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-Mike Leach

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TEXAS TECH HEAD coach Mike Leach exits the field displaying the school hand sign, the “guns up,” after becoming the winningest coach in Tech history after the Red Raiders’ 41-13 victory against Oklahoma on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Top of the class

Leach becomes Tech’s all-time winningest coach

By ALEX YBARRA
MANAGING EDITOR

After just beating Oklahoma and reaching a milestone victory, Mike Leach was discussing how proud he was of the fans at Jones AT&T Stadium on Saturday.

As he finished up his thoughts, he grabbed his coffee cup and took a sip, and then he spaced out like only Leach does.

“I think I’m allergic to coffee actually,” he said, although no one asked him anything remotely about coffee. “They say if you do enough of something you’ll eventually develop an allergy.”

Or a reputation, which Leach has done. He has the reputation of being one of the more quirky coaches in all of sports, and scaling that down a bit, he has a reputation of winning.

And when a coach does that enough, he or she eventually becomes the winningest coach in that school’s history, which is what Leach achieved after a 41-13 shellacking of Oklahoma.

With 83 career victories, he moves ahead of former Tech coach Spike Dykes, further solidifying himself in the annals of the West Texas history books.

Two weeks ago when he tied the record after beating Kansas, Leach caught everyone off guard when he got choked up.

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Apparently he was just getting it out of his system, because there were no watery eyes Saturday.

“Well it means a lot,” he said. “I mean we’ve kind of hashed over it a little bit, got the opportunity to see coach Dykes in the locker room. One of the greatest coaches of all time in my opinion, really instrumental in building this program and being a part of his legacy is a real honor for me.”

It’s worth noting that, in a strike of pure coincidence, Leach’s win against Oklahoma on Saturday came one day away from being exactly 10 years since Dykes’ final win as head coach of the Red Raiders.

On that day, Nov. 20, 1999, Tech defeated Oklahoma 38-28 in Lubbock, and standing on the Sooner sidelines alongside Bob Stoops was an up-and-coming offensive guru, Leach.

A year later, he was hired at Tech and, as the cliché goes, the rest is history. Through the years, even before he was in Lubbock, Leach said Dykes was influential in his development.

“When I was coming up as a coach, a lot of just lessons in coaching and how to be a coach, all that, I kind of drew from (Dykes) along with a whole lot of other people that were great coaches,” Leach said.

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Mike Leach named head coach of Texas Tech one month after Spike Dykes retires.	Leach gets first victory as head coach in 24-3 win against New Mexico Lobos in Lubbock.	First bowl-game appearance for Leach — a 40-27 loss to ECU in GalleryFurniture.com Bowl	Tech knocks off No. 4 Texas 42-38 in Lubbock, marking the first time Leach beat the Longhorns.	Leach gets his first bowl win in the Tangerine Bowl — a 55-15 victory against Clemson.	Leach leads his first five teams to bowls, and Tech defeats No. 4 California 45-31 in Holiday Bowl.	Tech rallies from 31 down — setting a Division I record — to beat Minnesota 44-41 in overtime of Insight Bowl.	Tech beats No. 3 Oklahoma 34-27 in Lubbock, which was the highest ranked team Leach had beaten.	Beats No. 1 Texas to gain 500th program victory, Tech moves to No. 2 in rankings — highest in school history.	After winning three coach of the year awards for 2008, Leach signs a contract extension through 2013.	Leach passes Spike Dykes for most wins all time with 83 after a 41-13 victory against Oklahoma.

Leach influences academics in addition to athletics

By JON VANDERLAAN
NEWS EDITOR

Texas Tech President Guy Bailey said he believes Red Raider football head coach Mike Leach’s personality and the success of the team in recent years has impacted enrollment and academics.

Leach broke Spike Dykes’ record with 83 career wins as head coach with the university against Oklahoma on Saturday, adding to his increasing list of accomplishments in his 10-year career at Tech.

“Any time you have somebody whose name is associated with your institution in a positive way, that’s a very helpful thing,” Bailey said. “Mike has done some great things on the field. When people think Mike Leach, they think Tech.”

Bailey said Leach has been supportive of the academic goals of the university, and the success of the football team in academics also has helped in recruiting. One year after the most successful season in Tech football history, the university posted a record 30,049 enrollment.

Although the university might have some increases in enrollment and growth in other places without a successful team, he said, the success of the football team greatly helps with growth as well as recruiting players.

“The other thing that’s so helpful about his name is that he’s associated with academic integrity and academic success,” he said.

Tech Chancellor Kent Hance said Leach’s name recognition on high-profile TV shows such as “60 Minutes” and with appearances in the *New York Times* helps the university.

“Mike is Mike. He speaks his mind, and he’s enough of an individual that goes with his own drummer that it doesn’t look like he’s another coach,” he said. “Our No. 1 purpose is an educational institution and higher learning, and he promotes our purpose.”

Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers said although the department hired Leach because of his experience and talent for coaching, he has developed a national reputation for his coaching style and the way he talks with the media.

“I think it’s all translated into great exposure nationally as well as regionally for the university,” he said. “I think any time your football team is as successful as our team is, especially last year, it helps attract students.”

Myers also said Leach holds his athletes to their responsibilities in academics.

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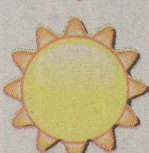
TEXAS TECH RUNNING back Baron Batch runs through the tackle of Oklahoma linebacker Keenan Clayton during the Red Raiders’ 41-13 rout of the Sooners on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

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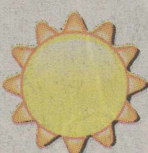
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STATE

Final chapter looms for textbooks in Texas

(AP) — Textbooks could be going the way of slide rules and Big Chief tablets within a few years in Texas classrooms.

State legislation passed in the spring could put up-to-the-minute instructional content at students' fingertips — either online or in customized printed form — eliminating the mass-market hardback textbook.

The sea change could happen

sooner rather than later, beginning as early as the 2010-11 school year.

"This is one of the few times we can do things cheaper, faster and better all at the same time," said the measure's author, state Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston.

The legislation is one of two bills passed this year that allow the Texas Education Agency to create its own repository of digital textbook content.

NATION

Rising unemployment taxes could hinder hiring

WASHINGTON (AP) — As if small businesses needed another reason not to hire, consider their latest financial burden: The cost of rising unemployment itself.

Employers already are squeezed by tight credit, rising health care costs, wary consumers and a higher minimum wage. Now, the surging jobless rate is imposing another cost. It's forcing higher state taxes on companies to pay for unemployment insurance claims.

Some employers say the extra costs make them less likely to hire. That could be a worrisome sign for the economic recovery, because small businesses create about 60 percent of new jobs. Other employers say they'll cut or freeze pay.

Bruce Meyer, a University of Chicago economics professor, said his studies show that higher unemployment taxes usually lead to lower pay for employees.

WORLD

Indonesian ferry sinks with 228 aboard

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesian television says a passenger ferry with more than 200 people onboard sank in rough waters near Sumatra island.

Yasin Kosasih, a police chief in Riau province, says the Dumai Express 10 left on an inter-island voyage Sunday morning and reportedly sank in poor weather 90 minutes into the trip.

The passenger manifest says it

was carrying 228 passengers including 15 children from the port of Batam to Dumai in Riau, Sumatra.

Local police spokesman Anggaria Lopes says dozens have been rescued and a search operation is ongoing.

Indonesian ferry accidents have killed hundreds of people in recent years. Boats are often overcrowded and safety regulations are poorly enforced.

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Iran begins war games

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran on Sunday began large-scale air defense war games aimed at protecting its nuclear facilities from attack, state TV reported, as an air force commander boasted the country could deter any military strike by Israel.

It said the five-day drill will cover an area a third of the size of Iran and spread across the central, western and southern parts of the country.

Gen. Ahmad Mighani, head of an air force unit in charge of responding to threats to Iran's air space, said Saturday

the war games would cover regions where Iran's nuclear facilities are located.

The drill involves Iran's elite Revolutionary Guard, the paramilitary Basij forces affiliated with the Guard as well as army units.

The United States and its European allies accuse Iran of embarking on a nuclear weapons program. Iran denies the charge and insists the program is only for peaceful purposes.

Israel has not ruled out military action to stop Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons.

Thailand trip fosters goodwill, relations between universities

By JON VANDERLAAN
NEWS EDITOR

Although the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center does not have much history of sending its students overseas, Tom Tenner said he believes students are gaining an increased interest in studying medicine abroad as the field of international medicine becomes more popular.

Several HSC professors and administrators traveled to Thailand to help students at Chiang Mai University Medical School prepare for the U.S. Medical Licensing Exam, or USMLE, and help foster relations between the two universities to open up opportunities for HSC students to travel abroad.

Despite losing his luggage for a three-day trip to Thailand and circumnavigating the world because of weather problems — flying from Dallas to Europe before reaching Thailand on the way there and making his way through Seoul and across the Pacific Ocean on the way back — Tom Tenner, the associate dean for Faculty Affairs and Development in the School of Medicine, completed his seventh trip to the Chiang Mai University.

Tenner said the students were gracious for the time given by HSC professors and administrators. Two years ago, he was moderating one of the clinical sessions and as the Thai physicians he helped prepare for the USMLE walked into the room, they bowed to him.

"I'm sitting here turning around thinking, 'Who the hell walked in the room?'" he said.

The program started in 1991, Tenner said, and was created because the Bumrungrad International Hospital in Bangkok only accepts physicians who have passed the USMLE.

Concern from HSC administrators that the students were not properly prepared when they took the exam led to a collaboration between the Thai Physicians Association of America, the Thailand government and the HSC to fly the administrators to Thailand to help the students prepare.



DR. STEVEN BERK, dean of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine, presents a plaque to administrators at Chiang Mai University in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in recognition of the medical school's 50th anniversary.

The students also often come from Thailand to complete residencies in the United States, and several are participating in residencies at the HSC.

The group made its most recent trip in the last week of October, and some memorandums of understanding between the two universities may come out of the trip, said Dr. Steven Berk, dean of the HSC School of Medicine.

"Medical students, over the last five to 10 years, are very interested in international health. They're interested in going other places to study, as well," he said. "Medical schools in other countries have some real advantages. For instance, if you want to do AIDS research, Thailand has a great opportunity because they have more AIDS patients."

The universities are developing the memorandums to establish possible experiences for the future, Berk said, because the HSC has not had much experience sending students to Thailand.

Tenner said a physician or a medical student visiting another country

broadens the person's perspective and gives them another learning experience.

"Anytime you can travel to another place and see a different approach — there are different diseases over there that we don't have or don't see in excess," he said. "It's a great opportunity to learn."

Paul Douthit, a professor in pediatrics, said he began making the trip a couple years after the first trip and helps with the behavioral psychology portion of the reviews. Because certain parts of that field vary greatly between countries, such as the diagnosis of ADHD, he must convey those differences to the students in Thailand.

He also said he talked with his students in Lubbock about the trip and some of the cultural experiences when he returned from the trip.

Eunice Lee, a second-year medical student from El Paso, said she believes it is important to study abroad no matter regardless of area of study.

Although the opportunities have not always been there in the past, she said, more students are receiving

opportunities and presenting those opportunities at the HSC.

"I think they're getting better about having more opportunities," Lee said. "It seems like every year more and more students are going abroad over the summer."

She said she believes the administrators visiting medical schools in other countries is important because the knowledge of medicine should be shared internationally and the science of it is the same wherever a person goes.

Berk said in addition to the review sessions, he visited other medical schools in Bangkok and helped celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Chiang Mai University Medical School.

During his time in Thailand, Berk said he had the opportunity to speak with students at the university and hear about their medical education. He also was able to speak with deans from across Southeast Asia about some of the problems they have that are similar like getting medical help to rural areas and financing education.

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Senate Democrats at odds over health care bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats on Sunday sparred with each other over how to fix the nation's troubled health care system, the moderates threatening to scuttle legislation if their demands weren't met and the more liberal members warning their party leaders not to bend.

The dispute among Democrats foretells of a rowdy floor debate next month on legislation that would extend health care coverage to roughly 31 million Americans. Republicans have already made clear they aren't supporting the bill.

Final passage is in jeopardy, even after the chamber's historic 60-39 vote Saturday night to begin debate.

"I don't want a big-government, Washington-run operation that would undermine the ... private

insurance that 200 million Americans now have," said Sen. Ben Nelson, a conservative Nebraska Democrat.

Nelson and three other moderates — Democratic Sens. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana and Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas and Connecticut independent Joe Lieberman — agreed to open debate despite expressing reservations on the measure. Each of them has warned that they might not support the final bill.

One major sticking point is a provision that would allow Americans

to buy a federal-run insurance plan if their state allows it. Moderates say they worry the so-called public option

will become a huge and costly entitlement program and that other requirements in the bill could cripple businesses.

"I don't want to fix the problems in our health care system in a way that creates more of an economic crisis," said Lieberman.

The sway held by such a small group of senators has annoyed their more liberal col-

leagues, who could vote against a final bill if it becomes too watered down.

Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, said he didn't think rank-and-file Democrats would feel compelled to go that far. At the same time, Brown warned Democratic leaders not to make too many concessions.

"I don't want four Democratic senators dictating to the other 56 of us and to the rest of the country — when the public option has this much support — that (a public option is) not going to be in it," said Brown.

The Senate bill would require most Americans to carry insurance and provide subsidies to those who couldn't afford it. Large companies could incur costs if they did not provide coverage to their work force. The insurance industry would come under significant new regulation under the bill, which would first ease and then ban the practice of denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

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Aircraft strike Gaza targets

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli aircraft attacked two suspected weapons-making factories and a smuggling tunnel in the Gaza Strip early Sunday in what the military said was retaliation for Palestinian rocket fire into southern Israel.

The airstrikes, which wounded at least seven people — including one seriously — came despite an announcement by Gaza's Hamas rulers that the territory's military factions had all agreed to stop firing rockets. The Hamas announcement came late Saturday, after the rocket attack.

Hamas' interior minister, Fathi Hamad, said the proclaimed halt in rocket fire was designed to prevent Israeli retaliation and provide stability for Gaza, which continues to suffer from the aftermath of a massive Israeli military offensive in December and January.

The offensive killed some 1,400 Palestinians, according to U.N. and Palestinian estimates, and damaged or destroyed thousands of homes.

Masquerade ball calls out ballroom dance enthusiasts

By **SHERREL JONES**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech students listened to up-beat music while gliding across the floor of the Student Union Building Red Raider Ballroom Saturday night for a masquerade ball.

The Double T Ballroom Club hosted its first masquerade event to teach students the art of waltz and recruit students interested in dance.

"It is our first call-out party to introduce people to ballroom dancing," said Charmaine Agnas, vice president of Double T Ballroom Club and a junior chemistry and visual communications major from Lubbock, "because a lot of people in this area are unfamiliar with it."

According to the Double T Ballroom Club's Facebook page, the club encourages social interaction through ballroom dance and provides an enjoyable learning environment for ballroom dancing.

Agnas said the club chose a masquerade theme because it is a type of event associated with the art of dance.

"Masquerades are elegant, formal and has winter flair to it," Agnas said.

At the blue and purple color-coordinated event, individuals had the opportunity to decorate a mask with feathers and glitter. The ball began with three dance showcases featuring swing and salsa.

A swing routine was performed to "Zoot Suit Riot" by Cherry Poppin' Daddies. A West Coast swing was performed by couple Josie Reed and Carlus Reed to "Spotlight" by Jennifer Hudson. James Ashton, Tech alumnus, and Megan Mark, dance instructor and Tech alumna, performed a salsa routine to Spanish-style music.



PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador
MEGAN MARCK, AN alumna from Amarillo, spins into James Ashton's, an alumnus from Dallas, arms during their showcase of salsa dancing during the Double T Ballroom Club's Masquerade Ball Saturday in the Student Union Building Red Raider Ballroom.

"We chose salsa because it is an aggressive side and a love our dance," Ashton said. "It is my side."

favorite dance because it's what I started out learning. I like Latin dance in general, but salsa is more technical."

Mark said her favorite style of dance is tango.

"I like the complication of tango because you have to dance as one person," Mark said. "There also are two sides to

"This event was exciting, and it is the first dance of hopefully many dances to come."

ADRIANA PRICE
PRESIDENT
DOUBLE T BALLROOM CLUB

of Double T Ballroom Club and a junior sociology major from Houston. "There are people who are here that don't know how to dance and we taught them."

Individuals who attended the ball are interested in not only masquerade, Price said, but ballroom-style dancing. She said individuals interested in learning how to dance on a regular basis can come to practice 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center in Room 121.

"This event was exciting, and it is the first dance of hopefully many dances to come," Price said.

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Students solve murder mystery

By **ALEXANDRA PEDRINI**
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Friday evening, 200 guests were sent back to the 1960s as detectives to solve the mystery of "The Pink Lace Diamond" in the Student Union Building Red Raider Ballroom.

The play began with an introduction of the characters and setting by the lead detective. The play was divided into three short acts corresponding with the different courses served. The meal featured a dinner salad, pesto pasta, chicken parmesan and cheese cake.

"It's like playing the game Clue but with a free dinner," said Kendra San Juan, a freshman English major from Stephenville. "I was pretty excited about the murder mystery part because I thought it was cool."

The play was chosen by Tech Activities Board members almost two months before the production date, said Kishi Raiput, special events coordinator and sophomore business management and finance real estate major from Plano. They knew TAB would be hosting a murder mystery dinner and read through a variety of scripts before choosing "The Pink Lace Diamond."

"We auditioned people and selected actors for it," Raiput said. "We picked the people that we thought would do the best job for the parts."

TAB chose the actors regardless of majors or theater backgrounds. The posted signs with audition dates inviting any who wanted to try out.

"This was really open to anyone, so there are only a few theater majors," Raiput said. "They came in and auditioned and did very well, and that is how they got the part."

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given when the audience members got their food; they then were given sets of clues to help them solve the mystery. Audience members went through their clues, trying to solve the mystery while the cast members answered any questions people had about what happened or that may have helped them learn the murder's identity.

"At each interval, the audience will be given a set of clues and will pass them around," Raiput said. "The audience is really a part of the play. They are witnesses, (they get to) figure it out and play inspector."

The clues told players about the different characters, things they did that day and crime scene facts.

The plot of the play revolved around the detective and six other main characters — Col. Geoffrey Simmons and his wife, Felicity, Peter and Alice Gordon, and Julie McAndrews and Rodney Bell — who were staying in the Plaza Hotel Dec. 14, 1963. Shortly into the production, Peter Gordon and the maid are found dead.

"I thought the characters were fun and creative," said Jen Lavallee, a freshman advertising major from Waco. "I thought the clues about each character helped develop both the story line and characters' personalities. I only thought that a select few could be the killer because there were more non-playing characters than actual characters."

After the final course, the audience voted who they thought was the murderer.

"I was really surprised because I thought that it was Rodney Bell who killed them, he had all the connections and could get into all of the rooms," San Juan said. "When I found out it was the other girl, I was pretty shocked because I didn't see her story unfold as obviously as others."

'New Moon' pulls in \$258.8M worldwide

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The vampire romance "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" sucked up \$140.7 million in its first three days and pulled in a total of \$258.8 million worldwide, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The No. 1 domestic debut for Summit Entertainment's "New Moon" was more than twice the \$69.6 million haul over the same weekend last year for "Twilight," the first in the franchise based on Stephenie Meyer's novels.

"Obviously, with the success of 'Twilight' itself, sequels being what they are will generate X-number of dollars more, particularly if it's a satisfying sequel," said Richie Fay, head of distribution for Summit.

"New Moon" placed third on the all-time domestic chart behind last year's \$158.4 million opening weekend for the Batman blockbuster "The Dark Knight" and 2007's \$151.1 million haul for "Spider-Man 3."

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

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US democracy in desperate need of cure

The United States government is sick. A one-two punch of corruption is keeping our government from serving the people the way it should to. The ailments I refer to are gerrymandering and career politicians.

These two cancers respectively allow politicians to pick voters — instead of the other way around — and develop a ruling class that bears frightening resemblance to an aristocracy.

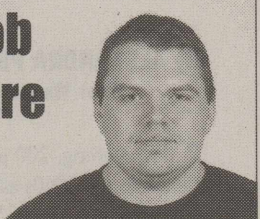
Fortunately, while it will take an enormous amount of work and a constitutional amendment, we can get well again. The first step is to understand the disease.

Gerrymandering is manipulating the boundaries of voting districts to favor one party or the other. After each census, the 435 seats in the House of Representatives are reallocated among the states to reflect population changes.

Texas, for example, has 32 seats in the House, and since the state's population has grown, there will likely be more after next year's census. Josh Kraushaar of Politico.com projects Texas will gain three seats.

In most states, including Texas,

Jacob Moore



the state legislature decides the shape of congressional districts. Districts need to have about the same population, but the legislature can design districts however it chooses.

Logically, districts should be largely based on preexisting boundaries such as metropolitan areas, school districts, rivers and so on. In practice, the party that controls the state legislature often designs districts to favor its congressional candidates.

For example, if Democrats control a state legislature and see a Republican in Congress won his or her last election by just a few hundred votes, they can expand the district to include areas that lean strongly Democratic or shrink it to cut out Republican areas. This is gerrymandering and to their great shame, both parties do it. This is why so many congressional districts look like Rorschach ink blots.

Probably the worst harm from this is the creation of "safe" districts for each party. If a district is virtually certain to elect a Democrat, the real contest is in the Democratic primary. Unfortunately because relatively few people bother to vote in primaries (excluding presidential elections), they tend to be dominated by the extreme fringe of each party. In this example, that means two Democrats will compete to seem more liberal. This is a major reason there are so few moderates in Congress.

The cure? Draw congressional districts by some non-partisan means. One possibility would be for a citizen panel (sworn to work as objectively as they can) to draw districts based on rational considerations rather than party advantage. Then the panel's plan could be submitted to the legislature for a straight up or down vote.

Our nation's other great ailment is career politicians. Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., has been in the Senate since 1959. His political career stretches back so far, voters elected him despite his involvement in the Ku Klux Klan.

How can someone with that

much time in Washington relate to ordinary Americans? How can someone like former President Bill Clinton, who literally became a political candidate straight out of law school, truly appreciate what it means to run a small business, live paycheck to paycheck or raise a child as a single parent?

They can't. They certainly pretend to, and may even genuinely want to; but if they haven't had a real job in 20 years (or ever) they simply lack relatable experience.

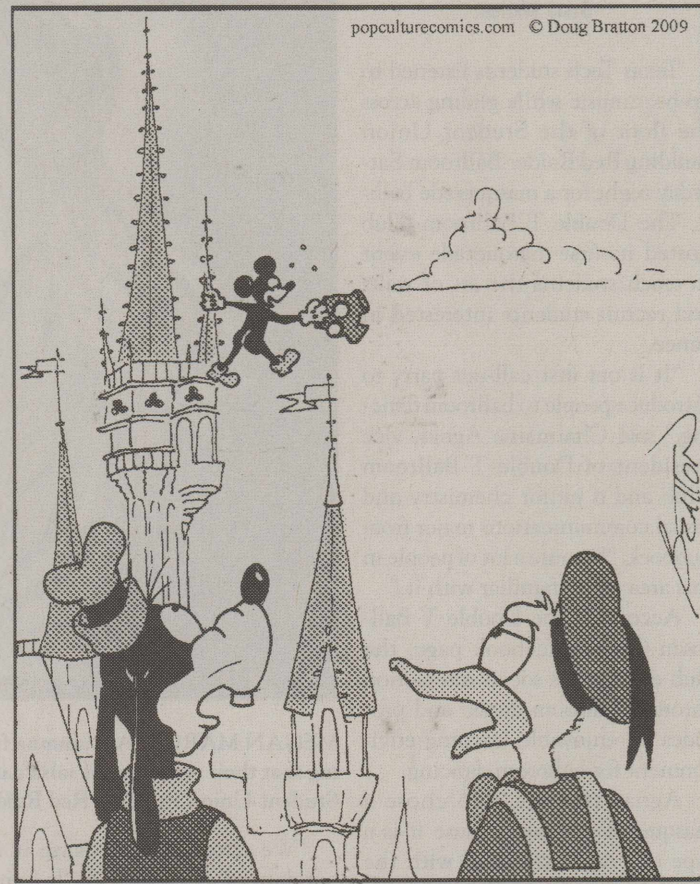
How to cure this scourge? Two words: term limits. The Supreme Court shot down federal term limits imposed by states in the 1995 case *U.S. Term Limits, Inc. v. Thornton*, but this wouldn't stop a constitutional amendment.

What if no one could serve more than 12 years in Congress without sitting out at least six? Not only would this ensure regular turnover in Congress, it would also guarantee members of Congress would live in the real world for a substantial part of their lives, and force would-be Byrds to develop careers outside politics.

Although these reforms would better American democracy, they would hurt the personal interests of politicians. That means they'll

fight it, but like a sick child, we the people must make them take their medicine.

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"I think Mickey's drinking again."

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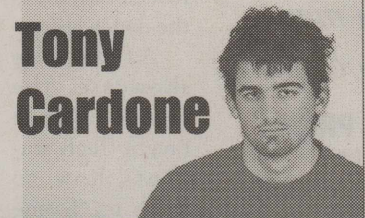
America should keep eye on media censorship

During the last month, criticism of video games has returned to front pages with the release of "Left 4 Dead 2" and the latest addition to the "Call of Duty" series.

"Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2" has been the subject of immense criticism because of a scene that involves the player killing citizens. It's not revolutionary in entertainment — almost every movie with guns involves the title character killing someone.

In Australia, "Left 4 Dead 2," the sequel to Valve's genre-changing zombie shooter, initially was refused classification because it contained violence against "living humans infected with a rabies-like virus," or, to take all the bureaucratic speak out of it — because of zombies. The Australian government doesn't think anyone under the age of 15 should be able to inflict violence on zombies.

But there's no rating higher than 15+, causing the game to be not classified. Unlike the United States, which has a non-profit private rating system, Australia's Office of Film and Literature Classification is a government bureaucracy. This means the government has legal power to prevent sales of games not rated by OFLC. Without



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the protections of a First Amendment, there are no legal grounds to circumvent this ban.

"Left 4 Dead 2" is now being sold in Australia, but only because a heavily modified version without the gore was made exclusively for the country. Essentially, it's a censored game.

What concerns me most is the movie industry not having such problems. Not only did "Shaun of the Dead," a parody but still fairly violent zombie movie, get rated in Australia, it was given a 15+ rating, making it less violent than the version of "Left 4 Dead 2" played by Americans according to the Australian government.

Additionally, there are two ratings above the 15+ rating for movies in the OFLC, both allowing for adult-themed and violent movies to be legally sold in the country. The man blocking the 18+ ratings for games claims his constituency wants nothing to do with games of the type. But it's not just Australia that has this problem with video games.

There have been many tragedies during the past decade that have been blamed by the media and its watchdogs on video games. Immediately following the tragedy

at Virginia Tech, several anti-gaming spokespeople blamed the PC shooter "Counter-Strike: Source" for the tragedy.

Early in the investigation, it was believed the shooter had played the game obsessively. Former lawyer Jack Thompson, the thorn in the gaming industry's side, appeared on several media outlets, including Fox News and MSNBC directly blaming Valve's popular game for the rampage. During his airtime, he also connected shootings in Minnesota, Kentucky, Montreal and the Columbine tragedy to video games.

All of Thompson's claims, including the VT shooter's link to "Counter-Strike," have been refuted by several news organizations and gaming sites. Since that time, Thompson has continued his anti-game crusade, filing lawsuits blaming "Grand Theft Auto" and "Doom" for their role in these shootings.

However, none of those lawsuits were successful, and he has been disbarred. Although it's certainly possible to blame video games for their part in these shootings, clearly they are not the only factor in such events.

Gaming can be dangerous, yes. But under similar circumstances, novels can be just as dangerous. Given to mentally unstable minds, nearly anything can be transformed into a basis for a tragedy.

I feel the problem is the transition of news from a vital information source to a business. Previously,

the industry lived off reporting stories for the sake of informing people. Now it's all about getting more viewers. More viewers equates to more money from advertisers. And viewers aren't scared of movies — they've been around for more than a century. Novels have been around since the beginning of the intellectual movement. Video games, however, are relatively new.

The media capitalizes by portraying this new medium as scary and a threat to children so that viewers tune in. Thus, ratings go up, advertising money goes up, and producers hesitate less when hearing a potential link to video games. That doesn't make gaming any more or less to blame.

Still, elected leaders listen to the media, as the game of politics naturally pressures them to address issues brought up by the media. Many feel the media is the voice of the people. In a previous era, perhaps it was. Walter Cronkite's reporting from Vietnam essentially pressured former President Lyndon B. Johnson to not seek re-election.

But in the modern era of the Internet, the news is simply another revenue source for the networks. They will do absolutely anything to get viewers. Unfortunately for gamers around the world, "absolutely anything" includes using video games as a scapegoat.

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- Closes in anger, as a door
- Cause damage to
- Cover for a pillow
- Psychic's card
- Belle man
- Watering aid
- Boatless footwear
- Ancient Andean
- In a dishonorable way
- Japanese electronics giant
- Pinot
- Country meadow
- Spanish wine punch
- Seasoned pros
- "T" in some fraternity initials
- 3503, in old Rome
- Casa kitchen crock
- Half a '60s pop group
- Like the diving-board end
- WWII noncombat females
- Sitar music
- Seaweed-wrapped Japanese fare
- Analogy phrase
- Contest with pistols
- Put into service
- Sledding spot
- Word game involving a stick figure
- "No way, laddie!"
- Highly excited
- Edge of a hoop
- Double-checks the math
- Copenhagen native
- Stockinglike workout wear
- At any time
- Apex
- Words after have or save
- Stage constructions
- Sampras of tennis
- Burial places

DOWN

- Wild guess
- Superboy's girlfriend Lang
- Boats like Noah's
- Beauty mark
- "A Streetcar Named Desire" woman
- "Real Time With Bill Maher" network
- Really long time
- Interest percentages
- Orman's capital
- Goalie's protective pair
- "Objection, Your Honor"
- Computer text code
- Anne of "Archie Bunker's Place"
- "See ya later"
- Stevenson who lost twice to Eisenhower
- "Apocalypse Now" setting, briefly
- Bettor's concern
- 28 Stead
- Fizzles out
- Paints with a low waistline
- Cut dramatically
- 35 Join the cast of
- Hawaiian island
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Woman loses benefits over Facebook photo

BROMONT, Quebec (AP) — A Canadian woman on long-term sick leave for depression says she lost her benefits because her insurance agent found photos of her on Facebook in which she appeared to be having fun.

Nathalie Blanchard has been on leave from her job at IBM in Bromont, Quebec, for the last year.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corp. reported Saturday she was diagnosed with major depression and was receiving monthly sick-leave benefits from insurance giant Manulife.

But the payments dried up this fall and when Blanchard called Manulife, she says she was told she was available to work because of Facebook.

She said her insurance agent described several pictures Blanchard posted on Facebook, including ones showing her having a good time at a Chippendales bar show, at her birthday party and on a sun holiday.

Blanchard said Manulife told her it's evidence she is no longer depressed. She's fighting to get her benefits reinstated and says her lawyer is exploring what the next step should be.

Blanchard told the CBC that on her doctor's advice, she tried to have fun, including nights out at her local bar with friends and short getaways to sun destinations, as a way to forget her problems.

Manulife wouldn't comment on Blanchard's case, but did say they would not deny or terminate a claim solely based on information published on Web sites such as Facebook.

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Leach's Revenge sets sail at RaiderGate

By **CARRIE THORNTON**
STAFF WRITER

Leach's Revenge towered over fans Saturday morning as its flag rippled in the wind, bearing a menacing skeleton pirate and the words, "The beatings will continue until morale improves."

Joseph Campos, a senior mechanical engineering major from Dallas, built the 12-foot long ship on wheels.

"We built it in honor of Mike Leach, that was the whole point," Campos said.

The ship was built from scratch, he said, and most of the parts were donated from Mike's Hobby Shop located in Dallas. The company contributed supportive advice and parts.

Since August, Campos and his friends have been working to bring the ship to life, he said. They are not part of a fraternity or student organization, but a group of friends working to "creatively express their love for Texas Tech."

"We achieved our goal: it works, and people are loving it," Campos said.

Campos' friend, Kyle Bassett, created the original concept. He envisioned something like a Power Wheel that could carry around a cooler.

"The idea came from us being lazy and thinking, 'How can we get drinks to ourselves through a manner that is quick and easy?'" said the junior English major from Dallas.

And after sharing his idea with Campos, the vision for Leach's Revenge was born. And after more than three months of work, the creators have more in store for the ship.

"We have someone sewing sails, and we want to have a bunch of white Koozies and make them look like pirates, so when we put drinks in them and set them on the ship, it will look like a bunch of pirates are standing on it," Bassett said. "We will build a crow's nest and maybe even drink cannons."

Although the ship will undergo many changes during football off-season, Bassett said he is happy with its current state, and it has received a positive response from many fans.

"This thing is epic. I can't believe it actually happened," he said. "People have been taking pictures with it all morning."

Leach's Revenge is powered by two motors and a car battery, Bassett said.



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LEACH'S REVENGE WAS driven around RaiderGate on Saturday before the Texas Tech vs. Oklahoma game. Joseph Campos, a senior mechanical engineer major from Dallas, and Kyle Bassett, a junior English major from Dallas, worked on the remote-controlled pirate ship for three months.

Up to the day before the game, the ship's builders were unsure of whether they had clearance to bring the ship to RaiderGate.

"We were worried because we got calls from (entities on campus), there were copyright issues with the masked rider we had put in the back," he said. "And the Facebook group alluded to the fact alcohol would be involved."

However, Mike Gunn, assistant director of Student Union Activities,

arranged for the students to have two spots in RaiderGate to display their work, Bassett said.

Throughout the morning, a stream of students, alumni, parents and faculty were taking pictures by the ship and admiring the students' handwork.

Nick Cruz, a senior mechanical engineering major from San Antonio, was one of Leach's Revenge's many admirers.

"I thought it was really cool, and

there was even people from other tailgates coming just to see the ship and take pictures," Cruz said.

He said he was impressed by the work they did, which is displayed on the group's Facebook group, and by the large turnout of fans they had.

"I thought it was really cool how spirited they were," Cruz said. "And how they were kind of giving back and giving tribute to Tech."

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Rare Charles Darwin book found on toilet bookshelf

LONDON (AP) — An auction house says it is selling a rare first edition of Charles Darwin's "On the Origin of Species" found in a family's guest lavatory in southern England.

Christie's auction house said Sunday the book — one of around 1,250 copies first printed in 1859 — had been on a toilet bookshelf at a family's home in Oxford.

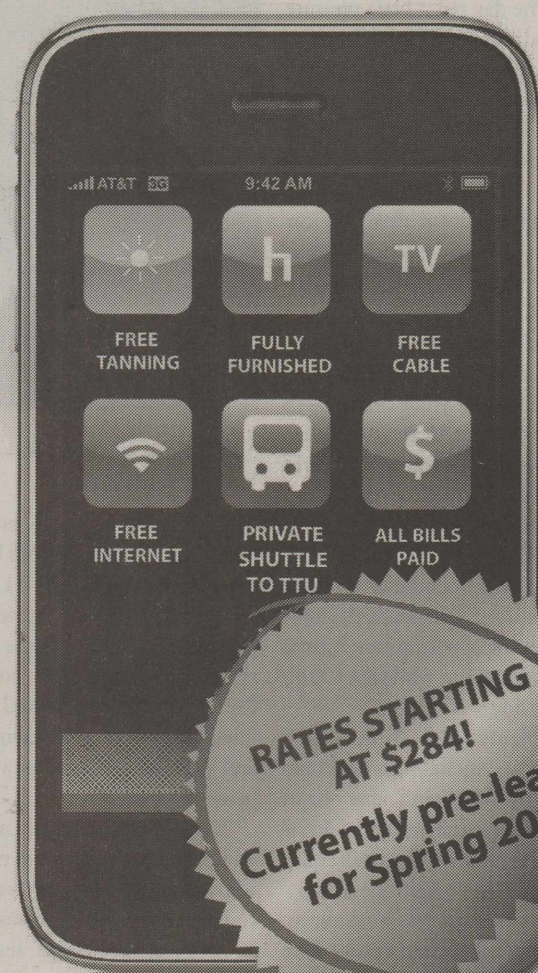
The book will be auctioned on

Tuesday, the 150th anniversary of the publication of the famous work. Christie's said the book is likely to sell for 60,000 pounds (\$99,000).

Darwin's "The Origin of Species" outlined his theory of natural selection, the foundation for the modern understanding of evolution.

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Raiderville hungers for Tech win

By **JULIE DAVIS**
STAFF WRITER

There was nothing to push the settlers of Raiderville to camp through the cold week prior to the game against the University of Oklahoma except a familiar hunger waiting in the air.

"Raiderville is more than just camping out and getting an early entrance to the game," said Amanda Patino, a freshman architecture major from Garland. "I believe it's more about being out here showing support for your team and continuing this tradition."

Enduring his first Raiderville experience, Tony Fazzone said he and the others were supporting the team every night, ready and waiting for the game.

"I was worried at first about how I would survive the night," said Fazzone, a freshman architecture major from San Antonio. "But it wasn't so bad. This is where you find the true fans."

With temperatures falling as low as 23 degrees Tuesday night and staying around or below freezing for the rest of the weeknights, students at the campsite huddled around the fire pits with friends to stay warm and grilled turkey legs.

"Classes get skipped and weather is always fighting back, but the team needs more student support," said Adam Kalich with a laugh. "We'd better

win, though, I've been out here every day."

It takes dedication to stay out in the cold, said Kalich, a freshman petroleum engineering major from

Shiner and one of many fans who looked forward to a strong game from the Red Raiders.

"Raiderville's a great way to come as a group of people that no one can relate to unless they've done it. Everyone here is a fan of the team, and we come here to show that support," said Phillip Morello, a freshman architecture major from Houston. "It's a great experience."

Although the win Saturday could be seen as the greatest reward for the fans in Raiderville, Morello said he wouldn't have minded a surprise.

"I think it would be cool if the football team came out here one night and showed their support for us," he said.

Among the several dozen students in attendance Friday night, there was a pervasive disappointment in the lack of participation from their classmates, Morello said.

To those who camped out, supporting the team was a way of becoming part of it. Their support goes beyond the football team, beyond socializing around the campfire and beyond the turkey legs. It's about showing school spirit, Patino said.

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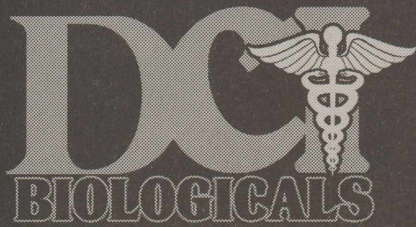
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Tech basketball caps off big Saturday with win

By MIKE GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech coach Pat Knight and the Red Raider basketball team took a cue from the Red Raider football team's revenge victory against Oklahoma for their own grudge match against Lamar on Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

Tech knocked out Lamar 77-54 in front of a season-high 8,783 fans, making up for a tough 85-78 defeat at the hands of the Cardinals in Beaumont last season.

Knight said the football team's win earlier in the day put a little pressure on his squad to cap off a good Saturday for Tech Athletics.

"I thought the crowd was great," Knight said. "We had a good fill-in from the (football) game. The students showed up again tonight, so you don't want to let them down after they saw a good one earlier. I thought it was a good weekend for the university overall."

The lead changed six times through the first 11 minutes of Saturday's game, but Tech forward Mike Singletary's layup and one after a Lamar foul gave the Red Raiders a lead they never relinquished.

Free throws allowed Tech (5-0) to stay of the Cardinals (2-2).

The two teams combined for more than 40 fouls, but Tech made the most of its free throw opportunities, hitting on 18-of-27 attempts while the Cardinals only made 9-of-22.

Nick Okorie led Tech in scoring with 19 points, including what could have been the dagger in Lamar's heart as time expired in the first half. Okorie hit a 3-pointer from beyond half court, giving Tech a 36-26 halftime lead.

D'walyn Roberts was just one rebound shy of his second consecutive



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TEXAS Tech's Brad Reese blocks a shot by Lamar's Reggie Mathis during Texas Tech's win Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

double-double with 15 points and John Roberson rounded out Red Raiders in double digits with 11 points.

Defensively, Tech forced 21 turnovers and capitalized on the defensive effort with 12 fast break points. The Red Raiders also allowed just one Lamar player to score double digits and kept the Cardinals at a field goal percentage of 37.5.

The conclusion of the Lamar game ended Tech's season opening five-game homestand — where the Red Raiders are perfect this season.

"It's just nice to get another win

at home," Roberson said. "We played together, we played good defense and shut them down. We're perfect so far, we've just got to keep it going."

During the homestand, Tech took on three Southland Conference teams, including Lamar. The Red Raiders will get their first road test when they take on another Southland opponent in Stephen F. Austin at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Nacogdoches.

Lamar coach Steve Roccaforte said he saw a big improvement in the Red Raiders this year compared to last season.

"They are much more athletic," he said. "I think that they're playing a little bit of a different style that suits his team a whole heck of a lot better. Defensively, they're much improved."

Saturday's win was the biggest margin of victory Tech has had in recent meetings with Lamar. The Red Raiders won the 2007 meeting 79-77 before losing to the Cardinals in 2008.

In a weekend most might remember for a football victory, Knight offered his congratulations to the

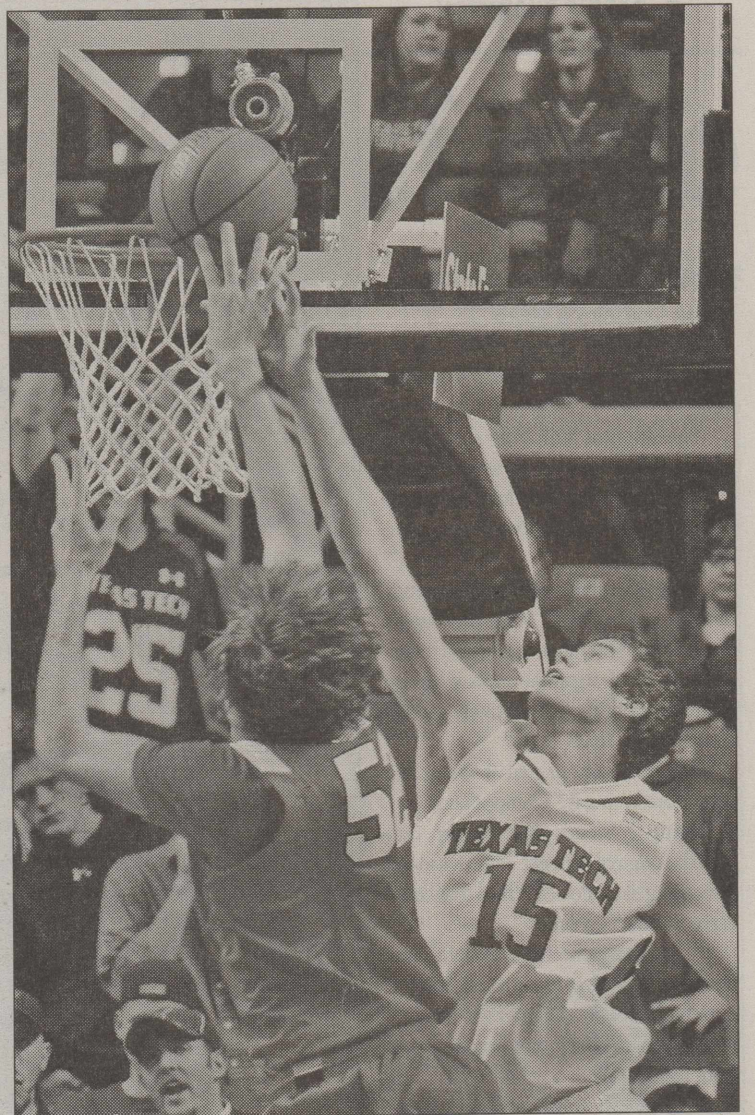


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TEXAS TECH FORWARD Robert Lewandowski blocks Lamar center Coy Custer's shot attempt during the game Saturday at the United Spirit Arena.

football team.

Knight, who normally does not begin his press conference with an opening statement, made a special exception to congratulate Tech football coach Mike Leach on becoming the winningest coach in school history.

"I'd like to congratulate Mike Leach and the seniors for a hell of a win (Saturday)," Knight said. "Then for Mike for breaking Spike Dykes record. That kind of gave us some motivation for this game."

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Women's cross country at nationals

The Texas Tech women's cross country team aims for history at the NCAA Cross Country Championships today at the LaVern Gibson Championship Course in Terre Haute, Ind.

The No. 9 Lady Raiders qualified for nationals after finishing second as a team in the Mountain Regionals Nov. 14 in Albuquerque, N.M.

They won five of six meets this season, with the Mountain Regionals being the lone race Tech did not win as a team. The Lady Raiders, however, did earn their second consecutive Big 12 Conference Championship this season.

This season has been a special

one for the Lady Raiders, as they are in good position to finish well at nationals a year after the departure of All-American Sally Kipyego.

Tech is led by runners such as Lillian Badaru, Gladys Kipsang and Michelle Guzman.

Badaru, Purity Biwott and Caroline Karunde have been a solid trio for what Tech coach Jon Murray has called a deeper team in 2009. The three have finished in the top 10 of each race this season for the Lady Raiders.

For nationals, the top four teams receive a trophy and the highest the Lady Raiders have finished was sixth in 2006. This

is the fourth consecutive year the Lady Raiders have qualified for nationals.

Last season, Tech finished seventh at nationals and the year before, the Lady Raiders finished 18th.

While Kipyego earned individual national championships during her time at Tech, the team never finish on top. The only national championship won by a Tech team in school history is the women's basketball title in 1993.

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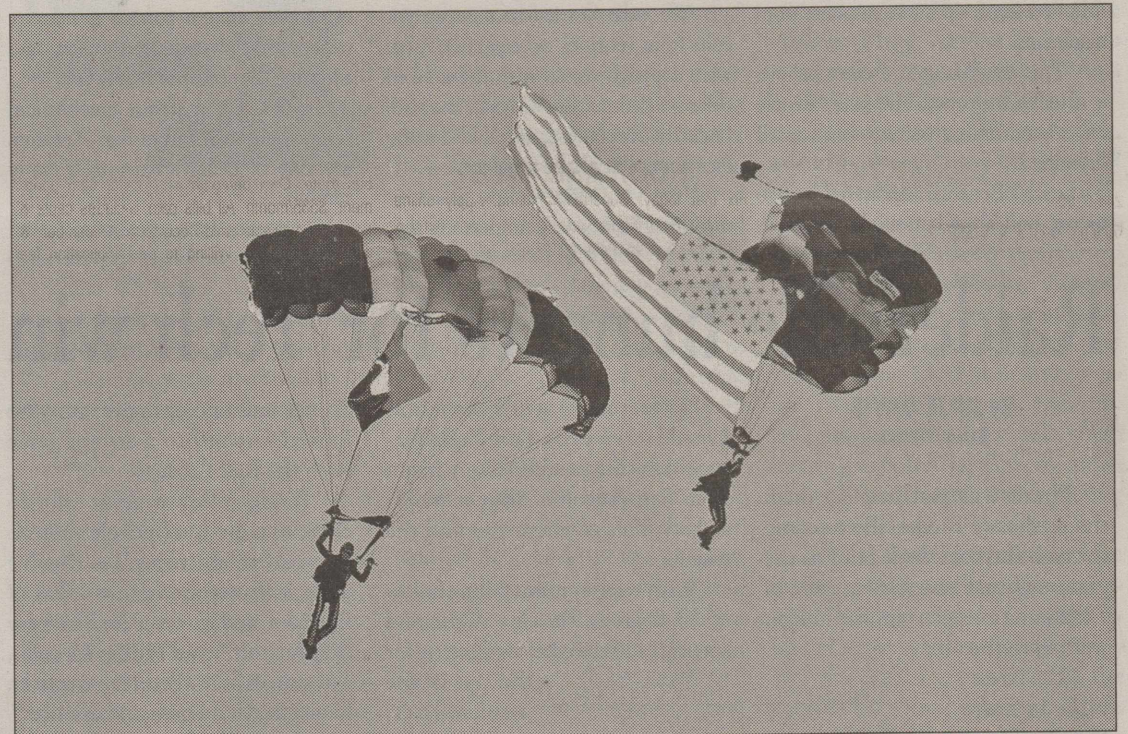


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MEMBERS OF THE Army's Silver Wing jump team parachute into Jones AT&T Stadium before Texas Tech's game against Oklahoma on Saturday. The Red Raiders defeated the Sooners 41-13.

Texans' Slaton and Johnson's paths diverge

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston's Steve Slaton and Tennessee's Chris Johnson were two of the best rookie running backs in the NFL last season.

Slaton was the top rusher among rookies with 1,282 yards and Johnson was third behind Chicago's Matt Forte with 1,228.

Their careers have taken very different turns this season as they prepare to

meet Monday night when the Texans host the Titans. The Texans (5-4) are trying to remain viable in the playoff chase with a win. The Titans (3-6) are looking for their fourth straight win to move farther away from their 0-6 start.

Johnson has established himself as one of the top running backs in the NFL and led the league in rushing with 1,091 yards entering this week. Slaton has been

mired in a fumbling funk that kept him out of the starting lineup in Houston's last game and he has just 359 yards rushing.

While Slaton hasn't had a 100-yard game since December against the Titans, Johnson is thinking about 200-yard games. He has one this season, but laments finishing just shy of the mark with 197 in Tennessee's 34-31 loss to Houston in Week 2.

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Lady Raiders get back on winning track, cruise 97-57

By **ADAM COLEMAN**
SPORTS EDITOR

Ashlee Roberson had about as good a game she's ever had as a Lady Raider and she didn't even realize it.

Roberson's game-high of 21 points in Texas Tech's 97-57 win against Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Sunday in the United Spirit Arena were just one shy of tying her career-high.

"It is kind of disappointing," Roberson said. "But it's a challenge for you, so I'll shoot for it next time I guess."

Roberson is probably a little more proud of getting the Lady Raiders back on the winning track after the 91-53 loss to then-No. 6 Tennessee on Tuesday.

The Lady Raiders had a little bit of everything working well for them in the first of a seven-game home stretch.

Kierra Mallard and Jordan Murphree chipped in 11 points and fans got a chance to see what Tech's young players can do. Freshman Marissa Ashton had 14 points on 5-of-6 shooting, 3-of-4 from beyond the arc.

What may be disappointing to Roberson is she had 21 points before she sat out the rest of the game with a little less than seven minutes left. Her career-high of 22 points was set against Texas State last season.

That's not the only category she could've set new career marks in either. Roberson's five steals tied the career-high she set against Oklahoma State last season. She also had two blocks.

The Lady Lions were well aware of her presence on the defensive side of the ball.

In the beginning stages of the game, the Lady Raiders opted to use the full court press and force Arkansas-Pine Bluff



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TEXAS TECH COACH Kristy Curry speaks with guard Jordan Murphree during the Lady Raiders' game against Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Sunday in the United Spirit Arena.

to make mistakes. At one point, the Lady Lions couldn't get the ball up the floor without turning it over.

As a result, Roberson had two steals in two consecutive Arkansas-Pine Bluff possessions, and they both led to fast-break baskets from Roberson.

"I come out every day and work hard, focus on the win," Roberson said. "What more can I do? Go to boards, get steals from the passing lanes. Anything to help my team out."

But Tech coach Kristy Curry said that's to be expected from a senior on a team littered with young players.

"I thought Jordan and (Roberson) both really hustled, not that they haven't been hustling," Curry said. "These two are going to give me everything they got. Their leadership, they've got so much to do. We've got eight new faces. It's tough. I know how they feel every day. We kind of feel the same way, but patience is a virtue."

And patience could pay off for Curry when it comes to developing her younger players. She had a chance to provide meaningful minutes to players such as freshmen Mary Bokenkamp, Monique Smalls, Ashton and Christine Hyde and sophomore Jordan Barncastle.

Each of those players logged at least 10 minutes on the floor. Smalls got the start at point guard Sunday, leaving her with the most minutes on the floor at 30.

But Ashton may be the standout from that group, considering her performance.

"Marissa's been investing a lot into what we've been doing," Curry said. "I walk in one day this week, and she's in there extra conditioning after a two-and-a-half-hour practice. She is just going to continue to get better and better. She just needs to play more."

With 6-foot-3 Mallard and 5-foot-11 Roberson in Tech's frontcourt, Curry

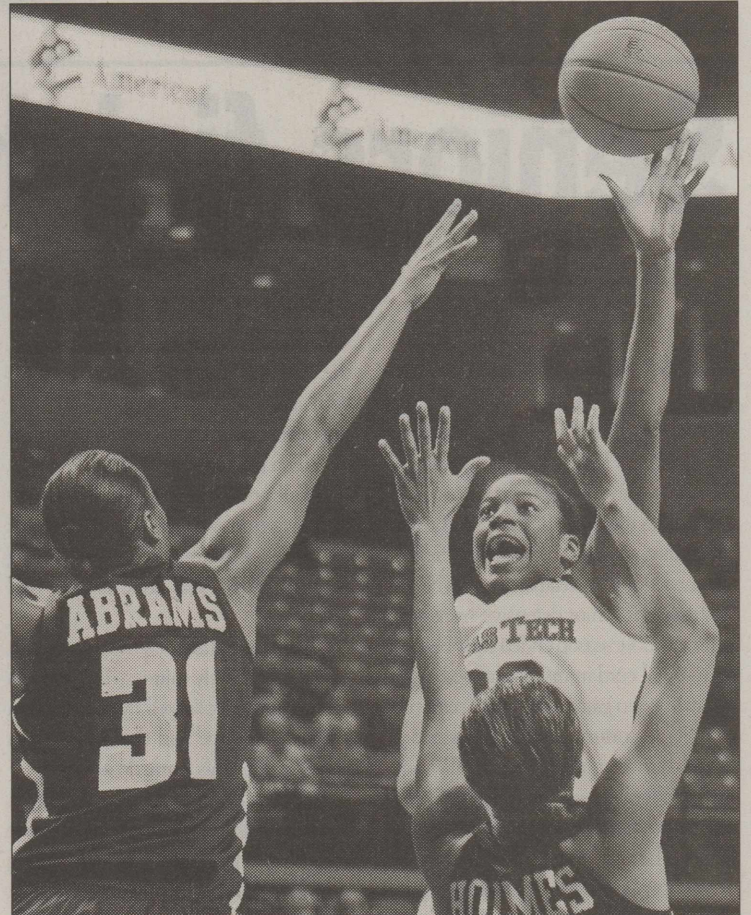


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TEXAS TECH CENTER Kierra Mallard shoots over Arkansas-Pine Bluff forwards Jasmine Abrams and Shavondra Holmes during the Lady Raiders' game against the Lady Lions on Sunday in the United Spirit Arena.

has said depth in the post has been an issue in the early stages of the season. But Mallard said the Lady Raiders' frontcourt still played well, despite facing 6-foot-1 Shavondra Holmes and 6-foot-2 Dominique Smith for the Lady Lions.

The Lady Raiders hope to continue

to do that as some of the taller teams start showing up on the schedule.

"I thought we played well with the height advantage," Mallard said. "We just have to work on picking, but I think overall we did good."

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Seniors finish last game at home on top

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

More than any quote, theme or phrase, maybe the best way to describe Texas Tech football's senior class comes from Ra'Jon Henley finding a way to pay homage to an injured teammate.

When the Red Raiders took the field Saturday against Oklahoma, Henley donned No. 40 instead of his usual No. 91 to represent senior defensive back Nate Stone, whose season ended early because of a spinal cord injury he suffered in the New Mexico game earlier this season.

"It's unfortunate what happened to Nate, him not being able to play anymore," Henley said. "So I thought I'd put 40 on the field one more time on Senior Day for him."

Not only did Henley make sure Stone was not forgotten on Senior Day, he was an instrumental part in making sure the senior class left its last game at Jones AT&T Stadium with a 41-13 win against Oklahoma Saturday.

Along with Henley and Stone, Marlon Williams, Ryan Hale, Jamar Wall, De'Shon Sanders, Edward Britton, Daniel Howard, Marlon Winn, Shawn Byrnes, Brandon Carter, Brent Nickerson, Austin Burns, Chris Wallace, Trent Nickerson, Victor Hunter, Richard Jones, Sandy Riley and Brandon Sharpe were honored Saturday in the last home game of their respective careers.

The win added a few bonuses in a season of ups and downs.

Tech evened the score against an

Oklahoma team that knocked the Red Raiders out of the national championship race last season in Norman, Okla., the win gave Tech coach Mike Leach his 83rd as head coach, making him the all-time winningest coach in school history and Tech now is bowl eligible.

Wall and Sharpe pointed out how the seniors have kept the team from completely breaking down, considering how the season has gone for the Red Raiders.

Tech has had issues at the quarterback position, untimely injuries, Twitter bans and great wins followed by bad losses in 2009, but Sharpe said the message has been clear for this team: do not quit.

"Somebody made a quote before we had meetings last night about having that inner dog in you," he said. "We're going at everybody full speed. No fear at all. We just got to have nitty-gritty and eat."

It seems the senior defensive end has lived his message all season. With 2.5 sacks against Oklahoma, Sharpe upped his total to 13 on the year. It ties him with Brandon Williams for the second-most sacks in a season — one behind Adell Duckett for most all-time.

So Sharpe has two chances — Saturday's game against Baylor in Arlington and the bowl game — to leave Tech with the record.

"Hope I can have my name sitting here with the sack list, so the people that come in next year look forward to having something to work for," said Sharpe, who only trails Texas A&M's Von Miller for most sacks in the nation.

Wall, who hadn't had an interception all season, chose a good time to get his pick in 2009. He picked off OU receiver Ryan Broyles in the fourth quarter when the Sooners were moving the ball.

Wall said one of the keys to Tech staying afloat this season was leadership, and he expects that same leadership to rub off on the underclassmen for seasons to come.

And getting an interception on Senior Day wasn't a bad feeling either.

"Sad that it took 11 games, but it did," Wall said. "I'm glad I got it. If I didn't and we would've won, it still would've been just as satisfying."

After Saturday's game, Leach said this Senior Day was more of an opportunity for fans to appreciate what the class has done, considering he still has a little more time with those players before the season ends. He also pointed out how renovations to the campus and stadium are a result of the efforts from this senior class.

But the way the day ended couldn't have been better for Winn.

Tech's last drive of the game ended on a 4-yard touchdown run from freshman Eric Stephens and put a cap on the Red Raiders' third consecutive win against OU at home.

"Stephens comes in and he runs it right between me and Brandon Carter," Winn said. "We worked hard for five years. For that to be the last play in The Jones on our senior year, it was amazing."

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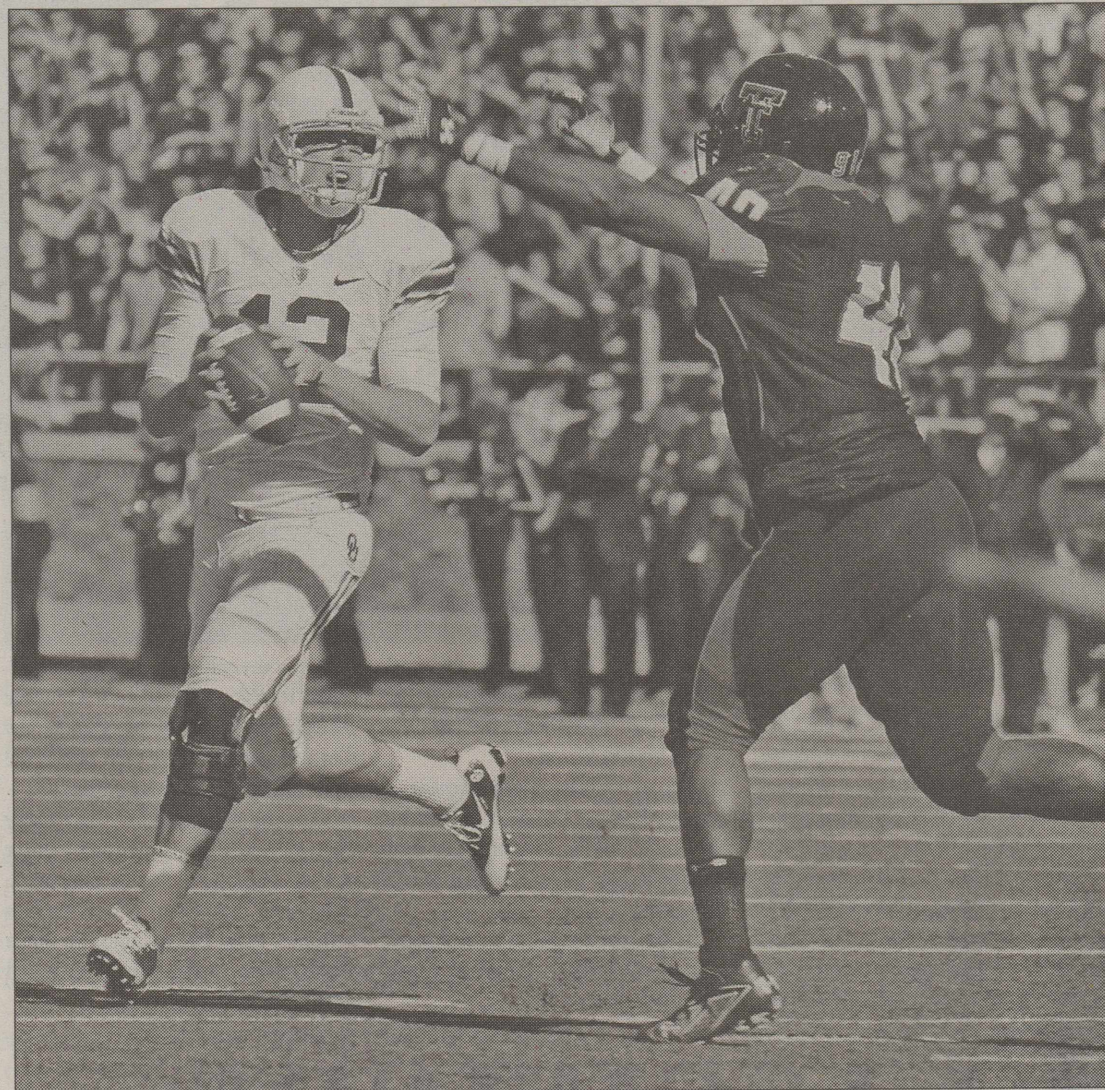


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TEXAS TECH'S RA'JON Henley puts pressure on Oklahoma quarterback Landry Jones during the Red Raiders' 41-13 win Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Leach had reason to Jump Around

Texas Tech coach Mike Leach has talked about his self-conscious ways quite a few times this year.

Two weeks ago, he said he's too self-conscious to do stand up comedy, and on Saturday, he admitted dancing isn't his thing because of the same reason.

He was referring to the House of Pain song, "Jump Around," which has become the background music for the last two games between Oklahoma and Tech. Apparently, it's the in-game party song for whichever team is up by multiple touchdowns.

It's simple really: People dance, players have fun, memories are made, the other team is humiliated, and so on and so forth.

That was the scene during Tech's 41-13 win against Oklahoma on Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium, where the now 6-5 Sooners were paid back for the beating, and jumping, they gave the Red Raiders a year ago.

The song played several times, and those wearing red and black suddenly were at a rap concert.

"Especially when you look over there and see how they were looking, 'Like man, they're doing exactly what we did to them last year,'" cornerback Jamar Wall said. "It was just sweet revenge and you couldn't ask for better."

Leach had all the reason in his incredibly interesting world to dance until the rubber on his shoes disappeared. He had reason to run on the 50-yard line and do a polka dance, to do a cartwheel even.

No one would've said a darn thing, coach. You deserved it.

I know what fans are thinking, why would he dance when his team is a measly 7-4, especially after last year's banner 11-2 season?

Here's why: The win against

Alex Ybarra



OU on Saturday may have saved a season full of unwelcomed surprises.

And making it even sweeter was the timing of it all.

He got the 83rd win of his career as head coach of the Red Raiders, moving him past former coach Spike

Dykes as the winningest football coach in school history.

Tech is bowl eligible for the 17th straight season.

Quarterback Taylor Potts got his swagger back by changing his jersey name to "Nick," after former Kansas linebacker Nick Reid, who Leach said personified what a football player should be.

That, honestly, is one of the strangest — and strange things happen around this program all the time — I have ever seen when it comes to sports. But strange works sometimes, and Leach is a perfect example of that.

And finally, it all took place on one of the more memorable Senior Days in Red Raider football history, and against Okla-

homa no less.

And now Tech fans and players can listen to "Jump Around" without feeling queasy.

Tech cornerback LaRon Moore talked about the motivation behind the song, which was drilled into players' heads during a painful 65-21 loss to the Sooners last season in Norman, Okla.

"All year they had been playing it in the weight room, especially last year," he said. "Nobody really liked that song. They would play it, and they would remind us of OU. We didn't even know they

were gonna play it (on Saturday). We were just out there working hard and then it came on and it felt good to give them a little taste of what they gave us last year."

As far as national title hopes go, the game may not have been as important as last year, but knocking off the Sooners is an achievement for the Red Raiders, who have now beat Bob Stoops' team three consecutive times in Lubbock.

And it's not often you see the Oklahoma Sooners get beat by four touchdowns.

Who cares if it's the worst team Stoops has had since his arrival in 1999.

With losses to Houston and Texas A&M, it's been an unstable kind of season. Ups and downs, as

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Leach

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Dykes said what Leach has been able to do in 10 years is "unbelievable," and he acknowledged the winning record is something shared throughout the program — an all-around effort from players to coaches.

"The record is great, but that record doesn't really mean a whole lot in a lot of ways because there were too many people involved," he said. "I had all those assistant coaches all those years — and those guys had more to do with it than I did probably — and good players."

"It's something that has been nice, but it's certainly not gonna break my heart to see it broken."

The culmination of becoming bowl-eligible, getting the record and it being Senior Day meant Leach deserved a shower courtesy of the water cooler. With less than a minute remaining against the Sooners, Leach was doused with Powerade — an old-fashioned thank you from players and coaches.

"He's a great coach," said senior cornerback Jamar Wall, who had an interception Saturday. "He's the mad scientist of college football, as they say. Just going out, that win was probably as big for him as it was for us, the seniors. It couldn't, like I said, be any better for us, for him — that

83rd win is just something great for him, a great achievement."

With how much Leach has put Tech on the map, leading the Red Raiders to an 11-2 season and No. 2 ranking last year, being on 60 minutes during that same season and making the rounds on ESPN just a few weeks ago — begs the question: Is he the face of the university?

Dykes said yes. "I've never really thought of it that way," Leach said. "The university is the face of the university, Texas Tech and the Red Raiders, all that, to me, is the face of the university. And then even ahead of that I always view Spike as the face of it I guess."

When Leach got teary-eyed three weeks ago, he was talking about paying respect to coaches that came before him, and saying Dykes is the face of the university falls right in line with those sentiments.

And for lack of a better phrase, Dykes feels the love.

"Mike's always been very, very good to me," he said. "He's given me a lot of credit down through the years. Look what they've done year after year after year; he's done a wonderful job."

"I'm proud for him, and I'm proud for this great university. Best thing about it is this university. It's a great university. I'm glad to see where they are today."

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Academics

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"I think that the rest of the university would appreciate that," he said. "I think the faculty appreciates it. I think the administration appreciates it."

Leach said he wants to dominate in academics in addition to victory on the football field.

"I've got more degrees than I use. Than I know what to do with, really. And at one time more than I could afford," he said. "There's no question you should have high academics. And there should be no excuse for not graduating people."

Despite the occasional temptation to be territorial between academics and athletics, Leach said, he supports the aca-

demical departments because it is another part of the university that enhances the quality of life for the students.

"I think attention to the university in general is very positive," he said. "For example, if someone looks to Tech for engineering or something like that and gets excited for our football team, that helps me. Just like if someone gets excited for the football team and looks at our math department, that helps our math department."






The attention Leach's athletes put into academics is something most people would be surprised with, he said.

"One of the first questions I get is, 'What's the academic center like?'" Leach said. "He knows he's going to spend a lot of time in that academic center."

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