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PART THREE OF A FIVE-PART SERIES ABOUT STUDENTS OVERCOMING ADVERSITY



PHOTO BY KARL ANDERSON/The Daily Toreador

KATIE RYAN, A freshman with no declared major from Dallas, reads in the Meditation Room in the basement of the Center of the Study of Addiction and Recovery.

RESTORED

Recovering addict stays afloat amid college atmosphere

By **CARRIE THORNTON**
STAFF WRITER

After more than two years of sobriety, Katie Ryan refuses to let the allure of college life send her spiraling back to addiction.

Following the death of her mother in 2005, Ryan, then age 14, turned to drugs and alcohol for comfort.

"I did not want to deal with any of it," the Dallas native said. "I didn't know how to handle those feelings."

For two years, the emotionally distraught teen abused alcohol and drugs and suffered from bulimia. Seeing she was sinking, her father checked her into rehabilitation at age 16.

"I think she was sad, but she also realized that maybe somewhere inside of her she needed to go to this place, and that things were spiraling out of control," said her father, William Ryan. "She was kind of slow to accept it, but she didn't fight the situation at all. She didn't resist."

Katie, a freshman with no declared major, has come a long way

since her days in rehab. Arriving at Texas Tech on Aug. 22, she said she was drawn to the university because of its state-of-the-art addiction center.

The Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery in its most basic form is a home away from home for students who struggle, or have struggled, with addiction. It features a basement area only accessible to members of the center to allow for a safe and supportive environment.

"It would be a lot harder if I had to do this alone, and without the center," she said. "It really has helped me meet new people and be OK with being in recovery in college."

One of the most difficult things about fighting to stay sober in college is the partying mindset many college students have. It is a big issue for freshmen who must live in the dorms and in some cases share their room with a complete stranger who may have different habits.

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Tech student places first in ASME design competition

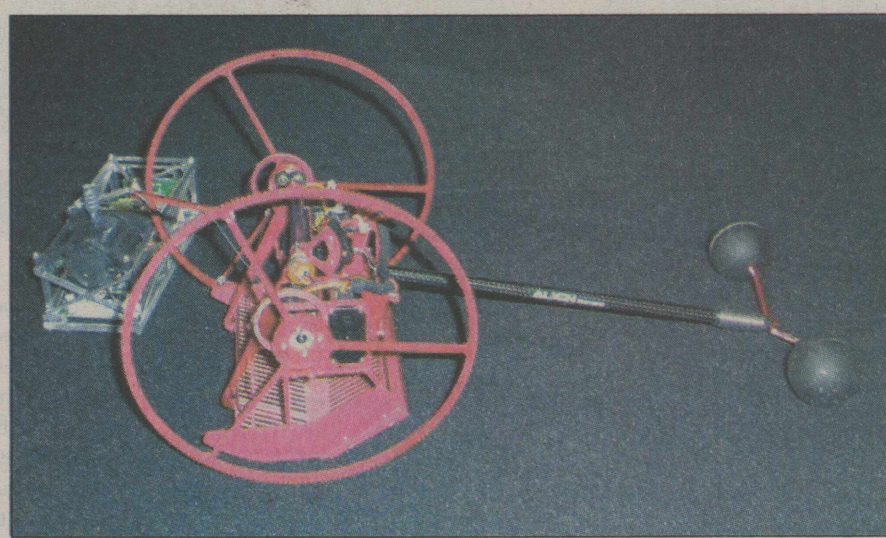


PHOTO COURTESY OF ADAM DOYLE

THE ROBOT ADAM Doyle built, consisting of a claw climbing mechanism to get over a wooden plank obstacle course, helped him win the ASME Student Design Competition in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

By **JETT THOMPSON**
STAFF WRITER

With the remote-controlled robot he started building at his Dad's machine shop in Red Oak, Adam Doyle won first place in this year's American Society of Mechanical Engineers Student Design Competition in Florida.

Doyle, a mechanical engineering junior, said he was the first contestant from Texas Tech to make it to the international competition in the category.

"I gained a whole lot of experience in solid works because of all the hours I put into it and that will really help me in the future," Doyle said. "Also, at the competition I met a lot of people. I'm actually grouping up with the (team) that was second at the regionals, I'm going to group up with them and do another contest this coming year."

The theme for the competition was "Mars Rocks," which allowed students to build a robot that could collect planetary rocks over a rugged terrain and bring them to a specified location for later scientific analysis. The goals of the competition were to build a speedy, lightweight rover that could be powered from a very small battery and that could fit into a small metal box.

"Most of the other teams had gone with a tank design with treads," Doyle said. "They had to add a lot of weight just to keep the treads on, and most of the rovers ended up being a lot heavier than mine."

The course at the competition was set up with several 4-by-4 planks of wood the rover had to climb and then collect seven rocks weighing 50 grams each.

Doyle said his robot was faster and more efficient than his opponents' counterparts because of the implementation of a claw climbing mechanism, which allowed the robot to climb over the wood planks.

The mechanism consisted of a wire wrapped around the camera and then connected to the claw. This allowed for the claw on the bottom of the wheel to be automatically extended when needed and to be contracted when in motion.

Doyle said he designed his robot on the interactive SolidWorks Computer-Aided Design software and continued to improve the design during the past several months by using weight and stress tests. The robot was built from aircraft-grade aluminum, which Doyle then anodized, or coated with a protective layer, to match the Tech school colors: red and black.

Of the 17 competing teams at the Boeing-sponsored event, six teams were international and most of the teams were made up of two to four students. Doyle won the competition as a one-man team.

"The creativity and effort put forth by the Texas Tech University team has given us a glimpse into the tremendous talent and potential that exists in the future of the engineering profession," said ASME President Amos Holt.

Doyle said he joined the Tech ASME chapter after being motivated to work on similar projects in a physics class at Red Oak High School. After his expected graduation from Tech in May 2012, Doyle said he would like to attend medical school and train to become an orthopedic surgeon.

For winning first place in Saturday's ASME Student Design Competition, Doyle won \$3,000 and an additional \$1,000 was given to the Tech ASME chapter.

Doyle said his parents and one of his three younger brothers, who will attend Tech next year, accompanied him on his trip to the competition in Florida.

The ASME Student Design Competition was hosted this weekend in conjunction with the 2009 ASME Congress at the Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

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Pentagon: Wide probe likely after Fort Hood

By **ANNE GEARAN**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Worried that the Army may have missed red flags about the alleged shooter in the Fort Hood massacre, the Pentagon will likely launch an inquiry into how all the military services keep watch on other volatile soldiers hidden in their ranks, officials said Tuesday.

The probe, still in the planning stages, would be a broad examination ranging beyond the specific case of Army psychiatrist Dr. Nidal Malik Hasan, officials said. The inquiry, they said, could look at personnel policies and the availability of mental health services for troubled troops.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates wants a unified probe that goes beyond the Army, but has not decided how far-reaching the inquiry would be or who would lead it, Pentagon Press Secretary

Geoff Morrell said Tuesday.

"There are issues that need to be looked at department-wide, and the focus at this point is trying to figure out some of these questions," Morrell said.

The Army's No. 2 officer bluntly said Tuesday that officials fear more people like Hasan may be undetected inside the armed forces.

"I think we always have to be concerned about that," Army Vice-Chief of Staff Peter Chiarelli said as he outlined separate efforts to curb rising suicide rates in the Army. The service has been the combat force most affected by the stress of fighting two wars.

The Army has been preparing for its own examination of what went wrong in the Hasan case and ways to prevent a similar attack. That probe could stand alone or be part of a larger inquiry.

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STATE

Former Vice President Cheney to endorse Hutchison

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Vice President Dick Cheney is taking sides in the volatile race for Texas governor Tuesday, endorsing Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and help her raise money for her bid to unseat Republican incumbent Gov. Rick Perry.

Cheney is scheduled to appear with Hutchison at a campaign rally early Tuesday evening at Hobby Airport. After that, they were off to a fundraiser at the home of Houston businessman Dan Tutter, former president of En-

bridge Energy Co.

The event at Hobby was delayed by about two hours so Hutchison could make it back to Texas from Washington, where she has served in the Senate since 1993.

Cheney's blessing represents the highest profile endorsement Hutchison has gotten so far. Support from the former vice president, who remains popular with many conservative activists, could help Hutchison shore up her right flank.

NATION

SC lawmaker: Rendezvous not enough to impeach gov

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A top South Carolina lawmaker says the embattled governor should not face impeachment simply because he secretly left the state in June — a trip he took to see his Argentine lover.

House Speaker Bobby Harrell said Tuesday he thinks a newly filed measure to remove the Republican governor based on his alleged dereliction of duty does not carry enough weight.

Instead, Harrell believes state

representatives should rely on an Ethics Commission investigation of Sanford's travel to determine whether his removal is warranted.

The commission is to decide Wednesday whether Sanford should face criminal or civil charges, or no sanctions at all.

Harrell's statement came the same day a fellow Republican filed a measure to impeach Sanford because of the trip to Argentina.

WORLD

EU rejects Palestinian statehood appeal

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union rejected requests Tuesday that it support a Palestinian plan for gaining recognition as an independent state at the U.N. Security Council without Israeli consent.

Sweden's Foreign Minister Carl Bildt, whose country holds the rotating EU presidency, told reporters "the conditions are not there as of yet" for such a move. "I would hope that we would be in a position to recognize a Palestinian state, but

there has to be one first, so I think that is somewhat premature."

The EU's foreign ministers on Tuesday were discussing ways to coordinate with the United States to get Palestinians and Israelis back to peace talks, said Benita Ferrero-Waldner, the EU's external relations commissioner.

"The most important thing until now is to really help the Americans bring both sides to the table," she said.

US criticizes West Bank housing plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House rebuked Israel with heavy criticism Tuesday after the Jerusalem city government moved toward the construction of 900 additional housing units in a Jewish neighborhood in East Jerusalem, which Palestinians claim for the capital of their future state.

President Barack Obama has made restarting peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians a top foreign policy goal. To that end, he has demanded that Israel cease building new or expanding existing Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

Israel insists that East Jerusalem will never be surrendered to Arab rule and that the entirety of the city will remain the capital of the Jewish state. Israel captured East Jerusalem from Jordanian control in the 1967 Mideast War and annexed it.

The city is considered holy by the three monotheistic religions — Judaism, Islam and Christianity.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has offered restraint on settlement building in the West Bank, where Palestinians want to create an independent state, but has refused to budge from Israel's

long-standing insistence that the status of Jerusalem is not open for negotiation.

In criticizing the Israeli housing plan, Obama spokesman Robert Gibbs said:

"We are dismayed," and he criticized the Israelis as making "it more difficult for our efforts (to ward peacemaking) to succeed."

Netanyahu's office quickly fired back that the Jerusalem neighborhood in question, Gilo, "is an integral part of Jerusalem. ... Building in Gilo has continued unabated for decades, and there is nothing new in the current planning and construction."

The Palestinians said the Israeli housing plan was a rejection of Obama's efforts.

"This is a message to President Obama that Israel does not care about the American position," Nabil Abu Rdeneh, spokesman for Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, told The Associated Press.

"There should be real American pressure on the Israelis to stop all these acts. Such acts prove that Israel does not want peace and does not want to revive the peace process, and it really puts the interests of the United States at stake."

CHRISTMAS CONSTRUCTION



PHOTO BY KEN MUIR/The Daily Toreador
ELECTRICIAN JERRY COWEN, left, and Sam Garcia place panels of lights and tree leaves around the frame of a Christmas tree Tuesday near the University Seal.

AP sources: Senate weighs long-term care program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate health care legislation expected this week is likely to include a new long-term care insurance program to help the elderly and the disabled avoid going into nursing homes, Democratic officials say.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., is expected to incorporate the voluntary program in legislation to be unveiled as early as Wednesday, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because a final decision has not been made.

Known as the Community Living Assistance Services and

Supports Act, or CLASS Act, the program was a top priority for the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. It would begin to close a gap in the social safety net that's received little attention in the health care debate.

Fiscal conservatives and government economists have questioned whether the program would be financially sustainable over the long run, and insurance companies are lobbying to strip it from the health care bill.

Nonetheless, the House included the program in its health care legislation, with the approval of the Obama administration. In the Senate, the Health Committee bill had included it, but the Finance Committee omitted it. The approach Reid is consider-

ing in a combined bill would address the objections of fiscal conservatives by stipulating that premiums from the program could not be counted in offsetting the cost of the broader health care bill. Reid's office had no comment on Tuesday.

The cost of nursing homes averages \$70,000 a year, and a home care attendant runs about \$29 an hour. Medicare only covers temporary nursing home stays. Middle-class households have to exhaust their savings before an elder can qualify for nursing home coverage through Medicaid.

Under the proposed program, people would pay a modest monthly premium during their working years. If they become disabled, they would

get a cash benefit of at least \$50 a day that could be used to pay a home care attendant, buy supplies and equipment, make home improvements such as adding bathroom railings, or defray the costs of nursing home care.

The Congressional Budget Office estimated that the program would be fiscally solvent over a 75-year-period with the income from premiums, and no taxpayer financing. That assumes an initial monthly premium averaging \$123, and a \$75 daily benefit. People would sign up for the program at work through a payroll deduction. They would have to pay premiums for five years before they could qualify for benefits. Both the premiums and benefits would be adjusted annually.

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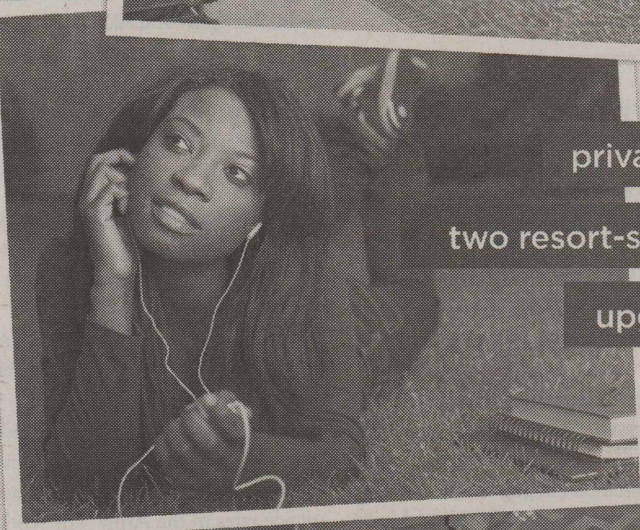
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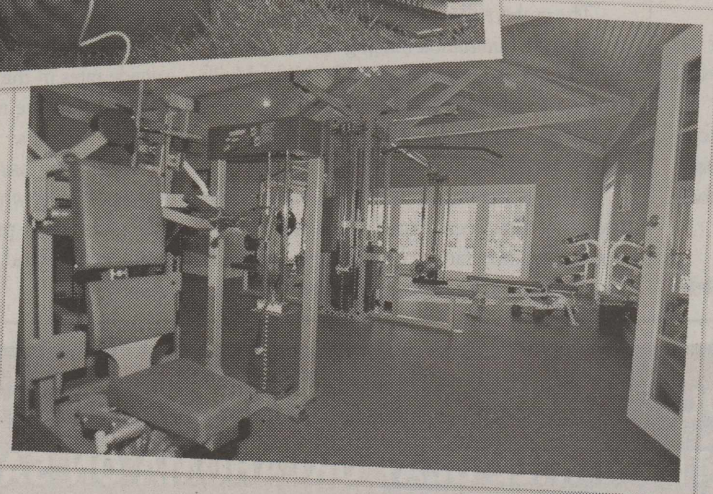
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Human Race Machine transforms students' appearances

By **CARRIE THORNTON**
STAFF WRITER

A small booth in the Student Union Building has the ability to transform the faces of students to a different race than their own.

The Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center and Tech Activities Board collaborated to bring the Human Race Machine to Tech. It was set in the SUB on Nov. 12 to promote diversity and allow students the opportunity to see what they would look like if they were born a different race. It is available every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Friday.

"We had brought the machine in before and received a popular response," said Jobi Martinez, director of the center. "Within our mission and their mission is to advance diversity here at Tech, and anytime we can engage students in an interactive and fun activity on culture and diversity, it makes for a good event to have."

To view their alternative selves, students sit in the booth and take a picture of their faces, aligning certain features to circles and dots on the screen. After the picture is taken and the student answers questions relating to his or her age and sex, they choose which race they want to see themselves as.

The machine generates popularity because it is unique, she said, and students are curious to see its results.

"It's just different in general," Martinez said. "It's a different way to support diversity. It's not a lecture or classroom dialogue, it's something (students) do individually or with a group of friends to explore diversity, different races and culture."

To take the concept further, the center involved faculty members, particularly those whose classes specialized in biology, ethnicity or culture. The machine provides a way for their students to learn outside of a classroom and could be used as a

discussion tool.

"Our goal was to connect with faculty so they also had a resource of taking their lectures one step further," Martinez said.

Ashley Engel, a freshman education major from New Braunfels, said utilizing the machine was an option for her speech class, but she would have been interested in it regardless.

"I think it's pretty cool. I wanted to see what I looked like as an Asian," Engel said.

The machine provided her with a new respect for diversity, she said.

"I think everyone should try it," Engel said. "It's just cool to see what you would look like if you were from a different family and country."

Erik Rickard, a freshman with no declared major from Midland, said he approached the machine out of curiosity, not because of a class requirement.

"I am half white and half Mexican, and I wanted to see what I would look like as either," he



PHOTO BY SAM GREINADIER/The Daily Toreador

ASHLEY SEAN, A junior history major from The Woodlands, watches as Blaine Peterson, a senior mechanical engineering major from Hamilton, uses the Human Race Machine, a device designed to show what one would look like if they were another race Monday in the Student Union Building.

said. "Seeing yourself as another race opens your eyes. It's a great way to teach about diversity."

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Army helps veterans with 'invisible wounds' find jobs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Richard Martin keeps a rearview mirror on his desk to prevent co-workers from startling him in his cubicle. The walls are papered with sticky notes to help him remember things, and he wears noise-canceling headphones to keep his easily distracted mind focused.

Martin, an Army veteran who was nearly blown up on three occasions in Iraq, once feared that post-traumatic stress disorder and a brain injury would keep him from holding down a civilian job, despite years of corporate experience and an MBA.

"Here I am with this background and I'm having problems with my memory," said Martin, a 48-year-old engineer and former National Guard major who now works for Northrop Grumman,

helping to devise ways to thwart remote-detonated bombs.

The defense contractor recruited him through its hiring program for severely wounded veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan. The company consulted occupational nurses on how to help him do his job without becoming overly nervous when someone, say, drops a heavy object. Martin figured out other tricks, like the headphones, on his own.

But Martin is one of the lucky ones.

Army officials say many new veterans suffering from PTSD and brain injuries struggle to find and keep a civilian job. Advocates say many employers don't know how to accommodate veterans with these "invisible wounds" and worry that they cannot do the job and

might even "go postal" someday.

"There is a stigma attached to the invisible wounds, and it's largely borne out of ignorance," said David Autry, a spokesman for Disabled American Veterans. "There's a fear that somebody will go off the deep end."

The Army's Wounded Warrior Program, which helps veterans adjust to civilian life, has been reaching out to employers to educate them and encourage them to hire former soldiers with invisible wounds.

It conducts briefings to brace potential employers for soldiers who might not be able to work regular hours or might startle too easily, suffer outbursts or require time off for counseling.

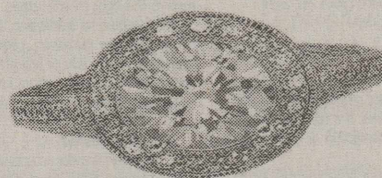
About 90 severely wounded veterans have found work with the help of

the Wounded Warrior Program since it began offering job assistance last year, though the Army does not break that down by injury type.

The severely wounded soldiers now returning from the wars suffer primarily from PTSD and severe brain injuries rather than lost limbs. About a third, or 1,950, of the 5,400 soldiers and veterans in the Wounded Warrior Program have PTSD as their primary injury, while about 970 are in the program because of brain injuries. About 770 are amputees.

For the invisibly wounded, the losses can be as minor as slight memory lapses and as severe as debilitating flashbacks and a hair-trigger temper. Some have blurred vision and difficulty concentrating.

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Mummies show signs of heart disease

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — You can't blame this one on McDonald's: Researchers have found signs of heart disease in 3,500-year-old mummies.

"We think of it as being caused by modern risk factors," such as fast food, smoking and a lack of exercise, but the findings show that these aren't the only reasons arteries clog, said Dr. Randall

Thompson, a cardiologist at the Mid-America Heart Institute in Kansas City.

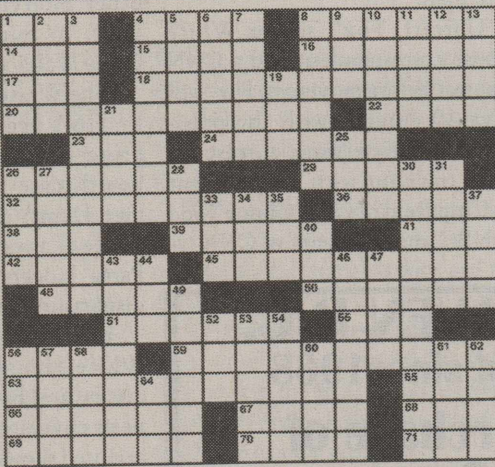
He and several other researchers used CT scans, a type of X-ray, on 22 mummies kept in the Egyptian National Museum of Antiquities in Cairo. The subjects were from 1981 B.C. to 334 A.D. Half were thought to be over 45 when they died, and average lifespan was under 50 back then.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- 32 "Longtime American Bandstand" host
- 36 Lover of Christine, in "The Phantom of the Opera"
- 38 Gardner of "Mogambo"
- 39 Parkinsonism drug
- 41 Hagen of Broadway
- 42 Betty's "Divine" nickname
- 45 "Notable member of The Second City improv group"
- 48 "The Merry Widow" composer
- 50 Time-share units
- 51 Rolled oats cereal
- 55 Banned pesticide
- 56 Voice above tenor
- 59 "French writer who befriended Chopin"
- 63 "The Mark of Zorro" star (1940)
- 65 Happy hour site, and word that can follow each last name in the answers to starred clues
- 66 World's largest river by volume
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By Dan Naddor

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- 33 Noun modifier: Abbr.
- 34 Friend of Pooh
- 35 Canadian rd. sign letters
- 37 Fires, with "off"
- 40 Very old; Abbr.
- 43 Chili tly; Var.
- 44 Half a Kenyan rebel
- 46 Official emergency status
- 47 "No ifs, ..."
- 49 University officer
- 52 Labor Day mo.
- 53 Running free
- 54 Author Shaw
- 56 Just barely
- 57 tick; disease carrier
- 58 Gillette's II
- 60 Spice Girl
- 61 Wood lastener
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Don't get burned out at end of semester

It's the end of the semester. We're starting to think about the Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. There are only a few more weeks of classes, then finals and we're done. But are we too eager for the semester to be finished?

Student burnout isn't just a phrase coined by parents to warn us about taking on too much responsibility in college; it's believed by many to be a psychological condition brought on by long hours, the lack of support groups, the idea of too much responsibility and,

Hunter Jones



due the same week with finals coming up, odds are, you're going to get tired and frustrated. For most, that's normal. However, when exhaustion and frustration are combined with the anticipation of a long break, that's when things start going south.

According to an article in the International Journal of Educational Development, burnout can lead to anxiety, frustration, depression, fear or hostility. Although the results of burnout usually aren't that serious, the effects we most commonly see are lower commitment, low morale, absenteeism and reduced productivity. I know I'm guilty of at least one of those.

At this point, there are probably many students who are experiencing burnout in some form. I think what surprised me the most was that burnout is considered to be a psychological condition.

Even teachers and instructors can suffer from burnout. Teaching and Teacher Education, vol. 23 reported that when teachers put all of their energy and focus into educating students and have simply given their all, that teacher could have burnout similar to students.

Yes, I know; I sound like the high school principal: "The semester's not over yet (ramble, ramble, ramble...)"

I suppose what I'm saying is don't let the stress of combining classes, tests, work and a personal life get the best of you in the last few weeks of the semester. Make these last weeks count and finish the way you want it to; that way, the Christmas break is even more enjoyable.

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Gay couples blast federal Defense of Marriage Act

BOSTON (AP) — Gay married couples suing the government over a federal law that doesn't recognize same-sex unions say there is "no legitimate or plausible" reason for having a federal definition of marriage that excludes gay couples.

The lawsuit was brought by seven gay couples and three widowers, all of whom were married in Massachusetts after it became the first state in the country to legalize gay marriage in 2004.

In court documents filed Tuesday, the couples say the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) violates the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution because it denies them access to federal benefits given to other married couples, including pensions, health insurance and the ability to file joint tax returns. They argue that the law "eviscerates" the historic power of the states to establish criteria for marriage.

"DOMA marks a stark, and unique, departure from the respect and recognition the federal government has long afforded to State marital status determinations," lawyers for Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders argue in a written response to the U.S. Department of Justice motion to dismiss the lawsuit.

In a court filing in September, Justice officials made it clear that the Obama administration thinks the law is discriminatory and should be repealed. But the department said it has an obligation to

defend federal laws when they are challenged in court.

The law, enacted in 1996, was passed by Congress at a time when it appeared Hawaii would become the first state to legalize same-sex marriage. Opponents worried that other states would be forced to recognize such marriages.

In addition to Massachusetts, gay marriage is now legal in Vermont, Connecticut and Iowa. New Hampshire's law takes effect Jan. 1. Earlier this month, voters in Maine repealed a state law that would have allowed same-sex couples to wed.

A spokeswoman for the Justice Department had no immediate comment on the latest court filing by the same-sex couples.

In its written response to the lawsuit, filed in September, the Justice Department argued that there is no fundamental right to marriage-based federal benefits and says Congress is entitled to address issues of social reform on an "incremental" basis.

"Congress is therefore permitted to provide benefits only to those who have historically been permitted to marry, without extending the same benefit to those only recently permitted

to do so," the government said.

The couples who brought the lawsuit are asking U.S. District Judge Joseph Tauro to reject the government's motion to dismiss the lawsuit and to find in their favor without a trial. Specifically, the group is asking for a ruling that the section of the law that excludes same-sex couples

from federal marriage-based benefits is unconstitutional, as applied to the couples who brought the lawsuit.

Such a ruling would mean that those couples would be eligible for the benefits they have been denied. The ruling also would likely extend to other Massachusetts couples.

"If we won, then it would be unconstitutional to deny access to these programs to other married same-sex couples in Massachusetts," said Mary Bonauto, one of the attorneys representing the couples.

It would take a ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court or an act of Congress to strike down the law.

A bill to repeal the law was introduced in the U.S. House in September, but has little chance of making it to a vote this year.

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White House grants President Obama interview to Fox News's Major Garrett

NEW YORK (AP) — President Barack Obama will give an interview to Fox News Channel's Major Garrett, perhaps signaling a thaw in relations between the network and administration.

The White House confirmed Tuesday that Garrett will be included among a round of network interviews that the president is giving Wednesday in Beijing. Garrett also posted news of the interview on Twitter.

Fox and the administration have been in a public fight since former White House

communications director Anita Dunn said the network acted like the research or communications arm of the Republican Party. The president pointedly avoided Fox when he gave a round of interviews to Sunday shows about his health care plan.

Garrett, Fox's senior White House correspondent and a CNN reporter before moving to Fox, will have 10 minutes with the president. Other network correspondents traveling with the president — Chip Reid of CBS, Chuck Todd of NBC and Ed Henry of CNN —

will also get interviews. ABC gave up its slot when Jake Tapper spoke to Obama earlier.

It's the first time Obama has spoken specifically to a Fox correspondent since he talked with Garrett in July. Obama gave one other interview to Fox as president, to Sunday morning host Chris Wallace in February.

The White House was annoyed by Fox's aggressive coverage of protests against the president's health care plan over the summer. Dunn's comment that Fox is "more of a wing of the Republican Party" brought the administration's displeasure into focus.

Fox has contended that the White House does not make a distinction between Fox's straight news coverage and more opinion-oriented shows with such commentators as Glenn Beck, Bill O'Reilly and Sean Hannity.

Since then, Dunn has left the job, which she said she was only doing on a temporary basis. Dan Pfeiffer has replaced her as White House communications director.

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KEVIN BEHLMANN, A senior music education major from Katy, catches a flying disc Tuesday near the soccer field.

Job prospects drawing students to ag schools

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Tristesse Jones will probably never drive a tractor or guide a combine through rows of soybeans at harvest time.

There isn't a farm within miles of where she grew up on Chicago's west side, but she's set to graduate with a bachelor's degree in crop sciences from the University of Illinois' agriculture school next spring.

"People ask me what is my major, and they say 'What is that? So you want to grow plants?'" Jones said.

She is one of a growing number of students being drawn to ag schools around the country not by ties to a farm but by science, the job prospects for those who are good at it and, for some, an interest in the environment.

Enrollment in bachelor's degree programs in agriculture across the country grew by 21.8 percent from 2005 to 2008, from about 58,300 students to nearly 71,000, according to surveys conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

And the numbers are likely higher — not all schools respond to the surveys.

National enrollment figures for 2009 aren't yet available, but numbers from major schools make clear the trend continues: The University of California-Davis has more than 5,490 students enrolled in agricultural majors — a jump of 210 from a year earlier. Purdue University has 2,575 ag students this fall, up 40 from last year.

Yet the number of farms nationwide has dropped for decades. There were about 2.4 million farms in the United States in 1978, and 2.2 million last year, according to the USDA.

Many students are choosing to major in agriculture, educators from across the country say, after finding out that much of what they'll learn is science — biology, chemistry and a long list of more specialized areas that can land them jobs at companies that produce the seeds and chemicals for farmers or in still-forming industries like biofuels.

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To solve this problem, the center has a program for its students in which rooms are reserved in Clement Resident Hall for recovering students to share.

"I love my roommate, she is really cool and is involved with the center," Katie Ryan said. "She is also clean. A lot in college, people think you have to meet other people at parties, and it just shows I don't have to."

Remaining sober in college can be difficult, but Katie Ryan said it is usually easy for her because she is determined to never return to her old self.

"I used to feel like crap about myself," she said. "When I went into rehab, I would remember things like truly embarrassing times at parties when I was the most effed up person there, and everyone was like looking at me weird. I would say and do things that were really embarrassing or act stupid, and people didn't want to be around me. I don't want to be like that again."

Laura Forrester, a senior psychology major from Dallas, met Katie Ryan through the center and said she has been inspired by her honesty and strength.

"Katie is determined and she knows what she wants and how to get it," Forrester said. "Especially when it comes to staying sober and working with others in an honors program. She is true to herself and other people. She is real and tells the truth and doesn't try to hide stuff."

When struggling with addiction, Forrester said, it is important to remember no one is alone. It is important to open up and let other people help, and Katie Ryan is not afraid to do so.

"She is really willing to learn from other people," she said. "Also, she is a really good friend. Every day she texts me,

Tech center offers equine therapy

By SHERREL JONES
STAFF WRITER

Therapy for cancer, cerebral palsy and autism usually takes place in a confined clinic office, but the Texas Tech Therapeutic Riding Center offers an open-air, equine solution.

"Therapeutic riding is more like a therapeutic sport for people with disabilities," said Heather Hernandez, coordinator for TTRC, "where the ultimate goal is to teach them how to ride a horse and make the rider as independent as possible."

According to the Therapeutic Riding Center's Web site, therapeutic riding uses equine assisted activities for the purpose of contributing positively to the cognitive, physical, emotional and social well-being of people with disabilities.

The TTRC also uses hippo-therapy as a method of therapy for riders, which refers to the use of the movement of a horse as a treatment tool by trained physical, occupational or speech therapists, Hernandez said.

"With hippotherapy, individuals will ride on a bare-back pad," Hernandez said. "They are not learning to ride the horse. It's just a treatment modality."

When a rider uses a bare-back pad instead of a saddle, they can feel the warmth of the horse. The movement combined with the heat of the horse can help relax and stretch out muscles for someone with high tone in their legs, like individuals with cerebral palsy.

Tangi Arant, therapeutic riding instructor, said therapeutic riding and hippotherapy riders have goals and objectives with their lesson plan.

The goals incorporated into lesson plans depend on the needs of the rider. Goals can include strength exercises, which work on core muscles in the body the rider needs to strengthen, and socialization. If a rider is working on a socialization goal, they have a leader, instructor and two side walkers, which they have to communicate with during a lesson.

"There are different exercises that they do," Arant said. "One is standing up in a stirrup to strengthen leg muscles. Balance activities are a big one that a lot

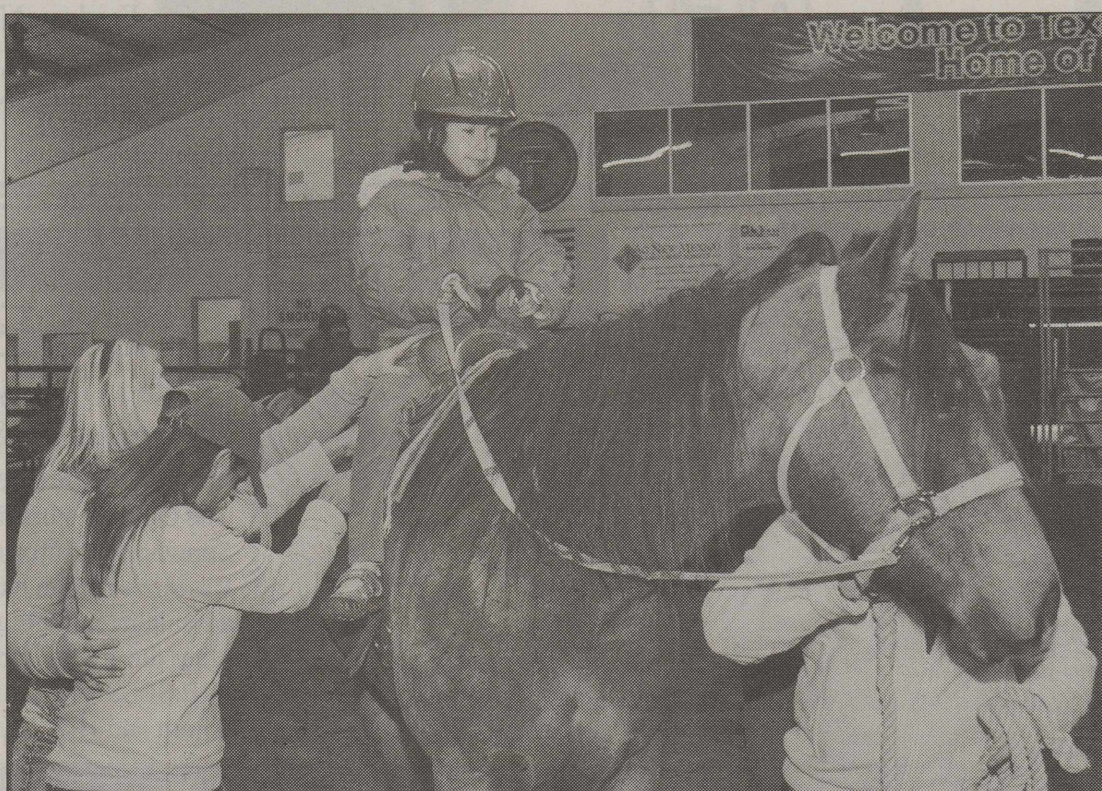


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ELENA VILLARREAL, 10, rides a horse named Buffy during the therapeutic riding program at the Texas Tech Equestrian Center. Elena is accompanied by Abby Cowden, left, a sophomore animal science major from Santa Rosa, N.M., her trainer, Heather Hernandez, an advanced NARHA instructor and center coordinator for therapeutic riding, and her horse leader Christy Chadwell, a sophomore agricultural communications major from Garland.

of riders work on, too."

There can be overlap between therapeutic riding and hippotherapy. The goal of therapeutic riding is to teach individuals to ride a horse, but the TTRC incorporates hippotherapy.

Hernandez said the center tries to create carry over into everyday life and increase functionality, and riders usually come away having improved in some area.

"I absolutely think it is effective," Hernandez said. "Every rider has goals and objectives that they are working on in their lesson and we definitely see improvement. For some riders, it may be more subtle than others."

The TTRC uses a variety of horses for therapy.

"Well, we are in West Texas and it's mostly Quarter Horses around here, but we actually have a Norwegian Fjord, ponies and Appaloosa," said Hernandez. "All different horses are good for riding because we want different sizes, shapes and movements because different kinds of riders need different kinds of movement."

The TTRC is conducting a study on the benefits of therapeutic riding for children with autism.

"As an observer, I see a huge

change from day one to today," Arant said. "There is always some form of positive change."

The best part about being an instructor is being around the riders and seeing what they can achieve, Arant said.

"Someone's goal may just be to hold the reins, and they may surprise you and actually use the reins the entire lesson," Arant said, "which could have taken them two weeks."

These types of therapy are more like play than work, Hernandez said, and although riders are working,

they enjoy it.

The therapy programs could not be possible without the help of volunteers, Hernandez said. Volunteers may participate in side walking or leading. Side walkers walk beside the rider and assist the rider while leaders lead the horses during activities.

"For the autism study we have to have 12 people there every hour," Hernandez said, "which is a lot of volunteers."

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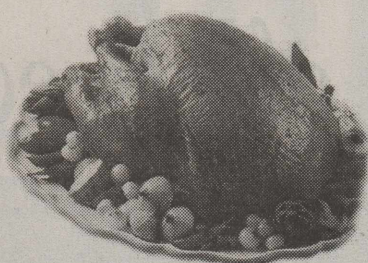
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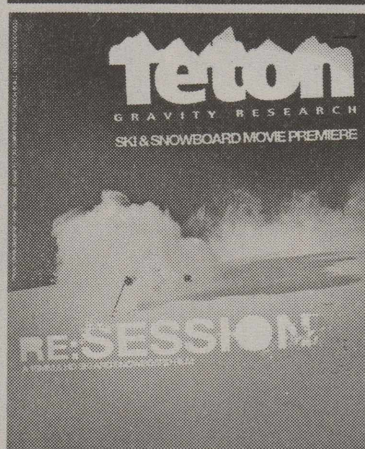
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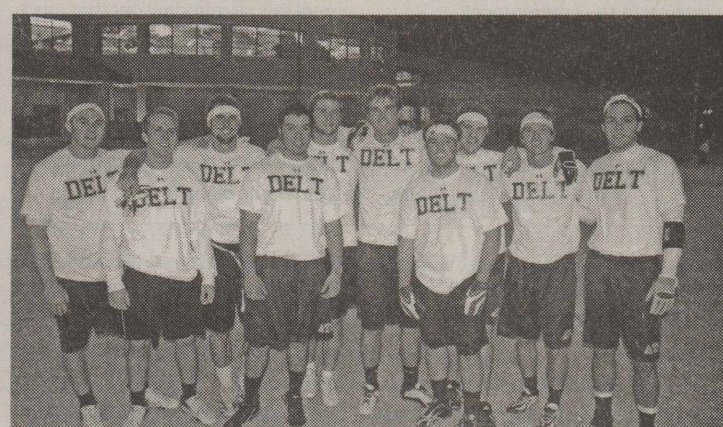
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student organization update...

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Banning of headshots in NHL would hurt game

Regardless of whether a person is a hockey fan, most sports fans in the United States have seen at least one of the high-profile incidents and injuries that permeate the hockey news at least once a year.

Most are familiar with Todd Bertuzzi sucker punching and subsequently cleaning the ice with Steve Moore's face or Marty McSorley taking a baseball-style swing at Donald Brashear's head. Although these types of incidents are frowned upon by the entire hockey community, the possible elimination of headshots became the main topic of the NHL General Managers meetings last week.

A hit to the head is legal in the NHL as long as all other rules of contact are followed (for instance, a player keeping his elbows down or not leaving his feet in an attempt to decimate his opponent). These hits have been criticized for about 10 years as being dangerous and not necessary to the game, especially with increased awareness about the dangers of concussions. But just within the last season they have come under even more scrutiny with injuries to star players such as David Booth and Jonathan Toews — two young and explosive offensive talents.

The GMs discussed the possibility of banning hits to the head altogether last week in an attempt to eliminate the injuries caused by those hits. But banning these hits would cause a radical change in hockey for the worse.

Bertuzzi sucker punched Moore because of the strict enforcement of the instigator penalty, which discourages players from starting fights. Although the rule has good intentions behind it, players only bottle up that energy and take it out in a way less productive to the intentions of the game and more harmful to other players.

If the instigator penalty did not carry such a strong punishment (no team appeal, automatic suspension when it occurs in the final five minutes of regulation and sometimes a game misconduct penalty), Moore would have escaped the game with few bruises and cuts after a fight. Instead he suffered three fractured neck vertebrae, a concussion and facial lacerations.

So when the NHL general man-

Jon Vanderlaan



ers speak about curbing headshots, there are going to be about 700 professional athletes scared to deliver a body check.

With that fear, hockey cannot be played like the sport it truly is; one that draws fans and players through not only the physical nature of the game but also through the finesse it takes for some of the more talented players to succeed despite the physical pressures put on them.

The idea to curb headshots not only would eliminate some of the physical play that has been a staple of professional hockey, but it will downplay the skill of truly talented players who fight through the physical battles and still manage to put up almost 100 points per season (see Joe Thornton).

Already the phenomenon of players mobbing an opposing player after a clean check is out of control — the referees must stop play because of the fight, sometimes during a legitimate scoring chance — and it would be much worse should the GMs make illegal a player's ability to eliminate a rushing forward from the play.

The GMs did not make a decision on what to do with the headshots, and instead will further discuss the matter in a committee before the next meeting in March.

Hockey is played with a physical element not present in most sports. Virtually every time a player steps on the ice, he is engaged in some sort of physical altercation.

It also is a game built on respect from one player to the next. If GMs want to curb the number of headshots and plays with the intent to injure, eliminate those players from the game — not the aspect of the game that makes it what it is.

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Journeyman Tairu adds to Tech's character

By **MIKE GRAHAM**
STAFF WRITER

From Maryland to Pennsylvania to Kansas, Levelland and Lubbock, Texas Tech guard David Tairu has traveled a long distance to play Division I basketball.

But the 6-foot-3, 180 pound guard who won the Big 12 Conference's first Rookie of the Week award of the season thinks he has found a permanent home at Tech.

Tairu left his home in Maryland hoping to earn a college basketball scholarship. Tairu enrolled in Philadelphia Lutheran Christian Academy, a prep school in Philadelphia, before transferring and earning his high school diploma at Point Rock Academy in Elkhart, Kan.

However, the dreams of playing big-time college basketball did not ring true after graduation and Tairu signed on to play basketball at South Plains College, winning a NJCAA National Championship during the 2007-2008 season and returning for the 2008-2009 season before transferring to Tech.

"It definitely has been a journey," Tairu said. "I'm just grateful that I had the opportunity to experience all types of schools with a lot of diversity. It made me a better person. I'm really humbled by it and I like it here."

Like many of the newcomers on the Tech roster, Tairu was expected to add depth to the team, but his impact may have been underestimated.

Through three games — all wins for the Red Raiders — Tairu is second on the team with 14 points a game. Tairu trails forward Mike Singletary for the team lead in points by just two total points.

Tech men's basketball signs three recruits for 2010-2011

Texas Tech men's basketball coach Pat Knight added to his roster as the 2009-2010 season gets underway.

Three players signed National Letters of Intent Tuesday, adding a few more talented players to next year's squad. Two will begin their careers at Tech as freshmen and one is a junior college transfer.

For his efforts during the past weekend, Tairu also was awarded the Duel in the Desert tournament MVP honors.

But the junior believes there is a long way to go.

Tairu said the speed and details of Division I basketball have been the toughest challenges for him but he's always willing to learn and work.

However, the emergence of Tairu on the court may not be the best indicator of his maturity after the journey he took to play Division I basketball.

Despite the accolades, Tairu — who strives to set an example in the locker room — said the awards are the results of a team effort.

"I was not expecting that at all," Tairu said. "But I don't want that to be a pinnacle because there's a team aspect to winning the awards. I know in the locker room when they said I received the award, these honors and everything, I told the team, 'Let us keep winning and let's just stay as a family and not let (awards) break us apart.'"

Tairu said he is able to keep focused on the future instead of becoming caught up in the glory of winning awards because of a strong foundation in religion.

"Christ is everything in my life right now," Tairu said. "I'm so grateful for him just giving me a second chance and just knowing the lifestyle that I lived before I came to school, and to see where I'm at now, I just give all the glory to him."

"I was very judgemental about people and me just going to new places and meeting new people. I was humbled."

Fellow guard Nick Okorie — who also played and won a national title with Tairu at South Plains — said

Guard Jamel Outler comes from Bellaire High School in Bellaire. He averaged 14 points a game as a junior and Scout.com tabbed him as a two-star recruit.

"Coach Knight knows what we go through as players and was honest and straightforward with me about playing for him," Outler said according to a press release.

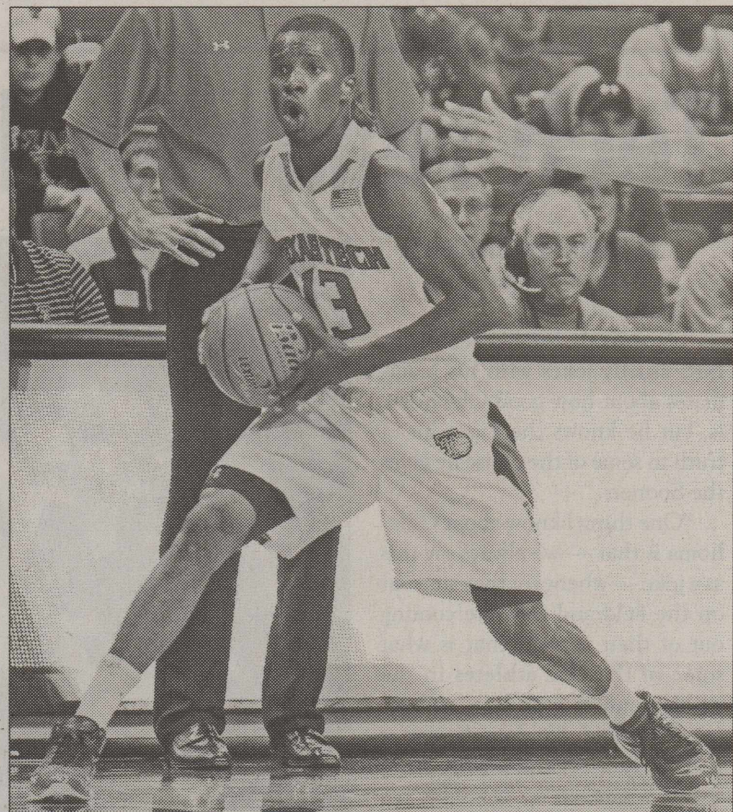


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TEXAS TECH GUARD David Tairu is averaging 14 points per game so far during the 2009-2010 season. The junior college transfer from South Plains College was named Big 12 Conference Rookie of the Week Monday.

the impact Tairu has made on the team this early was expected by the rest of the roster.

"I was expecting this," he said. "He's very athletic, plays defense and is an impact player. He has all the keys to be a successful D-I player."

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Tech ready for less dominant, yet solid Sooners

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Texas Tech linebacker Bront Bird usually jokes with his teammates about how good Oklahoma is, but he knows there is a lot of truth to some of the praise he gives the Sooners.

"One thing I know about Oklahoma is that — we always say this as a joke — whenever they step out on the field and they are coming out of their tunnel, that is what some of the best athletes in the whole country look like, and it's true," he said. "It doesn't matter if it is their second string, third string, whatever."

But among spectators this season, the Sooners do not have that look, swagger or assertiveness about them that makes opponents circle the date when OU comes to town.

The Sooners started the season No. 3 in the nation but will enter their matchup against Tech 11:30 a.m. Saturday in Jones AT&T Stadium unranked for the second consecutive week. Last week was the first time the Sooners weren't ranked since 2005.

The Sooners have had a handful of injuries — most notably reigning Heisman Memorial Trophy winner Sam Bradford and standout tight end Jermaine Gresham — and tough losses away from home. OU has suffered losses to BYU, Miami (Florida), Texas and Nebraska — all of which were either at neutral sites or on the road.

This Oklahoma team, however, doesn't fool Tech players and coaches. Bird said all the previous problems the Sooners have had should not matter when Saturday rolls around.

Even with the losses, there are still players such as quarterback



OKLAHOMA'S MASCOT CELEBRATES during a 65-21 win against Texas Tech in Norman, Okla., last season.

Landry Jones and defensive tackle Gerald McCoy.

"The biggest thing is they don't have any serious holes," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "They are a team that would like to have some games back, but they don't have any serious holes. They have good talent and good coaches. They played together really well last year."

Last year was when OU handed then-No. 2 Tech a 65-21 loss and a ticket to the Cotton Bowl instead of a national championship berth.

But because of those injuries, the Sooners have a different look. Gresham hurt his knee in a

practice leading up to the 2009 season opener against BYU. He earned an All-America Second Team selection following the 2008 season after racking up 950 yards receiving and 14 touchdowns.

Bradford sprained his shoulder in that first contest against BYU, made his return against Texas, but discovered he was too unhealthy to go for the rest of the season.

Bradford opted for surgery and the 2010 NFL Draft. Gresham, who reportedly as a senior had the option to use his redshirt this season and play again next year, also elected to enter the 2010 NFL Draft.

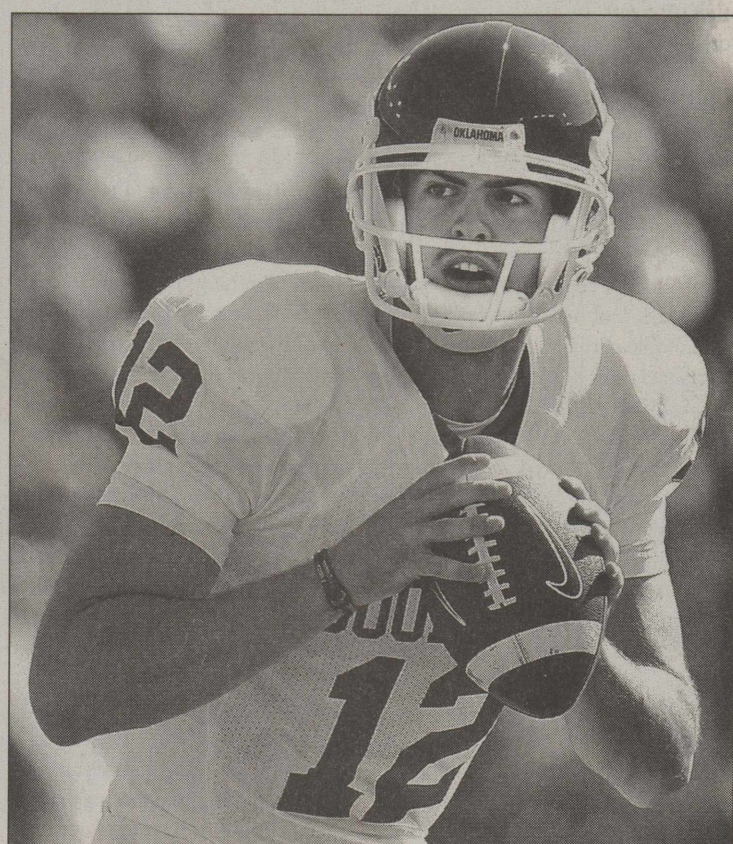
On top of losing two of their

best players, the Sooners have lost defensive end Austin English to a season-ending foot injury that requires surgery.

There also have been injuries to running back DeMarco Murray, receivers Dejuan Miller and Ryan Broyles and offensive linemen Trent Williams and Ben Habern, to name a few.

It seems the Sooners' toughest days are ahead of them as well, with this road game at Tech — a place they have not won since 2003 — and back at home against No. 12 Oklahoma State.

But Leach pointed out Jones is playing well, even with the circumstances of replacing Bradford earlier than expected. Jones has had some bad games, such as the 10-3



OKLAHOMA QUARTERBACK LANDRY Jones has performed better than expected since replacing Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford.

loss at Nebraska where he threw five picks and no touchdowns. But all that was a memory for OU fans after he completed 24-of-39 passes for 392 yards and five touchdowns in the 65-10 win against Texas A&M on Saturday.

Then there's McCoy, who Tech offensive lineman Marlon Winn said falls in line with the other top-notch defensive linemen the Red Raiders have faced this season. McCoy may not be putting up sacks like Tech defensive end Brandon Sharpe and A&M's Von Miller, but Winn said his ability is noteworthy.

"Very athletic, very strong, fast around the edges. He can work inside as well, good with his hands and he is always focused," Winn

said. "I think he is an awesome athlete really."

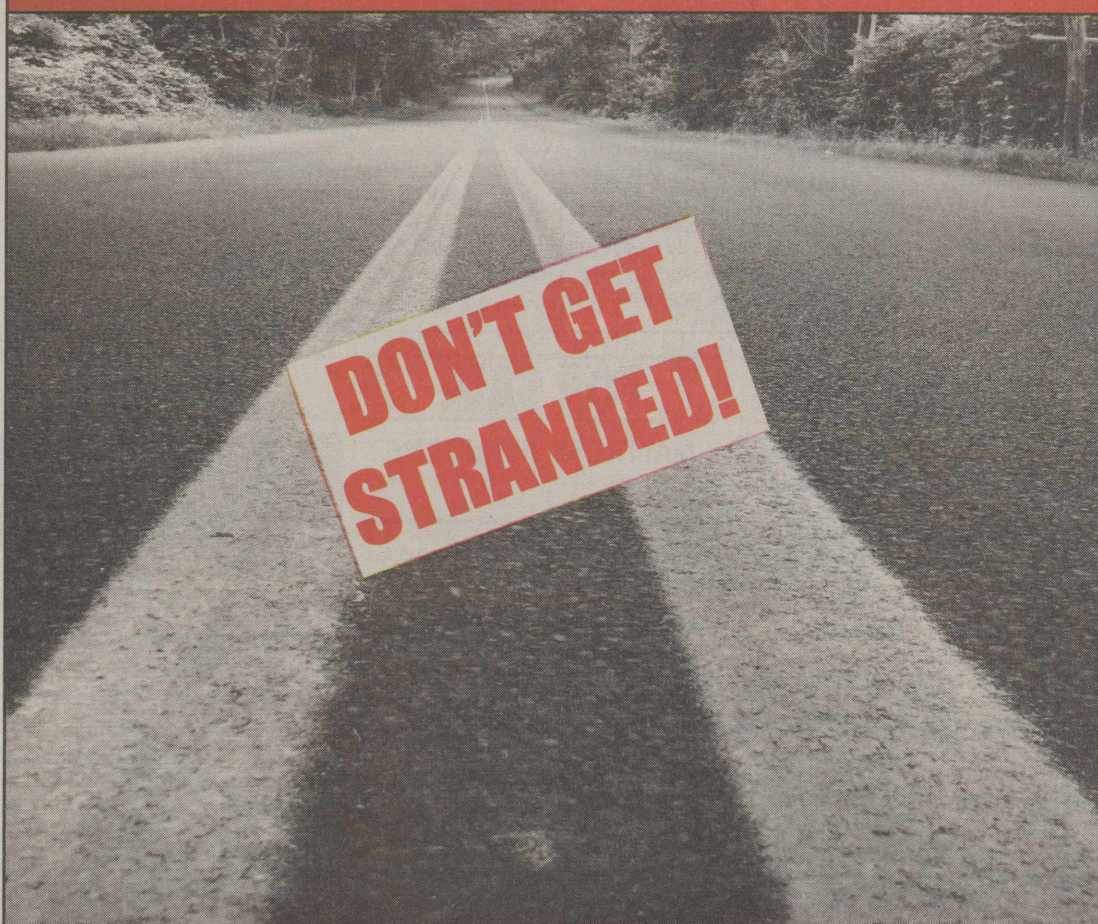
While the six-win Sooners still are in line for a bowl berth this season, their only win against a Big 12 Conference opponent over .500 is against Kansas State.

So while a win on the road could help OU in its efforts to finish strong and get a better bowl, Murray said he expects to face a hungry Tech team Saturday, despite the Red Raiders' 65-21 loss last year.

"I'm not worried about it," he said. "They're going to play us hard regardless, and we're going to play them hard. We're fighting for the best bowl game we can get in, and I'm sure they are too."

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Glanville resigns as Portland State coach

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Jerry Glanville has resigned as head coach of the Portland State Vikings after three losing seasons.

This past season, Portland State went 2-9 overall and 1-7 in the Big Sky Conference. Over Glanville's tenure the Vikings went 9-24.

Glanville, who coached in the NFL and was known for his 3-4 defense as well as a penchant for wearing black, was not available for comment Tuesday.

Portland State athletic director Torre Chisholm said he and Glanville mutually agreed on his resignation late Monday night.

He praised Glanville, 68, for his commitment.

"He brought an energy level and a sense of character to our program," Chisholm said. "It was infectious."

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