football fans in Atlanta know all about it.

Brooking grew up in the area and never left — from youth leagues to high school, from college at Georgia Tech to 11 seasons with the Falcons. Atlanta took him in the first round of the 1998 draft and, as a rookie, he helped the Falcons make the Super Bowl. He made the Pro Bowl every year from 2001 to '05 and led the team

in tackles the last eight seasons.

Last year, Brooking struggled in pass coverage and was out of position on a key play in a playoff loss. His contract ran out and the Falcons let him go.

Brooking picked Dallas because coach Wade Phillips was his defensive coordinator in Atlanta in 2002 and '03, the only years he had over 200 tackles. Best of all, the Cowboys had a vacancy at his position, weakside inside linebacker.

Zach Thomas played there last season, then moved on. Brooking's arrival seemed like a swap of grizzled veterans, good enough to plug in on first and second downs, but nothing special.

At least, that was the perception. "I looked at him on tape and he looked like he did before — and what he did before was outstanding," Phillips said. "We thought he'd be a good fit for us and he is."

Brooking does get replaced by a defensive back in most passing situations.

But when he's in there, No. 51 is usually in the middle of the action.

On a fourth down against Denver two games ago, he flew into the backfield and plowed into Denver's Knowshon Moreno, standing him up to prevent a first down. Against the Chiefs, he picked up his first sack since November 2007, but turned even more heads on a play in which he was leveled by a cut block but still got up and tackled running back Jamaal Charles on a screen pass.

"Have I lost a little bit?" Brooking said. "Yeah, I've lost a little bit. C'mon, I'm realistic about it. But I'm better than most."

He smiled and laughed, then continued explaining this revitalization that seems a surprise to everyone but him.

"I knew that if I played a position that really suits me that I could still get it done at a high level," he said. "There was never any doubt. Once I landed here on that first day of free agency, I knew what was going to take place."

SPORTS SHORTS

Wolves acquire project Jawai in trade

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Timberwolves have acquired forward Nathan Jawai from the Dallas Mavericks.

The Timberwolves also received cash from the Mavericks for a conditional second-round draft pick in 2012. The deal was announced Tuesday.

The 6-foot-10 Jawai is a native of Australia who was drafted by the Indiana Pacers

in the second round last year. He was subsequently sent to the Toronto Raptors as part of the Jermaine O'Neal trade, appearing in just six games.

The conditional draft pick is protected through the 55th overall slot.

President of basketball operations David Kahn says the team was considering the Jawai trade before power forward Kevin Love broke his hand.

Ned Colletti to stay on as Dodgers' GM

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ned Colletti agreed to a long-term extension Tuesday to stay on as general manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Under him, the team has reached the postseason in three of his four seasons, the first time a Dodgers GM has accomplished that feat. Colletti joins New York's Brian Cashman and Boston's Theo Epstein in doing so among active GMs.

Los Angeles trails the Philadelphia Phillies 3-1 in the best-of-seven NL championship series, with Game 5 on Wednesday.

During Colletti's tenure, the Dodgers' .539 winning percentage is the second-highest in the NL behind the Phillies' .554. Los Angeles had the best record in the NL this season

for the first time since 1983 and won its second consecutive West title.

"The stability and continuity that extending his contract provides will further help us achieve the goal of being a consistent winner," owner Frank McCourt said in a statement.

Colletti has added Manny Ramirez, Jim Thome, Casey Blake, Vicente Padilla, George Sherrill, Ronnie Belliard and Jon Garland as key contributors during the past two years.

His first trade as GM brought Andre Ethier to the Dodgers. He also retained All-Star pitchers Chad Billingsley and Jonathan Broxton, as well as Matt Kemp, James Loney, Russell Martin, Clayton Kershaw and Hong-Chih Kuo.

Modano, Lehtinen on injured list

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars have placed center Mike Modano and winger Jere Lehtinen on injured reserve.

The move Tuesday on Modano was retroactive to Oct. 3, when he injured his ribs in the season opener against Nashville.

Modano is the highest scoring American-born player with 1,329 points and holds every major Stars franchise scoring

record.

Lehtinen injured a groin Oct. 14 against the Predators. He has one assist in four games this season.

The Stars recalled winger Francis Wathier from the Texas Stars of the AHL and reassigned center Perttu Lindgren to their primary affiliate.

Lindgren made his NHL debut in Monday night's 4-1 loss to the Los Angeles Kings.

IOC confident in Rio despite violence

LONDON (AP) — The IOC expressed confidence Tuesday that Brazil will deliver a safe Olympics in 2016 despite the weekend violence between rival drug gangs that killed 21 people in Rio de Janeiro.

The firefight, which brought down a police helicopter, took place in the Morro dos Macacos ("Monkey Hill") slum about five miles southwest of one of the zones where Olympic events will be held.

The violence came two weeks after the International Olympic

Committee voted to award the 2016 Games to Rio, taking the event to South America for the first time. Rio defeated Madrid, Tokyo and Chicago.

"Security is of course a very important aspect of any Olympic Games no matter where it is in the world," IOC spokesman Mark Adams said. "This is of course entirely under the national, regional and city authorities."

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Tech O-line to be tested by Miller

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

After giving up five sacks to Nebraska's defensive line Saturday, Texas Tech offensive line coach Matt Moore can sense a little bit of anxiousness amongst his players to get back on the field for another tough match up.

"We're not going to change anything in what we do, but they definitely have a little pep in their step," he said. "That's the reason they came here. That's the reason they came to the Big 12. If they wanted to go play against someone they could beat every time, they'd go play in a different conference."

"They come here for the challenge, and I feel like we stepped up to it last week."

If the offensive line likes challenges, then it should enjoy Saturday.

With a struggling Texas A&M squad preparing to play No. 21 Tech at 6 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium, one of the Aggies' few bright spots this season has been defensive hybrid Von Miller.

The Red Raiders gave up sacks to four different Cornhuskers Saturday, but none were to Suh, who has been regarded as one of the nation's top defensive linemen and even garners some attention amid the Heisman Trophy race.

Tech hopes to take a few lessons learned from dealing with Suh and Nebraska and apply it to blocking Miller, who leads the nation in sacks with 10.

While his offensive line is facing a top-notch defensive lineman for the second consecutive week, Moore said they'll have to approach blocking Miller with a different game plan.

Moore said Suh was at his best

when he used his strength, but Miller — at 6-foot-3, 240 pounds — opts to use his speed, not his body, to get around linemen.

He may not have voters ready to dub him the best player in college football like Suh, but Miller may be one of a kind, considering he plays at the jack position. This position allows Miller to play at both defensive end and linebacker, depending on the situation.

Moore said the Aggies have three defensive linemen who always will be at the line of scrimmage, and having a jack gives Texas A&M defensive coordinator Joe Kines the option to use Miller as a fourth lineman if needed. The strategy has worked

out in the Aggies' favor.

Miller has had a sack in every game this season except the Aggies' 36-31 loss to Oklahoma State on Oct. 10. He started the season picking up six sacks through two games and what may stand out the most about the junior is that none of his sacks are assisted. Plus, Miller plays on both sides, leaving the challenge of keeping the junior out of the backfield a little more difficult.

"He has low pad level and great technique — something I expect out of everyone we see each week," said right tackle Marlon Winn, who is one of the tackles Moore said will have to deal with Miller. "We're going to go out there and do our job to the best of our ability, so we expect for them to come in here and fight us for 60 full minutes."

Who lines up at left tackle could determine Miller's impact on Saturday's game. Redshirt freshman Terry McDaniel, who has started the last four games at the position, suffered an injury Saturday in the first quarter of the Nebraska game and did not



PHOTO COURTESY OF TEXAS A&M ATHLETICS
TEXAS A&M'S VON MILLER leads the nation in sacks this season with 10. He leads the Aggies into a match up against No. 21 Texas Tech at 6 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

return.

McDaniel replaced junior Chris Olson for the Houston game, but when he went down Saturday, Olson finished out the rest of the Nebraska game at left tackle.

McDaniel's official status is unknown, considering Tech's policy of not releasing details about injuries. But if McDaniel is unable to go, Olson could be starting in his place with the responsibility of helping Winn out Saturday.

With a fast start to the season, Miller's dominance has taken a little bit of a hit lately.

He only had one sack in the Aggies' 62-14 loss to Kansas State Saturday — a game where Miller said the defensive line was

inconsistent in getting pressure on the quarterback.

Against Tech, Miller said the whole defense needs to work together to quickly get pressure on whoever will be throwing the ball for the Red Raiders come Saturday.

"Our secondary — I know our guys are gonna bear down, hold the receivers up a little bit, give us a couple chances, a couple of opportunities to get back there and make a couple of plays," Miller said during A&M's weekly press conference Monday. "Our secondary and our linebackers, I'm 100 percent positive that we're gonna have a really good week."

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Confident Red Raiders could make late push

Alex Ybarra



The events that have transpired in the past few weeks in regards to Mike Leach's football team have proved one thing to me.

Outsiders know absolutely nothing. We can report injuries and who the starting quarterback is and that Mike Leach has banned Twitter, but I'm specifically talking about team chemistry.

Defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill gave us an idea of what's going on internally after No. 21 Texas Tech upset Nebraska on Saturday.

"One night during fall camp, (running back) Baron Batch got up and he says, 'We had some great players last year. Graham Harrell, great football player, Michael Crabtree, Louis Vasquez, Brandon Williams — and they were great players,' McNeill said. 'This year it's more about the Double T, and what's on our chest and not necessarily the names on our back.' Nothing against those guys, we love those guys, but this team is more worried about not letting the other guy down."

Two weeks ago, people thought this team was in shambles.

During a week when he was being scrutinized for play calling in a 29-28 loss to Houston, Leach suspended All-American guard Brandon Carter for a game. Then he banned Twitter after players discussed private football matters on it.

So here was Tech at 2-2, with injuries and distractions abound, looking like it can't win on the road.

However, beneath it all, there's a trend. Since being ranked No. 2 after beating Texas last year in Lubbock, Tech's road schedule has undoubtedly — in my estimation — been one of the most difficult stretch of away games you could imagine.

Before beating Nebraska on Saturday, Tech had lost at No. 5 Oklahoma, at the Cotton Bowl against No. 25 Mississippi, at No. 2 Texas and at No. 17 Houston.

Tech witnessed a record crowd in each respective stadium — granted the Cotton Bowl may not count toward being particularly hostile.

And against the No. 15 Huskers on Saturday, the 86,107 in attendance marked the second-highest total in Memorial Stadium history.

Although it says something for Tech's popularity, that's bad timing if I've ever seen it.

Entering the game against the Huskers, Leach was 2-15 all-time in road games against ranked Big 12 Conference teams. Yeah, maybe he needs to win more of those in the future, but it's clear Tech is still dealing with having a target on its back.

Then the Red Raiders snapped their

five-game road skid at Nebraska — with their defense no less — in convincing fashion.

So with one swift swing of his sword, old captain Leach seemed to have righted the ship despite stormy seas; even with a young quarterback in Steven Sheffield, who has brought newfound enthusiasm since he replaced previous starter Taylor Potts three weeks ago.

But then the injury bug struck again. And this time it's Sheffield, who is out 2-3 weeks with a foot injury. Talk about a shot to the stomach.

However, Tech still has Potts, who will likely be the starter come Saturday. Who's to say he can't come back and win until Sheffield returns?

After all, this is Potts' shot at redemption and only chance to win back the starting job.

Suffice it to say, lot's has gone on already.

The college football season is longer than most think. It just seems short with how the BCS system works. One loss can take a chunk out of a program's confidence.

In light of that, after the loss to Texas I asked Leach if he'd rather lose early in the season rather than later.

He called it "big picture bullshit," and talked about taking things day-by-day.

A month later, the outlook doesn't look too bad. There's even an outside chance at a Fiesta Bowl appearance if Texas and Tech both run the table.

Up next, the Red Raiders have home games against Texas A&M and Kansas — two teams dealing with tough losses.

Then Tech plays at Oklahoma State, at home against Oklahoma and in Dallas against Baylor.

But to me, it seems like all the drama has happened early this season, forcing a young Tech squad to mature and push for a strong finish.

Last year, it was the opposite. All the happy headlines came early before everything fell apart.

What if this year ends up being like last year, only inverted?

But then again, we know absolutely nothing.

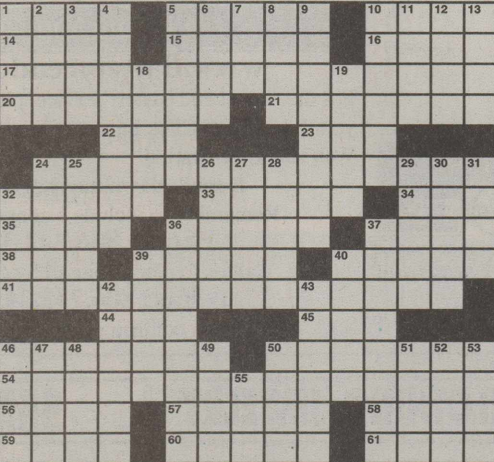
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Rollins coming up big in clutch

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — When the bright lights come on, Jimmy Rollins turns into J-Roll.

He is the resident diva on the Philadelphia Phillies. He loves the cameras, but prefers talking after he's finished showering and primping. He's got a big smile, plenty of charisma and a whole lot of swagger.

One more thing, he can flat-out play baseball.

Rollins put the defending champions on the verge of another trip to the World Series by lining a two-out, two-run double off Dodgers closer Jonathan Broxton in the ninth inning Monday night. The hit gave the Phillies a 5-4 victory and a 3-1 edge over Los Angeles in the NL championship series.

The Phillies can wrap up their second straight pennant with a win in Game 5 Wednesday night. Cole Hamels, last year's NLCS and World Series MVP, opposes former Phillie Vicente Padilla.

Rollins, the 2007 NL MVP, had a difficult season. But he's coming through in the clutch in the playoffs. That's no surprise for manager Charlie Manuel.

"Jimmy Rollins, the bigger the stage, the better he likes to play," Manuel said. "The more people watching him, he likes the mike, he likes to talk, that's the way he is."

Rollins batted just .250 this year, the second-lowest average in his 10-year career. But the three-time All-Star shortstop still was a run producer out of the leadoff spot. He hit 21 homers, had 77 RBIs, scored 100 runs and stole 31 bases.

Rollins often gets criticized for not being a prototypical leadoff hitter. He swings at the first pitch, doesn't work the count and has a low on-base percentage. But Rollins makes the most of his hits.