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## Regents discuss stadium, search committees

By JETT THOMPSON  
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The Texas Tech Board of Regents discussed the university budget, campus facilities and faculty search committees during its first meeting of the semester Thursday.

As expected, the board re-approved the ongoing construction project on the east side of the Jones AT&T Stadium with a budget that increased to \$32.6 million, and estimated the east side of the stadium would open before the first football game of next year.

Jim Brunjes, vice chancellor and chief

financial officer for the Tech System, said 22 of the 26 suites in the stadium have been sold, mostly to corporate buyers. The suite sales have accounted for \$9 million in commitments.

The board first authorized the construction project in August 2008 with a budget of \$25 million, Brunjes said.

The facilities committee also discussed the potential demolition of Weeks Hall and the Doak Conference Center. The



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subsequent construction of an Honors College residence hall in its place also was discussed. The board decided not to act on the two items until the next board meeting pending further details on the proposed Honors College residence hall.

Tech President Guy Bailey said the university still is in the planning process for a facility to replace the two vacant buildings after their demolition, which could happen by next year.

"If it's approved in December, we will look at demolishing it shortly thereafter," Bailey said.

Two search committees were discussed at the meeting: one for a new president

of the Tech Health Sciences Center and one for a new vice chancellor for facilities, planning and construction.

Dr. John Baldwin resigned from his post as HSC president in September and Mike Ellicott resigned as vice chancellor for facilities, planning and construction in August.

Tech administrators said several candidates already are being looked at to fill Ellicott's position. Tech Chancellor Kent Hance said the search committee is looking for an experienced candidate.

"We're in a search for someone with a proven record of managing projects," Hance said.

He also said the committee is looking for someone whose projects have been consistently on time and at or under budget.

The HSC presidential search committee is looking for a candidate with a strong track record of leadership and a high standing in the academic and medical community.

Hance and Bailey recognized admissions and enrollment staff in attendance because of the record enrollment numbers of 30,059 students enrolled, and thanked them for their hard work toward increasing university enrollment.

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## One-sided Affair

Tech looks to win eighth consecutive at home against in-state rival Texas A&M

By ALEX YBARRA  
MANAGING EDITOR

Things are going pretty well for Texas Tech coach Mike Leach at the moment.

Even in the midst of team injuries, he is trying to steer his No. 21 Red Raiders to a fourth-consecutive victory, and he is one win shy of tying former Tech coach Spike Dykes for most school victories all time with 82.

Meanwhile, Texas A&M coach Mike Sherman is dealing with a three-game losing skid. Tops on his priority list is turning around the team's morale after a humiliating 62-14 loss at Kansas State last week.

That's the same Wildcat team the Red Raiders dominated two weeks ago in a 66-14 drubbing. Take into consideration that Tech has won 11 of the last 14 games against A&M, and it's imperative the Aggies find answers fast in preparation for playing the Red Raiders at 6 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Tech (5-2, 2-1 in Big 12 Conference play) hasn't lost at home to its in-state rival since 1993 and has a four-game win streak against the Aggies (3-3, 0-2 Big 12 play) heading into Saturday's contest.

In the past decade or so, it's been a pretty lopsided rivalry to say the least.

"Certainly they have been a nemesis for A&M, particularly here in the last seven trips and even longer than that," Sherman said. "They have kind of been a thorn in the Aggies' side for a while."

Playing in Lubbock doesn't help much either. Tech has won its last 12 games at Jones AT&T Stadium, which is one shy of the school record. And as far as night games go, the Red Raiders have won 11 consecutive at home. Not to mention a stadium record should be broken with the opening of 6,000 new seats on the north side.

"I hate going to Lubbock," senior offensive lineman Michael Shumard said. "I absolutely hate going to Lubbock. They do a great job. Their fans do just a great job of making it the worst place in the whole wide world to go to."

Even after A&M lost to K-State



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH QUARTERBACK Taylor Potts is likely to start against Texas A&M at 6 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium. Steven Sheffield started the previous two games and is out 2-3 weeks with a foot injury.

last week in embarrassing fashion, Leach said he doesn't expect that type of outing to carry over, especially considering the rivalry and A&M's talent level.

"In this conference you have to respect everybody," he said. "There's nobody that isn't good enough to beat you and A&M is a team that is loaded with NFL players. They have incredible tradition, they have a great coaching staff and you have to be ready every week. I suspect that they'll come out swinging."

Tech is riding the high off a 31-10 victory against Nebraska in which the defensive practically ran the show, helping a sluggish offense get by on 259 total yards — Leach's lowest output in a win since 2000.

However, the Red Raiders were hit with some difficult news this week in regards to starting quarterback Steven Sheffield.

Sheffield, who replaced previous starter Taylor Potts against New Mexico Oct. 3 and held on to the job, will be out 2-3 weeks with a foot injury.

That means Potts should be back under center.

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## More student seating for Tech-A&M game

Texas Tech Athletics is encouraging students to take advantage of the new student section for the Tech-Texas A&M game at 6 p.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium in case of an overflow in other student sections.

Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers said Section 113 will be a new portion of the student section for Tech's remaining home games this season and will account for 1,100 extra seats. He also said the grass area on the north side of the stadium will not be open for the remaining home games this season.

Myers announced Oct. 15 the new stadium seating would be available starting Saturday. Previously Myers said 1,500 seats were to be saved for students at Saturday's game, but the new number is 1,100, with Section 113 being reserved for students. Jones AT&T Stadium now has about 6,000 extra seats after the expansion on the east side of Jones AT&T Stadium.

With the new seats making the

stadium's capacity a little more than 59,000 people, Myers said he hopes for a sold out crowd from here on out.

"I think our premier games, we'll sell them out," Myers said. "We'll still have the same promotions for Kansas and Oklahoma."

Construction on the east side of the stadium has taken place since the end of the 2008 season and Myers said during his announcement Oct. 15 that the framework for the new seating took 23 days to put up.

As far as making Section 113 a student section permanently, Myers said he wants to see how the new section will impact student seating, and if needed, changes will be made next season.

"We really have worked hard to fill it up and sell the new seats," he said. "We didn't have the opportunity to sell them before now because we didn't know if they would be ready or not."

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## Game-day crime down from previous years

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The game against Texas A&M on Saturday should not yield high crime rates if statistics from previous games this season hold up.

So far in the 2009 season, an average of two public intoxication arrests per game have been reported, which differs from the average of seven per game in 2007 and 10 per game in 2008. One consumption by a minor charge this season has been reported, down from 2007 and 2008 in which the average was one per game.

The highest number for public intoxication arrests in 2007 was 15 public intoxications for the game against University of Texas-El Paso and the lowest number of arrests was four during the Iowa State game. Public intoxication arrests in 2008 reached a high of 17 at both the Eastern Washington and University of Massachusetts games. The game against Baylor in 2008 had only two public intoxications, a number that represents the average for a typical game in 2009.

"Arrests are on decline from the past couple of years," said Col. Gordon Hoffman of the Texas Tech Police Department. "People must be getting the message through the grapevine to not go

to the games intoxicated."

Hoffman said he believes it also might be attributed to the AlcoholEdu course all freshmen are required to take.

The Student Government Association also helps to lessen the game day crime numbers by having peer-on-peer guidance to help students make better decisions before entering the gates.

"We haven't had to deter that many students," said Sarah Saunders, SGA internal vice president. "Everyone seems more controlled this year."

Tech police are stationed at all gate entrances and around the stadium to make sure students and non-students are abiding the law. Hoffman said they are not doing anything different this year to stem arrests, but fewer people are coming to the games drunk.

"We are pleased this year to not be making so many arrests," Hoffman said. "We hope that this trend will remain the same so then everyone can just relax and there will be less disturbances."

As for the game on Saturday, Hoffman said he believes the trend will hold up.

"The A&M game will draw a lot of people," he said, "but I'm not expecting a major surge in arrests. People just want to have a good time."

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## Drug cartel sting arrests more than 300 in Okla.

By ELLIOT SPAGAT  
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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — In the largest single strike at Mexican drug operations in the U.S., authorities arrested more than 300 people in a sting that demonstrates a young cartel's vast reach north of the border.

The tentacles of "La Familia" extend coast to coast and deep into America's heartland, with arrests announced Thursday in 38 cities from Boston to Seattle and from St. Paul, Minn., to Raleigh, N.C.

Drug deals went down in Oklahoma parking lots, suppliers were advised to weld drugs into tire rims for transport, and in the Dallas and Seattle areas, dozens of children were removed from houses where authorities found drugs, guns or cash derived from drug sales.

Perhaps more than any other cartel, La Familia projects a Robin Hood image.

The Drug Enforcement Administration said the group is "philosophically opposed to the sale of methamphetamine to Mexicans, and instead supports its export to the United States for consumption by Americans."

Mexican police say the gang uses religion and family morals to recruit. The gang has hung banners in towns saying they do not tolerate drug use, or attacks on women or children.

One of the gang's alleged recruiters, detained last spring, ran drug rehabilitation centers, helping addicts to recover and then forcing them to work for the drug gang or be killed, according to Mexico Public Safety Secretary Genaro Garcia Luna.

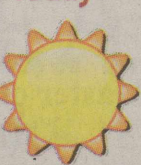
La Familia is rarely mentioned in the same breath as the handful of other Mexican gangs that control the flow of drugs into the United States, fueled by Colombian cocaine suppliers. The Sinaloa, Juarez, Gulf and Tijuana cartels have roots

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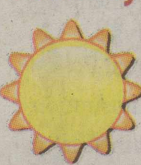
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**INBRIEF**

**STATE**

**Perry OK with TABC chief soliciting campaign fund**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry says he's OK with his re-election campaign getting help from the head of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, who solicited donations from the owners of the bars and restaurants his agency regulates.

Perry said Thursday in San Antonio that agency chairman Jose Cuevas has been a supporter for 12 to 15 years and that he doesn't "have a problem in the world" with

his appointee soliciting restaurants for donations.

Perry is up against U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison for the Republican gubernatorial nomination. Her campaign called the solicitation a "shakedown" for cash.

Cuevas was appointed by Perry to the commission in 2004 and was named chairman last year. The commission regulates the alcoholic beverage business in Texas.

**NATION**

**Congress extends hate crime protections to gays**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gays who are physically assaulted because of their sexual orientation receive new federal hate crime protections under legislation heading for President Barack Obama's signature.

With a Senate vote on Thursday, Congress has approved a measure that expands current law to include crimes based on gender, sexual orientation, gender identity

or disability.

That's one of the most significant expansions of the law since it was enacted after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968.

The bill would provide financial aid to states prosecuting hate crimes and would allow the Justice Department to step in when a state is unwilling or unable to follow through on a purported hate crime.

**WORLD**

**Bomb hits near school in NW Pakistan**

KABUL (AP) — A strong earthquake centered in the towering Hindu Kush mountains shook a wide area of eastern Afghanistan and Pakistan early Friday, swaying buildings in the Afghan and Pakistani capitals.

There were no initial reports of damage or casualties from the quake, which struck about 12:21 a.m. Afghan time (1951 GMT, 3:51 p.m. EDT Thursday).

However, the temblor was centered in a remote mountain area where communications are poor and reports of casualties take time to reach the capital.

The earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 6.2 and was centered in the mountains about 167 miles (268 kilometers) northeast of Kabul and 140 miles (230 kilometers) west of Mingaora, Pakistan, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Buildings shook in the Pakistani cities of Peshawar and the capital Islamabad, and the quake was felt as far east as Lahore near the Indian border, Pakistani television stations reported.

The Afghan Interior Ministry said it had no immediate reports of deaths or damage.

**Tech professor named Scientist of the Year**

BY LAUREN GLOVER  
STAFF WRITER

honored and humbled that ARCS chose me — not as a person, but for my work."



RAMKUMAR

The Achievement Rewards for College Scientists foundation named Seshadri Ramkumar the Scientist of the Year on Tuesday for a decontamination wipe he invented.

Ramkumar, an associate professor and manager of the nonwoven and advance materials lab for the Texas Tech Institute of Environmental and Human Health, was honored at the ARCS Award-Event for his work in developing a decontamination cloth called Fibertect, which is now a patented process. TIEHH is located at the Reese Technology Center and works to assess chemical impacts on humans and the environment through many disciplines.

"The award is in honor of our research and is a celebration of our work," he said. "I am really

Ron Kendall, director of the TIEHH, selected Ramkumar to work on Fibertect in 1998 as a top priority for the Department of Defense.

The purpose of the wipe is to decontaminate human skin from the exposure of nerve gas like mustard gas, Kendall said.

"We have also come up with additional inventions like bulletproof vests for law enforcement which has a U.S. patent and new applications for our locally grown cotton fibers," Ramkumar said. "I feel that I should use multidisciplinary approaches to find solutions for complicated problems."

Ramkumar's recognition as ARCS's Scientist of the Year is one of the highest scientific honors in the High Plains of Texas and also brings recognition to Tech.

"Products like Gatorade have done incredible things for the University of Florida, and Fibertect is already putting Tech on the map in terms of military and defense," Kendall said. "This is one of the ways Tech can achieve tier-one research status."

When Fibertect was patented, it was submitted to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California for testing against other decontamination products, he said. The testing revealed Fibertect was the best of the tested products.

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's findings were published by the American Chemical Society in December 2008 and made world news.

"Ramkumar deserves a lot of credit for his tenacity of bringing this product forward," Kendall said. "I think it fully demonstrates the excellence we are achieving at TIEHH because we have some really fantastic projects underway."

Tech President Guy Bailey introduced Ramkumar at the ARCS Award Event. Kathryn Brausch, Richard Erickson and Les McDaniel were awarded \$5,000 scholarships.

"ARCS awards scholarships to support science, math and engineering students because we believe that students studying these subjects are really important to the future of our country," said Kathy Stocco, president of ARCS's Lubbock chapter.

The nonwovens lab at the Reese Technology Center contains needle punching and through-air thermal bonding machines used in the Fibertect's development.

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**POLICE BLOTTER**

**Marble toilet divider damaged, fake \$20 bill found in trash room**

- Oct. 15**  
8:00 a.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in the A-3 parking lot of the Health Sciences Center. A vehicle's passenger side was scratched.
- 10:54 a.m., an officer responded to a medical call at the Child Development Center where a child injured his foot. The child was taken to Covenant Health System emergency room for further treatment.
- 3:11 p.m., an officer documented the driver side of a vehicle scratched in the Z6-A parking lot.
- 3:30 p.m., an officer investigated theft of a Forge bicycle from the east bicycle rack of Weymouth Residence Hall.
- 10:38 p.m., two officers arrested a non-student for driving while intoxicated in the 3300 block of Fourth Street. The passenger of the vehicle was arrested for public intoxication. Both non-students were taken to the Lubbock County Jail.
- Oct. 16**  
7:35 a.m., an officer investigated an accident in the 2600 block of Fourth Street. No injuries were reported.
- 9:50 a.m., an officer investigated the theft of a laptop in the Pediatrics Clinic in the Texas Tech Physicians Medical Pavilion.
- 12:54 p.m., an officer investigated the theft of a Giant bicycle from the bicycle rack on the north side of Gordon Residence Hall.
- 4:03 p.m., an officer investigated a hit-and-run in which a vehicle struck unattended vehicle in the Z1-B parking lot.
- Oct. 17**  
1:02 a.m., an officer issued a citation to a student in the lobby area of Chitwood Residence Hall for possession of alcohol by a minor.
- 1:53 a.m., an officer issued a citation to a student for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor in the 3200 block of 18th Street. The passenger and the vehicle were released to a responsible party.
- 2:39 a.m., an officer arrested a student for driving while intoxicated in the 900 block of Flint Avenue. The student was taken to Lubbock County Jail.
- 3:51 a.m., an officer released a student pending the filing of charges for public intoxication in the Z4-M parking lot. The student was released to a responsible party.
- 2:50 p.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief to a vehicle with a shattered back window in the Z3-F parking lot.
- Oct. 18**  
12:07 a.m., an officer arrested a student for public intoxication in the 1900 block of Texas Tech Parkway. The student was taken to the Lubbock County Jail.
- 12:52 a.m., an officer issued a citation to a student in the 1200 block of Flint Avenue for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor. The vehicle was left parked legally in the Z6-A parking lot.
- 2:32 a.m., an officer released a student pending the filing of charges for public intoxication in the Z4-M parking lot. The student was released to a responsible party.
- 4:10 a.m., an officer investigated an accident inside the Flint Avenue Parking Garage. A vehicle struck a parking space barricade. No injuries were reported.
- 4:01 p.m., an officer investigated the burglary of a Lee Lewis Construction site trailer located in the Z6-A parking lot. Nothing appeared to be taken, but items were disturbed. Entry was gained through a window.
- Oct. 19**  
8:57 a.m., an officer documented information on a Tech employee finding a fictitious \$20 bill in the trash room of Sneed Residence Hall.
- 11:23 a.m., an officer documented damage to a vehicle's front driver-side door in the C-11 parking lot.
- 1:12 p.m., an officer responded to a medical emergency in the Internal Medicine Clinic in the Texas Tech Physician's Medical Pavilion. A non-student fainted and struck her head. She was transported to the UMC emergency room for further treatment.
- Oct. 20**  
12:08 a.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in Gates Residence Hall. A marble toilet divider was damaged on the sixth floor men's restroom area.
- 10 a.m., an officer investigated debit card abuse at multiple Sam's Place locations on campus.
- 11:57 a.m., an officer investigated criminal mischief in the Z3-G parking lot. The left front quarter panel on a Ford F-250 was damaged.
- 1:25 p.m., an officer investigated the theft of currency in the Cowamongous Restaurant inside the Meats Lab.
- 7:13 p.m., an officer investigated an accident between a motor vehicle and a pedestrian in the Z1-B parking lot. No injuries were reported.
- Oct. 21**  
3:53 a.m., an officer released a student pending the filing of charges for possession of marijuana in Weymouth Residence Hall. The student was also issued a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia.
- 1:10 p.m., an officer investigated a hit-and-run in the Z4-P parking lot to an unattended vehicle.

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**Congress passes 3.4 percent pay boost for military**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Military personnel will get an above-inflation pay raise of 3.4 percent under a Pentagon policy bill the Senate passed Thursday and sent to President Barack Obama for his signature.

The pay increase was a half-percentage point more than Obama sought earlier this year and beats the average pay boost in the private sector.

The popular legislation also gives

Obama a few victories in his bid to kill some especially costly weapons systems, though it contains an effort by lawmakers to continue development — over the president's strong objections — of a costly alternative engine for the Pentagon's next-generation fighter jet.

The Senate cleared the House-Senate compromise measure by a 68-29 vote.

The far-reaching legislation also prohibits the Obama administration

from transferring any detainee being held at the Guantanamo Bay military prison in Cuba to the U.S. for trial until 45 days after it has given notice to Congress. Guantanamo prisoners could not be released into the U.S.

The bill also contains unrelated legislation strengthening federal hate crimes laws to include violence against homosexuals, angering Republicans who objected to the military measure carrying social legislation.

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# Despite change of location, Raiderville thriving

By **KELSEY HECKEL**  
STAFF WRITER

Students have been pitching tents in the Southwest Conference Circle since Tuesday as part of Raiderville, a tradition of camping out outside the Jones AT&T Stadium before rivalry games, in anticipation of the Texas Tech-Texas A&M game Saturday.

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, took complete control after the original mayor, Kevin Pierson, stepped down last year.

"Kevin gave it over to Drew and I, technically, last year about half way through the week," Vanderpool said. "We started learning how to run everything so then this year we would know when he wasn't here."

For last year's Tech-Texas game, more than 700 people camped out to be the first in line for seats. As of Thursday night, Gardner said about 115 people were camped in the circle.

"We expect more," he said. "There will probably be between 250 and 300 people here by Friday night."

The community was forced to move from the east side of

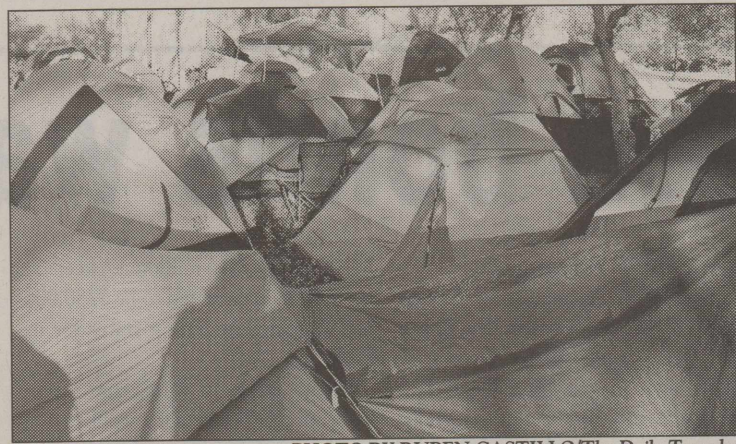


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RAIDERVILLE IS LOCATED near the Exercise and Sport Sciences building.

the stadium this year because of the construction.

"That whole area is filled with fences and construction," said Suzanne Williams, president of the Student Government Association. "Before, they could just line up tents right outside of the stadium, but now that area is going to be full of suites and a restaurant, so we are going to have to find a new location for them."

Although the move might not be permanent, camping students don't seem to mind the new location.

"I think the new spot is great," said Lauren Riggs, a sophomore animal sciences and production major from San Antonio. "We don't have to sleep on the concrete this year and we don't have the stadium

lights now. If you don't have a decent sleeping bag though it can get pretty bad because of the cold, but if you have a lot of people in your tent it makes it better."

Gardner and Vanderpool have been advertising the event by word of mouth, Vanderpool said.

"People also find us through what news coverage we get," he said. "Since this year we are in the middle of campus, it makes it easier for people see us and to stop by."

In the next couple of years, a goal for Raiderville campers will be getting the group turned into student organization.

"If it's what the students want, I believe it will happen," Williams said. "The mayors do a great job and this has already turned into a tradi-



PHOTO BY RUBEN CASTILLO/The Daily Toreador

MATTHEW GILL, A human development family studies major from Lubbock, sets up a tent Thursday in Raiderville located near the Exercise and Sport Sciences building.

tion, why not an organization?"

Because of the large amounts of students who show up for to Raiderville and the amount of time put into the camp, Tech will be distributing wristbands to show those who spent their weekend in the tents.

"This year will be different," Vanderpool said. "The purpose of waiting last year was to save our place in line. Obviously this year we are nowhere near the line so the bracelets will help."

Raiderville residents will pack up at about 2 p.m. Saturday before

the game. But next year campers will have to be out the night before the game, Gardner said.

"Once the alumni start showing up, you won't even know that we were there or that Raiderville existed," he said.

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## Iranian lawmaker rejects nuke deal to ship uranium

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's deputy parliament speaker on Thursday dismissed an internationally backed draft plan to have Tehran ship its uranium abroad for enrichment, the official IRNA news agency reported.

The remarks by Mohammad Reza Bahonar were the first reaction in Tehran on the proposal, presented Wednesday after three days of talks between Iran and world powers in the Austrian capital, Vienna.

The plan is seen by the international community as a way to curb Iran's ability to build a nuclear weapon. Iran says its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes only.

Tehran is expected to decide by Friday on whether to approve the plan that calls for shipping Iran's uranium to Russia for enrichment to a level that renders it suitable as nuclear fuel for energy production — not for nuclear weapons.

"The United States demanded Iran ship uranium abroad, in return for getting fuel back," Bahonar said, according to IRNA. "But Iran does not accept this."

Iran's parliament will not vote

on the draft plan, and Bahonar does not speak for the government, which is to decide on the matter.

But it's unclear if his comments could reflect high-level resistance to the deal or the opinions of some influential politicians in Iran.

There has been no response so far to the offer from Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has final say on all state matters, or President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

The proposal may meet resistance by some Iranian leaders because it weakens Iran's control over its stockpiles of nuclear fuel and could be perceived as a concession to the United States,

which took part in the Vienna talks with France and Russia.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Ian Kelly said that although some in Iran may disagree with the proposal, the U.S. government was waiting to hear the government's final decision Friday.

*"I'm sure there are a lot of voices in Tehran right now, but we're going to wait for that authoritative answer tomorrow."*

**IAN KELLY**  
SPOKESMAN  
STATE DEPARTMENT

"I'm sure there are a lot of voices in Tehran right now, but we're going to wait for that authoritative answer tomorrow," said Kelly, who has called the draft agreement "a very positive step."

In Jerusalem, Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak expressed skepticism of the agreement in the country's first official comments.

He said the plan, if signed, would delay Iran's nuclear program by only a year and will not foil what he called the country's "real plan to achieve nuclear capability."

Under the Vienna-brokered draft, Iran is required to send 1.2 tons of low-enriched uranium to Russia in one batch by the end of this year, French Foreign Ministry spokesman Bernard Valero said Thursday.

After further enrichment in Russia, the uranium will be converted into fuel rods that would be returned to Iran for use in an aging reactor used for medical research. Valero said France would be the one making that conversion.

"France is an active party to this accord," Valero said, stressing that Paris is still a player in the proposal despite Iranian criticism of any French role in the plan earlier this week.

Valero, in an online briefing, also said the proposal drafted in Vienna allows Iran to pursue production of radioisotopes for medical purposes "while constituting a useful gesture that could contribute to reducing tensions over the nuclear issue."

## Negotiators consider public option

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senior Senate Democrats at work with White House officials on health care legislation are strongly considering a requirement for the federal government to sell insurance in direct competition with private industry, officials said Thursday, with individual states permitted to drop out of the system.

Liberals in Congress long have viewed such an approach, called a public option, as an essential ingredient of the effort to overhaul the nation's health care system, and President Barack Obama has said frequently he favors it. But he has also made clear it is not essential to the legislation he seeks, a gesture to Democratic moderates who have opposed it.

Sens. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., and Kent Conrad, D-N.D., said in separate interviews they had been told the plan was drawing interest in the private negotiations unfolding in an ornate room in the Capitol down the hall from the Senate chamber.

The final decision is up to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., who led a delegation of Democrats to the White House late in the day to discuss health care with Obama.

"I'm not part of those discussions. What I'm hearing is that this is the direction of the conversation," said Conrad, who supports an alternative approach under which nonprofit co-ops would compete with private industry.

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Kim Turner, the Tech chief audit executive, spoke on several issues including a recent incident on the HSC El Paso campus in which several public records were falsified.

According to the report, several budget-related documents were changed to look as though they were for other expenditures. The dates on the documents also were changed.

Dr. Jose Manuel de la Rosa, founding dean of the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine in El Paso, said the incident involved funding from Socorro Independent School District outside El Paso.

"Documents were not appropriately submitted and in response the grant director was relieved of her position," said de la Rosa. "Our internal processes were able to fix the problem."

In response to the incident the chairman of the department involved and the responsible employee were dismissed from the HSC in El Paso.

Turner said nationwide \$994 billion is lost to fraud every year.

In response to this she said the university has begun a fraud-prevention and early-detection class for Tech employees.

Another item discussed at the meeting was to hire a consulting firm that would provide support in federal relations. According to the report, an ideal consulting firm would be intimately familiar with the federal government and would know how to obtain access to federal assistance.

Hance said the help a consultant could provide would increase the amount of funding the university could receive from the federal government for research.

"If we're going to secure what we need from the federal government in terms of wind energy we need this kind of assistance," he said.

Taylor Eighmy, vice president for research, said the university is interested in having a consultant's help in getting federal funding in terms of grants and congressionally directed funding.

"In this day and age, it's great to have experts help in these types of matters," he said.

The Board of Regents will meet again at 8:30 a.m. today in the Matador Room of the Student Union Building.

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## Half of city's proposed bonds wasteful

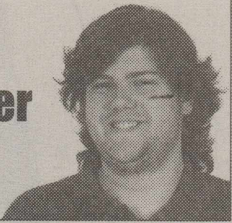
Lubbock is in a good place financially. Right now, we've got the lowest unemployment in the state, the cost of living is low, and it's a good place to own a home.

So of course human nature sets in and groups of people decide that the city should start spending large amounts of money to help remedy this lovely golden period we've been having.

This sort of spending philosophy is very common in people's personal lives, which is why anti-debt gurus such as Dave Ramsey teach people to eschew all forms of debt completely, eat rice and beans, drive an awful car and die clutching the money that your children will soon blow on a shiny new BMW and liquor. Some governments are just as bad about debt as the people they oppress, too.

Right now, the United States' national debt is \$11.96 trillion, according

**Cole Shooter**



to the U.S. Treasury, working out to about \$39,000 per U.S. citizen. That's about \$110,000 per taxpayer. Although the local numbers aren't quite as staggering, it will still work out to be the same end result. Taxes will go up, which means less money in area homeowners' wallets for many things they likely won't benefit from at all.

Early voting has already begun for the Nov. 3 election, and some groups are quite eager for Lubbock to increase its debt load. Earlier this year, a citizen advisory committee recommended four

particular items they thought were worthy for Lubbockites to vote on. Two of the items are for regular city infrastructure such as streets and fire stations, and two are absolutely useless.

Proposition 1 would issue just more than \$43 million in general obligation bonds for street improvements, including nearly \$21 million to do large-scale reconstruction on 34th Street between Indiana Avenue and Avenue Q, as well as \$4.75 million for traffic signal upgrades. While this is the most expensive of the four city bond items, I generally won't begrudge a city for wanting to build and maintain roads and traffic signals.

Proposition 2 would issue \$7.5 million in bonds for three new fire stations, all located in southwest Lubbock. While the entire city wouldn't benefit from these fire stations, it is a public safety issue and will also help to lower

some residents' insurance rates.

Proposition 3 would have the city take out \$1.2 million for four splash pads to be located in local parks. A splash pad is an area with safety surfacing that has ground nozzles that shoot water upwards, so kids can enjoy the facilities. They're much cheaper than municipal pools, and since there's virtually no risk of drowning, upkeep is low.

We had something similar when I was a kid: a garden hose. It cost about \$20 for the hose and gave us as much enjoyment as those splash pads would have, so taking out a bond for these items doesn't make sense to me.

Proposition 4 would take out \$9 million to fund a 90-acre soccer complex, which includes 53 soccer fields as well as maintenance and concession buildings. The \$9 million figure had been scaled back from original estimates of

\$12 million to \$16 million. Upkeep on these fields is expected to be \$250,000 per year, not including water for irrigation.

Many seem to think that large-scale soccer tournaments would bring in plenty of money to the city, but that's not the case because the city won't maintain the facilities. We have deteriorating city property, such as the Mahon Library and the Berl Huffman Athletic Complex, which are in shambles from the city refusing to maintain them.

Mahon, the main library for the city, had a 17 percent increase in visitors during the last year, but the facility hasn't been touched since new carpet was installed in the 1980s. Godeke Library was neglected to the point that the facility had to be closed due to mold.

This shows a pattern of irrespon-

sibility by the city. If a child keeps drowning his new puppies, it's best not to continue swinging by the pet store for new presents. The city has shown it can't maintain the facilities of this type they already own, and it would be irresponsible to give them money to build more.

I'm not against kids having a place to play soccer, but if demand were really high enough to have a complex such as this constructed, the Lubbock Soccer Association could raise a majority of the money through business sponsorships, donations and grants, even if it would take a little while longer. I'd prefer to keep Lubbock's property tax rate a tiny bit lower, rather than give the city something else to neglect.

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## Rising costs, unemployment still concern

College kids like you or me already have it rough with Ramen noodles and it is only going to get worse.

Tuition has risen and employment is becoming harder to find. According to College Board reports, this year and the previous 20 years had a multitude of times where tuition rose faster than inflation. Of course, the benefits associated with a college degree are numerous. An education, better pay, opportunities to find a good job, networking and respect are just a few fringe benefits. Still, more people than ever before are attending college, but grants are starting to shrink.

For some, the investment now is an opportunity cost that continues to grow. I remember the beginning of

**Colleen Gartner**



this fall semester had quite a line for the financial aid office, and I would rather not see that again. Less and less taxpayer money has made its way to both university and high school-level programs, and the costs have been passed on down to us. One glance at the Texas Tech fee list and I cringe at how specific, mundane costs have squirmed their way onto my bill.

Still, it is nice to see exactly where the money goes. I would rather have a

specific fee rather than a vague fee.

According to the U.S. News and World Report, college costs have jumped nearly 5.8 percent or \$1,062 to an average tuition of \$19,388. If you thought that was quite an increase, I do not recommend looking at the increases associated with room and board.

Suddenly, I feel the urge to keep in touch with my parents, and I am not alone. More and more students are opting to attend community colleges to keep costs down. As someone who has taken classes at a community college, I encourage that route for lower-level courses. It provides a great foundation with more attention and a more focused approach to learning.

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worked with me, and I kept in touch to make sure courses transferred. However, I do not recommend staying at home or going back home as an easy way out. Community colleges can be just as hard or harder on students than major public universities.

Employment is another concern. The U.S. unemployment rate in September, as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, was 9.5 percent. Go back one year and it was 6 percent. The last quarter of 2008 was just brutal. Senior citizens, college students and single-parent families have the hardest time surviving a tight economy, but there is good news.

Texas has been faring better than most of the country because of its strong oil and medical industries. Both long-term industries allow Texas to recover faster because of the amount of technology and research incorporated into each.

Now I am not trying to say you should jump on the bandwagon, change your major and go into these fields. However, I am saying picking a field with a demand is a good idea. If you need help picking out a major or just need help on a resume, the Career Management Center and the Advising Center are always around to provide assistance.

While Proposition 4 (if passed) will be bringing money into Tech, scholarships, grants, tax breaks and student loans should not be solely relied upon. You never know when a difficult semester will hit, so it is a good idea to keep a savings pot worth at least a semester's cost of new books.

Also, keep a look out for opportunities. Believe it or not, Facebook and TechAnnounce are great outlets to find roommates and obtain a little bit of work. Still, the economy is doing better, but it has not fully recovered. Finding a job in a college town such as Lubbock is still difficult because there is a large number of the same skill set. It will take longer to snag a real job, so keep eating those Ramen noodles.

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## Racism still plagues our nation

Racism is a word that has been tossed around a lot lately. Most of the time it is misused causing it to have a watered-down meaning. It becomes trivialized to a point where we cannot see true racism.

In Louisiana, Justice of the Peace Keith Bardwell refused to perform a marriage for an interracial couple. On CBS news he argues that since children of interracial couples are often denied by their families, he will not perform a marriage because he is concerned about the kids.

On that CBS news program he said one other scenario in which he would not perform a ceremony is if the couple is intoxicated or on drugs. He then said they have to come back when they are sober.

Let me get this straight, Bardwell. Parents who abuse alcohol and drugs will be married by you, but not interracial couples. The data shows children living in that situation are much better off than interracial couples. Right?

He also said interracial marriages do not last.

So does he also refuse to perform marriages for younger couples? Data shows they have a much higher divorce rate than those of their elders. There is data out there that shows the divorce-rate amongst those who are conservative Christians is higher than that of those that claim to be agnostic or atheist. Does Bardwell not perform marriages for them?

I can go on and on and break down random statistics from random studies and show people with lower IQ's have a higher divorce rate (or vice versa). Will Bardwell refuse to perform for people because they are too stupid or too smart?

Oh, you want me to marry you? Well take this IQ test first and we will see.

Bardwell argues he is not a racist. He claims he allows black people to use his bathroom, as reported by the Associated Press. While I applaud Bardwell in his courageous act of racial unity to allow black people to use his toilet, he is still racist. Taking an action based solely on the basis of color is racist.

**Paul Williamson**



This is not just an isolated incidence of racism. Racism is all around us. Poverty in this country still disproportionately affects minority groups, as does education levels. The reason is because of the segregationist policies of the past put generations of minorities behind whites by about 200 years.

The situation today for minorities is a lot better today than it was prior to the civil rights movement. But predominantly minority schools are still poorer than their white counterparts.

Back in the days of segregation, this country saw black-only schools had hardly any funding and thus could not educate their children as the white only schools could. So when segregation became illegal it broke down many barriers for children to receive a better quality education. However many of children were so far behind, it became difficult to catch up.

The next generation of minorities also could not catch up because they still lived in the same impoverished areas and so was the case for every other generation. So today we still see the effects of institutional racism. It is not a coincidence the minorities in this country are poorer still.

Bardwell shows the old-school world of thinking still exists and we need laws to protect against that. That means minority scholarships and affirmative action. This is supposed to be a country of equal opportunity but it is not due to the racist policies of our ancestors.

I call on the Supreme Court of Louisiana to the right thing and relieve Keith Bardwell of his duties as an elected official for being unethical and a racist.

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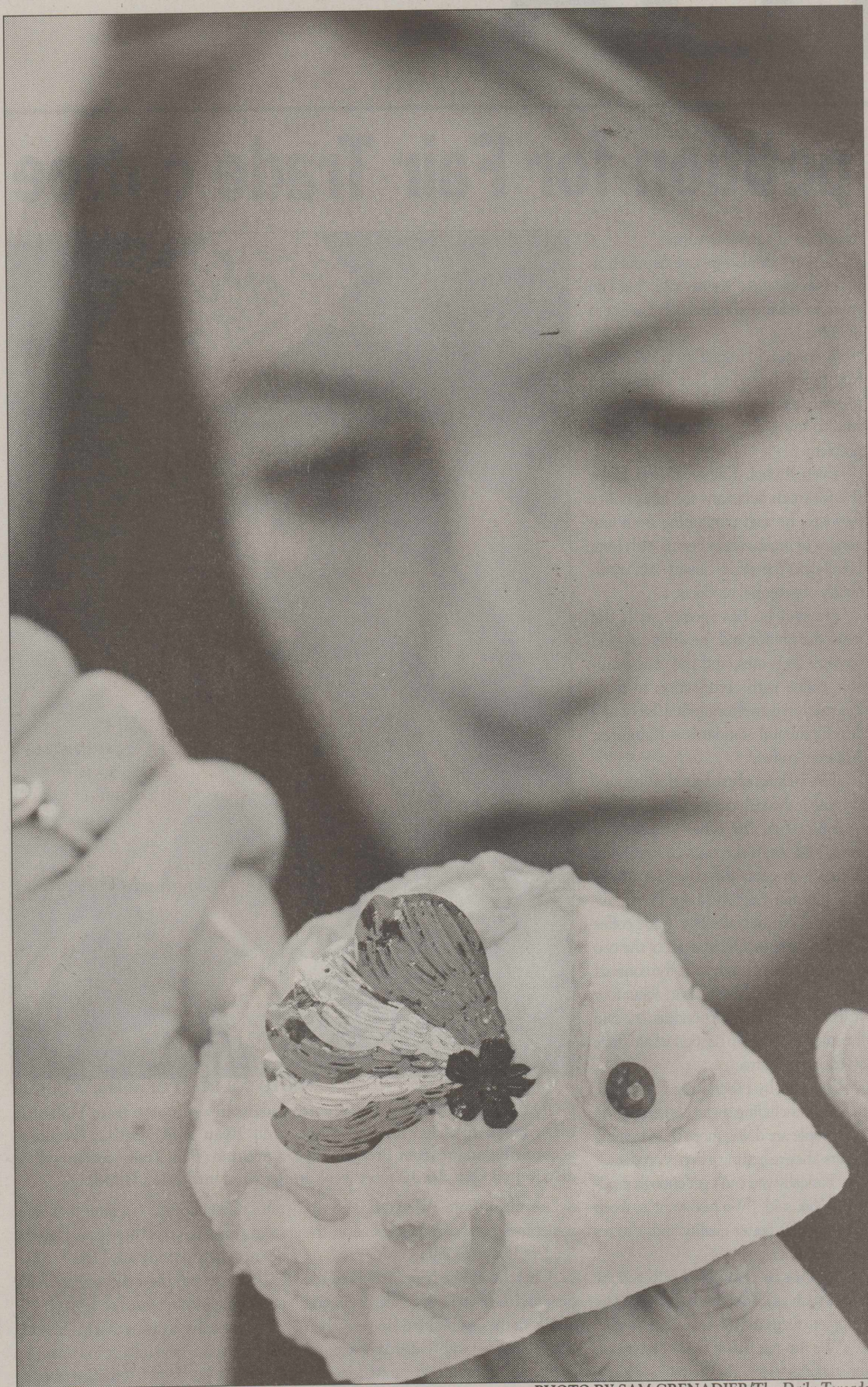


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KATIE BUTLER, A freshman biology major from Garland, decorates a sugar skull Thursday in the Student Union Building during a Dia de los Muertos celebration.

# Silent Raiders make noise about disability awareness

By ALEXANDRA PEDRINI  
STAFF WRITER

Members of Silent Raiders, a club serving both hearing and hearing impaired people in the Lubbock community, participated in a Silent Bingo in the Wall/Gates lobby Thursday, helping raise awareness of people who are hearing impaired as a part of Disability Awareness Week.

Disability Awareness Week, hosted by the Student Disability Services, featured events throughout the week designed to inform students about various disabilities people can face.

"It was just to let everybody know and get disability awareness out in the Tech community, a lot of people don't even know that we're on campus," said Audrey Sendejo, a Student Disability Services sign language interpreter.

The Silent Bingo game gave students the chance to experience how someone who is hearing impaired plays a game. Interpreters passed out cheat sheets illustrating the hand signals of both letters and numbers used in the game as well as repeating the called out numbers.

"We wanted to get the American Sign Language students involved in the deaf community as well as getting a lot of hearing students involved as well," Sendejo said.

Silent Raiders helps the Student Disability Services in accomplishing this goal. This group, formed of both hearing and hearing impaired students, focuses on using American Sign Language for not only practicing for classes, but also as a way of reaching the hearing impaired community of Lubbock.

"We usually try to have some deaf people at every meeting because sign language is the sole language of deaf people," said Danielle Pedigo, a senior early childhood development major from Belton. "We need to practice working with people in the deaf community. It is a really important part of sign language."

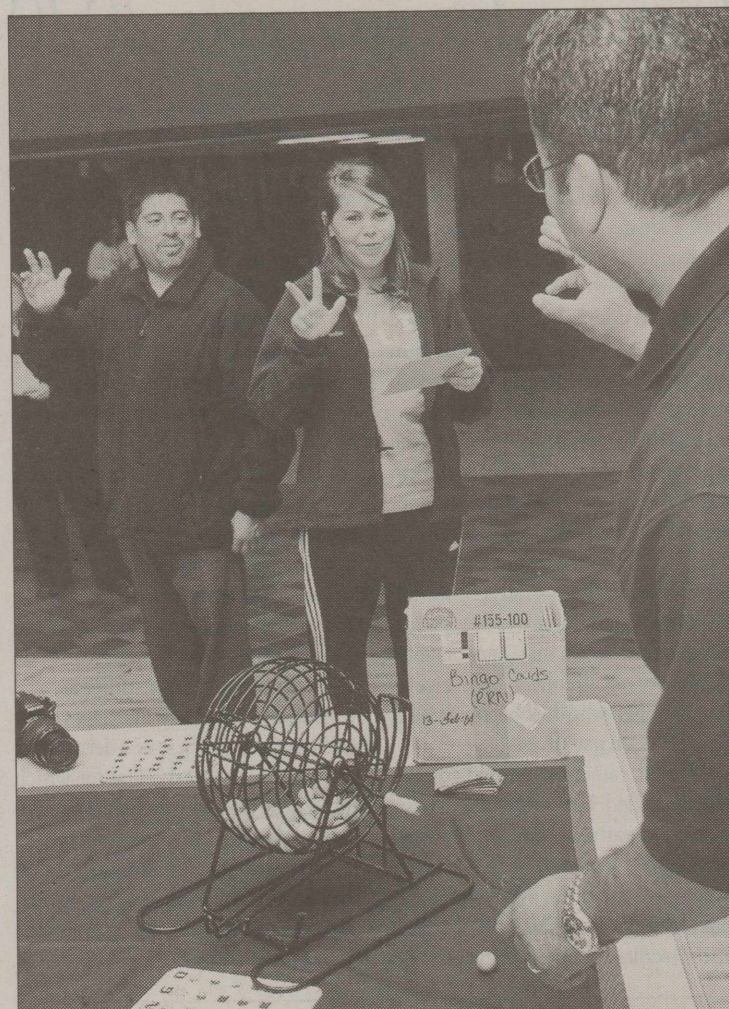


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RUBEN MALLORY, LEFT, an interpreter from Student Disability Services, assists Stacy Cherry, center, a senior human development and family studies major from San Antonio, with translating her bingo card to verify with James Whitfield, right, the interpreter coordinator from Student Disability Services, to see if she won a game of silent Bingo on Thursday in the Wall/Gates lobby.

The club hosts various events throughout the year serving and interacting with the hearing impaired community. Members attend silent dinners, community deaf chats and other events thrown by groups on campus. The community deaf chats happen on the first Friday of every month at Daybreak Coffee.

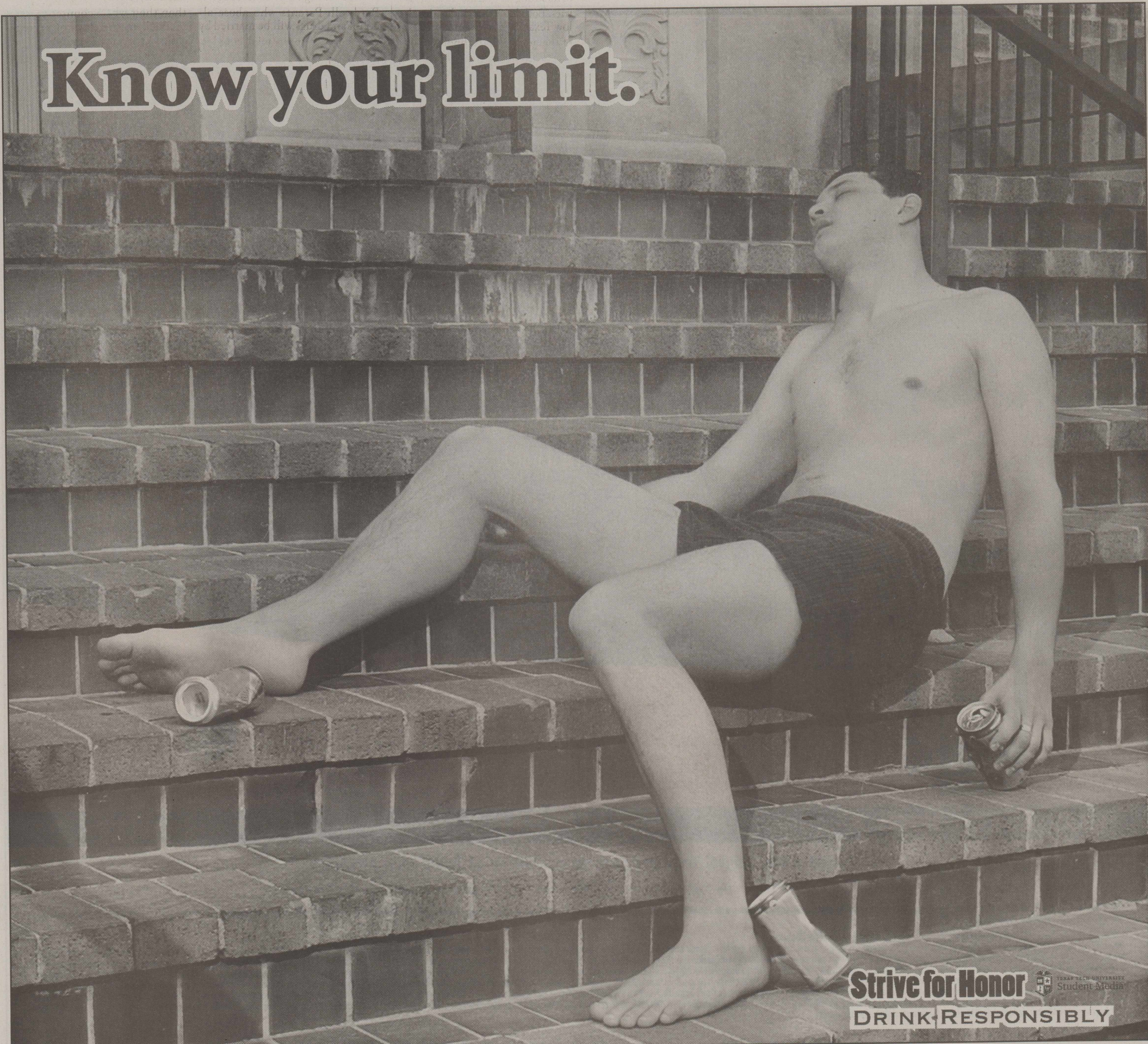
"It's all of the deaf people from the community, sign language students from Tech and surrounding high schools, that come and sit around in the coffee house and we just drink coffee and talk in sign language," said Rebecca Markes, a freshman pre-occupational therapy major from Murphy.

Other than interacting with people who are hearing impaired, Silent Raiders hopes to open peoples' minds and broaden their perceptions of what deaf people are like.

"A lot of hearing people think that deaf people are broken and need to be fixed, but that's not the case" said Melinda Stuart, president of Silent Raiders and a junior general studies major from Lubbock. "Deaf people will tell you 'I don't need to be fixed.' They don't consider themselves disabled, but they are just a different culture and there are differences between the two."

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## Census bureau says 2020 count could include gays

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The U.S. Census Bureau is making an unprecedented effort to include same-sex couples in next year's national population count, but legally married gay couples won't show up as such in the official once-a-decade tally, bureau representatives said Thursday.

Statistical problems related to the development of the 2010 census form and the evolving legal state of same-sex relationships led Census officials to conclude that trying to include married gay couples in the overall snapshot of household marital status could yield an inaccurate number, said Gary Gates, a University of California, Los Angeles demographer who has been advising the bureau on gay issues.

Instead, same-sex married couples will be added into the category for unmarried partners, just as they were for the 2000 census. But in a marked policy departure, the agency plans to make the data on same-sex couples who described themselves as married

available on a state-by-state basis. "The Bureau has decided to give us the information, but be a little cautious," Gates said.

The decision to develop separate sets of numbers was a compromise position that was "less about politics and more about accurate data," he said.

Gates stressed that it was important for gay couples to participate in the census, noting that information drawn from the last one had been used in lawsuits dealing with same-sex marriage and to lobby congressional representatives who may wrongly assume they do not have many gay constituents.

Because same-sex marriages were not legal in any U.S. state a decade ago, the 2010 census is the first for which the bureau has wrestled with how to count married same-sex couples. In June, census officials announced that they would make the attempt, reversing an earlier decision made under the Bush administration.

## Warships near San Francisco Bay will be cleaned, recycled

BENICIA, Calif. (AP) — A fleet of old, rotting warships shedding toxic paint into the water near San Francisco Bay will be cleaned up and recycled under a new plan announced by federal officials Thursday.

Deputy Secretary of Transportation John Porcari said the government has already awarded contracts to dispose of two World War II-era cargo ships from the Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet.

The group of more than 70 mostly obsolete vessels in Suisun Bay has been at the center of a nearly three-year deadlock between state water regulators and

the federal government, which manages the fleet.

Porcari said the ships will be cleaned in dry-dock — not in the bay — alleviating state officials' concerns about additional water pollution.

"This is definitely big," said Bruce Wolfe, executive officer of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. "This is the start."

A congressional order set a 2006 deadline to scrap more than 50 ships in the fleet, but a regulatory quagmire has kept them in place.

A lack of disposal operations on the

## Students petition for Fair Trade coffee

By EMILY MOSER  
STAFF WRITER

The purchase of a cup of coffee might support more than just the coffee's brand.

There is a movement on campus to bring Fair Trade coffee to Texas Tech. Fair Trade coffee is a product of the Fair Trade movement, which advocates providing direct market access to farmers in developing countries rather than a middle man in hopes of improving the producers' lives. Terri Dove, a senior visual studies major from Cooper, is co-president of the student organization leading the Fair Trade coffee advocacy, Seva. Dove said through Seva, students advocate and educate others about global-community causes.

"It's not that we don't think people don't want to help," Dove said. "We think people don't know how."

She said through the support of Fair Trade, the social premium of impoverished societies and the construction of roads and schools will improve.

Dove said Seva has been in contact with Hospitality Services regarding Fair Trade coffee. She said through the organization's petitioning, she hopes students will leave with some knowledge or simple recognition of the Fair Trade coffee label. The group has set the goal of 400 signatures, and in one day Seva received about 100 signatures.

"I think it's because that day we were giving out cookies," Dove said. "I think there is a way to do it, it just might cost more money."

James Kainer, manager of purchasing and menu development for Tech's Hospitality Services, compares Seva and its battle for Fair Trade coffee to a grassroots campaign; how it started in his office with two people and now has grown to a 200-person petition. He said he believes Tech students in general care about the environment, but there is a lack of overall student

awareness about conservation.

"I don't think we have as much as other universities," Kainer said, "but I do think we have a strong enough interest to do something."

Kainer said Hospitality Services are not against providing Fair Trade coffee to students, but finding an economical way to bring the coffee has created a problem.

Even though Kainer doesn't make the ultimate decisions for Hospitality Services, he said purchasing from any vendor or organization begins with him. He checks the price, quality and availability of potential products.

He said he has spoken with the main distributor and the different food brokers Tech uses, and the only available coffee with certification to meet international environmental, labor and developmental standards is Rainforest Alliance coffee.

"We've kind of exhausted all avenues to bring it through our supplier," he said.

Laura Zak, the other president of Seva, said she is skeptical of Rainforest Alliance in comparison to Fair Trade. Zak, a senior English major from Lubbock, still has hope for Fair Trade coffee on Tech campus. She said out of the two coffee brands' university sells, the contract with Daybreak Coffee ends in about four years. With the contract ending, she said the students can help negotiate Fair Trade on the new contract.

She said by purchasing Fair Trade products, including sugar, chocolate and tea, people are doing more than helping others, they're getting a better product.

"Basically you can't get enough products," Zak said. "We just want to keep on going. It's better quality and it tastes a lot better."

Seva has been involved with activist causes such as Darfur but has changed its complete focus to Fair Trade, Zak said.

"We just felt that it was a better way for students to feel they're making a difference in the international community," she said.

Alison Church, a senior photojournalist



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CODY ZILVERBERG, A graduate student in agronomy from Holabird, S.D., holds up a sign for Fair Trade while Ryan Wadsworth, a freshman accounting major from Prosper signs a petition. Fair Trade coffee will be distributed Oct. 26-30 next week in the Student Union Building.

nalism major from Arlington, said she sometimes purchases her coffee in the Student Union Building.

Church said she is aware of both the Seva and the Fair Trade coffee. She found out about the organization last year when Seva helped out with V-day campaign, an event put on by the Feminist Majority Leader Alliance at Tech.

"The first time I went to their meeting was because they supported my organiza-

tion," Church said, "but after that, after seeing the passion of those girls, I felt the desire to help out any way I can."

Church said she believes Fair Trade eventually will be served at Tech.

"I think that in a way that in Lubbock, Fair Trade is a new subject to come into the city," Church said. "I think as the city becomes greener I think it's only a matter of time before it reaches the campus."

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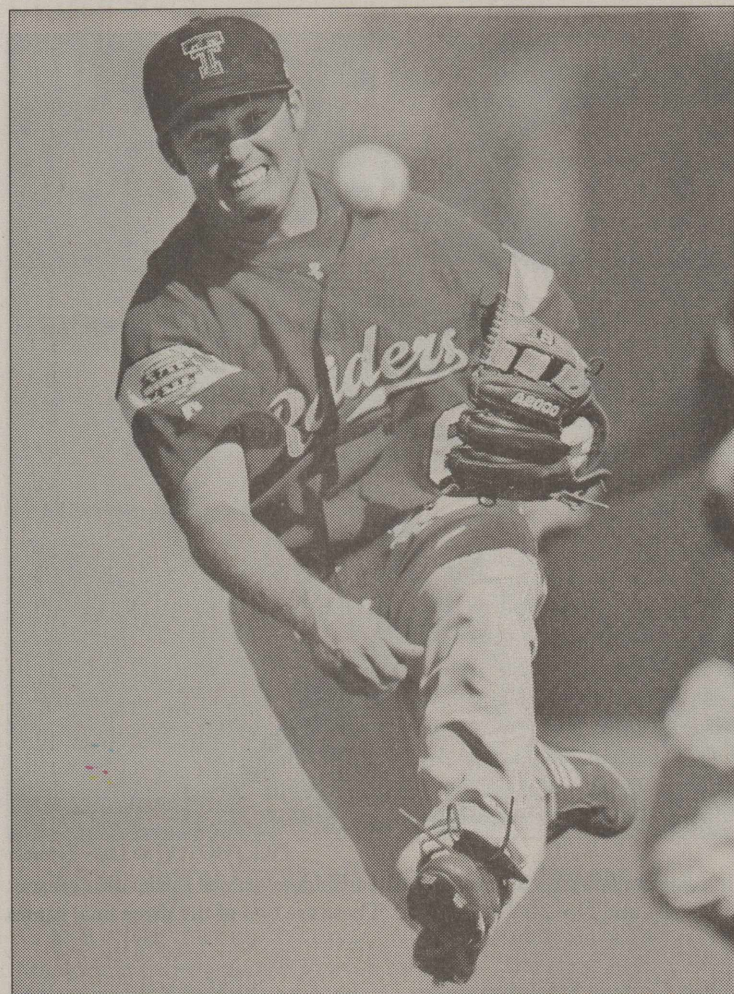
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# Tech baseball kicks off Red-Black Series

Time is now for Cowboy's offense



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH INFILDER Joey Kenworthy throws on the move during an open practice this fall. The Red-Black Series begins today at 5 p.m. at Dan Law Field. There will be four more scrimmages after Friday's.

By ADAM COLEMAN  
SPORTS EDITOR

Dan Spencer won't acknowledge it, but the Texas Tech baseball players have a friendly wager riding on the Red-Black Series, which begins at 5 p.m. today at Dan Law Field.

It's nothing major—the losing team of the series just has to do some extra conditioning.

But above all, the Red Raiders are looking forward to a competitive environment to end practice.

"It's just something we always look forward to because it's something that we always look forward to because it's something we work towards," said right-handed pitcher Chad Bettis. "Also it's the end of fall practice as scrimmaging each other. Kind of towards the end, everyone's just kind of sick and tired of facing each other."

The Red-Black Series gives fans a chance to get a first look at the Red

Raider baseball team. Fans also have plenty of chances—there is a scrimmage at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, 4 p.m. Tuesday and 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. The original start day of the series was Sunday, but it was moved up to Friday to give fans in town for the Tech-Texas A&M football game a chance to see the baseball team.

If Bettis does not want to do any extra conditioning, he might want the Red Team to walk away victors.

He headlines the Red Team along with infielder Justin Berry, catcher Jeremy Mayo and Taylor Ashby.

The Black Team features standouts such as Michael Reed, Joey Kenworthy and Bobby Doran, who transferred from Seward Community College in Kansas.

Tech assistant Trent Petrie will coach the Red Team, while volunteer assistant Andy Jarvis will coach the Black Team.

It may indicate the end of fall prac-

ice, but Spencer said his players should start emerging even though the regular season doesn't start for a few months.

"I told our guys on Tuesday, it's time for you guys to think you need to be starters or you think you need to be pitching in these roles and you believe that, then you need to start separating," he said. "So I'm hoping to see some of that."

Tech coaches are hoping to see some progress from their players after a 2009 season highlighted by the Red Raiders making the Big 12 Tournament for the first time since 2006.

Berry said playing in front of fans should bring the best out of his teammates.

"It will be a lot of fun to see how we compete in a real-game situation and compete against each other and grow together as a team," he said.

Spencer said the Red Raiders have a few things they need to focus on as fall practice comes to a close. He said there are position battles in the outfield and infield and the Red Raiders are searching for depth in their pitching staff.

"Everywhere I've been, those series are real competitive," he said. "Here this year, we have a lot of battles going on for positions and obviously on the mound too. I think from that standpoint, there's bragging rights involved and guys are playing to kind of see where we shake out going into the spring."

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DAN SPENCER  
TECH BASEBALL COACH

# Crabtree ready to finally hit the field Sunday against Texans

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Michael Crabtree stood against a wall in the locker room for his makeshift news conference and spoke for just more than six minutes about his upcoming NFL debut. He sported a red and gold San Francisco 49ers stocking cap.

The 49ers didn't put him at the podium Thursday because that wouldn't have been right for an unproven rookie who missed 71 days — even one as talented and highly touted as Crabtree.

What a change from his over-the-top ordeal for the announcement back in mid-January that he would forgo his final two years of college eligibility at Texas Tech to turn pro.

Crabtree held that event at an upscale hotel in the Dallas suburbs. Deion Sanders played master of ceremonies. In the parking lot outside, Crabtree's car bore the license plate "Crab 5." The same message was attached to both front doors.

San Francisco coach Mike Singletary insists none of that stuff matters now. As far as he's concerned, Crabtree has been far from a diva around the 49ers.

They picked him 10th overall in this year's draft.

During his lengthy contract dispute, Crabtree prepared for this moment by reading defenses in his mind and even getting his buddies out on the field to stand in against him as he ran routes.

"I had friends out there playing Cover 2 and all that. We were just having fun," Crabtree said Thursday. "I don't think nothing's easy, man. I think you've just got to watch a lot of film and hopefully I get it by game time."

Whatever he did in that time he was absent, the Niners believe their top draft pick is ready to handle a big role in his long-awaited debut Sunday at Houston.

He might start. If not, offensive coordinator Jimmy Raye still figures on Crabtree playing half of the offensive snaps. He has impressed the coaches and his teammates with how he's caught up after missing all of spring work, training camp and the first five games of the season.

"He is a natural football player, playing wide receiver," Raye said. "He has

an uncanny knack to conceptualize the picture quicker than most young guys, so the words that paint the picture of the play, he gets it pretty quickly so far. So I would anticipate that will continue."

Crabtree plans to ignore the hype as best he can once he hits the field, though he knows there will be some 30 friends and family members there watching. He couldn't have scripted it much better: The former Texas Tech star will play his first game in his home state.

His teammates have been razing him like crazy and Thursday was no exception. Safety Dashon Goldson held his McDonald's drink cup in the media fray like a microphone.

"Gimme a shout out, Mike!" right tackle Tony Pashos hollered.

"Is this Crabtree's locker room?" someone else yelled.

"Leave him alone!" another cried out.

Crabtree knows that's all part of it. "Every rookie's going to have to do something," he said. "They've been on me wherever I go, 'rookie, rookie.' They're going to do stuff to you every week. You've just got to be prepared."

How prepared is Crabtree for Sunday?

He hasn't played in a game — or taken a hit for that matter — since a 47-34 loss to Mississippi in the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 2. He was slowed by an ankle injury that day and held to a career-low 30 yards receiving on four catches.

Crabtree averaged 120.3 yards and 1.6 touchdowns per game during two



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

FORMER TEXAS TECH receiver Michael Crabtree will start for the San Francisco 49ers opposite Issac Bruce when they take on the Houston Texans Sunday at Reliant Stadium in Houston.

sensational college seasons. He has all the confidence he can produce those kinds of results against NFL defenses.

"I've been playing football since I was 3 years old. Right now we're at the highest level and all I have to do is go out there every day and do what I know," Crabtree said. "I wouldn't even have any fears or any concerns. I will just worry about my plays and my teammates and make sure we're all up."

Playing Crabtree extensively right away is worth it to Raye so the 49ers get a better idea of what he can do in the pressure of a game situation.

"The obvious risk is that it fails, that he lays an egg, that we lay an egg," Raye said. "I think the rewards outweigh the risks because if we keep putting it on the back burner and giving three plays or four plays, then a month down the road you are looking at the same situation, 'What

have you done?'"

Even San Francisco defensive coordinator Greg Manusky was fielding questions about Crabtree and the challenges he presents for a defense.

"He's here. I'm happy. When he catches that first ball I'll be even happier," Manusky said with a smile. "I saw him a little bit during the bye week. It looks like he has some talent and some skills. He should if he is the 10th pick."

# Freshman Landry Jones gets trial by fire after Bradford injury

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Less than halfway through his first game as the backup to Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford, Landry Jones got called on to make his Oklahoma debut much earlier than expected.

A few weeks later, after just one offensive series in the Sooners' biggest rivalry game of the season, his number got called again.

The nightmarish season for the loser of last season's BCS championship game has also provided a trial by fire for Jones, the team's projected quarterback of the future.

"No stage has been too big for him. No situation has overwhelmed him," said quarterbacks coach Josh Heupel, the 2000 Heisman runner-up for the Sooners. "I think he's handled himself with a lot of confidence, and I think our football team has felt that as well."

Jones has had the unenviable task of twice stepping in to replace Bradford, who had one of the most remarkable years in college football history last season with 4,720 yards passing and 50 touchdowns.

Jones was expected to rescue the Sooners' national title hopes — all while missing a tight end with 26 career touch-

down catches, three senior wide receivers and four starters on the front line from last season's offense. And without ever before taking a college snap.

"This season has gone by so fast. It's been a lot of fun," said Jones, a redshirt freshman. "I obviously would have wanted it to come out differently in some of those games, but this season has been a blast for me."

"I've played more than I ever thought I would play this year, so it's been a lot of fun."

Jones came to the 25th-ranked Sooners (3-3, 1-1 Big 12) from Artesia, N.M.,

where he was a Parade All-American and won back-to-back state championships. He started out playing running back and linebacker, but stuck at quarterback after he started throwing the ball late in elementary school. Now, he considers himself a fan of Carson Palmer, admiring the way the Cincinnati Bengals quarterback throws with balance and strength.

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# Tech soccer faces UT, A&M as season winds down

By ADAM COLEMAN  
SPORTS EDITOR

Texas Tech soccer coach Tom Stone has not missed the Big 12 Conference Tournament since taking the helm of the program in 2007.

While Tech is not in immediate danger of missing the postseason this year, it needs more points via wins or draws to secure a spot in San Antonio and keep Stone's streak going.

So with three games left in the season, there's not much room for error.

"I've said it from the beginning," Stone said. "We knew we were going to have to have more points to get into the tournament. But what's exciting is that Texas Tech is in the chase. No one takes that for granted because you don't have to look that far back to a time we didn't make the tournament with regularity."

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**TOM STONE**  
TEXAS TECH SOCCER COACH

Those remaining three games are on the road starting with Texas at 7 p.m. today in Austin and No. 20 Texas A&M at 1 p.m. Sunday in College Station.

Tech started the Big 12 schedule with a bang.

The Red Raiders boasted an undefeated record at 3-0-1 — with all four games played in Lubbock at the John Walker Soccer Complex.

Stone has said this season is the most competitive season he's seen in the Big 12. Normally, several teams are all but eliminated for the Big 12 Tournament this late in the season.

That's not happening this season.

Teams at the bottom of the standings are upsetting some of the highest-ranked squads on a weekly basis. This year, all 11 participating soccer programs in the Big 12 still have a chance to make the conference tournament.

But while some teams' stocks in the Big 12 have been rising,

Tech has cooled off after its red hot start — sliding from second to seventh place in three games. Tech lost to Kansas and Missouri two weeks ago on the road and lost to Oklahoma State at home last week.

Unfortunately for Tech, the road is getting steeper at the worst possible time. The Red Raiders are going to have to get the points they need against three teams who all are in the top half of the Big 12 standings.

"We can always do better," midfielder Taylor Lytle said. "We're always looking to get points, but I think we'll be fine."

Texas (7-7-2, 3-2-2 in Big 12 play) enters tonight's game after dropping a 1-0 match against Iowa State in Ames, Iowa. However, Texas is tough at home, posting a 6-3-1 record at home this season and the Longhorns have not lost a game at home throughout Big 12 play.

Tech (8-7-1, 3-3-1) has had very impressive offensive numbers all season with 37 goals in 16 games. However, the offense has been held to just four goals through three games since its last victory.

Texas may not be the best defense to face with a cold offense. The Longhorns allow just 21 goals through 16 total games and six goals through seven Big 12 games.

"Right now we're just taking it



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH'S Leah Christensen, left, attempts a pass in one of the Red Raiders' games earlier this season. Tech is on the road this weekend against Texas and No. 20 Texas A&M. These are two of the three final games for the Red Raiders.

game-by-game," defender Jaelyn Dozier said. "Our goal is to win all three (remaining) games but first and foremost is UT. Just win-by-win and hopefully we'll get back up there."

After Texas, a big test awaits the Red Raiders when they square off against the National Soccer Coaches Association of America No. 20 Texas A&M (10-5-1, 4-2-

1) in College Station Sunday.

The Aggies are the first nationally-ranked team Tech will face this season. However, Tech did beat a then-regionally ranked Vanderbilt team earlier this season.

Contrary to what some Red Raider fans might believe, Stone said there is not much of rivalry between A&M and Tech, mainly

because the Red Raiders are trying to gain some success of their own.

"We've developed rivalries with other teams in the Big 12," he said. "You've got to be competitive for it to be a rivalry. We'd love to make it a rivalry, but we have to be competitive with them first."

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## Use of aluminum baseball bats in games questioned in Montana trial

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Fighting off a Helena Senators' fifth-inning rally, pitcher Brandon Patch checked the runner on first base. The 18-year-old Miles City Mavericks' southpaw then went into his windup, delivering what looked sure to be another strike.

Instead, the Senators' hitter connected squarely, smacking the baseball so hard that it was nearly impossible to follow — until it ricocheted off Patch's head. The ball eventually fell behind first base after traveling, by some accounts, as high as 50 feet in the air.

Patch, pitching in what was to be one of his final games with his American Legion team, collapsed on the mound. He managed to speak briefly to his father and coaches, and to some of the teammates from the eastern Montana town of Miles City, who had rushed to help him. Minutes later, Patch went into convulsions as a horrified crowd watched on from the bleachers.

Within hours, Patch died from head injuries suffered while playing the

game he had loved since he'd been a small child.

"It was just so quick. Everything happened so fast," Mavericks' first baseman Kevin Roberts recalled more than six years later in a courtroom, where the bat's manufacturer is being sued by Patch's mother for allegedly producing an unreasonably dangerous product.

At issue in the trial that is expected to last at least until early next week is whether anyone could have known the danger that could come from using an aluminum baseball bat, and whether the manufacturer should be held liable for Patch's death.

"There is absolutely no warning anywhere ... that this bat can create a situation where a pitcher is defenseless," said Joe White, the Patches' attorney.

Metal bats came into vogue in amateur sports in the 1970s. More recently, however, they have come under increased scrutiny and criticism as injuries from fast-moving balls hit by the lightweight bats have mounted.

## Tech has second match against No. 14 ISU

By JOSE RODRIGUEZ  
STAFF WRITER

It is getting to the point in Big 12 Conference play where the Texas Tech volleyball team will begin to see opposition they have already faced this season.

Whether that helps the Red Raiders depends on if they can fix their issues on the court.

Tech (2-16, 0-9 in Big 12 play) is on the road against No. 14 Iowa State (16-3, 8-2) at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in the Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa. ISU swept Tech on Sept. 30 in Lubbock.

With issues surrounding the team's performance on the court, Saturday's match could be the wrong time and place to face Iowa State — the Cyclones are on a seven-match winning streak.

"So far we have played well against the good teams," said Tech libero Tory Vaughan. "We're just going to continue to play like we have nothing to lose as we have been doing so far."

The Cyclones are coming off a road win against No. 5 Nebraska, giving ISU sole possession of second place at the top of the Big 12 standings. The recent win has a talented ISU team peaking at the right time.

The Red Raiders have had the luxury of facing most of the Big 12's top teams at home.

The tables are now turned and Tech will have to travel to face the conference's better teams starting with the Cyclones. Tech's remaining road schedule includes matches at No. 23 Baylor, at No. 2 Texas and at No. 21 Texas A&M.

Although the Red Raiders have had their fair share of struggles on the road, outside hitter Hayley Ball said they will only look at playing on the road as a motivational tool.

"It's always harder on the road



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TEXAS TECH MIDDLE blocker Alexxa Roberts and Kansas setter Nicole Tate fight at the net during Texas Tech's 3-0 loss against Kansas on Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

because we'll have huge crowds going against us," she said. "We're going to let that motivate us this week. We will try to be louder and block out the fans because we're going to come together after every point and just be there for each other."

Tech will need more than just motivation if it wants to beat ISU.

ISU possesses a solid defense led by freshman middle blocker Jamie Straube, who leads the conference in blocks per game with 1.48. Defensive specialist and libero Ashley Mass sits atop the conference rankings in digs with 5.12 per set.

Despite the high-ranked defense, Tech assistant coach Beth Falls said ISU's fast-paced offense is going to be

Tech's main focus Saturday.

"Iowa State runs a really good and quick offense," she said. "We will be running the same quick offense in practice so we can come out prepared to face them with a good defense. The girls have worked really hard and will be ready to face the challenge."

The Cyclone offense is led by outside hitters Victoria Henson and Rachel Hockaday, who rank second and sixth, respectively, in kills per set throughout conference play. Against Tech last time out, Hockaday had 12 kills, while Henson had 14.

It's hard to pick ISU's strong suit — the Cyclones rank in the top three in every major statistical category through conference play except service aces.

With that said, players believe an upset of ISU is not going to happen without composure on the court, something the Red Raiders have lacked throughout most of Big 12 play.

Tech coach Trish Knight said Wednesday's loss against Kansas exposed many of the mistakes that continue to plague Tech and her team has yet to overcome them.

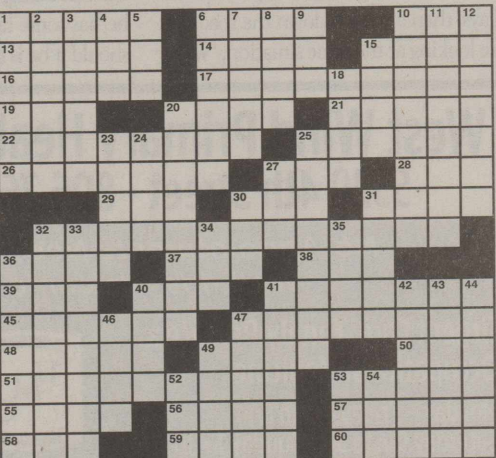
"They need to just watch themselves play," she said. "They need to see just how badly they execute things sometimes. You keep telling them the same thing over and over again, but they keep making the same mistake when they need to just look at it and live up to that mistake."

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### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By Merle Baker

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## UConn coach says everyone will play

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The players who were with Jasper Howard when the Connecticut cornerback was fatally stabbed Sunday are ready to play this weekend against West Virginia, coach Randy Edsall said Thursday.

Edsall said on a weekly conference call with reporters that he had been concerned about the mental state of sophomore receivers Kashif Moore and Mike Smith.

Moore held Howard in his arms after he was fatally stabbed outside a dance on campus early Sunday. Edsall earlier said a player had put pressure on the wound and identified him Thursday as Smith.

The two players and everyone else on the team had a good energy level and focus in practices Wednesday and Thursday, Edsall said.



## SPORTS SHORTS

### Aussie O'Hern leads Frys.com Open

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Brandishing a hot putter on a warm afternoon, Australian Nick O'Hern cruised to a career-low 63 and the first-round lead in the Frys.com Open on Thursday.

O'Hern, who finished at 7 under, putted only nine times while posting a 28 on the par-35 back nine at Grayhawk Golf Club. Eight of O'Hern's

nine birdies came in that stretch. Bob Heintz and Heath Slocum were one stroke back at 64, and D.A. Points, Rory Sabbatini, Greg Owen and Rickie Fowler shot 65s to finish two shots off the lead.

With the little wind on an 82-degree day in the desert, scores fell as players attacked Grayhawk's Raptor Course.

### FB Mughelli could miss 2nd straight game

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. (AP) — Atlanta Falcons fullback Ovie Mughelli didn't practice Thursday for the second straight day because of a calf injury and could be sidelined against Dallas.

Pro Bowl running back Michael Turner was on the field, but a chest injury limited his participation.

The Falcons expect No. 2 running back Jerious Norwood

to miss the Cowboys game with a hip flexor. Norwood, who was injured in Sunday's 21-14 win over Chicago, said the injury also might keep him out when Atlanta visits New Orleans in Week 8.

Atlanta, which ranked second in the NFL last year with an average of 152.7 yards rushing, has dropped to 24th with a 98.6 average. The Falcons rank ninth with 28.8 attempts per game.

### Gov. signs football stadium waiver bill

INDUSTRY, Calif. (AP) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Thursday he has signed a bill allowing the construction of a 75,000-seat stadium that developers hope will lure an NFL team back to the Los Angeles area.

Schwarzenegger said he signed the environmental exemption bill last week but saved the announcement for a news conference in Industry, where the stadium would

be built about 15 miles east of Los Angeles.

The bill nullifies a lawsuit filed by residents in nearby Walnut over the project's environmental impact.

Schwarzenegger called the lawsuit frivolous before a crowd of union members wearing hardhats. Across the street, a dozen protesters from Walnut and other nearby communities held signs saying "No Stadium."

### Brain disease found in college player

A football player who never competed beyond the college level suffered from a degenerative brain disease previously discovered in former NFL players.

Researchers at the Boston University School of Medicine announced Thursday that Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy was diagnosed in the donated brain of Mike Borich, who died of a drug overdose at age 42 in February. It

was the first time an advanced case of CTE was found in a player who did not advance past the college game.

The findings suggest athletes could be at risk for CTE even if they don't make the pros, greatly expanding the pool of ex-football players who may suffer from the disease. CTE has been discovered post-mortem in at least seven recently deceased former NFL players.

### Flame for Vancouver lit in Ancient Olympia

ANCIENT OLYMPIA, Greece (AP) — The flame for the Vancouver Olympics was lit by the sun's rays in an ancient ceremony Thursday, heralding the start of the torch relay for the 2010 Winter Games.

The sun shone just enough over the fallen temples at the birthplace of the ancient Olympics for a Greek actress in a pagan priestess' white gown and sandals to focus its rays on a silver

torch using a concave mirror.

The flame will burn at the Feb. 12-28 Vancouver Games, following a torch relay across Canada and a shorter run in Greece.

"More than just a sporting event, the Games offer us a unique moment to serve the cause of humanity and celebrate the human spirit," Vancouver Organizing Committee CEO John Furlong said.

## The DT Staff College Football Pick 'Em

Game of the Week	Kevin Cullen Editor-in-Chief Overall Record 27-22	Jon Arnold Electronic Media Editor Overall Record 35-14	Adam Coleman Sports Editor Overall Record 30-19	Sam Hensley La Vida/Copy Editor Overall Record 28-21	Britton Peele Opinions Editor Overall Record 31-18	Kyla Butterfield Design Editor Overall Record 35-13	Jon Vanderlaan News Editor Overall Record 32-17	Karl Anderson Photo Editor Overall Record 31-18	Alex Ybarra Managing Editor Overall Record 32-17
No. 21 Texas Tech vs. Texas A&M	Texas Tech 56-10	Texas Tech 31-10	Texas Tech 45-13	Texas Tech 38-10	Texas Tech 63-21	Texas Tech 34-14	Texas Tech 175-3	Texas Tech 49-13	Texas Tech 38-17
No. 3 Texas @ Missouri	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
No. 6 Iowa @ Michigan State	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa	Michigan State	Iowa	Iowa
No. 13 Penn State @ Michigan	Michigan	Penn State	Michigan	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	Michigan	Penn State
Tennessee @ No. 2 Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
Auburn @ No. 9 LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
No. 8 TCU @ No. 16 BYU	BYU	TCU	TCU	BYU	BYU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU

★ indicates "Game to Watch"

### Rivalry

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The last time he played, he left with 56 seconds remaining against the Lobos after suffering a concussion. The scored was tied 7-7 and many questioned his decision-making and lack of mobility in the pocket — two things Sheffield stepped in and immediately upgraded.

Protection will be key in how well Potts plays against Texas A&M, especially considering the injury to left tackle Terry McDaniel and the presence of A&M's national sacks leader in Von Miller.

Tech's senior right tackle Marlon Winn expressed the importance of not losing to A&M since he's been enrolled in college. He specifically remembered a last-minute, game-winning touchdown by former Tech receiver Robert Johnson in College Station that gave him a taste of how gratifying a win against an in-state rival can be.

"I enjoyed that feeling," he said. "It's something that when you go into practice that week, you remember those kind of things and you know that you don't want to be the one team that loses to Texas A&M, who is a great team."

Offensively, the Aggies have been explosive, most notably earlier in the season when they jumped out to a 3-0 record. Quarterback Jerrod Johnson leads the unit with 1,893 yards, 16 touchdowns and only 3 interceptions while completing 57.8 percent of his passes.

Prior to last week's lost against Kansas State, when he had three picks, Johnson had set a Big 12 record with most completions



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

TEXAS TECH'S DETRON Lewis and the Red Raiders take on Texas A&M on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

without an interception. With him under center, the Aggies' 233.6 passing yards per game ranks sixth nationally and their 387.4 total yards per game is fifth.

"He's doing a great job," said defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill. "He's older. He's a pro-body and a pro-arm, and he's being tutored by coach Sherman, who's been in the NFL."

But A&M's defense has been abysmal lately, ranking 94th in total defense while allowing 196 rushing yards per game in its last three.

Even with those struggles in mind, Tech linebacker Bront Bird — one of this week's captains — said a team at the bottom will do whatever it takes to rebound.

"I don't know what their record is," he said. "They want to come here and win. It's kind of considered a rivalry game, so they are going to come in here flying around and playing crazy and we hope to do the same."

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TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Baron Batch hopes to continue moving the ball for the Red Raiders against Texas A&M on Saturday.

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# SPORTS

## HOF inductees look forward to return to Lubbock

By ADAM COLEMAN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The four former Texas Tech athletes who are returning to Lubbock for the Hall of Fame festivities this weekend will be surrounded by cameras, reporters and fans who watched them make history for Tech athletics.

But those athletes who haven't been on campus in a while will just enjoy being back in a familiar place.

"I really haven't been up there for very many games," said former Tech baseball standout Chuck Harrison. "I have occasionally gone up there. When I started up there, there was only less than 6,000 students. It was just a small Border Conference school when I started up there. Now it's just the finest school around."

The Hall of Fame/Hall of Honor Banquet will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall, where seven former Tech athletes will be inducted into the Hall of Fame or the Hall of Honor.

These athletes also will be recognized 20 minutes prior to kickoff at the Tech-Texas A&M game Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

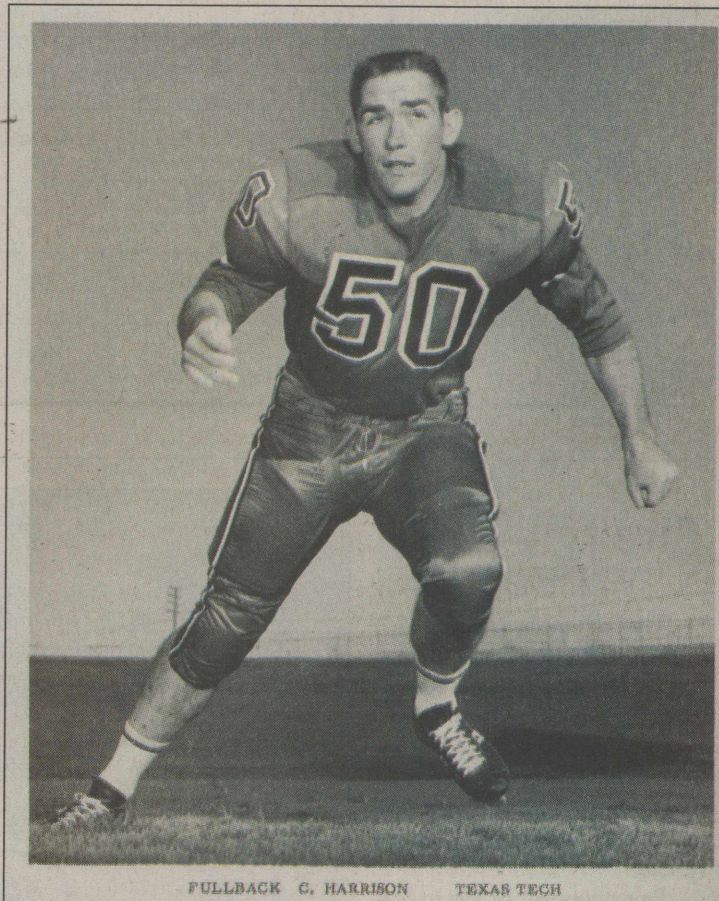
Six former athletes — women's basketball player Angie Braziel, baseball players Keith Ginter and Harrison and football players Doug McCutchen, Bake Turner and Jerry Turner — will be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Former men's basketball player and coach Charlie Lynch will be inducted into the Hall of Honor — designated to recognize those who have contributed to Tech athletics. Lynch died in January.

Braziel, Harrison, McCutchen and Bake Turner are making their returns to Lubbock for the ceremony. Jerry Turner still keeps himself involved with Tech as a member of the Board of Regents. Ginter will not be able to make the ceremony, as he was invited to play winter baseball for the Chicago White Sox in Latin America.

All seven of the former athletes joining the previous 143 inductees are entering the Hall of Fame/Hall of Honor with impressive accolades.

McCutchen was the first Red Raider to rush for 1,000 yards in a season, Braziel was a former Big 12 Player of the Year and Harrison was the first Red Raider to play in the Major Leagues.



FULLBACK C. HARRISON TEXAS TECH

PHOTO COURTESY OF DOUBLE T ASSOCIATION  
FORMER TEXAS TECH fullback Chuck Harrison, who also played baseball, became the first Tech athlete to play in the Major Leagues.

Although he does not get the chance to visit Tech often, Harrison resides in Abilene. He said Tech's influence is felt in Abilene more than ever, considering the pharmaceutical school is there and many of the area high school football players choose to continue their careers at Tech.

McCutchen is not too far from Lubbock either, as he is the athletic director for the San Angelo Independent School District.

But McCutchen said being back around Tech football reminds him of how much the program has changed since he played in the early 1970s.

"It was a lot more run-oriented," McCutchen said. "I think so many things have changed since then. We were just beginning to get into weights. I think the offseason program is so much stronger now than it was then. The athletes today, they make better athletes. They're better conditioned, they're stronger, they're faster, bigger."

Not only was he the Red Raiders' first 1,000-yard rusher, McCutchen was only the fifth player to do it in the Southwest Conference.

The feat is something that still stays with McCutchen today.



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FORMER TEXAS TECH women's basketball player Angie Braziel is second in points scored among two-year players.

"I think being able to be the first is something that I will always cherish," he said. "There's certainly been some better backs that have come through since I played. But to be the first, that is something special to me."

Braziel spent the last five years in Lubbock as an assistant coach of the girls' basketball team at Estacado High School. Now she is in her first year as head coach at Permian High School

in Odessa.

Braziel said it's been a few years since she's had a chance to spend time around her supporters at Tech, making this weekend a little more special.

"I really can't remember when's the last time I've been to a game," she said. "So I'm looking forward to going back, take my family, we'll just sit back and enjoy."

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