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CHRIS SENCE, A senior general studies major from Fayetteville, Ark., plays with a light board at the Allen Theatre. He is one of two people with CHARGE syndrome in Texas and hopes to be a light board operator after graduation.

ILLUMINATED

Rare syndrome does not stop student from pursuing a degree

By **CARRIE THORNTON**
STAFF WRITER

Despite being deaf in his left ear, legally blind in his left eye, incapable of smelling or tasting and living in a body that is physically half his age, Chris Sence continues to push toward his goal of obtaining a college degree.

Sence, a senior general studies major, has CHARGE syndrome, an acronym for a specific set of birth defects. Chris suffers from all six.

The "C" stands for coloboma, meaning a hole is present in one structure of the eye, "H" is for heart defects; "A" is atresia of the choanae, meaning closure of the passages from the back of the nose to the throat; "R" is growth retardation; "G" is genital deformities, and "E" is ear malformations.

"Growing up with CHARGE, other than

going to all the hospitals and doctor's appointments, I never really saw myself as a person with disabilities," the Fayetteville, Ark., native said.

He has taken this mindset with him to college, where he has taken classes at Texas State Technical College, Tomball Community College, Sam Houston State University and now Texas Tech.

CHARGE has created numerous obstacles for Sence to hurdle, as it does for many others who suffer from it. And yet, he has persistently pursued a higher education.

Sence is affiliated with Texas Chargers, and is one of only two people who suffer from CHARGE to attend college in the state that the organization knows of.

And during his time here at Tech, Sence said he faces few challenges.

"My biggest challenge is my breathing

— walking up and down stairs or hills," he said. "With school, my memory is my biggest struggle. You go to different classes and are expected to memorize and learn different things which are difficult for me."

Memorizing lines and concepts would not have been an issue for him two years ago before he had a severe stroke that left him with short-term memory problems.

"I don't have too many problems though," Sence said as he smiled.

He has found his passion in lights, and working on lighting for theatrical productions. He spends a lot of his time working on lights for theater productions at Tech and hopes to work full time as a light board operator after graduation. His love for lights is not anything new. It began when he was a child.

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Tech groups to provide Thanksgiving dinners

By **ZACH QUIÑONES**
STAFF WRITER

Although many students will be making the journey from Lubbock to their hometown for a Thanksgiving feast, several Tech and Lubbock organizations are preparing a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for students and community members to enjoy.

The Baptist Student Ministry at Tech is conducting an International Thanksgiving dinner at 6 p.m. Friday to introduce the holiday tradition to international students.

Amy Huff, an intern at the Baptist Student Ministry, said the group is hosting the dinner to do more to help the international students to understand American culture.

"They don't normally have the opportunity to experience these things," she said. "They've seen it on TV, but they haven't experienced it."

Huff said the organization is expecting about 100 to 150 international students to take part in the dinner.

According to information provided by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, the group will be working as bell ringers for the Salvation Army and providing \$1 drop boxes on campus in which every dollar donated will provide seven meals for families.

Lyn Garcia, director of development at the South Plains Food Bank, said the food bank will provide the food boxes they regularly provide on Thanksgiving for the community.

Texas Tech Hospitality Ser-

vices also will provide a Thanksgiving feast to anyone on campus from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, said Alan Cushman, an employee with the department.

All-you-can-eat dining locations at Horn/Knapp, Hulen/Clement and Fresh Plate at Bledsoe/Gordon will provide a chef-inspired menu, he said.

"It's a nice thing we can do to change up the everyday dining on campus," Cushman said. "Also a way to tie the holidays into it."

He said certified cooks will be in each location and Dewey McMurray will be the sous chef in charge of providing the traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

The menu for each of the locations serving the dinner

is oven-roasted turkey, spiral ham, roast sirloin of beef, mashed potatoes, cornbread stuffing, green bean casserole, corn, broccoli, rice and cheese, turkey gravy, hot rolls, pumpkin pie and pecan pie.

The Market at Stangel/Murdough also will be provid-

ing a traditional Thanksgiving meal that can be purchased at anytime during the day, Cushman said.

Andrew Ford, Alpha Tau Omega president, said the fraternity collected canned goods the last two weeks to donate to the South Plains Food Bank. Pledges in the fraternity performed songs and dances in front of sororities for canned donations.

Ford said at the end of the two weeks, the fraternity collected "truck loads" of canned goods for the South Plains Food Bank. The final tally numbered more than 2,000.

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Senate health bill bottom line: \$849 billion overhaul

By **DAVID ESPO**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The political stakes enormous, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid launched long-awaited health care legislation Wednesday estimated to extend coverage to 94 percent of eligible Americans at a cost of \$849 billion.

Initial maneuvering on the Senate floor was expected later in the week on the measure, bitterly opposed by Republicans eager to deny President Barack Obama a victory on his top domestic priority.

Officials have said the measure would require most Americans to carry health insurance and would mandate large companies to provide coverage to their workers, as well as ban insurance company practices such as denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions.

As rank-and-file Democrats gathered to learn details of the measure, a senior Democratic leadership aide said the Congressional Budget Office had

estimated it would spread coverage to 31 million Americans who currently lack it while still reducing federal deficits by a total of \$127 billion over 10 years.

The aide also cited a CBO estimate that the bill would achieve cuts of \$1 trillion over a decade in projected health care costs. The estimate of 94 percent coverage was less than the 96 percent estimated for legislation the House passed earlier this month, but no precise comparisons were possible without as-yet-unreleased CBO documentation.

The aide spoke on condition of anonymity, saying rank-and-file senators had not yet learned of the details.

Aides have said previously much of the bill would be financed by cuts in projected Medicare payments. Reid has also had under consideration higher payroll taxes for upper wage earners, but there was no word on whether he had decided to incorporate that provision into the measure he crafted.

At its core, the bill would set up new insurance

marketplaces — called exchanges — primarily for those who now have a hard time getting or keeping coverage. Subsidies would be available to help defray the cost of coverage for people with lower incomes.

Reid announced two weeks ago it would also include an option for consumers to purchase government-sold insurance, with states permitted to drop out of the system.

Reid did not speak with reporters before stepping into the closed-door caucus, although he was expected at a news conference later in the evening.

In a sign of the challenge confronting him, the Nevada Democrat met earlier in the day with Sens. Ben Nelson of Nebraska, Mary Landrieu of Louisiana and Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas, moderates within his party who have expressed reservations about the bill.

"He is walking through the particulars with them," said Reid's spokesman, Jim Manley. "We need 60 votes to get this bill to the floor."

Nelson later issued a statement strongly suggesting

he would vote with fellow Democrats on an initial showdown expected within days. Landrieu said, "I'm not going to be for anything that doesn't drive down costs over time."

Lincoln, the only one of the three who faces re-election next year, told reporters, "We'll wait and see."

With the support of two independents, Democrats have 60 seats, the precise number needed to choke off any Republican delaying tactics. None of the 40 Republicans is expected to defect on the first test vote, expected by weekend.

Ahead lie weeks — if not more — of unpredictable maneuvering on the Senate floor, where Reid and his allies will seek to incorporate changes sought by Democrats and repel attempts by Republicans to defeat the legislation and inflict a significant political defeat on the president.

Reid was releasing his legislation more than a week after the House approved its version of the health care bill on a near party-line vote of 220-215.

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Treasury dept. nominee admits to tax problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's choice for a top job in the Treasury Department did not disclose all of her late tax payments until she was repeatedly prodded by Senate investigators, a congressional report issued Wednesday said.

Obama's nominee for undersecretary of the Treasury for international affairs, Lael Brainard, is the fifth presidential nominee to reveal tax issues during the congressional vetting process.

Brainard was late in paying real estate taxes in 2005, 2006 and 2007 on property in Northern Virginia, according to the report by the Senate Finance Committee staff.

The report also challenges the accuracy of a deduction Brainard claimed for running an office from her home. The challenge led Brainard to reduce the deduction on her 2008 return, though she declined to adjust returns for 2005, 2006 and 2007, telling committee staff she used a reasonable method to calculate the deductions.

Brainard paid most of the late property taxes before she was nominated, in March. However, she told the committee that she realized after her nomination that her 2008 property taxes had not been paid. They were paid in September, the report said.

Brainard is current in all her taxes,

said Treasury spokesman Andrew Williams.

"At no time during the Committee staff's consideration of her nomination has Ms. Brainard been informed that the staff believes she owes additional tax, nor has she been asked to file any amended tax returns," Williams said.

The amounts in question were relatively small. Brainard paid \$121.75 in interest and \$1,279.34 in penalties on late real estate tax payments, the report said.

But the committee's top Republican, Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, is unhappy that the committee staff had to submit 10 sets of questions to Brainard before getting complete information about the late payments.

After Brainard was nominated last spring, the Finance Committee had her fill out a routine questionnaire that asked whether she had made any late tax payments in the past 10 years. Her initial response did not include all the late payments. It did, however, acknowledge she had made late unemployment insurance payments for household employees "on a number of occasions," the report said.

"The dollar amounts involved aren't large compared to some other administration nominees this year, but the lack of candor, accuracy and timeliness in addressing the issues has been discouraging," Grassley said.

Obama, South Korean leader accentuate positives from visit

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — America's relations with South Korea, a crucial Asian ally, are on an upswing as President Barack Obama meets with President Lee Myung-bak on Thursday, though a stalled trade agreement is still a concern for the economic powerhouses.

Obama, winding up his weeklong Asian journey, is expected to emphasize the two nations' unified efforts to prod a defiant North Korea out of its nuclear weapons program. He's also welcoming South Korea's return to helping U.S. efforts in Afghanistan.

Obama landed Wednesday night in South Korea, embarking on perhaps the easiest leg of his whirlwind four-country Asian trip that has taken him away from Washington for the longest stretch of his presidency. He made brief stops in Tokyo and Singapore before a longer, ceremony-filled visit to China.

Strongly pro-U.S., Lee took office in South Korea in early 2008, a year before Obama, and relations between the two countries have been improving. The tenure of President George W. Bush had seen anti-American sentiments become more common here.

Not so much now. The South Korean president, for instance, was the first foreign leader in Obama's presidency to get the honor of a joint

appearance in the Rose Garden, in June.

"I hope to look at it as growing pains of a relationship maturing," said Lee Jung-hoon, an international relations expert and dean of Yonsei University in Seoul. "Certainly under Lee Myung-bak and Obama, we are returning to normalcy."

A remaining sticking point has been trade. To South Korea's dismay, a free trade agreement that was signed in 2007 by the two governments under

previous leaders has been stalled ever since in Congress.

The pact was already going nowhere on Democratic-run Capitol Hill during the Bush administration, which struck the deal after painstaking negotiations.

Obama's election, with his concerns about U.S. access to the South Korean market for U.S. auto exports, put the deal in further doubt.

Obama and Lee are spending about three hours together at the Blue House, South Korea's version of the White House.

Obama then has a brief rally at Osan Air Base outside Seoul with some of the 28,500 U.S. troops who are stationed in South Korea. It will be the third time Obama has addressed U.S. troops with his decision still pending on how many more Americans to send into the Afghanistan war.

"I hope to look at it as growing pains of a relationship maturing."

LEE JUNG-HOON
INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS EXPERT

IN BRIEF

STATE

Texas gov. likely to face school finance problems

AUSTIN (AP) — With budget problems mounting for many Texas school districts, the next governor is likely to inherit a funding system that experts say has become a legal and financial quagmire.

As the state's top executive officer, the governor will guide the \$35 billion public school system and its 4.4 million students, which experts say needs a major overhaul to make sure schools are getting enough money to keep pace with costs and to avoid another lawsuit.

"I think that the situation will manifest itself or start manifesting itself in 2011 in an extreme way," said Joe Smith, a school consultant and former superintendent. "There's going to be a

whole lot of districts that are going to be up against the wall."

It's been just a few years since Texas lawmakers, facing a court order, undertook a massive overhaul of the school funding system. But booming enrollment, higher costs on such necessities as utility bills and a public reluctance to pay higher taxes have left many districts in a fix.

"It looks like the state may be walking itself right into another lawsuit," said David Hinojosa, an attorney for the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, which was part of the most recent school finance lawsuit against the state that resulted in the 2006 changes.

NATION

Schwarzenegger rules out another run for office

MILAN (AP) — California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger won't say what his plans are when his term expires next year, but he won't be running for another office.

"I have never labeled myself as a politician, so I am not going to run for anything else," Schwarzenegger told reporters in Milan on Tuesday.

Schwarzenegger, a Republican, is restricted by California law from seeking a third term as governor when his tenure expires at the end of 2010. He has previously indicated that the only other political office he would

be interested in seeking is president, and he can't run because he was born in Austria.

The governor said he will spend the next year trying to solve problems including a projected \$21 billion dollar budget shortfall through next year.

Schwarzenegger stopped by Milan to encourage regional governments to take action on climate change. He previously was visiting with troops in Iraq.

He also visited his hometown of Graz, Austria, where he saw the grave of his parents and ate a typical Austrian

WORLD

Iran FM rejects sending away uranium

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's foreign minister has ruled out sending enriched uranium out of the country, rejecting the U.N.'s plan to resolve the crisis.

The U.N. offered a deal last month to Iran to take its enriched uranium out of the country and return it as refined fuel rods to solve the

impasse over its nuclear program.

"We will definitely not send our 5.3-percent enriched uranium out of the country," Manochehr Mottaki told the semi-official ISNA news agency Wednesday.

He offered instead a simultaneous swap of uranium for fuel inside Iran.

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Antiracists and far-right youths battle in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) — A simmering confrontation between far-right youths and anti-racist activists has erupted into Moscow's streets after the fatal shooting of an anti-racist activist known as the Bonebreaker.

The violence stems from deep animus between two aggressive camps with starkly different visions of Russia's future — neo-Nazi skinheads who rank

in the tens of thousands and militant anti-racist groups that call themselves Antifa, short for anti-fascist.

Former punk rocker Ivan Khutor-skoi, 26, provided security for meetings of antifascists. He also was known for organizing underground bare-knuckle boxing matches among them, and taking part in violent attacks on ultranationalists.



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By Jack McInturf 11/19/09

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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OPINIONS

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Class laptops more distraction than study aid

Most of us students have all had a class or two where the professor was pretty lenient on the idea of students using their laptops to take notes. While some do use their laptops during class with proper self control, I believe I could accurately state most do not.

A couple weeks ago I was sitting in class trying to pay attention to my lecture when I caught myself constantly looking over the shoulder of a fellow classmate who had brought his laptop to class that day. Most of the time I am not distracted by the usual Facebook addict flipping through Halloween photos of their 2,000 friends. However, this student was engaging in a different online obsession: blackjack.

This was very distracting for someone like me who also likes to try my luck every once in a while. Not knowing this student, I found myself wondering if he was staying true to the book by practicing basic strategy techniques such as doubling down on 11, splitting aces and eights or holding on soft 18.

After several bad beats, I shifted my focus back to my professor. Nevertheless, I could not stop thinking about Vegas and the bestselling book "Bringing Down The House," which was the basis of the movie "21."

Travis Ellington



I'm sure I am not the only one who can frequently become distracted by the wandering actions of classmates with laptops.

This is where I begin to question the need for laptops in class. We are all aware of how short our attention span is relative to the amount of time of professors' lectures. Is being able to type your notes in class worth the added amounts of distractions you bring to yourself and others?

I rarely see students on computers fully exert themselves in the topics being discussed by their professors. This is why I see it as more harmful than it is productive. When there

is no interaction between students and professors the entire class is boring. Professors want students to ask questions and participate in lectures to show students are paying attention and at least trying to learn the material.

It is like when a girl asks a guy a sports question. The guy instinctually wants to prove his masculinity by providing as much knowledge on the subject as the girl is willing to listen to. Professors are the same way. They want to provide any additional information so we can fully understand the subject matter.

On another note, I believe professors take notice of students who do not ask questions or participate in lecture to the extent of not caring to learn their name or show sympathy toward poor performance on exams.

Reasons such as these should be example enough to discourage those from bringing computers to class when

they are not required. Not only do you heighten the level of temptation for your mind to wander, you rarely learn things that are not test material. This may be a revelation, but some students go to class to learn things that are not going to be on the test.

I'm sure some will not agree with my position that students should be barred from bringing laptops to class when they are not necessary. I accede to the argument of typed notes being much easier to study and follow along with than those that are hand written. However, typing your notes after you hand write them in class is a good way to study without putting much stress on your brain.

Students should dissuade themselves from bringing their computers to class out of respect for your classmates and professors. We all know your schedule is very busy and you cannot possibly find the time outside of class to check your e-mail or Facebook. However, please be courteous to others who are there to learn with minimal distractions.

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9/11 trials show all that is right with this nation

This past week the Obama administration has been under attack by the Republicans. Again. This time for his Attorney General's decision to put the Sept. 11 attackers on trial in U.S. federal court.

Will they be able to spread their propaganda in U.S. trial court? Probably.

Will they be able to try to defend themselves in court? Yes.

Will they be given the same constitutional protections as common criminals? Yes.

Will they be found guilty and then executed? Absolutely.

Many GOP members are arguing they will be given rights and be able to defame the United States in trial court. Yeah. What is the harm in that? Will they really be able to change the minds of anyone? What is the fear the GOP and conservatives have about doing this?

Those terrible claims that those on trial will make are going to go in one ear and out the other. No one will take them seriously and the ones who do will have already taken them seriously even before the trial begins.

The terrorists will be found guilty and then be executed. Seems like justice to me.

Paul Williamson



New York now gets the chance to get their justice. Sept. 11 harmed us as a nation, but New York was hit hardest. The firefighters and other emergency first responders were from New York. This is a chance for a city and a state to get the justice they deserve.

I just do not understand why giving terrorists rights is a bad thing. The end result is that true justice is served and we as a nation show we can rise above adversity.

Why should we throw out the rule of law? Torturing, abandoning the rule of law, devaluing our dignity as a nation and having disregard for basic human rights (yes, even for those against the United States) is exactly what terrorists wanted from the beginning.

They were counting on an overreaction by the United States. They wanted us to bring the fight to them. They wanted to show that even a nation as advanced as the United States can falter and devalue all that we stand for. They hate and want to destroy all that we stand for. Why should we destroy it for them?

Bush gave the terrorists what they wanted. He created a state where civil liberties were a thing of the past. A United States where former Attorney General and current Texas Tech professor Alberto Gonzales said habeas corpus is not a constitutionally protected right.

Our rights as individuals should be valued above all. If the government is allowed to take away the rights of some, what is to stop them from taking away your rights next?

As a nation, we have to show we are better than those who are against us. Terrorists show no regard for human rights. They show no compassion for humanity. Why should we stoop to their level?

In the end, we are the arresting nation. The United States is the agent committing these acts. It is because of this the United States should follow its own laws. Those laws are found in the greatest governing document ever in history: the Constitution. If we do not always follow the Constitution, then we can decide to not follow it in another instance.

Whether we like it or not, nations look to the United States as a beacon of human rights. We have an obligation to set an example to growing democracies across the globe that nothing can come in between a nation of people and the basic human rights of individuals no matter how terrible the situation.

The United States is a great nation for many reasons. We should not ignore those reasons.

Again, these people are going to be put to death. We are going to kill them. Let them have their day in court. In the end, a city will get their justice and a nation will maintain its values.

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Tech fitness classes break away from tradition

By JULIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Liuli Miller, a Pilates and yoga instructor at Texas Tech, hit herself repeatedly with a large wooden dowel.

"It's alright, and it doesn't hurt because I know how to breathe," she said.

Anyone walking around the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center runs the risk of seeing Miller and her Pilates or yoga classes working out, although probably not with dowels. She said Pilates is all about breathing and building your strength.

"Pilates, when you're done, you want to say, 'I have so much energy, now I can finish my homework.' Yoga is moving meditation," said Miller, who has taught both Pilates and yoga for more than 30 years. "When you're done you feel good and relaxed. It deals with calming the mind, body and soul from stress. You have to have good nutrition for the body to be well. Pilates is about toning the body and core. They are good on their own, but they're best together."

Miller said Pilates and yoga aren't just for the girls.

"More and more guys are coming.

I think they should. They need yoga to calm their minds," Miller said, with a chuckle.

"Pilates is about toning the body and core. They are good on their own, but they're best together."

LIULI MILLER
Tech Pilates and Yoga Instructor

Virtually all individuals can benefit from regular physical activity, whether they participate in vigorous exercise or some type of moderate health-enhancing physical activity, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Through its effects on mental health, physical activity may help increase students' capacity

for learning. Participation in physical activity and sports can promote social well-being, as well as good physical and mental health.

Tech provides students many options to stay healthy. Personal fitness and wellness classes — more commonly known as PFWs — are available in traditional sports, such as volleyball or baseball. However, with more than 100 fitness classes open for Spring 2010, according to the course listing, some less traditional classes may have students thinking twice about which activity to take.

"Swimming is a more rounded workout than most other sports," said Sam Haas, a sophomore political science major from Lubbock. "I chose it because I wanted a workout that would be intense. It also provides me with nutrition information. I had to learn how to eat right. I know what I should do now for my health."

Tom Downs, a Tech alumnus from Lubbock, owns and operates the Texas Karate Institute — which hosts the Aikido class among other martial arts. He said he and the other teachers at the Institute, as well as PFW instructors, want to inspire students to live healthy all their life.

"They have a survey of martial arts

here, and we hope they say 'Wow, I really like this,' or 'Well, I like the exercise.' We have a three-fold mission: We want to serve as a survey course to keep students fit and introduce them to a healthy lifestyle, we want them to work to stay fit, and then to also inspire healthy living for the rest of their life," said Downs, an eighth-degree black belt in karate. "We spend all our time in education and developing a love for learning. Martial arts, for me, developed a love for fitness and we want to give a similar love to the students now."

Lexi Easter, the instructor for several racquetball classes, wants her students to realize great ways to get physical. She said all fitness classes at Tech use the same textbook, and there are chapters in it describing aspects people don't know about, like flexibility and nutrition.

"The whole point of fitness and wellness is to stress physical activity," she said. "It doesn't have to be something that makes you miserable. It can be fun. The whole point of it is to serve as a physical activity. Racquetball is probably one of the best cardio workouts you can find. It's something you can play as a life long sport. That's the point we want to make."

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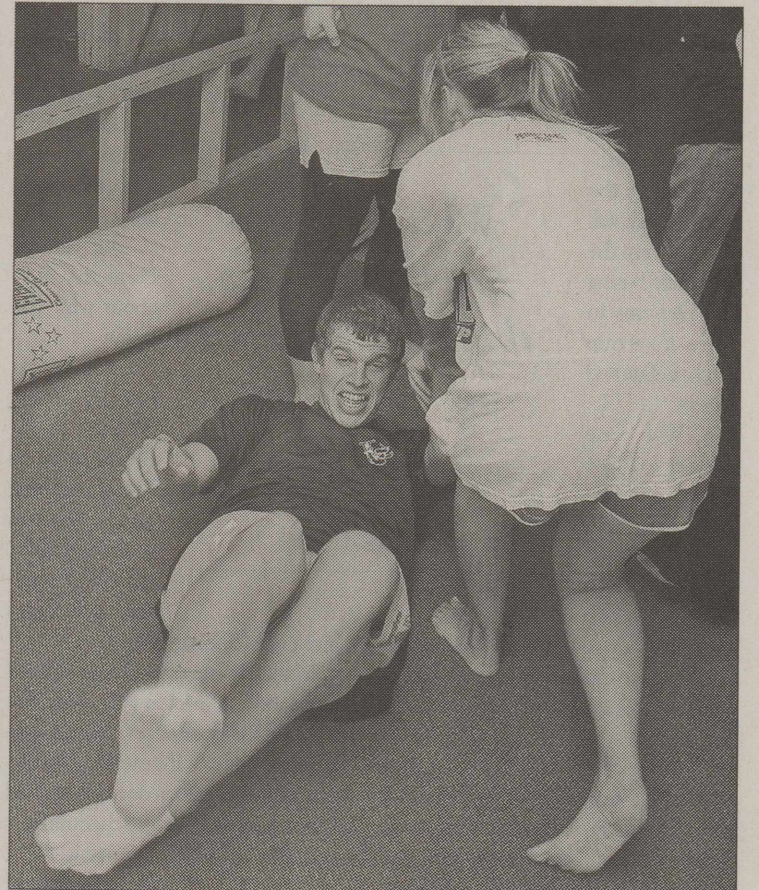


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JORDAN LEMONS, A junior public relations major from Rockwall, practices flipping Justin Cooper, a junior chemistry major from Burger, during Introduction to Aikido Friday at the Texas Karate Institute.

Brian Williams lauds Cronkite in award acceptance

PHOENIX (AP) — NBC newsman Brian Williams said Wednesday he's not sure if Walter Cronkite would have succeeded in the age of cable news, blogs and Twitter.

"I am convinced that had he come along today, I don't think he would have cracked through. I think there's too much noise, too much to cut through for a modest man from Missouri," Williams told an audience in Phoenix. "But God and history combined to give him to us right when we needed him."

Williams spoke at a luncheon, where he was given the Cronkite Award from Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School

of Journalism. The ceremony included videotaped congratulatory messages from Jon Stewart and fellow New Jersey native, Bruce Springsteen.

Williams recounted how growing up, his parents didn't serve dinner until after Cronkite ended his newscast with his signature line: "And that's the way it is."

"Professionally, the day he died, I lost my North Star," Williams said.

This year marks the first award ceremony since Cronkite's passing. The longtime CBS news anchor died in July after a long illness.

— Williams did not address talk

of cable TV operator Comcast Corp. preparing to buy a controlling stake in NBC Universal. He instead struck an optimistic tone, saying NBC News had more viewers than it did a year ago.

In 2004, Williams succeeded Tom Brokaw as anchor of "NBC Nightly News." In 2007, he became the first network anchor — active or retired — to host "Saturday Night Live."

Each year, the Cronkite School recognizes a notable media figure for excellence in journalism. Past recipients have included Brokaw, Katharine Graham and Ted Turner.

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Northwestern State hits road in truest sense to play Tech

By **MIKE GRAHAM**
STAFF WRITER

It's 1,208 miles roundtrip from Natchitoches, La., to Lubbock, and the Northwestern State Demons will roll through every one of them for a 40-minute game against Texas Tech at 7 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena.

Northwestern State decided to offset the travel costs it will incur later in the season by busing the Demons in for a matchup Tech is favored to win.

"Where we're at, we have to make the most out of our dollars," Northwestern State coach

Mike McConathy said. "We know we have a huge challenge ahead of us."

The Demons' travel arrangements are unique.

McConathy said the team left Natchitoches at about 7 p.m. Tuesday per an NCAA travel rule that states teams cannot leave for an opposing destination earlier than 48 hours before the game starts.

Because the team traveled by bus and the trip is so long, McConathy and his staff decided to stop in Arlington Tuesday night. On Wednesday, the Demons practiced at Texas-Arlington — in their conference rival's gym — for a last day of preparation for the Tech game.

From there, the team got back on the bus and finished the remaining 330 miles of the trip.

McConathy said a game against Tech is worth the great lengths his team had to go through to get to Lubbock. He said this game is a valuable learning experience for his players in preparation for their schedule in the Southland Conference.

It might be easier to play major programs closer to Natchitoches such as SMU, TCU, Houston or Rice in

the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex or Houston area.

But for the Demons, it's about who you know.

Assistant coach Mark Slessinger's relationship to Tech's coaching family, Bob and now Pat Knight, is the main reason for tonight's

matchup, McConathy said.

"Mark grew up around coach (Bob) Knight and Pat," McConathy said. "We played (in Lubbock) a few years ago — and bused there that time. I'm not saying those other places don't offer good competition, but for us scheduling, it has a lot to do with relationships."

Not only do the Demons believe the task at hand will be tough, but it is also Northwestern State's first road game of the season. The Demons (1-0) won their first game of the season against East Texas Baptist 77-54.

McConathy said he knows how the Red Raiders will play based on the Demons (3-0) 95-71 loss at Tech in 2007. The biggest improvement he said he sees at Tech from then to now is the quality of Tech's guards, especially John Roberson.

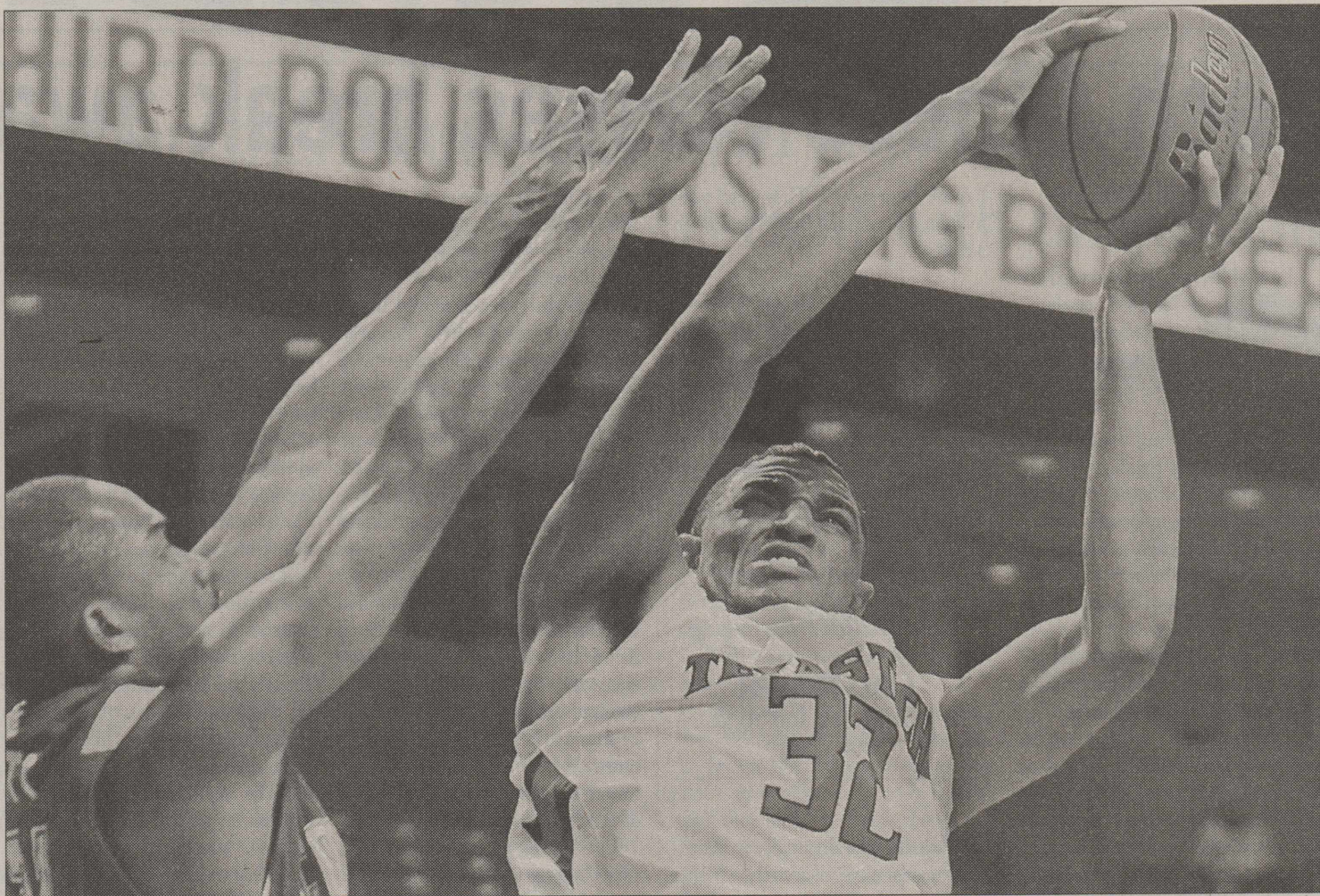


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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Mike Singletary and the Red Raiders host Northwestern State (La.) at 7 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena. The Demons have had to travel far for the game, busing from Natchitoches, La. to Lubbock in two days.

Tech also has added depth at the guard position with the addition of Nick Okorie from South Plains College in 2008 and David Tairu this season. Tairu won the first Big 12 Conference Rookie of the Week award of the season Monday after averaging 14 points per game through Tech's first three contests.

Forward Darko Cohadarevic said something opposing teams may not

notice yet is the vast improvement in Tech's defense.

"We're playing great team defense," he said. "That's what we didn't have last season. That's what has won us our first three games."

Tech players, on the other hand, believe they know how the Demons will try to play them based on their experiences last weekend against underdogs South Dakota and the Demons' fellow

Southland Conference member Texas A&M-Corpus Christi — both wins for Tech.

"I expect for them to be really athletic," Okorie said. "We just have to stay focussed, the thing that can beat us is ourselves. The single thing we pretty much have to do is play defense and if we play defense we'll win the game."

Northwestern State will depart Lubbock for a game Tuesday against

Houston Baptist. After that, however, the Demons will head out to Bloomington, Ind., for a game against the Indiana Hoosiers — flying on that occasion.

"They love basketball up there, so it should be a fun and tough game for our program," McConathy said. "We're flying to Bloomington — but it's not more than four hours farther than Lubbock."

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Kicker Cundiff signs with Ravens

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — The only thing that could make the Ravens feel any worse about their kicking situation would be Matt Stover booting the game-winning field goal for the Indianapolis Colts in Baltimore on Sunday.

Still searching for the right successor to Stover, the Ravens signed former Dallas Cowboys kicker Billy Cundiff on Wednesday. Cundiff replaces Steve Hauschka, who was cut Tuesday after missing several

important field goal tries — including a potential game-winner in Minnesota last month.

Stover played with the Browns before they left Cleveland and was the Ravens' starting placekicker since the team arrived in Baltimore in 1996. His contract expired following the 2008 season, and the Ravens did not re-sign him.

Coach John Harbaugh gave the job to Hauschka, who handled the kickoff chores as Stover's backup last season. Stover signed with Indianapolis last month and is 6 for 6 on field goal attempts.

If he could do it over, Harbaugh

would have made more of a push to keep Stover.

"I guarantee you one thing: It would be nice to have Matt Stover kicking for us right now. It just didn't work out," Harbaugh said. "We had a plan all along to bring him back if we needed him, and then the Colts signed him. And there he sits, kicking for the Colts against the Ravens. It's pretty juicy. I'm looking forward to seeing what happens."

Stover, 41, would have loved to return. But he certainly has no complaints about being with the unbeaten Colts.



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Tech volleyball drops match to Mizzou, records 17th Big 12 loss

By **JOSE RODRIGUEZ**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech volleyball coach Trish Knight knows that her team is progressing, but she is quick to mention that her squad has yet to learn what it takes to pull out a victory.

Wednesday's home match against Missouri provided an example, as set wins for the Red Raiders seemed to be within grasp for a majority of the contest.

"We gotta learn how to win," Knight said. "They are just so afraid to lose in that when they get into the 20 to 25 range, they just seem to struggle."

Mizzou swept the Red Raiders 3-0 in the United Spirit Arena.

Tech (2-24, 0-17 in Big 12 Conference play) could not hold leads against Missouri (18-11, 9-8), allowing the Tigers to sustain momentum and take over in what was a highly competitive match in spite of the final score.

Most teams welcome home match-

es, but Knight acknowledges the fact that her team seems to have difficulties playing in front of familiar faces.

In this case, being at home seemed to benefit the Red Raiders.

Tech stayed with Mizzou in every set, the largest difference being a 25-20 win in the second set for the Tigers.

Despite the close losses, Knight said her team performed the best it could.

"For some reason, it's a little tighter at home," she said. "We played well tonight, I can't fault us with playing well, we did everything we could."

The solid play can be linked to the balance of production the Red Raiders threw at Mizzou.

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Dowdy led Tech in both kills and digs. The Red Raiders totaled 45 kills in comparison to Missouri's 41 and outdug the Tigers 48 to 45.

The extra help came from middle blockers Barbara Conceicao and Alexxa Roberts along with outside hitters Miara Cave and Hayley Ball — the

four combined for 30 kills.

The contributions kept Tech in every set, keeping the Tigers off balance.

But Roberts said if the team can continue to take pressure off Dowdy, the style of the game can favor Tech. "We realize that everyone in every part of our team is needed to win and to produce good play," she said. "If we keep playing with diversity we're going to have more holes open and it's just going to flow better."

Even though the Red Raiders have a few things to be proud of on the stat sheet, players and coaches say a lot of work lies ahead.

Tech will have the task of regrouping in two consecutive road matches at Kansas and Texas A&M.

Having no postseason aspirations can be tough, but Dowdy said the team will continue playing harder and work toward a first Big 12 win.

With just three matches remaining — two road matches and the season finale at home — Tech is running out of chances to put an end to what is now a 56-match losing streak to Big 12 opponents.

"Honestly, I just think we have to keep ourselves motivated," she said. "This year has been rough on us, but we are rebuilding. We are going to be great, and we are going to win a by the time the season is over with."

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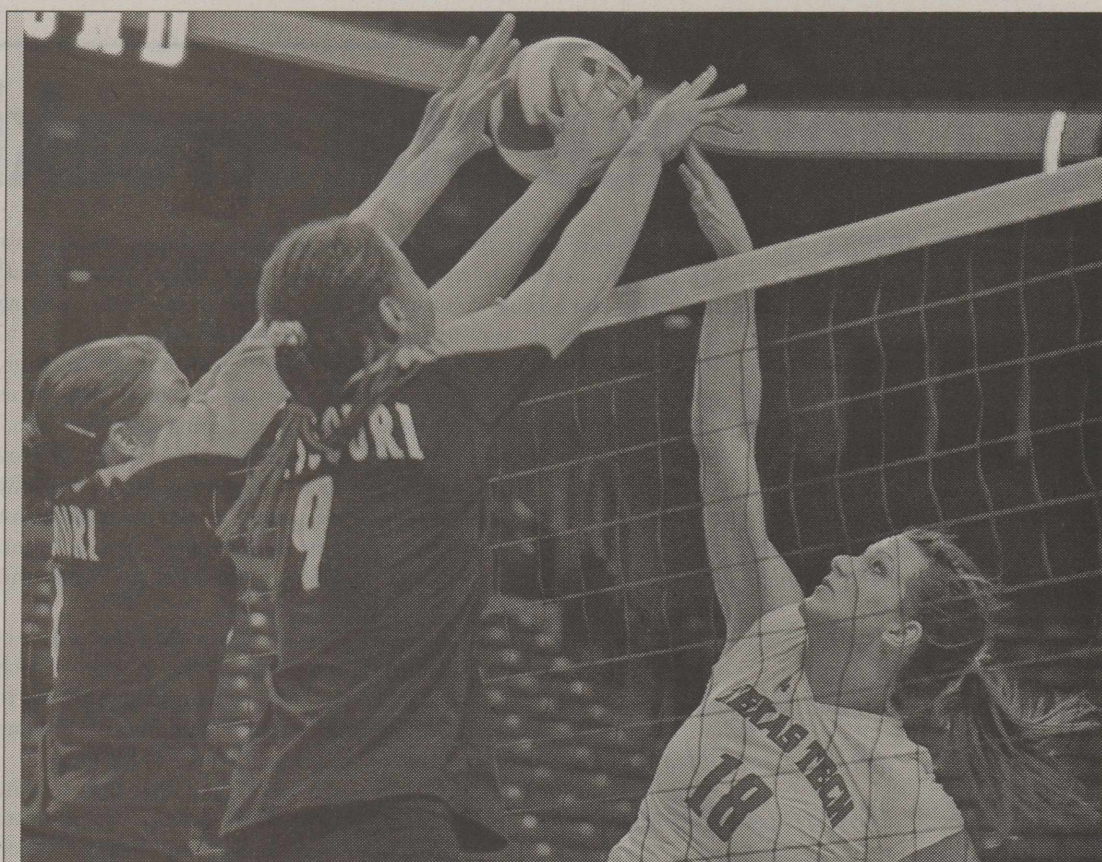


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TEXAS TECH MIDDLE blocker Alexxa Roberts spikes the ball into two Tiger blockers during the second set against Missouri on Wednesday in the United Spirit Arena.

"We gotta learn how to win. They are just so afraid to lose ... they just seem to struggle."

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OU defense still wreaking havoc on opposition

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While most other parts have deteriorated, the Oklahoma defense remains one of the final pillars standing from last year's team that reached the national championship.

The Sooners rank sixth nationally in total defense, allowing only 262 yards per game and have held opponents to 12 points per game, which is fifth nationally. That type of performance has been key in keeping games close for Oklahoma, especially considering how injuries to quarterback Sam Bradford, tight end Jermaine Gresham and a struggling offensive line have been a big blow to a once formidable offense.

OU coach Bob Stoops said not only is this one of the more dedicated defenses he's worked with, but he acknowledged a more cerebral approach is a key component.

"I think intelligence makes a great defense," said Stoops, whose Sooners take on Texas Tech 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Jones AT&T Sta-

dium. "They're really smart. They see how an offense is trying to make gaps and how we can cancel it. These guys really want to get it, they really pay attention and ask questions."

Oklahoma defensive back Jonathan Nelson backed up Stoops' analysis, saying he and other teammates don't just run plays because they're told to.

They truly want to know the reason behind each scheme.

"Speaking for myself," he said, "I know that I sometimes may bug coach (Brent) Venables or coach (Bobby Jack) Wright a little too much because I ask them why I'm doing something rather than just doing it."

For those defensive players who have questions on how to defend Tech's offense, all they need is film from last year's 65-21 win against the Red Raiders.

Coming into the game, former quarterback Graham Harrell only had been sacked five times. He was sacked twice in the first quarter and never got comfortable until the end

of the game. Tech punted on its first three drives, then turned the ball over on downs twice before scoring its first touchdown.

"We got after him up front, and our coaches have been on us this week getting ready for Tech," defensive tackle Gerald McCoy said. "That was a big part of why we played so well on defense last year. We got after them up front. We're gonna have to do that this week too."

This season, the Sooners are second in the nation in sacks — Tech is third — after upping their total to 33 with four sacks in a 65-10 romp against Texas A&M last week.

"The biggest thing they do is the basic sound defense, the ultimate basic fundamental defense," Tech coach Mike Leach said. "They go out there with great fundamentals and energy. I think they do that as good as anybody."

To Tech's credit, McCoy said the Red Raiders pass as well as anybody in the nation, which makes it hard to get pressure on the quarterback.

"They throw so many quick passes, shuffle passes, screen passes," he said. "Tech has so many passes, it's what they do, pass. Sometimes they go deep, but they do a lot of quick stuff so we just gotta get our hands up and be in our gaps and get the right reads."

But Tech's offense hasn't been quite as potent this year compared to previous seasons under Leach.

At this point in 2008, the Red



PHOTO COURTESY OF OKLAHOMA ATHLETICS/The Daily Toreador
OKLAHOMA DEFENSIVE TACKLE Gerald McCoy sacks Kansas quarterback Kale Pick in the two teams' matchup on Oct. 24 in Lawrence, Kan. McCoy is a big name on an OU defense ranked sixth in the nation.

Raiders were averaging 10 more points per game, and Leach said a lot of the offensive struggles are a product of inconsistency not only at quarterback, but with receivers, the offensive line and running backs as well.

McCoy isn't paying attention to the constant shuffling at quarterback within the Red Raider offense.

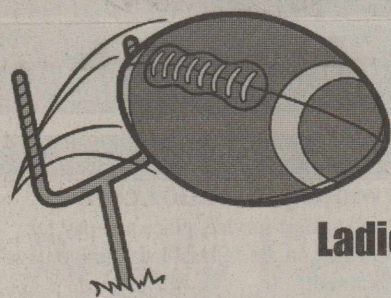
"Tech offense is Tech offense," he said. "It doesn't really change much. You gotta be ready for

it. They're gonna get numbers. They're gonna get a lot of points. We just gotta prepare for it. We've been playing pretty well on defense, so we're just gonna try and continue to do that this week."

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Former Jaguar gets 18 months probation

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Former Jacksonville Jaguars receiver Jimmy Smith was sentenced to 18 months of probation after pleading guilty Wednesday to drug possession charges.

The charges stemmed from an April traffic stop in which Smith was found driving without a license and carrying cocaine and marijuana.

Smith, 40, said the Wednesday plea was the next step in getting his life back under control. He was already serving a year of probation and 100 hours of community service handed down in July after pleading no contest to drunken driving and drug possession charges in April.

Smith voluntarily entered a drug rehabilitation program after the April arrest, spending 90 days in a Houston facility. He emerged vowing to fight the disease of addiction, and said Wednesday he would spend the rest of his life trying to keep kids away from drugs and alcohol.

"I look forward to coming back to Jacksonville soon to speak to our youth," said Smith, who has moved with his family to Mississippi.

Shin, Ochoa close to Player of Year awards

RICHMOND (AP) — Jiyai Shin can become the first rookie in more than three decades to win the Player of the Year award with a strong performance at the LPGA Tour Championship, which begins Thursday just outside of Houston.

The 21-year-old Korean will face a star-packed field at The Houstonian Country Club, where the \$225,000 first prize would help her end Lorena Ochoa's reign over the women's tour. Ochoa has been the player of the year the past three seasons.

Shin won three times last year as a nonmember of the LPGA Tour, including the Women's British Open, and followed with three more wins and 11 top-10 finishes this year.

"I started the year off with my goal to win rookie of the year and now I have a chance for player of the year," Shin said. "That makes me happy."

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