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## A Timeless Tradition

### Masked Rider a force in the world of mascots

By HALLIE DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

A lot of things represent Texas Tech: the Double T, the football team and the sea of red and black that fills the stadium on game days.

One of the university's most well known representations is now officially one of the nation's best as well. An Associated Press panel of voters named Tech's Masked Rider as the ninth coolest mascot in college football.

The article described the Masked Rider as "swashbuckling," and one panelist, Tom Keegan, from the Lawrence Journal-World in Kansas, said specifically the Tech mascot was much more dramatic than Bevo, the University of Texas mascot who placed seventh.

The Masked Rider's entrances to football games and other events is what makes it stand out as a mascot.

"It's the most dramatic entrance in college football," said Tech president Guy Bailey. "Absolutely nothing else tops it."



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1972 MASKED RIDER Randy Jeffers rides his horse.

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## MASKED RIDER ORIGINS

### THE BEGINNING



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GEORGE TATE WAS the first unofficial Masked Rider in 1937.

### THE ORIGINALS

JOE KIRK FULTON, Texas Tech's first Masked Rider, sits atop his horse. Fulton served from 1953-1955.



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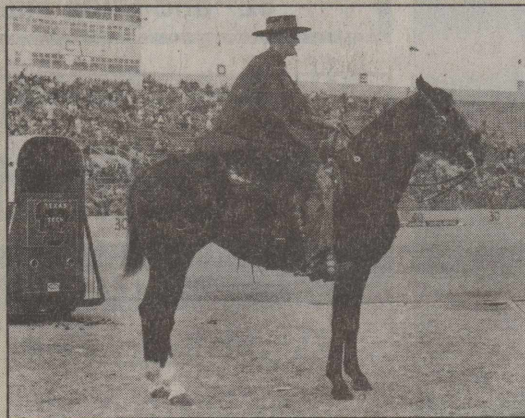


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DONALD HOLLAR RIDES Tech Beauty. Hollar was the Masked Rider from 1957-1959. Jim Cloyd, not pictured, was the Masked Rider between Fulton and Hollar from 1955-1957.

## Burkhart Center names endowed research chair

### David M. Richman named to \$1.5M position Tuesday

By MICHAEL PORTER  
STAFF WRITER

David M. Richman is now the holder of the endowed \$1.5 million Jere Lynn Burkhart Chair in Autism Research for the Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research.

Richman was named to the position Tuesday in the Merket Alumni Center.

Janice Magness, Director of the Transition Academy at the Burkhart Center, said the position has been available since the center opened in 2005 and the center has been actively seeking the right person for the past three years.

Before beginning his tenure at Texas Tech, Richman worked at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as an associate professor in the Department of Special Education, Magness said.

"The committee was looking for someone like Richman who was in mid-career, who had some experience with research, and who was still wanting to look into new ideas and new options and do research," she said. "He has done a great deal of research."

Tech President Guy Bailey said Richman was chosen as the endowed chair because of his leadership skills and his potential to take the Burkhart Center to new heights.

"We were looking for someone who could come and give vitality and energy to our center and make it a national leader in autism research," Bailey said.

He said recruitment talks between Richman and Tech have been going on for about a year. During this time, Richman made two trips to Lubbock.

Magness said it wasn't hard for Richman to fit in.

"Pretty much, everybody liked him on the first trip," she said.

As the Endowed Chair at the Burkhart Center, Richman will be in charge of all research. Specifically, though, his emphasis will be on early intervention in young children with autism. He also will be teaching classes and writing grant proposals.



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## Workshop to honor memory of Tech math supporter

### Byrnes' impact was widespread in Tech's math department

By BRIAN HOWARD  
STAFF WRITER

A workshop will be hosted Sept. 10 through 12 at the Bolinger Segars, Gilbert and Moss, LLP building in Lubbock.

The workshop will honor Chris Byrnes, a distinguished professor from Washington University in St. Louis who died Feb. 7 in Stockholm, Sweden.

David Gilliam, professor of mathematics at Texas Tech, said Byrnes was well known throughout the mathematics department at Tech.

"Professor Byrnes had many connections with Tech mathematics for over 30 years," Gilliam said.

"In particular, he was the Ph.D advisor for two faculty members in the mathematics department: Dr. Wang and Dr.

Ghosh, who is the Dick and Martha Brooks Endowed Professor in Mathematics."

Xiaochang Wang, a professor of mathematics at Tech, was mentored by Byrnes and will be giving a speech in his honor at the workshop. He said Byrnes lent his support to Tech in many ways.

"My first impression of Dr. Byrnes was that he talks very fast and answers before you finish," Wang said. "He is the most intelligent person I have met in my life."



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## ROCKIN' THE REC



ANGELA WORSHAM, LEFT, a freshman undecided major from El Paso, and Jesse Gregg, a freshman civil engineering major from Atlanta, climb up the rock walls Tuesday at the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

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## Math

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Gilliam said Byrnes also co-authored papers with several faculty at Tech and has visited and lectured here many times.

"For many years he also contributed to the scholarship fund in the Mathematics Department at Texas Tech," he said.

The workshop will bring people from all over the world who knew Dr. Byrnes and will speak in his remembrance.

"There will be a series of 15 to 18 technical lectures presented by faculty members from around the country as well as other countries, including Germany, Switzerland,

Sweden," Gilliam said, "all places where Chris had held distinguished visiting positions."

According to the workshop website, there will be various events allowing visitors and faculty from Tech to socialize while remembering Byrnes' accomplishments.

On the evening of Sept. 10 there will be a reception allowing attendees to spend time talking about memories of Chris as well as to visit with each other. On Sept. 11 all attendees are invited to a dinner and social gathering at the Annual Fall Social for the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Tech.

Gilliam said there are various objectives the workshop will aim to accomplish.

"It is not intended to be a for-

mal research conference that focuses on some specific current topics but rather a wide variety of talk titles which you can view on the workshop website," he said.

One objective of the workshop is to collect and archive information about Byrnes' life and to ultimately produce a permanent online memorial in his honor, Gilliam said.

Although there are numerous points the workshop will focus on, there is still one main goal to be achieved.

"The main goal of the workshop is to honor Dr. Byrnes," Gilliam said, "who was a world-class leader in research and a very good friend who touched many people's lives."

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## Mexico captures 'the Barbie'

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A former Texas high school football player and petty street dealer who allegedly rose to become one of Mexico's most savage assassins became the third major drug lord brought down by Mexico in less than a year, and could provide intelligence on even bigger kingpins.

Edgar Valdez Villarreal, known as "the Barbie" for his fair complexion and green eyes, grinned broadly Tuesday as police described a life of luxury and violence that made a battleground of central Mexico, where he waged a war for control against his slain boss's brother.

The 37-year-old Valdez faces charges in three U.S. states for trucking in tons of cocaine. As a U.S. citizen living illegally in Mexico, Valdez could be deported to the United States if Mexico

agrees, or he could face prosecution in Mexico for drug-related crimes. Mexican authorities say he could be responsible for dozens of murders.

The arrest was portrayed by Mexico's government as a victory for President Felipe Calderon as he tries to recover public support for his war on organized crime in the face of escalating violence.

U.S. and Mexican officials described Valdez's arrest on Monday as the culmination of a yearlong pursuit and stronger intelligence sharing between the two countries.

Mexican police said they chased Valdez across five Mexican states for a year, a pursuit that intensified in recent months as they raided home after home owned by the drug lord, missing him but nabbing several of his allies. Among those taken into custody was his girlfriend and her mother, Valdez's U.S. lawyer said.

"This has been going on for quite

a while," attorney Kent Schaffer told The Associated Press. "So you figure it's just a matter of time."

Born in the border city of Laredo, Texas, Valdez grew up in a middle-class subdivision popular with Border Patrol agents, police officers and firefighters. His father was a nightclub and bar owner.

The former Laredo United High School linebacker became a small-time street dealer as a teen, before rising to become the head of a group of assassins for Mexico's notorious Beltran Leyva gang, allied with the powerful Sinaloa cartel, according to U.S. and Mexican officials.

U.S. prosecutors say Valdez has been the source of tons of cocaine smuggled into the United States while cartel dealers shipped millions of dollars in cash back to Mexico in tractor-trailer trucks.

Valdez's first arrest came at 19 in Texas, where he was charged with criminally negligent homicide for allegedly running over a middle school counselor in his truck while speeding down a Laredo street. He was never indicted.

Minor scrapes with the law followed: drunken driving, speeding, public intoxication. All the while, Valdez worked as a small-time street dealer—a small fish to state narcotics officers, according to Martin Cuellar, now the Webb County sheriff, who was an undercover narcotics officer at the time.

After leaving Texas for Mexico, police say Valdez quickly rose through the ranks of the Beltran Leyva cartel. He was anointed head of Acapulco operations by cartel leader Arturo Beltran Leyva after serving as the drug kingpin's top bodyguard, according to Federal Police Commissioner Facundo Rosas.

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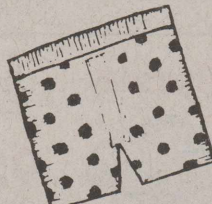
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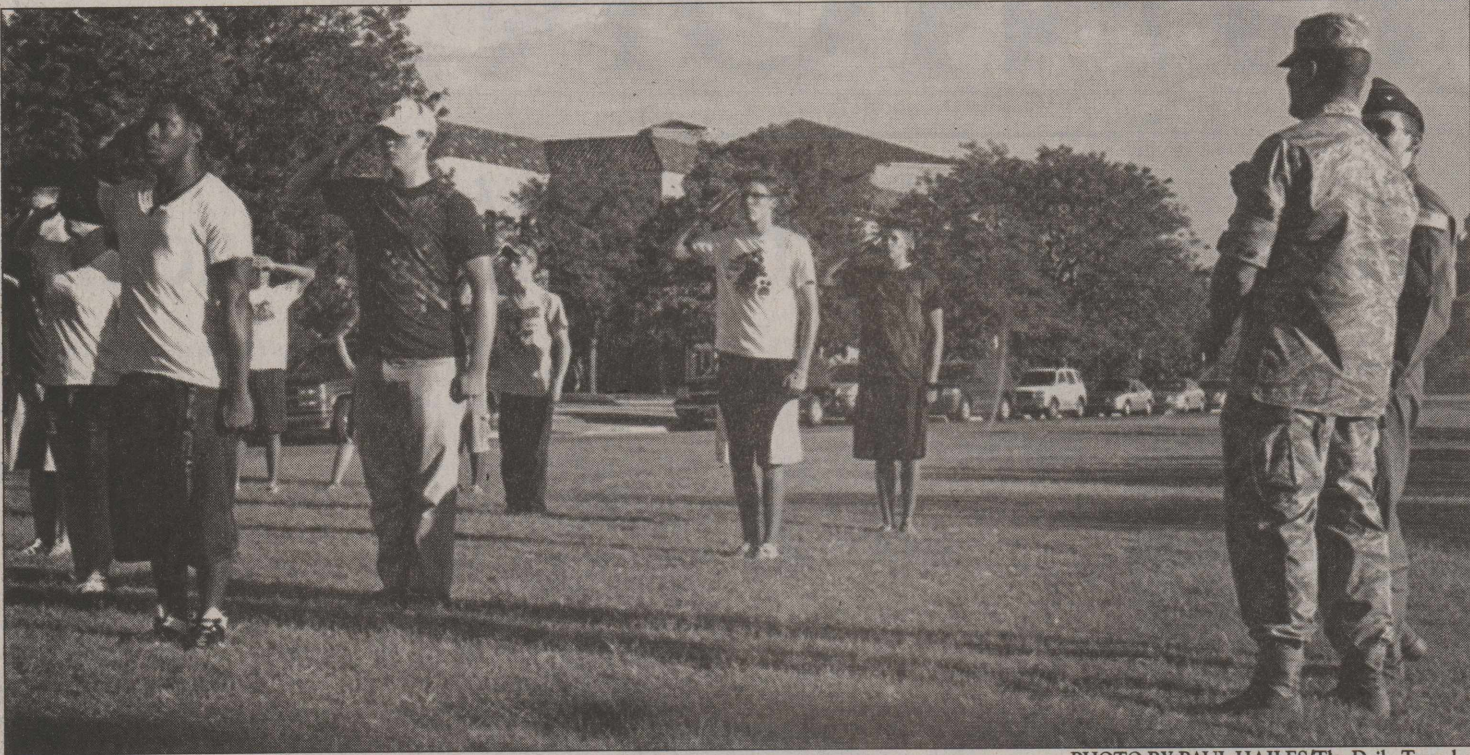


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BRENT RIOS, A junior chemical engineering major from Grapevine, and Michael Sanders, a senior history major from Del Rio, oversee a line-command contest for the Air Force ROTC, Tuesday in the engineering key.

Obama: US combat in Iraq over, 'time to turn page'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Claiming no victory, President Barack Obama formally ended the U.S. combat role in Iraq after seven long years of bloodshed, declaring firmly Tuesday night: "It's time to turn the page." Now, he said, the nation's most urgent priority is fixing its own sickly economy.

From the Oval Office, where George W. Bush first announced the invasion that would come to define his presidency, Obama addressed millions who were divided over the war in his country and around the world. Fiercely opposed to the war from the start, he said the United States "has paid a huge price" to give Iraqis the chance to shape their future—a cost that now includes more than 4,400 troops dead, tens of thousands more wounded and hundreds of billions of dollars spent.

In a telling sign of the domestic troubles weighing on the United States and his own presidency, Obama turned much of the emphasis in a major war address to the dire state of U.S. joblessness. He said the Iraq war had stripped America of money needed for its own prosperity, and he called for an economic commitment at home to rival the grit and purpose of a military campaign.

In his remarks of slightly less than 20 minutes, only his second address from the Oval Office, Obama looked directly into the TV camera, hands clasped in front of him on his desk,

family photos and the U.S. and presidential flags behind him. His tone was somber.

Even as he turns control of the war over to the Iraqis—and tries to cap one of the most divisive chapters in recent American history—Obama is escalating the conflict in Afghanistan. He said that winding down Iraq would allow the United States "to apply the resources necessary to go on offense" in Afghanistan, now the nation's longest war since Vietnam.

As for Iraq, for all the finality of Obama's remarks, the war is not over. More Americans are likely to die. The country is plagued by violence and political instability, and Iraqis struggle with constant shortages of electricity and water.

Obama is keeping up to 50,000 troops in Iraq for support and counterterrorism training, and the last forces are not due to leave until the end of 2011 at the latest.

As the commander in chief over a war he opposed, Obama took pains to thank troops for their sacrifice but made clear he saw the day as more the marking of a mistake ended than a mission accomplished.

He spoke of strained relations with allies, anger at home and the heaviest of wartime tolls.

"We have met our responsibility," Obama said. "Now it is time to turn the page."

New bus routes provide faster, simpler travel

BY DEREK MOY  
STAFF WRITER

Going around Texas Tech counter-clockwise, taking student requests and stopping at more used locations, the Masked Rider now helps relieve the amount of students the Double T and Red Raider buses tend to transport.

Tyler Patton, Student Government Association external vice president, said the Masked Rider route maintains its major stops while taking on additional ones to fill the needs of Tech students.

"I think that we've given a chance for more students to use that Masked Rider instead of funneling them into only two routes," Patton said.

Alex McCammon, legislative liaison for SGA, said there are more students on campus that need to be dropped off at strategic, and often busy, locations. The route change still serves the satellite parking lot, however.

"It's not really a new bus route, it's more of a renovation of the old one," McCammon said. "We tried to make everything a lot faster."

The current bus routes will not be changed for the rest of the year but the routes have had some reported issues.

At the Commuter West lot, students called in to tell Patton the bus was only stopping at two of four stops. This led to many students having to walk a long distance to the first or last stop in the lot, he said.

"There was a miscommunication that happened somewhere and the buses were picking up only in two locations inside Commuter West when they should have been picking up four," Patton said.

He said the problem has since been fixed and apologized for any inconvenience Commuter West parkers faced.

"It's just one of those things where it's the beginning of school and these things just pop up," he said. "We try our best to make sure that it doesn't happen but for whatever reason there's just these issues that crop up."

McCammon said he is currently working on an e-mail that will be sent to all students about bus route information. He said valuable input can be obtained from students in an effort to

fix bus route issues.

"Students are the main source of information we have about what exactly needs to be fixed around here," he said.

An International Express route has also been developed to help international students without cars make grocery trips to Walmart and Amigos.

Katrina Garcia, transit supervisor for Citibus, said she worked with the SGA as well as international clubs to find out what stops were needed most. From the provided locations a simple, but effective, route was formed.

A shuttle will stop at College Pointe and Sierra Crossing apartment complexes every first and third Saturday of the month starting Sep. 4, Gracia said.

Kshiteej Deshpande, president of the India Students Association, said the issue of international students without cars has been a concern of his.

"There are many Indians that do not have a car so they have this issue of getting grocery goods for themselves," Deshpande said.

A similar program was started last year by CultureConnex. Every Sunday at 4

p.m. there have been shuttles to Walmart on Avenue Q and the newly added route will be another way for students without cars to get groceries, he said.

Mike Lewis, president of CultureConnex, said the nonprofit group was formed in April last year to help international students that needed transportation.

"Several of us that just became aware of the very great needs of international students who come to Tech with nothing but a couple of suitcases and we just felt like we were equipped to help out," Lewis said.

CultureConnex borrows a large passenger van from Bacon Heights Baptist Church to drive students in need of groceries to Walmart. He said they shuttle about 50 students every weekend and do not plan to stop shuttle services anytime soon.

"We've got volunteers to do it, and the need will never go away," Lewis said. "I mean international students will always have the challenge of no cars and need help with transportation."

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Chair

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"We are looking forward to getting to know everybody in the community and building relationships across the board," said Wes Dotson, a post-doctoral fellow at the Burkhart Center.

He said he will be working under Richman in starting research programs and finding and obtaining grants to build the center.

Bailey believes Richman will be a great addition to the

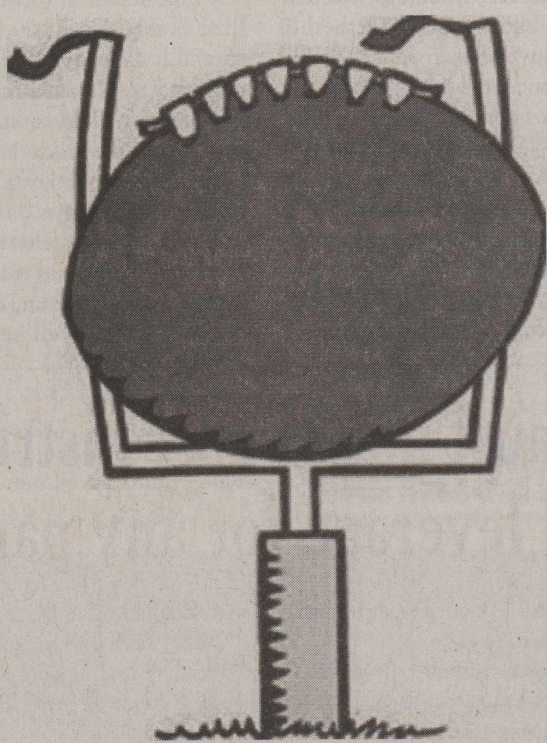
university.

"I think (Richman) will be a tremendous asset, not just to the community, but to the university, and all of Lubbock," said President Bailey. "We are delighted to have him."

Richman is not the only addition to the Burkhart Center, as the center itself will soon be expanded, too. An extension of the Burkhart Center will potentially be ready for move-in within three years.

Richman began his duties as endowed chair on Aug. 1.

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## Mama Josie cooks up burritos from the heart

By **KATHERINE ROWE**  
STAFF WRITER

In 30 years of business, "Mama" Josie Castaneda has made thousands of burritos for the Lubbock community. With the help of her husband and five children, she has grown from making burritos in her home for sale on Avenue Q to a full menu served at five locations.

Castaneda said she didn't invent the burrito, but she has built her company on making many different kinds.

"The reason I got started making burritos is that I had five kids," Castaneda said. "My husband was the only one supporting us, and I needed extra things for my kids like school clothes.

"One day when I had sent my kids outside to play in the front yard I made them some burritos to eat. There was a business from across my house, and the guys who were working outside asked, 'What are your kids eating?'"

She told them that she had made them burritos. The five men, who worked at Woody Tires, asked if she could make some burritos for them.

"I went inside and made a burrito for each one," she said. "From that day, it got started. They told the next business, and there, in my house where I would cook for my kids, I'd make lunch for them."

Josie's oldest daughter, Lisa Castaneda, 41, said she recalls how her father helped the business kick off.

"I remember when I was little, she would pack a red cooler full of burritos that he would sell

to the guys at work," Lisa said. "And then she would take us to school and sell her burritos down Avenue Q."

As Josie's children grew older and her business expanded, she opened her first restaurant on Clovis Road in June 1983.

"All of my kids started growing up and getting involved," she said. "Lisa, my oldest daughter, started helping me when she was 14. We all work together as a family."

In the kitchen, each child had a job. Josie's oldest son, Frank Jr., now 39, would have to peel potatoes before playing with his friends. Lisa made tortillas and the meat. The preparation work was performed after school, Josie said. She would get up early

the next morning, sometimes at 3 a.m., to prepare the burritos for sale.

"Mama Josie", as her customers call her, said it's like eating at home for some of the students who come in.

Castaneda cooks this way because it is how her mother, who is now 80, taught her to cook.

"The first burrito I started making were the ones my mom

used to make when we were in the fields," Castaneda said.

Even with the current success of her business, she wants to expand it more, along with changing the menu to add new breakfast burritos and non-meat items.

Frank Castaneda, Josie's husband, would like to open another burrito restaurant in Dallas, Josie said. She doesn't want to move from Lubbock but would follow her husband anywhere.

"This year was a hard summer for us," Josie said, "but we're hanging in there, hoping it's going to get better. I'm very grateful to Texas Tech because we have a lot of students that come to the store. I really enjoy having them. I miss them when they're not here."

Thomas Dunnam, a senior chemistry major from Lubbock, said that since he moved to Lubbock when he was 13 or 14 years old, he has been eating breakfast burritos at Josie's restaurant.

"It would definitely take a lot of work to break into the restaurant business, especially here in Lubbock where we have so many Mexican food restaurants," Dunnam said. "And to be really successful at that? It'd really be something."

Josie hopes that with the new additions to the menu she can keep the business going and pass it to further generations.

"I hope that one of my grandkids would go on," she said. "The things that I haven't been able to accomplish, they could do it. That's my dream. My kids have already got it. I don't know about my grandkids," she said with a laugh.

"We are just going to work hard and keep the tradition going and improve more everyday. We're here for the long haul."

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Josie Castaneda shows off a plate of Mexican food served at one of her Lubbock restaurants. She started the chain after workers near her home requested she make lunch for them.

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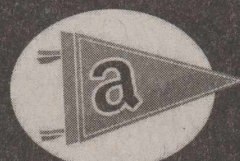
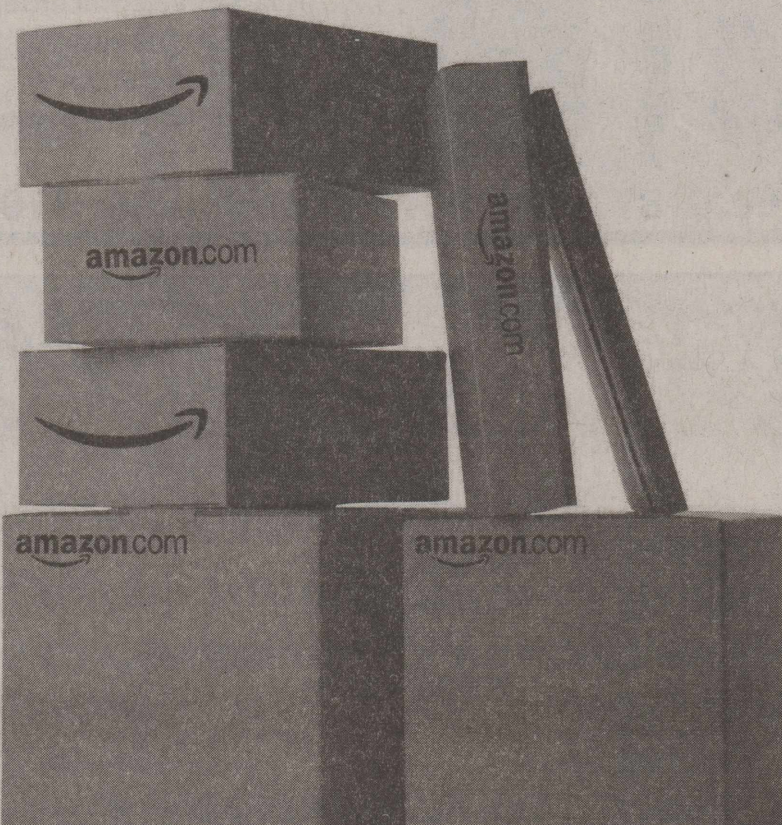
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# Tech student runs with bulls at festival

By SARAH SCROGGINS  
STAFF WRITER

Shortly before jumping out of a helicopter hovering 14,000 feet in the Switzerland sky, Laura Stout ran with the bulls while studying abroad in Pamplona, Spain.

Stout, a senior general business major from Arlington, said since arriving in Barcelona, Spain, she and her program members were tossing around the idea of participating in the running of the bulls in Pamplona. As the week before the actual event came around, everyone became more serious about the idea.

"I always thought about running," Stout said. "It was definitely a spur-of-the-moment, feeding off the energy kind of thing."

Although many wanted to run, a person must possess a certain criteria in order to participate.

Stout said all runners must be in the blocked off street, where the run will take place at 6 a.m. After that, the police patrol the street to pull out any runners who are not physically

fit enough, seem too drunk, didn't have on the right shoes or were not properly dressed in the traditional attire of all white clothing with a red scarf around the neck and a red sash around the waist.

After hearing the three whistles indicating when to start running — signaling that there's a minute until the bulls are released — Stout, the only girl participating from her study abroad program, took off in a light jog, waiting for the bulls to come to her stretch of the half-mile course.

Because of the crowd, she said she could hardly see anything behind her. It wasn't until the people around her started to sprint down the street that she knew the bulls were getting closer.

Sounds of rolling thunder echoed behind her and she ran as she heard the bulls charging at her heels.

"I've honestly never been more terrified in my life," Stout said. "All I could think about was that I needed to run as fast as I humanly can."

After she ran into the arena and was out of harm's way, she took a

second to take in what she had just participated in and how she came out unscathed.

She said her first thought was that she couldn't believe what she did and her second thought was the reaction of her parents' after they found out.

Stout's parents, Jan and Lee Stout, didn't know about her adventure until they saw pictures of her with the bulls.

Stout said she didn't tell her parents because she didn't want them to worry and because they had asked her not to do it before she left to go study abroad.

However, Jan and Lee were not surprised to find out that she had gone their wishes and participated.

Though they wouldn't have wanted Stout to take part in the run, Jan and Lee would have been confident in their daughter's decision because of her knack to take time to research anything that might be dangerous.

"She's really just an adventurous spirit," Lee said.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF LAURA STOUT

Senior Laura Stout, the only female pictured, ran with the bulls while studying abroad in Spain this summer. The general business major from Arlington didn't tell her parents about the adventure until she had completed the run.

## Marijuana alternative use appears low in Lubbock

By SARAH SCROGGINS  
STAFF WRITER

K2 Incense has been dubbed the substitute substance for smoking marijuana. Laws ban its use in several places such as Kansas, Missouri, Louisiana, parts of Texas and Indiana, and even countries in Europe, where it was first introduced.

In those regions, an individual caught with the drug will be punished as if they were in possession of marijuana.

Although Dallas officials have approved the law that bans this faux marijuana, a representative for the city's Drug Enforcement Administration Terri Wyatt, said that she could not discuss K2 with the public because they have not seen a problem in their labs and do not want teens to experiment.

"It is kind of a double-edged sword to talk about it," Wyatt said.

Brandon Gilster, a corporal for the Texas Tech Police Department and a drug recognition expert, describes the incense as the newest drug on the scene.

According to Gilster, it is a

spice made of different herbs mixed together and gives the same sensation as marijuana. He said there are a few effects attributed to the substance when smoked which make it dangerous.

For example, he said some of the short-term effects can be lowered body temperature or inability to feel pain for a short amount of time. There are also tests being run in labs searching for cannabis or marijuana-like effects on the brain when used.

Because the drug is so new, Gilster said, no information is completely concrete, and there has yet to be any long-term effects determined due to a lack of research. However, he said the side effects of using K2 are very similar to those of marijuana. This can include a change in perception and increase in heart rate.

Gilster said he has yet to have a personal experience or have not seen or heard of anyone in the department come across K2 at Tech.

"Sometimes the police are a step behind with new drugs," Gilster said. "But we will be quick to catch up."

Even though K2 is sold in smoke shops around Lubbock, several community drug and addiction help centers have never heard of the replacement drug.

Mario Roberson, an employee at the Smokehead Shop, said he feels once the product leaves the store it's no longer the shop's responsibility for what happens with the product.

He said he tells customers that the K2 is for aromatherapy purposes only and is not for human consumption and points out the warning on the package.

Misty Giesler, the Raider Assistance Program manager, said that she has come in contact with a limited number of students who have admitted to using K2. She said that it is hard to tell if K2 is really a problem since she has only talked with a small amount of people who have tried it, but it is an issue that does concern her because so little is known about it.

"I think that because people can get it easy and they probably underestimate the potential effects," Giesler said.

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## FRIED CHICKEN FEAST



PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador

On left, Michael Brunson, a leader of the Wesley Foundation Church Group, chats with Kerry Anderson, a junior mechanical engineering major from Tyler, while getting food, provided by Chicken Express, outside of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center on Tuesday.

## Michael Douglas optimistic about cancer recovery

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Douglas says he faces an "eight-week struggle" against throat cancer but is optimistic about his chances for recovery.

During an appearance Tuesday on David Letterman's "Late Show,"

the actor said he had just finished his first week of radiation and chemotherapy. That drew a surprised reaction from Letterman.

"You've never looked better to me, and this proves that you're a tough guy, for God's sakes," the

talk-show host said, drawing cheers from the studio audience, according to a CBS news release.

"Let's just say ... I'm pretty lit up right now," Douglas replied.

The disease was diagnosed three weeks ago, he said, although he had complained of a very sore throat earlier this year and had undergone testing that failed to find a cause.

Douglas, 65, who has two children with Catherine Zeta-Jones, said he enjoyed the summer traveling with his family before returning to the doctor. A biopsy found he had late, stage-four cancer, "which is intense, and so they've had to go at it," he said.

However, Douglas said, the cancer remains above the neck and that means expectations are good, with an 80 percent or better chance of recovery.

Asked by Letterman about his personal habits, he said he had smoked and consumed alcohol, adding: "This particular type of cancer is caused by alcohol and drinking."

According to a National Institutes of Health website, use of tobacco or alcohol are among the factors that put people at risk of developing throat cancer. Combining tobacco and drinking increases the risk.

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CHRISTI CHADWELL TOOK Midnight Matador's reins in 2010.



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The Masked Rider was named the No. 9 coolest mascot in college football according to The Associated Press.

**Rider** ←

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Bailey said he knew people from Alabama who saw the first Masked Rider's entrance at the Gator Bowl in 1954, and he said they still talk about how electrifying it was.

It's been 56 years since then, and the Masked Rider continues to be a staple at Tech football games.

"(The Masked Rider) stands for pride, dignity, and tradition," said sophomore Jordan Kirk, a mechanical engineering major from Idalou. "Every time I see the Masked Rider running down the sidelines, my heart skips a beat."

When Kirk heard about the results of the AP article, he said his initial reaction was disbelief that Ralphie the Buffalo from the University of Colorado placed first.

"I said, 'Are you kidding me?' When you compare them, the Masked Rider is literally and metaphorically head and shoulders above a buffalo," he said.

However, Stephanie Rhode, the chairperson of the Masked Rider advisory committee said placing ninth was still an achievement.

"We are very honored," Rhode said. "It was amazing to be considered with so many schools, but of course, I think we're number one." The Masked Rider began as the Ghost Rider, said current Masked Rider Christi Chadwell.

*"Every time I see the Masked Rider running down the sidelines, my heart skips a beat."*

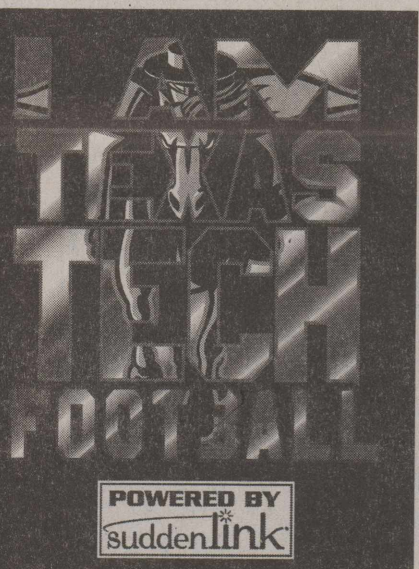
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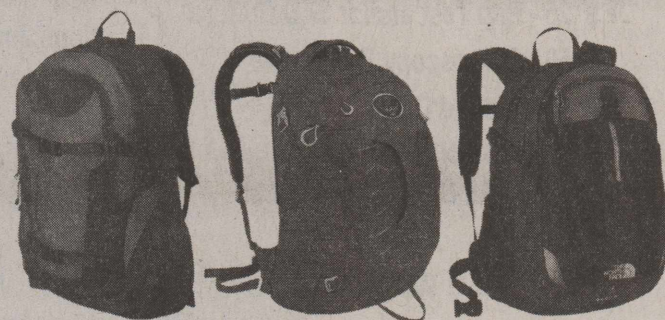


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## Tech freshman Huskey making strides early on

By **JOSH KOCH**  
STAFF WRITER

Nerves may come naturally for most freshmen student-athletes, as Brandi Huskey could probably tell you of her first year as a member of Texas Tech volleyball.

This past weekend, Huskey made her debut against Ole Miss contributing with 10 assists and six digs.

Despite posting quality numbers in her first appearance, Huskey said the other team wasn't the only thing she was battling.

"It was very nerve-wracking to get put in just because you are going into a different environment and playing much better teams than what you have faced before," she said. "It was scary but once I got going I wasn't as nervous as when I started."

Even though Huskey didn't get to play against UTSA Sunday she did get to watch older sister, Elise Huskey, play for the Roadrunners against her fellow Red Raiders.

Elise plays outside hitter for UTSA unlike Brandy, who plays setter for Tech.

Huskey said although she didn't get to play her sister on the court it was still a treat to see her in action.

"I didn't really get to get in the match but it was really exciting getting to see how their team has progressed," she said. "And just everything that has gotten better for her and what she's learned."

Huskey, a native of Columbus, enjoyed a successful high school career

before coming to Tech.

As a member of the volleyball team Huskey was named the MVP of her district in 2007 and 2009.

She also earned consecutive All-State selections and was named Academic All-District all four years in high school.

Huskey was not just involved with volleyball in high school but also was a member of the softball and basketball teams.

Huskey also had played volleyball outside of school, starting as a member of the TexStar volleyball club.

The process of going from the high school level to the faster tempo of college forces some players to change their individual game.

Huskey falls in that category, as she has had to change a few elements of her game throughout the course of the preseason up to this point.

But Tech volleyball coach Trish Knight said she has done well at accepting change and making adjustments.

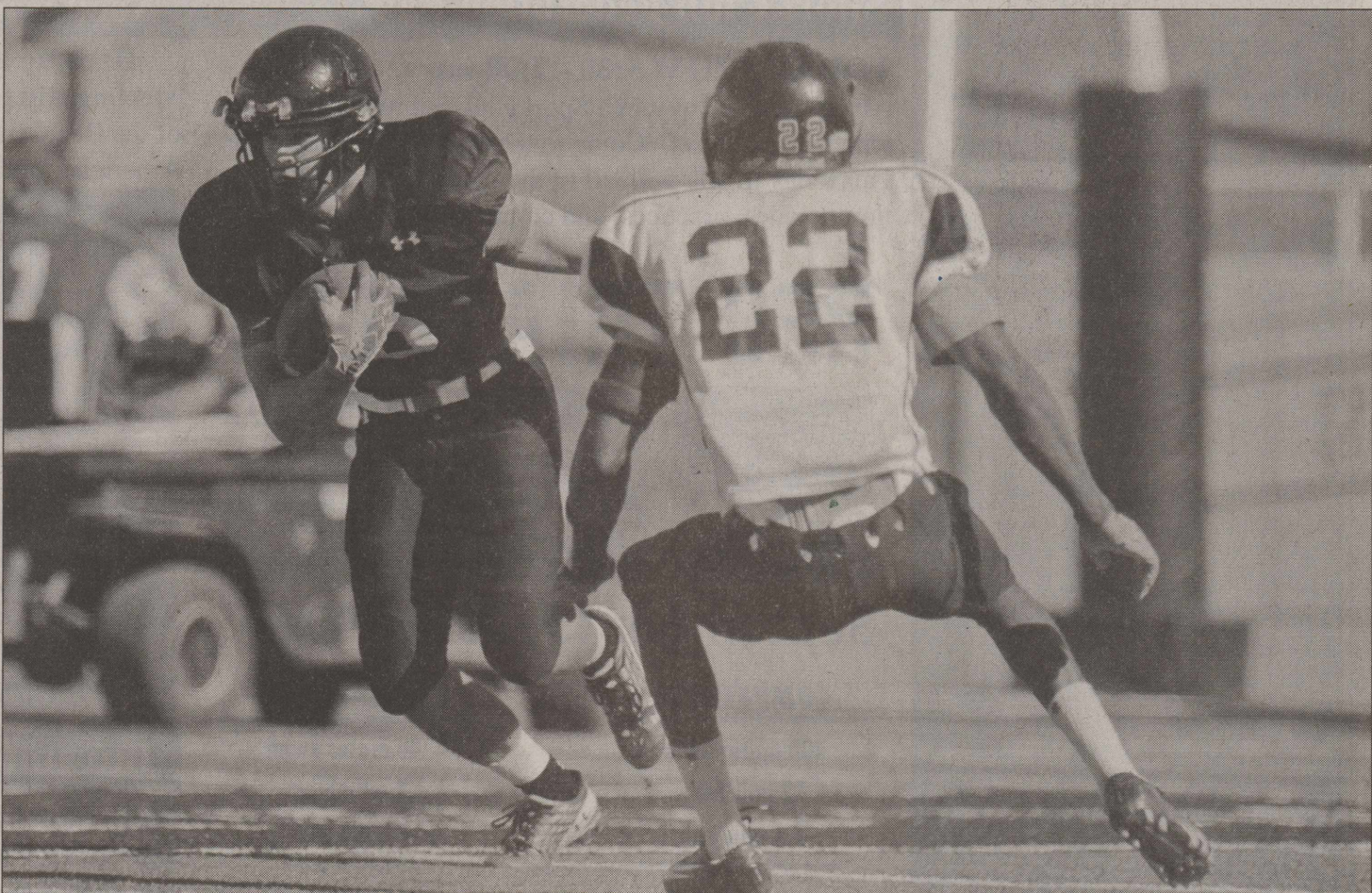
"She's just had a really good attitude about doing that," Knight said. "And I think she gets frustrated about that some days, but one of these days when that thing clicks it's just going to be very easy for her to be a successful player here."

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HUSKEY

## Tech ready for SMU defense



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador

THE RED RAIDERS will put their revamped offensive attack to the test against SMU Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Jones AT&T Stadium.

### Red Raider offense prepares for what will be a refined Mustang defense

By **MIKE GRAHAM**  
STAFF WRITER

It's easy to shrug off SMU's defense when thinking about Texas Tech's high-powered offense; the Mustang defense mostly competes in a non-BCS conference after all.

But anyone on the 2010 Red Raider roster would tell you the Mustang defense has improved from the last time Tech and SMU squared off in 2008.

"They're a lot better than they have been in the past," running back Baron Batch said during Monday's media conference. "SMU is a good team. They have a lot of guys who can run well. They are a better football team all around. We're going to have to come to play."

In 2008, Tech quarterback Graham Harrell threw for 418 of Tech's 693 total yards offensively, en route to a 43-7

victory. That SMU team went on to allow 5,754 yards of total offense and composed a 1-11 overall record.

But 2009 was a resurgence of sorts for the Mustangs.

The 2009 SMU defense allowed 5,162 yards of total offense but the offense was able to pick up the slack and narrow the negative gap. SMU still didn't gain as many yards as the defense lost in 2009, but the Mustangs went to a bowl game — and won it — for the first time in more than 20 seasons.

SMU should be poised for an even better defensive campaign in 2010 as it returns a large amount of last season's defense, including three of its top five tacklers.

Arguably the best sign for the SMU defense though is the fact that Tech respects it.

"Watching game film, I think their strong suit is their defensive line," said Tech receiver Detron Lewis, who caught passes for

87 yards against SMU in 2008. "That's the best part of their defense. Their secondary is pretty good, I'm not downgrading them by any means, but I think their strong suit is their defensive line."

"They look better. Their head coach (June Jones) just came in two years ago so now everybody is learning and I'm sure they have a better looking defense now that everyone's on the same page," Lewis said.

The SMU defensive line is anchored by Taylor Thompson, a 6-foot-6, 276 pound defensive end who led the team with 5.5 sacks last season, had 40 tackles and was selected as an All-CUSA honorable mention.

SMU returns other veterans from its 2009 defense in addition to Thompson.

Senior safety Chris Banjo was second in tackles last season with 86 and forced three total fumbles. Linebacker Pete Fleps fell just short of Banjo's numbers with

83 tackles, 7.5 of them for losses.

Sophomore linebacker Taylor Reed rounds out SMU's top five defenders still on the roster with 57 tackles, a turnover and a sack.

Tech brings a lot to the table on offense, however.

The Red Raiders return starting quarterback Taylor Potts in addition to seven-of-eight of the top receivers and all of Tech's running backs from the 2009 squad.

"I have played a season, and you can learn a lot from it," Potts said at the Monday media conference. "I feel like another year of experience has helped me, and this whole team. Playing together last year has helped us coming back this year. We all understand each other this year and that is really good to help."

Just how much the Tech offensive and SMU defensive units have improved will be answered when the two teams square off Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Jones AT&T Stadium.

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## Tech women begin season at No. 4

The 2010 cross country season will see the Texas Tech Lady Raiders beginning the year at the same spot they ended it last November — No. 4.

"That's just really exciting for us to share because we've fought for a couple of years just to get up there," senior Michelle Guzman said.

The No. 4 ranking in the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Poll to start the season is the highest preseason ranking for the women's program in Tech history. Tech is ranked behind defending national champion Villanova, Florida State and Washington in that order.

The women's squad had its best season in school history last year, notching both a Big 12 Conference title while finishing in fourth place as a team in the NCAA Cross Country Championships.

The Lady Raiders are the two-time defending Big 12 champions.

Guzman is one of seven seniors in this year's group of fifteen runners, a list that includes the likes of Caroline and Winrose Karunde along with junior Purity Biwott.

Rounding out the group of Big 12 representatives in the Top 25 are Colo-

rado at No. 13 and Iowa State at No. 16.

Tech begins its 2010 campaign this weekend at the Texas Tech Ruidoso Open in Ruidoso, N.M.

The weekend marks the beginning of a season Guzman believes could result in a top finish at not just the Big 12 Championships, but at nationals as well.

"We obviously want to do better than fourth," Guzman said. "We have a really good chance if all of us are healthy and we run hard and just get our rest and stuff."

"I really think we can do better than fourth this year — I really think it's a possibility even first or second at nationals."

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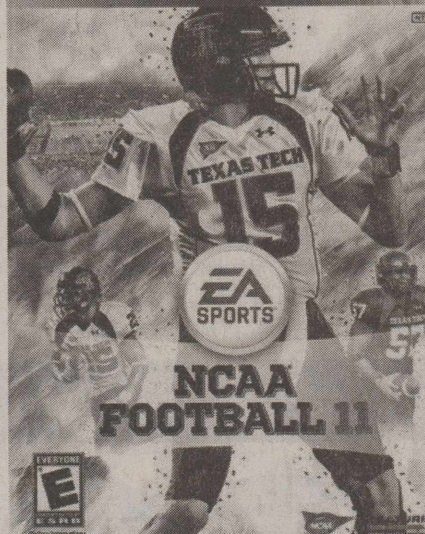
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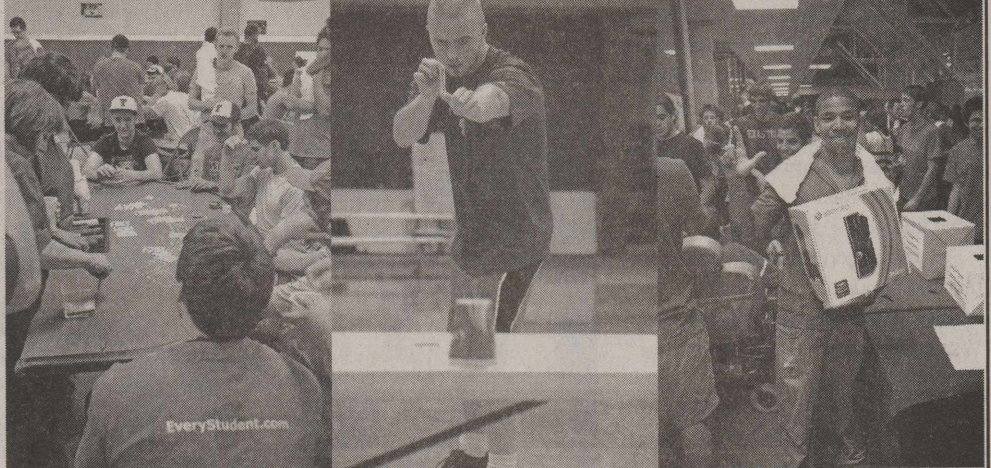
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